Position Paper and Opening Statement Guide

For beginners

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<u>Position Paper Guide for Beginners</u>

To be eligible for an award, has to be submitted by November 9th

Position Paper Template

Committee: _____

Country: _____

On the Issue of: _____

First paragraph: Opening (6 sentences)

I.   The background of the topic, and why it is important for the committee to address-how many people, where and in what way does it affect? Quote any significant statement made by a UN official/a representative of an NGO on this topic.

II.   Previous important international actions taken, Conventions, Treaties and Resolutions written

III.   Why the issue is important for your country.

Second Paragraph: Your Country's Actions (5-6 sentences)

I.   What is your country's policy on this topic?

II.   What are your country's actions concerning the subject in the Past and in the Present (Known Future is Present) on a national and/or on international levels?

III.   What conventions, treaties and/or resolutions has your country supported on this issue?

IV.   What organizations that address this issue is your country a member?

Third Paragraph: Call for Action (4-5 sentences)

I.   Possible doable solutions to the problem and their benefits. Provide your plan of action in brief-Who/what organizations/bodies-the mechanism of its implementation – results-benefits

II.   What recommendation would your country like to see the international community take to address the problem?

Bibliography: site your sources via easybib.com

Position Paper Sample

<u>Committee:</u> Human Rights Council

<u>Country:</u> The People's Republic of China

<u>On the Issue of:</u> Human Rights of The Modern Age: Access to The Internet and Net Neutrality

In the modern world, the line between genuinely protecting the best interests of your people and granting them certain human rights just for the sake of keeping up with 'western ideals' has become blurred. The horrendous simplicity to push the trigger and publish any post, whether true or not, allows any citizen to exploit free speech and freedom of information. With fake post reaching 1500 users within 10 hours[1], citizens are left feeling helpless in front of the mass media, and it's the governments they hold responsible: in most nations, more than 80% of the people claim that they do not trust their government[2]. Therefore, the People's Republic of China believes that the questions that must be asked are: must we protect freedom of information at all costs? When must we, the countries - step in?

The People's Republic of China has been connected to the Internet since 1994. Three years later, China started regulating the Internet as a part of the Golden Shield Project in order to protect its citizens, using advanced E-government methods. The project has two phases (which include the Great Firewall): phase 1 – gathering citizen information, has ended in 2003, and phase 2 – enhancing terminal construction and informatizing public application systems, has ended in 2006. Based on our success, we have managed to build and develop a censoring protection system for our citizens[3], one which is suited for our culture and way of life.

During the 2016 US elections, many fake posts were spread by the US in China. We have taken this vicious crime as a sign to increase internet regulation and security[4]. Using our Great Firewall, we have eradicated fake news and created trust in our governance.

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[1] Fake news '70 percent more likely to be shared' | DW | 08.03.2018 Deutsche Welle - https://www.dw.com/en/fake-news-70-percent-more-likely-to-be-shared/a-42898809

[2] Few worldwide have a lot of trust in their government http://www.pewglobal.org/2017/10/16/many-unhappy-with-current-political-system/pg_2017-10-16_global-democracy_1-03/

[3] Golden Shield Project - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Shield_Project#History

[4] Fake news – China - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fake_news#China

Fighting the subversion of facts is the world's greatest challenge, and the People's Republic of China cannot fight it alone. If we are to reinstate facts as the basis of knowledge, we must form a worldwide treaty with policies similar to the Great Firewall. We must give governments control over the Internet.

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<u>Opening Statement Guide for Beginners</u>

The Opening Speech is about 60-90 seconds long (150-220 words), and it is the first speech you give to the committee. It is the best opportunity for you to explain your country policy and the key sub-issues you would like the committee to focus on; and to determine what member states your country wants to work with, so it's important to prepare a speech that conveys this. Use your Position Paper as a guide. A good speech is delivered slowly with strategic pauses.

Opening Speech/Policy Guidelines

I.   Header: top left-hand corner: Committee-Country-Issue

II.   Thank presiding Dias member

III.   Talk about the issue background

IV.   What the problem/s is/are, and why it is a problem

V.   Write your country's view on the issue and how it relates to other member states

VI.   Name the major actions/resolutions of the UN and other relevant organizations

VII.   If you have a small country, look for its allied countries or the members of the blocs/organizations it belongs to (e.g., The League of Arab States or African Union)

VIII.   Write solution/s to the problems. State why it can work and how it will benefit your country and the global community/other related member states

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Speech Outline

Thank you, honorable Chair,

The country of _____, feels that the issue of _____ is (why this is important to speak about):

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This body should understand that due to the problem, (state facts about the issue):

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The government of _____ has dealt with the issue of _____ by: (actions on national and international level:

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The country of _____ encourages the committee to: _____

Proposed Solution	Its national/international benefit/s

Opening Speech Sample 1

The French Republic is no stranger to the phenomenon of youth extremism that ends in horrific terror attacks. We suffered from severe attacks throughout recent years. Almost 250 people have been murdered and hundreds injured in the last two years by young people who were either recruited by terror organizations or incited by their ideology. 2000 French citizens joined ISIL and Syrian jihadist groups which have their hideous propaganda spread through French media and poison our youth.

The French Republic has declared war on these organizations and their bad influence. In September 2016, France opened the first of 12 planned de-radicalization centers in a small town west of Paris. This de-radicalization program works to rehabilitate individuals who may be early on the path to radicalization.

The French Republic believes that we need to address this problem from its root: hundreds of teenagers are exposed to terrible videos and information on different social media platforms that make them to follow this awful path. We also believe we should put more attention to the second generation of refugees in Europe engaging them in different educational programs, in addition to keeping them in check, since they are at the highest risk of radicalization. France believes this conference is the perfect opportunity to combat this world-wide problem and make the world a safer and better place, clean of vicious ideology.

Opening Speech Sample 2

<u>Committee:</u> ECOSOC

<u>Country:</u> The United States of America

<u>On the Issue of:</u> Robots versus Immigrants

Honorable chairs and distinguished delegates,

The nations of the world have already understood two things. Firstly, that robots, not immigrants, are the way to promote economic and societal growth. Secondly, that robots should be fairly distributed between the nations of the world. Seeing these, the main questions that we should ask ourselves is when and how should we redistribute robots.

The US believes that now is the best time to act. If we don't act now, expensive machinery and robots will be installed in the existing factories, and it will simply be impossible to incentivize these factories to move elsewhere, and the existing gaps between the developing world and the developed world will be irreversible.

Moreover, the US believes that all nations of the world should take part in the redistribution of robots, even if it causes some short term damage to us, the developed world. We are willing to pay a bit more for our groceries so that we can ensure the stability and the resilience of the global trading system for decades to come.

The USA invites you to join its plan to fairly distribute robots between the different nations of the world now, thus ensuring that global trade will remain strong for every country.