



GUIDE TO POSITION PAPER

OBJECTIVE

- Formally inform others of your nation's position.
- Present a unique, thought based, solution or a unique approach to solving a problem.
- Demonstrate the full comprehension of the issue.
- Be consistent in maintaining your position in negotiation.

GUIDELINES

- Include delegate's name, delegation, delegation's flag, committee, topic, and school's name at the top of the position paper.
- Noting that the paper represents a delegation, do not write in first person.
- Limit the length to a maximum of two pages.

RESEARCH

- Develop supporting evidence for both sides; including factual knowledge, statistical evidence and authoritative testimony.
- Identify the issues and prejudices keeping in mind your audience.
- Assume familiarity with basic concepts, but define unfamiliar terms and concepts or state meanings that define your position.
- Refer to those who agree with your position to assist you in developing your argument.

FORMAT

Introduction

- Consider your Topic Area.
- Start with a topic sentence or two that attracts attention and summarizes the issue.
- Inform the audience your delegation's position.

Body

- Focus on the main points to develop.
- Elaborate a general statement of your country's position.
- Make references to documents, treaties, and source of data.
- Restate position and suggest possible solutions
- Make your country's objectives clear referring to the problem.

Conclusion

- Summarize and conclude your arguments.
- Reflect the succession and importance of the arguments.



SAMPLE POSITION PAPER

Delegate: Delegate Name

School: School Name

Committee: International Labor Organization

Topic: Globalization and Development Country: Romania



In the past two decades the rapidly growing world trend has been toward globalization. With the emergence of the internet as a means of communication and the increasing accessibility of international trade physical barriers are not the only barriers withering away. Protective tariffs are plummeting and free trade agreements are becoming more prevalent. Romania appreciates that globalization creates favorable situations for expansion of commercial as well as economic assets. In the past year Romania has seen a foreign direct investment (FDI) increase of 199%. Inward FDI increased from EURO 234 million in 2005 to EURO 699 million in 2006, However, Romania realizes that increased globalization does not automatically produce more equality.

Globalization and Development can contribute to the advancement of the overall international human condition; however, the delegation of Romania recognizes that without proper regulation the potential for advancement will remain limited to an elite few individuals, businesses, and nations. Unless checked and aimed toward the common good, globalization cannot effectively serve the global community, Crucial in dealing with the complexities of globalization, good governance must act with solidarity and responsibility. Romania believes that in involving people in globalization we must promote moral values, democratic principles, inclusive global political culture, institutions that safeguard both individual civil rights and inherent freedoms, and the common good. In addition, coping with the influx of information from globalization governments must act with solidarity and insight. Access to digital education will undoubtedly result in the confidence of citizens in their respective administrations and allow for a greater degree of transparency, and therefore a lesser degree of corruption.

Romania believes the multinational business community has the ability and the obligation to support pertinent values in human rights, labor standards, and environmental preservation. As stated by the president, Mr. Traion Basescu, Romania feels a 'heartfelt attachment to multilateralism, as an effective instrument designed to identify the adequate answers to the challenges brought by globalization."

Romania is party to the majority of multilateral treaties and conventions identified as such by the Secretary General in the context of the Millennium Summit in 2001. Romania has always supported innovative and effective ways of establishing cooperation within and between regional organizations. As one of the newest members of the European Union, Romania is an active member of the World Trade Organization, and looks forward to offering its support to the redirection of globalization to best benefit the global community.

****This sample position paper was submitted by the delegation of Romania at the 2001 UNA-USA Model UN Conference in New York City.***