



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>