

Greetings from HMUN!

Delegates, welcome to HMUN7! We sincerely appreciate your participation in HMUN7, and we look forward to meeting you in July 2024.

Below are the guidelines and format of the Position Paper that each delegate is expected to write for the conference. The format is NOT mandatory and you may edit your position paper to whichever style you prefer, but your position paper MUST contain material that corresponds to the requirements outlined in the format (i.e. background information, national stance, etc.) or otherwise the Chairs and Secretariat will not be able to comprehend and/or credit your paper to its fullest extent. For delegates new to Model UN and its procedures we do recommend adhering to the given format.

Your Position Paper will be due by **July 7th (23:59), 2024**. Please make sure you meet the deadline, so that the chairs will be well aware of your stance and prepare for a qualitative conference. **Failure to submit one or more Position Paper(s) by the deadline will result in removal from committee and conference award considerations.**

Send your Position Paper via email with the email and document name both as **PositionPaper-(Committee)-(Agenda Number)-(Delegation).pdf**, to hanyangmodelun@gmail.com (ex. PositionPaper-UNEP-1-Canada.pdf). Please note that you should submit **two position papers, one for each agenda item.**

Thank you once again for your profound interest and commitment to HMUN 7, and we hope to see you soon!

Best regards,

HMUN7 Secretariat

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1. Basic format

COMMITTEE: (ex. United Nations Environment Programme)

AGENDA: (ex. Devising Measures to Counter Negative Effects of Industrial Agriculture Practices)

DELEGATION: (ex. Delegate of Canada)

DELEGATE NAME:

ex. The United Nations Environment Programme,

Honorable Chairs, fellow delegates, and members of the United Nations,

The Delegate of *Canada* [**Starting Remarks**]

- The Delegate of Canada would like to emphasize that he/she disagrees/agrees with the agenda at hand.
- The Delegate of Canada calls upon the conference of UNEP to discuss the urgent matter of~ regarding the agenda at hand.
- Or any other starting remark that is deemed appropriate by the delegate for opening his/her Position Paper.

(Starting from here, each delegate should do the following; research background information regarding the agenda item, deliver his/her opinion, and explain the reason why)

2. Contents

All guidelines/pieces of advice aside, how a delegate organizes and writes out the position paper is totally up to him/herself. Referring to the following criteria as you write your Position Paper will (hopefully) help you on your way towards a 'good' position paper.

- **Overview on the Agenda**
Based on background research, delegates can provide a brief summary of the agenda. They may write about the historical background regarding the agenda, the

status quo, relevant crises, and past actions taken by the international community. Note that simply copy-pasting blocks of text that seem somewhat relevant will NOT make a paper any more credible, let alone readable, no matter what source(s) they are based on. Remember to always add logical connections and explanations for added coherence and fluidity.

- **Related Actions / Past Events / Stance of the Delegation**

Delegates can specify previous actions have been taken by his/her nation regarding the topic, related events that took place in the nation, and the nation's stance toward the agenda. National stances manifest indirectly in any form of material you may refer to in preparation for the upcoming conference (i.e. press releases, actual conference speeches, homepage information), and sometimes may clash with what you want to discuss. After uncovering what stance the given nation entertains, balancing the viewpoints and stature with the objective national stance and subjective personal opinion also poses a challenge. As an average individual seriously concerned about climate change, you may come to conflict and discern the narrative of Less Economically Developed Nations' (LEDCs) who prioritize economic development even at the increased burden done to the ecosystem. In such cases, find areas of mutual/multilateral consent (i.e. consensus on environmental conservation) that align with your opinion and try to mix in certain elements of your national stance as unique contributions you can put forth during discussions/resolution writing.

For instance, let's say UNEP is set to discuss 'Devising Measures to Counter Negative Effects of Industrial Agriculture Practices', and you are the delegate of Canada. While carrying on the common narrative of the scope and severity of industrial agriculture, you might want to bring focus to the ongoing problem of educational polarization as one of the fundamental causes of such problems. You might be able to bring this to the table by attributing the lack of education and less knowledge on said issues in developed and developing countries alike to aforementioned issues. Since this is due to a considerable difference between resources that can be utilized by nations, you might suggest that the committee find solutions to close the gap between developed countries and developing

countries in such aspects as your contribution.

Also be reminded that ‘related actions’ are not necessarily about a nation’s positive contributions – it can also be about the trial-and-error process of problem-solving, limitations of its current efforts, and other notable events regarding the agenda at hand.

- **Questions to be Answered / Points to be Discussed During Debate**

Delegates should propose at least four questions or points to discuss during the conference. Below are some questions to kickstart your thought processes and give you a rough clue of how to get your hands on this part of the paper:

- What are some of the most important aspects of the status quo to be addressed through substantive solutions in the resolution?
- What approaches should be taken to ensure that a nation’s direct/indirect benefits are procured?
- What existing resources/frameworks/institutions in and out of the UN can be utilized and/or leveraged to tangibly enact and materialize solutions outlined in the resolution?

[Reminder]

- Delegates should write one page in total for each agenda item.
- Delegates who are caught plagiarizing of any sort will not be in account to any benefits that HMUN7 affords.
- Like every other part of the conference, delegates should refrain from using first-person pronouns (by addressing himself / herself as “I”, etc.) or inappropriate language in the position paper.
- Delegates should write a position paper on the agenda, and save it as a pdf file with the following file name:

PositionPaper – (Committee) – (Delegation).pdf