

WPCP MUN

Position Papers

Normal Position Papers (GA/ECOSOC/Regional)

1. Traditional Method
 - First paragraph: general background on the issue at hand, unbiased, neutral (not from your country's perspective)
 - Second paragraph: past actions taken by the international community, especially relating to your committee, the UN, your regional body, etc. (also not from your country's perspective)
 - Third paragraph: country policy and your country's past actions regarding the subject matter (keep this biased)
 - Fourth paragraph: suggested solutions; this should be the longest paragraph and used to outline the solution set you plan to propose for your resolution

2. All-American Method
 - First paragraph: basic overview of committee and topic followed by a thesis statement (centralized argument) that you will focus your paper around
 - Second paragraph: history of the issue at hand
 - Third paragraph: evaluation of why past actions have succeeded/failed and in what capacity
 - Fourth paragraph: desired outcome and how you will achieve it; explain what your resolution will cover and why and explain some of your tactics to your chair for achieving this
 - Fifth paragraph: restate why this topic is important to your country; restate your position and desired outcome

Crisis Position Papers

1. Traditional method (see above) - rather than utilizing a country's perspective, substitute the opinions of your person. Use the personal pronoun "I". Instead of focusing your arguments and analysis from the perspective of a country, focus them from the perspective of your ministry.
2. All-American method (see above) - easier to translate into a person's perspective. Just replace the word country in the section above with the phrase "your position" or "your person" and you're good to go. This method also works well for crisis committees because it allows you to present some of your sneakier or more Machiavellian plans/motivations.