

Position Papers for Canisius 2019 MUN

Role: The role of a position paper for this conference is to better prepare delegates for the conference. It encourages delegates to move outside the prepared topic guides and conduct research pertinent to their assigned country, organization, or role. Position papers are **not** mandatory for participation in the conference, however, delegates who desire to be considered for best delegation must submit a position paper prior to the conference via e-mail to their chairs or submit them at the start of the conference in order to be considered for that award.

Overview: A position paper is typically one page, 12 point font, single-spaced, with 1" margins paper. There is no official format for a position paper, however, there are formats that are generally more used than others. In general, however, a well structured and coherent paper will be more than adequate so far as papers are concerned. In general, the format is as follows:

Committee: *Insert committee*

Topic: *Insert Topic*

Country: *Insert Country*

First Paragraph: The first paragraph is often the time in which the delegate introduces the background information of the topic. It is not needed to give an overly detailed and comprehensive overview of the topic. This can be a time in which the delegate writes a summary that is most useful for them, as they will be referring back to their topic guide throughout the debate.

Second Paragraph: The second paragraph is when you can begin to break down the topic as you see fit. If there is a specific aspect of the topic you can address it now. In addition, this is when the delegate should announce their stance on a topic without being overly specific or bog down by details. If the delegate wishes to allude to a treaty or an international organization that pertains to the topic, this is an appropriate time. This paragraph can also make declarative statements for or against the topic.

Third Paragraph: The third paragraph is one in which the delegate can do several things. They can reinforce treaties or alliances, make additional statements about the topic or branch out into other sections. The third paragraph can also summarize

the previous argument and act as a clear and declarative sentence regarding the topic.

Additional: This guide is not all-inclusive and there are many different formats and methods for drafting position papers. The most important thing is that a delegate comes to the committee well researched, prepared, and confident enough to speak in front of other students.