



## CMUNCE 2009 Position Paper Requirements

Position papers are **REQUIRED** of all delegates attending the Columbia Model United Nations Conference and Exposition (CMUNCE) 2009.

In order to be eligible to receive an award at CMUNCE, a delegate must adhere to the requirements listed below:

1. Submit **ONE POSITION PAPER PER TOPIC** addressed in the background guide for the delegate's committee.

Papers should be submitted electronically by **Monday, DECEMBER 15, 2008** as Microsoft Word attachments sent to the e-mail address designated for the committee by the deadline. These addresses can be found on the committee pages on [www.cmunce.org](http://www.cmunce.org). In the subject line, delegates should include their position and the topic for the paper:

For example: Position Paper—White House Senior Staff—Economy

2. Adhere to the format outlined below.
3. Bring an **ADDITIONAL HARD COPY** of each position paper to the first committee session during CMUNCE 2009 to submit to the chair of the committee.
4. It is recommended that delegates bring another copy as a reference during debate.

The general format that position papers should take for CMUNCE 2009 can be found below. If your committee requires a different type of format, this will be specified by the chair in the committee background guide. A list of such committees can be found on page 2.

### **Why we require position papers**

Most high school Model UN conferences require position papers for several reasons. The most important is that position papers encourage the delegates to begin preparing well before the conference begins, so that they can learn about their policies and approach the staff with any questions they may have prior to their arrival at the conference. A conference consisting of well-prepared delegates increases in educational value and is far more entertaining and downright fun.

Position papers are especially important for CMUNCE, as our dais and crisis staffs use them to prepare for the conference before it actually begins. We spend an extensive amount of time determining possible directions for the committees to take, and this process is facilitated through the exchange of ideas with the delegates before they arrive in New York. As such, it is imperative that your delegates submit their papers in a timely manner to ensure their enjoyment of and success in the committee.



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### **CMUNCE 2009 Position Paper Format**

**Each position paper should be ONE PAGE IN LENGTH (double spaced is recommended, although single-spaced papers will be accepted). Papers should have 1-inch margins and be written in a 12-point font.**

**Name of Delegate**  
**Delegate's Position**  
**Name of Committee**

**Topic:**

**1st paragraph:** The first paragraph should explain the delegate's general position on the topic. Does your delegation support or condemn the issue at hand? Why or why not? Provide the historical circumstances of why your delegation holds this position. Furthermore, if you are representing a specific individual of a nation or of a cabinet, please provide a brief history of that individual representative and his or her role.

**Supporting paragraphs:** In the subsequent paragraphs, delegates should elaborate on their position by devoting a paragraph to each of 2-3 sub-issues of concern for the delegation. For example, if the issue is immigration, a sub-issue of the committee may be the effects of immigration on employment. In a paragraph, the delegate should elaborate on his or her position by explaining what the effects have been on his or her nation. What international documents has your delegation supported, refuted or ratified in order to assert your position? Follow this same procedure, with two or three additional sub-issues.

**Concluding paragraphs:** In the final paragraphs, each delegation will have the opportunity to provide a call to action. What does your delegation want the committee to do regarding the topic? What policy measures would you like to see the committee implement? If possible, explain how the committee would enforce these measures as well as what the effects of these policy measures would be.

### **Committees following an alternative format:**

One committee at CMUNCE this year will be following a different format for the position papers because of unique committee-specific circumstances. Please see the background guide for the specifics regarding the format for Press Corps.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the Position Paper Policy for CMUNCE 2009, do not hesitate to contact us at [info@cmunce.org](mailto:info@cmunce.org). We look forward to another spectacular conference.