

Position Paper Guide

A position paper is a paper explaining your country's stance on the committee's topic. This can include past policies implemented by your country, how the issue affects your country, potential solutions to the issue, and a brief introduction to your country's history concerning the topic and committee. The main focus of a position paper is a country's policies and potential solutions to the issue, so delegates should focus on them throughout the paper.

In SONMUN, a position paper cannot be more than 300 words long. The formatting is as follows: Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing. The heading must be correct and contain the delegation's school and full name, the country's full official name (e.g. The People's Republic of China), the committee, and the committee topic. A bibliography/reference section is not required.

In SONMUN, position papers are optional, but they allow delegates to be eligible for the "Best Position Paper" award.

Position Paper Example

Delegation Name: Sammy Smith

Delegation School: School of the Nations

Country: The Dominion of Canada

Committee: United Nations Human Rights Council

Topic: Addressing the global refugee crisis

The global refugee crisis, with over 26 million refugees worldwide, requires urgent international action. The Dominion of Canada is dedicated to providing immediate relief and long-term solutions to this critical issue.

Canada believes enhanced international cooperation is essential. The burden of hosting and supporting refugees should be shared equitably among UN member states. Canada advocates for fair resettlement programs and increased financial support for refugee-hosting countries. Strengthening refugee protection mechanisms is a cornerstone of Canada's policy. Canada supports reinforcing international legal frameworks that safeguard refugees' rights, including adherence to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. Additionally, Canada urges the development of robust policies to prevent the exploitation and abuse of refugees, particularly women and children.

Promoting sustainable development within refugee communities and host countries is crucial. Canada emphasizes integrating refugees into host societies through education, employment opportunities, and access to social services. By investing in refugees' potential, host countries can benefit from their skills and contributions, fostering economic growth and social cohesion. Canada's past initiatives like the Refugee and Humanitarian Resettlement Program have successfully provided refugees with the tools needed to become self-reliant.

Canada calls upon the international community to act with urgency and compassion to address the global refugee crisis. By enhancing cooperation, strengthening protection mechanisms, and promoting sustainable development, we can create a more equitable and humane system that upholds refugees' rights and dignity. Canada remains committed to leading these efforts and urges other nations to join this critical mission.