

DMUNC XVIII Position Paper Rubric

(If you have any specific questions, please email your chairs)

Only required for General Assembly Committees and Specialized GA Committees

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Topic Description (15%) Required Components: 1. Historical background 2. Current situation 3. Key issues	-No discussion of historical background, current situation, key issues. -Discussion completely irrelevant to the topic.	-Only one component is present -Discussion of topic demonstrates a limited understanding of the topic -May contain factual errors -The key issues may be identified but the importance of these issues is not supported	-Two components are present -Discussion of the topic demonstrates a limited understanding of the topic at hand. -The key issues identified are relevant to the topic or the importance of these issues is supported by the delegate's description of the topic	-All components are present -Discussion of topic extends no further than the material provided in the committee synopses but demonstrates a solid understanding -The key issues identified reflect the background of the topic	-All required components are present and well integrated -Discussion of topics demonstrates superior understanding of the topic at hand -The key issues identified anticipate diplomatic implications as well as reflect the nature and background of the topic
Past UN Actions (15%)	-No past United Nations action discussed	-No research sources cited or research sources are irrelevant to the topic -No analysis or interpretation of research sources cited	-Limited research source citations -Not all research citations are interpreted	-Multiple research sources are cited and interpreted in a manner relevant to the current situation	-Multiple research sources are cited from varying types of media -All sources are interpreted in a manner relevant to the current situation and integrated into a discussion of a cohesive theme of action by the United Nations
Delegation Policy (15%)	-No explicit delegation policy established	-No research sources cited or research sources are irrelevant to the topic -No analysis or interpretation of research sources cited	-Limited research source citations. -Not all research citations are interpreted	-Multiple research sources are cited -Interpreted to form a cohesive delegation policy	-Multiple research sources are cited from varying types of media -All sources are interpreted to form a cohesive delegation policy
Proposed Solutions (45%) Required Components: 1. Initial proposal 2. Arguments in favor 3. Anticipated counter-arguments 4. Arguments in defense	-No proposed solution is provided	-A weak proposal is described without any supporting arguments. -The proposed solution does not address the topic at hand or addresses an irrelevant issue. -The proposed solution is not consistent with delegation policy	-A detailed proposal with limited arguments in favor and in defense. -The proposal addresses the topic in general but fails to address key issues	-All four components are present. -Addresses the key issues of the topic. -Gives realistic arguments in favor and in defense of the solution. -Effectively addresses the key issues identified in the topic description. -The proposal accurately reflects delegation policy.	-A detailed, feasible solution that addresses the key issues of the topic -Arguments for the solution are strong and cite research sources -Realistic counter arguments are anticipated. -Addresses the key issues described in the topic description in depth -Solution shows superior understanding of the current situation and delegation policy

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Delegation Policy (15%)						/15
Proposed Solutions (45%)						/45
Points Awarded at Chair's Discretion (10%)						/10
Totals						/100