



POLICY STATEMENT GUIDE



1. General Information

The Policy Statement (otherwise also known as a Position Paper) constitutes an essential part of the MUN process, as well as an important step when it comes to your academic preparation as a delegate for the conference. The document represents an opportunity for each delegate to showcase their knowledge of the topics to be discussed, state the position of their respective country in regard to the agenda items and propose potential solutions for the committee to discuss and possibly adopt.

The Policy Statement should aid you in understanding the stance of the country you will be representing on the given topics, as the paper analyses the issues from the perspective of your assigned country and it summarises its general policy. Additionally, by submitting the Policy Statements ahead of the conference, the Chairs will get an overview of how well the delegates understand the agenda items. From there on, they can provide clarifications and further guidance.

1. Formatting and General Aspect

You are expected to write one Policy Statement that tackles the agenda topic of your committee. The document should not exceed two (2) pages, although the recommended length should be one to one and a half pages.

Equally, when writing your document, make sure to include a Header section where you specify the name of the committee you are participating in, the country you are representing, the topic you are writing about, and your name. You can use the following format as an indication:

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Name of the Committee

Country: insert the name of the country you are representing

Topic: insert the name of the topic you will be discussing

Delegate: insert your name

2. Contents and Structure

Bear in mind that your Policy Statement should always be in conformity with the official stance of your country, as it is an analysis of how the topic is relevant in relation to your country, rather than a report or research paper. Always look for official sources that give clear information on your country's stance. It might also be a good idea to search for official statements of State representatives, Press Releases, or on the dedicated updates section of Government websites.

When it comes to the actual contents of the Policy Statement, you should keep the following structure in mind as a guideline:

a. Section 1: A short introduction to the topic

Include a short presentation of the topic at hand, with a brief background of the issue and its relevance at the moment. Think about why the committee is discussing this topic at this moment in time. This section should not exceed the length of one paragraph.

b. Section 2: Past International Action



This section should address how the United Nations (UN) has tackled this issue in the past, what concrete measures have already been taken, and whether they were effective or not. You should mention your country's endeavours in this sense and consider what programs, events, agreements, or resolutions it has participated in. This section should help you understand what the current situation is in terms of approaching the topic, however, it should be rather brief in length.

c. Section 3: Country's Policy

This section should be the broadest when planning your Policy Statement and its structure. It should highlight where your country stands in relation to the issue, its policy, and how it believes the international community should act. You should place the emphasis on the actions undertaken by your country. Search for officials' statements, government issues, and measures adopted regarding domestic legislation. You can try to evaluate your country's policy at UN meetings, and check for voting records and resolutions that may have been (co-)sponsored by the State you are representing.

d. Section 4: Country's Proposals

Think about specific and realistic proposals in regard to the problems presented. Always bear in mind that these solutions will be presented to the entire international community and the ultimate aim is reaching a consensus, therefore, they should be applicable internationally. Analyze what mechanisms would be necessary for these solutions to be implemented and the overall viability of the recommendations.

e. Section 5: Conclusion

Within this section, you should summarize the main points of your country's policy and how it is willing to approach the topic under discussion.

f. Section 6: Bibliography

Include the sources of the information you have used in writing your paper. Any citation system is acceptable, as long as you properly cite all of your sources.

3. Policy Statements and Awards Policy

Submitting the Policy Statement is not mandatory, however, it is a prerequisite for being considered for an award. Without having sent the document, no delegate will be eligible for receiving an award, irrespective of the quality of their performance during the committee sessions.

An awards policy can be found in the Rules of Procedure.