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| **Committee:** |  | **Country:** |  |

**PREPMUN 2019 - Guided Position Paper for Category A Delegates**

*Dear Delegate, thank you for choosing to be a part of PREPMUN 2019! Position papers are an integral component of the preparation for a MUN conference that allows you to better understand your own country’s positions on a given issue. This document acts as a guided template for what would constitute a typical position paper. Simply fill in the boxes with the appropriate responses to the prompts given and submit the document to your committee chairpersons by the stipulated deadline.*

**Section 1: Background Information**

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| **a) What are the key terms/definitions that are relevant to the issue?**  *You could potentially end up in a scenario where there are no internationally agreed definitions for a particular term. If such a case occurs, refer to your country’s own definition and identify causes for the difference in interpretation between countries.* |
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| **b) What are some relevant statistics that highlight the pressing need to address the issue?**  *You could, for example, identify numbers of individuals affected, financial damage caused or area of regions affected.* |
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| **c) What are some historical and recent developments of the issue? How has the UN been involved in addressing these developments?** |
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| **d) What are the most pressing concerns with respect to the issue?**  *You may want to arrange them by category if it is helpful (i.e. political, social and economic).* |
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| **e) If the issue has persisted for a long while, what are some challenges to solving the issue? What are some reasons it has not yet been resolved?** |
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**Section 2: Country’s Past Involvement**

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| **a) How has your country been affected by this issue? If so, what sort of actions has your country taken in the past with regards to this issue?**  *If it has not, identify possible reasons as to why.* |
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| **b) Has any high-level government officials/representatives from your country made any public statements/remarks regarding the issue?** |
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**Section 3: Stance**

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| **What are your country’s primary interests when it comes to the issue?**  *Do note that it is not always possible to easily identify your country’s end goals from cursory research, especially if the problems associated with the topic do not affect your country directly.*  *If this happens to be the case, you have to develop these ideas on your own. Consider the following when doing so:*   1. *Your country’s history (how it might have dealt with similar issues in the past)* 2. *Key interests (such as alliances or pacts)* 3. *Principles supported by your country (i.e. freedom vs regulation of speech)* |
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**Section 4: Proposed Solutions**

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| **What are some solutions that you believe your country and your committee could implement to resolve the issue?**  *Do provide a short explanation as to why you think the solution will be practical.*  *You are encouraged to refer back to* ***Section 1*** *of this template to identify the specific contentions within this topic to be resolved.* |
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*Congratulations! You have now completed your first ever Position Paper!*