SEATTLEMUN POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW:
Position papers are written by delegates as a means of research to gain an in depth understanding about the topics they will be discussing in committee session. By writing position papers delegates learn how to research topics from the perspectives of the countries they are representing and formulate solutions of their own. Position papers can also be a useful tool in committee session to refer to when formatting speeches and referencing past and current action.

FORMAT:
Position papers should not exceed 1 page per a topic in length. Citations are not included in this page limit.
Conventional format is Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, single spaced with 1" margins (normal).
Citations can be in any format based on delegate preference, links, footnotes, or MLA.

RESEARCH:
Delegates should begin research by reading the background guide. The "bloc position" section of the background guide are helpful when determining your country's position on the topic. After reading the background guide, conduct independent research to narrow down your information. A good place to start is www.un.org, under "Documents". This is where every previous resolution passed by the UN is archived and available for referencing. Google is also a helpful tool. You can narrow down your results by typing in a key word + your country name. For example, "Climate action + uk". By doing so, official government websites for your country will pop up with the most reliable information.

HELPFUL TIPS:
Utilize the "Additional Research" section of the background guide
Don't be afraid to sound opinionated, you are writing from the perspective of your country
Have a peer edit and look over your paper for any grammatical errors
Be sure to look at example position papers as reference