

POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES

A position paper for any Crisis Committee will be much different from that of Standard Committees. While the basic premise remains intact, the format will vary depending on the crisis. The following are some basic guidelines to help you research and write a position paper.

For the 2018 CTMUN Spring Conference, all delegates wishing to be considered for an award must submit a position paper by April 25th, 2018 at **11:59pm**. Additionally, position paper quality will be included in consideration of awards. Position papers ensure a basis for delegate research and help delegates feel confident in participating during the conference.

All position papers should be emailed as a Word, PDF, or Google Sheet document to CTMUNpositions@gmail.com. To help classify position papers please include position and committee in the filename (ex. Elendil.MiddleEarth.docx or China.UNSC.pdf)

REQUIREMENTS

Length: 1-2 pages.

Citations: Due to the fictional, or in some cases historically obscure, nature of several committees delegates are encouraged but not required to include citations. Works cited can be included as an additional page.

Content: Your paper should detail the extent of your character's involvement within the committee. Position papers should include both a **public statement** (AKA "white paper"), and a **personal motives statement** (AKA "black paper"). You should write the paper from your assigned character's point of view, focusing on what your character would want to concentrate on and accomplish throughout the crisis session. The public statement is intended to summarize what the delegate believes are the appropriate goals, strategies, and solutions for the *committee* as a whole. These are the sentiments a delegate might feel comfortable openly expressing and sharing with fellow committee members. In contrast, a personal motives statement should consider what the delegate's *character* wishes to achieve and how they might do so (in a public or clandestine fashion). Examples might include amassing personal wealth, betraying an ally for personal gain, staging a committee coup to overthrow the established regime, etc. Each statement should be approximately 2 paragraphs to a page, but if a delegate wishes to expand on one in particular they may do so as well.

Realism: Due to the nature of a crisis conference, delegates are encouraged to take creative liberties, though they should adhere to realistic motivations and interests of their character. Papers which demonstrate clear topic knowledge and research, but also include creative perspectives or ideas will be rated highly. Also, be sure to know the complete timeline of the crisis up until the committee session starts (as detailed in the background guide). Do not reference anything that has yet to come if applicable for your committee, staying within the bounds of the committee start date.

If you have any questions, please contact your crisis director for further information.