BUREAU MEMBER TIPS ON POSITION PAPERS

RESEARCH, BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TOPICS

"Read lots of sources, ask questions about what you don't know, and find passion in the issues you're writing about. Don't stress it – just keep up the good work!"

"Take time to think through and reflect!"

"It is never a bad idea to contact the local representation of your country to ask them about their position. It is an excellent primary source!"

"Always keep track of your sources, you can never have too many!"

"Good research makes a good position paper. Dedicate more time investigating rather than focusing too much on how you write your position paper."

"Use reliable sources and research what the UN has done in the past that addresses your topic. Understanding what has already been done will help guide you to create solutions that build on previous work."

"Read, read, read! Ask questions. Discuss. Understand to the best of your ability. Ask for help."

"If you have a good understanding of your country's position before you start your position paper, it will be easier to write."

"Gather as much valuable information as you can at first, then narrow it down to what you need."

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COUNTRY'S POSITION AND SOLUTIONS

"Really understand your country's position and try your best to come up with creative and practical solutions."

"Make sure you put yourself in your country's shoes. You are writing from your country's perspective and that is the voice that needs to be heard."

"I would say just make sure you understand your topic and what you are researching. Remember to not talk from your perspective - make sure to talk from the country's perspective."

"Always remember to have the best interest of the country you are representing in mind."

"Make sure you are writing from the perspective of your country, not from your own opinions. And develop more than one strong solution – these solutions will help you collaborate better during the conference!"

"Stick to the views of your country, even if it goes against your personal beliefs."

"Don't overthink them – I know position papers can seem a daunting task at first, but if you break them into different parts they are much easier than they seem!"

"Do a lot of research of your country's background in order to better understand the problems they are facing and what solutions might really be helpful in their situation."

ATTITUDE

"Make sure to manage your time well and spread your work over the weeks."

"Believe in yourself, stay focused and try your best!"

"Don't be afraid to speak up. Everyone wants to hear your suggestions and see you participate. This can be such a fun time and experience especially when you interact with others."

"Always try to stay calm, if possible. Share your ideas with other delegates, so that they can compliment your ideas and come up with the best solution."

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