

Position Paper Guidelines

CTMUN

For CTMUN Conferences, all delegates wishing to be considered for an award must submit a position paper before the start of conference. Position paper quality will be included in consideration of awards, however paper quality will not hold as much weight in award consideration as actual committee performance. Position papers are meant to ensure a basis for delegate research and help delegates feel confident while participating during the conference.

All position papers should be uploaded in PDF or Word format through the online portal at <http://submission.ctmun.org/>. Please include your delegation name in the filename.

Standard Requirements

Length 1-2 pages

Citations Delegates are encouraged but not required to include citations. Works cited can be included as an additional page.

Content Your paper should detail your country's policy on each topic being debated in your committee. You will write two separate sections on both topics being debated, with the position paper being 1-2 pages total (so about 1 page for each topic). Position papers typically include a short background on the topic generally, a brief history of your assigned country's interactions with the topic, and a description of what your plan or goal is dealing with this topic during committee.

If you have any questions, please contact your moderator for further information.

Crisis Requirements

Length 1-2 pages

Citations Due to the fictional, or in some cases historically obscure, nature of some committees, delegates are encouraged but not required to include citations. Works cited can be included as an additional page.

Content Your paper should detail the extent of your character's involvement within the committee. Position papers should include a brief public statement, and a brief personal motives statement. You should write the paper from your assigned character's point of view, focusing on what your character would want to concentrate on and accomplish throughout the crisis session. The public statement is intended to summarize what the delegate believes are the appropriate goals, strategies, and solutions for the *committee* as a whole. These are the sentiments a delegate might feel comfortable openly expressing and sharing with fellow committee members. In contrast, a personal motives statement should consider what the delegate's *character* wishes to achieve and how they might do so (in a public or clandestine fashion). Examples might include

amassing personal wealth, betraying an ally for personal gain, staging a committee coup to overthrow the established regime, etc. Each statement should be approximately 2 paragraphs to a page, but if a delegate wishes to expand on one in particular they may do so as well. Both sections should be written in a single document.

Realism Due to the nature of a crisis conference, delegates are encouraged to take creative liberties, though they should adhere to realistic motivations and interests of their character. Papers which demonstrate clear topic knowledge and research, but also include creative perspectives or ideas will be rated highly. Also, be sure to know the complete timeline of the crisis up until the committee session starts (as detailed in the background guide). Do not reference anything that has yet to come if applicable for your committee, staying within the bounds of the committee start date.

If you have any questions, please contact your crisis director for further information.