**NMUN Czech Republic Position Papers**

**Due November 1, 2015**

Position Paper Writing Guidelines: <http://www.nmun.org/europe15_position_papers.html>

* Each committee topic must be discussed in a brief and professional policy statement that is relevant to the country being represented.
* The paper must address:
  + International and regional conventions
  + Treaties
  + Declarations
  + Resolutions
  + Programs of action
  + Recommendations as to what action needs to be taken by the committee
* Format:
  + 2-page maximum
  + 1-inch margins
  + Times New Roman 10pt.-12pt.
  + Paragraph text on both left and right margins are straight
  + Country/NGO name, school name, and committee name is labeled on page 1
  + Agenda topics labeled in sections
  + NO national symbols
  + Document is in PDF file format
  + Do NOT have a separate paper per topic
* Other requirements:
  + Covers all topics in the Background Guide
  + A max of 2 authors per paper
  + NOT cited like an academic paper (written as if it is a real policy statement from a foreign ministry)
  + Must be all original writing. (NO plagiarism is tolerated.)
  + NO re-creating any UN documents
* A delegate’s role as a Member State or Observer State affects the tone of the paper.

To understand the differences: <http://www.nmun.org/europe15_preparations.html>

* Position Paper Award judged on:
  + Overall quality of writing
  + Proper style, grammar, etc.
  + Giving credit to documents/research materials within paper
  + Consistency with constraints of the UN
  + Analysis of issues, rather than reiteration of Committee Background Guide

3 Preparation Guides:

* NMUN Delegate Preparation Guide

<http://www.nmun.org/downloads/NMUNDelegatePrepGuide.pdf>

* NMUN Rules of Procedure

<http://www.nmun.org/downloads/NMUNRules.pdf>

* Committee Topics & Background Guides

<http://www.nmun.org/europe15_committee_guides.html>

\*\*\*NOTE: The author must have an understanding of the structure and history of the UN, the assigned country or Non-Governmental Organization, the committee and its topics, the country or NGO’s position on the topics.

Resources for the above can be researched at:

* UN Website

<http://www.un.org/>

* UN Handbook

<http://www.mfat.govt.nz/downloads/media-and-publications/UN-Handbook-2013-web%20PDF.pdf>

* The PGA Handbook

<http://www.unitar.org/ny/sites/unitar.org.ny/files/UN_PGA_Handbook.pdf>

* UN Bibliographic Information System

<http://unbisnet.un.org/>

* UN Global Issues

<http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/>

* UN Research Guides & Resources

<http://research.un.org/en>

**Sample Paper:**

<http://www.nmun.org/downloads/SamplePositionPaper.pdf>