



## PREPMUN 2022 Position Paper Guidelines

A position paper is a document that introduces a country's stance towards an issue. Such a document will be the product of a delegate's pre-conference research on their country's history with the issue, as well as their current position on how best to address that issue in a diplomatic setting.

At PREPMUN 2022, delegates are expected to adhere to the following Position Paper Guidelines:

- Position papers should be 600 words or less, excluding the bibliography.
- Position papers should be written in adherence to **British English** spelling conventions.
- Position papers should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents.
- All sources used in the position paper must be cited in adherence to the 17th Edition Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS17) Notes-Bibliography system. Sources should be cited as footnotes in-text with a bibliography at the end of the document.

Notwithstanding extension requests made in advance, all position papers **must** be submitted by 3 December 2022 at 2359. Delegates are reminded that the submission of position papers is a prerequisite for awards at PREPMUN 2022. Failure to submit the position paper on time will result in disqualification from the Best Position Paper award; failure to submit a position paper at all will result in disqualification from any and all awards at PREPMUN 2022.

For assistance in completing their position paper, delegates may refer to the following structure. Delegates should use this guideline as a reference and not as a definitive structure; instead, delegates should adopt the structure that they find most effective and intuitive for conveying their position.

- Topic Introduction (100 words)
  - The introduction to the position paper provides some brief context to the problem. However, instead of describing the topic in general, delegates should introduce the problem as their country experiences it.
  - Delegates can explain how their country may be impacted by this issue, if left unresolved.
- Stance (150 words)
  - Delegates should explicitly present their country's stance on the issue and any existing solutions (international or domestic) that have been adopted, where relevant.
  - Delegates may also name some major allies and opponents in the context of this issue.
- Proposed Actions (250 words)
  - Delegates should propose one or two key solutions that align with their country's position on the issue. Each solution should be evaluated to explain why it might be effective.
  - Where potential obstacles exist, delegates may choose to identify them and propose countermeasures to mitigate them.
- Call to Action (50 words)
  - Delegates should conclude their position paper with a call to action to be directed towards their fellow delegates in council.

Throughout the position paper, delegates are reminded that they are representing their country at an international body. As such, diplomatic language should be used at all times. Furthermore, delegates must be mindful not to undermine their country at any point in the paper.