

**WPCP MUN**  
**Position Papers**

**I. Heading**

A clear and simple heading makes your position paper easier to read. While each country may set its own policies regarding position paper headings, please follow the below format for WPCP MUN conferences.

*Instructions: Following the example on the left, fill in the blanks in the heading on the right for a country of your choice discussing the Ebola outbreak in the World Health Organization.*

Committee: DISEC  
Topic: Drone Warfare  
Country: Russian Federation  
Delegate: Mr. Kofi Annan

Committee: **WHO**  
Topic: **Ebola Outbreak**  
Country: **Russian Federation**  
Delegate: **Mr. Vladimir Putin**

**II. Content**

Recall that a position paper typically consists of three paragraphs:

Paragraph 1: Introduction and Background Information. Briefly describe the situation and cite any relevant statistics you have found. Cite any previous actions the UN has taken regarding the issue and their outcomes.

Paragraph 2: Detailed Information and Country Stance. Clearly state your country's stance on the issue and justify it. Cite any previous actions your country has taken regarding the issue and their outcomes. Cite any relevant statistics specific to your country's involvement with the issue.

Paragraph 3: Proposed Solutions Regarding the Issue. List your solutions to the problems you identified in the previous paragraph. Describe how you would feasibly implement each of your proposals. Identify the global impacts of your proposed solutions.

*Instructions: Identify which paragraph of the position paper each of the below excerpts would appropriately fit into.*

**Excerpt**

**Paragraph #**

"In the past two decades the rapidly growing world trend has been toward globalization."

**1**

"The committee must impose a universal human rights and environmental standards operating code . . . "

**3**

"Oman relies on entities such as the World Trade

Organization to help facilitate the purchasing and exchange of good across the global market, thus enabling essential goods to disseminate across our land.”

### **III. Outlining a Position Paper**

*Instructions: Using the paragraph of information provided below, outline a position paper on the topic of International Preparedness for Disaster and Prevention from the position of India.*

In an era of climate change, countries without national disaster prevention plans will find their cities and municipalities repeatedly engulfed by disasters. The 1976 earthquake which hit Tangshan, China, killed 242,000, leveling a city of one million people. The 2010 earthquake which struck Haiti killed more than 230,000 people and construction and recovery efforts are estimated to have cost \$14 billion dollars. India, a strong supporter of UN Resolution 3434 – which provided for an international funding framework for countries suffering from natural disasters – understands the plight of countries struggling to rebuild after major disasters. India sees the value of the Hyogo Framework for Action and of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. Strengthening the capacity of local government units to address disaster risks and hazards is a major component of India’s strategy for disaster resilience. A national plan, no matter how good, will remain ineffective if not translated into local plans and action. It is necessary to empower local authorities to take risk reduction measures and incorporate disaster risk reduction into local government budgets.

Committee: Economic and Social Council

Topic: **International Preparedness for Disaster and Prevention**

Country: **India**

Delegate: **Mr. Mahatma Gandhi**

I. Paragraph I

- A. **In an era of climate change . . .**
- B. **1976 Earthquake . . .**
- C. **2010 Earthquake . . .**

II. Paragraph II

- A. **Resolution 3434 . . .**
- B. **Hyogo Framework and Global Platform . . .**
- C. **Strengthening the capacity of local government . . .**

III. Paragraph III

- A. **National plan alone isn’t effective . . .**
- B. **Empower local authorities to take risk reduction measure . . .**