



Position paper instructions and sample position paper

Dear Delegates, here are the guidelines for position papers:

Position Papers are due Wednesday March 24th at 11:59pm EST (Eastern Standard Time). They must be submitted to the dais emails as either a Word or PDF document. Dais emails can be found on our website or in the table below. Please note, that if no position paper is required for your committee you are not expected to submit a position and submitting a position paper will gain you no advantage. For committees where the position paper is required, it is necessary to submit a position paper to be in contention for an award.

Committee	Position Paper Required?	Committee Email
Sixth Committee: Legal (GA)	<u>Yes</u>	legal@cg-aa.org
UN Women (GA)	<u>Yes</u>	UNwomen@cg-aa.org
International Tennis Federation (SA)	<u>Yes</u>	tennis@cg-aa.org
Québec Electoral Reform (Bilingual) (SA)*	<u>Yes</u>	electoral@cg-aa.org
International Court of Justice (ICJ) (SA)**	<u>Yes (a memorandum)</u>	ICJ@cg-aa.org
African Charter (SA)	<u>Yes</u>	charter@cg-aa.org
JCC – NATO Side (Crisis)	<u>No</u>	JCC.nato@cg-aa.org
JCC – Warsaw Pact Side (Crisis)	<u>No</u>	JCC.warsaw@cg-aa.org
Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy (Crisis)	<u>No</u>	hitchhikers@cg-aa.org
Star Alliance (Crisis)	<u>No</u>	staralliance@cg-aa.org
Bougainville Civil War (Crisis)	<u>No</u>	bougainville@cg-aa.org
Expiry of the Treaty of Lausanne (Crisis)	<u>No</u>	lausanne@cg-aa.org

* Position Papers for Québec Electoral Reform (French Bilingual) committee can be submitted in either French or English. However, delegates should choose one language and use that one throughout the paper. In other words, do not switch between French and English.

** For the International Court of Justice (ICJ) committee, delegates will be expected to write a memorandum. This memorandum will follow the same citation and formatting rules as listed below, however; it will differ in terms on content. Please see the ICJ background guide for specific instructions about the memorandum.





Guidelines

- Position Papers are a necessary prerequisite for awards for delegates in General Assembly's (GA's) and Specialized Agencies (SA's). Delegates in Crisis Committee's do not have to submit a position paper. Please see the table above for a complete list of which committees position papers are required for.
- Position Papers should be **one page in length, single-spaced, 12pt font Times New Roman**. Please include citations on a second page, using Chicago Style.
- If the committee will discuss two topics, each topic should be half a page in length. If the committee has only one topic, that topic should span the entire page. In both cases, the total length should not exceed
- For delegates assigned to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Committee, the position paper must take the form of a memorandum. Information on how to write a memorandum can be found in the ICJ background guide, which can be found on our website on the ICJ page.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. You can send your question to your dais at the email provided above or contact our Chargée d'Affaires at: chargee.conmun@cg-aa.org

Please see below for an annotated example of a position paper.



Committee: World Health Organization [Committee Name]

Delegate from: Cuba [Country/Character Name]

Represented by: [First Name Last Name, School]

Introductory phrase

Topic I: Achieving Universal Healthcare

The title of the first paragraph should be Topic I: [Insert topic]

List a few notable accomplishments of your country or character. These should be feats that you hope other delegates will inspire themselves on. This is a perfect spot to list important stats.

Cuba's socialist revolution of 1959 led to the creation of a national healthcare system¹. We are the first country in the world to eliminate mother-to-child HIV/AIDS, and congenital syphilis, we have graduated more than 28 000 physicians from over 100 countries, and on top of this, we have aided other communities such as the western African communities facing the Ebola virus, and Ecuador and Mexico after their horrific earthquakes. We are a country that is willing to help others in their goal to reach Universal Healthcare, and we have proven this time and time again². In order to achieve universal healthcare, there are four radical shifts needed to succeed: primary care, health workforce transformation, price transparency for medicine and emphasis on equity. This is something that our government had done time and time again³. We need to place a heavy focus on having more affordable education expenses for medicine, as each country needs a higher quantity of doctors per capita. "The Association of American Medical Colleges projects that the country will have 130,600 fewer physicians than it needs by 2025."⁴ The entire purpose of the World Health Organization is to attain the highest level of health, and we believe that the only way to do this or even to start, is by achieving universal healthcare. How are all citizens across the globe going to be able to achieve total health without the opportunity to access it?

Insert policies that your country or character has taken initiative in. Elaborate on your intentions for the topic, and where you see the committee going.

Conclusory phrase and recap of the previous points

Introductory phrase

Topic II: Healthcare and War

The second paragraph should be entitled: Topic II: [Insert topic name].

List a few notable accomplishments of your country or character. These should be feats that you hope other delegates will inspire themselves on. This is a perfect spot to list important stats.

It is nearly impossible to discuss healthcare and war without discussing universal healthcare first. That being said, it is still a relevant and important topic to discuss. Time and time again, Cuba has offered aid to countries in need. Just to give a few examples of our humanitarian work, "23,000 children, victims of the Chernobyl nuclear meltdown, have been and continue to be treated in the Tarará beach resort outside Havana;"⁵, "by 2008, Cuban medical staff were caring for over 70 million people in the world and in some countries— such as in Haiti—practically the entire population."⁶, and lastly, "the Cuban government began to deploy medical personnel as Cold War foreign policy assets, both in response to disasters and as proxy forces in anticolonial revolutions. In recent years, this program grew to nearly 60,000 deployed medical personnel in over 90 countries."⁷ We are clearly very willing to help others, and we ask for nothing in return. Being a heavily Roman Catholic community, we value humanitarian work a lot, and we do everything we can by using our medical knowledge to help other communities. It is also important to note that we are now in a technological age. Biological warfare doesn't seem like something too far stretched to discuss. The weaponization of healthcare is one of the most urgent matters we would like to discuss.

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Conclusory phrase and recap of the previous points

You can create end notes like these by pushing ctrl, alt, F.

¹ Sarah Farouq, "Cuba's Healthcare System: A Political, Social, and Economic Revolution," Berkeley Political Review, March 14, 2020, <https://bpr.berkeley.edu/2019/02/09/cubas-healthcare-system-a-political-social-and-economic-revolution/>.

² Carissa F. Etienne, "Cuba Aims for Universal Health* - IRIS PAHO Home," Pan American Journal for Public Health, n.d., <https://iris.paho.org/bitstream/handle/10665.2/34908/v42e642018-eng.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y>.

³ Heather Wipfli, "4 Radical Shifts Required to Achieve Universal Health Coverage Worldwide," World Economic Forum, n.d.,

⁴ Sarah Zhang, "Why Some Students Are Ditching America for Medical School in Cuba," Wired (Conde Nast, June 3, 2017), <http://www.wired.com/2016/03/students-ditching-america-medical-school-cuba/>.

⁵ John M. Kirk, "Toward an Understanding of Cuban Medical ... - Springer," n.d., https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1057%2F9780230622227_6.

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Tom Fawthrop, "Cuba's Humanitarian Mission," The Guardian (Guardian News and Media, August 16, 2006), <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2006/aug/16/tomfawthropcubandocs>.





Works Cited

Position papers must be cited according to Chicago style. Please see the following link for more information:
https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html

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