



# PACIFIC MODEL UNITED NATIONS

## POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES

### **Formatting:**

- 1 page limit per topic
- Header including name, school, committee, and topic
- Citations in any format (not-part of the 1 page limit)
- Times New Roman, 12-pt, 1-inch margins, single-spaced

### **Content:**

We suggest writing position papers in a 5-paragraph format, as outlined below:

1. Intro paragraph providing some background on the issue (very brief)
  - a. Brief history and background of the situation.
  - b. Emphasizes WHY the issue requires UN action
2. Past Action
  - a. Should incorporate international action by citing UN resolutions
  - b. Should incorporate your country's position by citing laws and measures passed by your country
3. Current Situation
  - a. Current state of affairs needs to be described
  - b. Current UN action should be described and analyzed
  - c. Current laws in place in your country should be analyzed and discussed
4. Importance of the issue
  - a. Why is this issue important to the world?
  - b. Why is this issue important to your country?
5. Potential Solutions being Discussed
  - a. These solutions must be actionable
6. Citations in any format

Remember that specific examples, statistics, and UN resolutions all strengthen the quality of your paper! We look for specifics to judge how developed a position paper is.