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POSITION PAPER GUIDE

Introduction:

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Prior to Writing:

The research is the basis for your position paper, thus, to begin your research, it is advisable to read the background guide provided by your committee. The background guide contains valuable information and resources as well as guiding questions, which can immensely support your research. This will give you a general understanding of the topic and help you narrow your focus. Without adequate research, your position paper may not be reliable or useful. After reviewing the background information on your chosen topic, the next step in the process of

creating a position paper is to research the position of your own country on the issue at hand. If you encounter difficulties or become overwhelmed while conducting your research, you can refer back to the background guide for guidance on how to continue. This could include, answering the guiding questions provided, or utilizing the further resources listed by the guide. Once you have gathered enough information and feel confident in your understanding of the topic, you can begin writing your position paper.

Outline:

The position paper must be prepared in the third person as representatives of a country. To effectively produce a powerful position paper, follow this format:

- The committee's name, your country's name, the topic's name, and your personal name should all be at the top of your position paper document.
- It is critical to offer a quick summary of the problem at hand in the first paragraph of your position paper. This should include a basic overview of the problem as well as any relevant background information. Furthermore, you should specify the precise areas of concern that your country regards as crucial in respect to this topic. This might include the issue's impact on your country's population, the issue's economic or political ramifications, or any other pertinent elements. Overall, the beginning paragraph should establish the tone for the rest of your position paper and assist the reader in understanding the breadth and emphasis of your argument.

- In the second paragraph of your position paper, it is important to go further into the topics stated in the preceding paragraph and offer more particular information about the challenges at hand in the second paragraph of your position paper. This might involve detailing how the problem affects your country and its residents, as well as any potential implications if the problem is not handled. You should also explain why your government considers these issues to be important and deserving of attention. Along with this extensive information, the second paragraph should clarify your country's position on the matter.
- In the final section of your position paper, you should provide information about the steps that have been taken by your country to address the issue and evaluate potential alternative solutions. This might include describing any actions that have been taken, policies that have been implemented or other measures that have been put in place. Additionally, you should weigh the pros and cons of different options for addressing the issue and consider each alternative's potential benefits and drawbacks. Depending on the amount of research you have completed, you may want to write two paragraphs for this section - one to discuss your country's actions and another to present and evaluate alternative solutions. Overall, this section aims to provide a detailed analysis of the efforts and options available for addressing the issue.
- Lastly, summarize your paragraphs and main points into a concluding paragraph. Remember to not rush the conclusion as it plays a large role in connecting your stance to the issue.