

# Constructing Your Policy Statement

Use the following guidelines in constructing your Policy Statement

## **Paragraph One (Background)**

The first paragraph is about gaining credibility. Your goal is to demonstrate you have researched, know the issue well, and are believable. To do this effectively, try to answer the following questions:

1. What is the historical background of this issue? How long has it been going on?
2. How has your country been involved in this issue or similar issues?

Sources to use for this paragraph:

Background guide

Resources on blog

## **Paragraph Two (Stance)**

The second paragraph is about making your country's position known to other delegates. By the end of this paragraph, delegates should thoroughly understand what your country believes about this issue.

**This paragraph should include strong language.** Remember to focus on the fundamental principles of the UN. Try to answer the following questions:

1. What are your country's concerns?
2. What "big ideas" does your country support? (do **NOT** list your operative clauses here)
3. What solutions has your country tried (if it has tried any)?
4. Which of the fundamental principles is your country most concerned with in this situation?

Sources to use for this paragraph

Resources on blog

UN News Centre

Google News, CNN, other news sources

## **Paragraph Three (Diplomacy Building)**

The third paragraph indicates what your country hopes to achieve by attending this conference. It is basically your conclusion. Try to meet the following goals:

1. Demonstrate that your country is cooperative.
2. Demonstrate that your country is focused on solving the problem at hand.
3. Build trust and respect of fellow delegates