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Guide to Writing Working Papers



GUIDE TO WRITING WORKING PAPERS

Working papers are often the precursors to resolutions in that they can outline the issues of a topic area or propose solutions without a particular format. A working paper may not be voted upon and may only contain signatories. Some chairs, however, may request that working papers be submitted in resolution format. Also, using resolution format may prove useful when converting the document to a resolution.

SAMPLE WORKING PAPER 1

Committee: United Nations Security Council

Topic: Situation in Haiti

Signatories: (1/5 of the committee)

The following elements must be implemented by the Security Council to achieve a successful solution to the situation in Haiti.

1. Peacekeeping Forces must be involved in all of the following, particularly in coordinating resources and efforts with the Provisional Government (PG)
2. Security and support for elections must be given
 - a. Ensure that all citizens have an opportunity to participate in elections
 - i. Security must be present at polling places
 - ii. Elections and voter information must be publicized
 - b. International monitors, including UN, must be present to:
 - i. Ensure fair process
 - ii. Report back to MINUSTAH & UN
 - c. Pressure for fair democratic elections
 - i. Ensure that political parties are fair and legitimate
 - ii. Restore faith in democracy (see social b.)
3. Security
 - a. HNP reform
 - i. Education
 - ii. Training
 - b. Military assistance
 - i. Joint operations with MINUSTAH
 - ii. Material support
 - c. Disarmament, Demobilization, Reintegration (DDR)
 - i. Publicity against gang participation
 - ii. Establish local programs for implementation of DDRs
 - d. Disrupt terrorist/militant groups
 - i. Offensive capabilities in compliance with PG and HNP
 - ii. Decrease violence, but increase security



4. Economic stability
 - a. Job programs must be implemented
 - b. Infrastructure should be built—facilitate
 - c. Community Based Growth Initiatives (CBGIs)
 - d. Encourage micro-financing of Haitian businesses

SAMPLE WORKING PAPER 2

Committee: Legal

Topic: Geneva Convention

Working Paper

Sponsors: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia, Mexico, Norway, Spain, India, Kenya

Signatories: United States of America, South Korea

1. Suggests the general definition of terrorism to be:
 - a. an act of violence or threat thereof perpetrated to carry out an individual or collective criminal intended or calculated to provoke the state of terror in civilians or threatening to harm them or imperilling their lives, honour, freedoms, security or rights or exposing the environment or any facility or public or private property to hazards or occupying or seizing them, or endangering a national resource, or international facilities, or threatening the stability, territorial integrity, political unity or sovereignty of independent States
 - b. any illegal violent acts with the purpose of undermining public safety, influencing decision making by the authorities, or terrorizing the civilian population;
2. Acclaims that a suspected terrorist is a person who has confirmed prior involvement with any means of the aforementioned definition of terrorism or terrorists.
3. Designates all combatants under all forms of judicial interrogation the civil and humanitarian rights and essential human dignity endowed by the fourth Geneva convention of 1949 towards prisoners of war in article 4, and enforces that all techniques thus aforementioned in the Geneva convention shall not be used in the future as an aid to interrogation;
4. Solemnly affirms the judicial right to trial for all suspected terrorists and other prisoners of war or captured combatants and suspects, including but not limited to:
 - a. Military tribunals in or exclusive of the state of the protecting party
 - b. Competent criminal courts in the state of the protecting party
 - c. International courts such as the ICC;
5. Passionately appeals that all detainees in Guantánamo Bay and any other similar camp will be unconditionally granted all rights of fair and speedy trial and access to attorneys as soon as possible without exception in the international community;
6. Recommends that future leaders found in violation of the Geneva Convention be brought to international courts that these offer as will not remain unpunished;



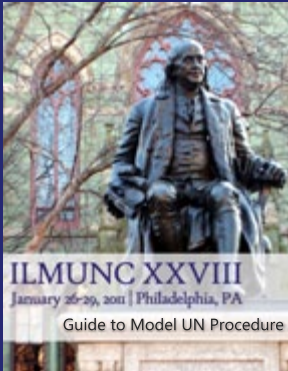
7. Defines a "power" as
 - a. A sovereign state
 - b. Any group that has a defined membership which include
 - i. Extremist groups
 - ii. Paramilitary groups;

8. Requests that any nation that sign the Geneva Convention reaches the Geneva Convention will be brought forward for formal investigation and if substantial endorses is found that a nation is has breached ordinances of the Geneva Convention, the nation will be taken to court
 - a. If the nation is found guilty the nation will be given a punishment that is equal to the violation of the Geneva Convention
 - b. These restrictions do not include humanitarian supplies
 - c. These restrictions are not meant to harm a country but to demonstrate protest of the actions of the nations;

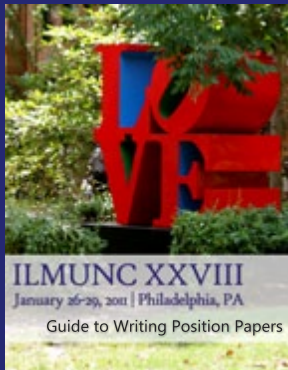
9. Acknowledges that detainees captured during law enforcement operations, which can be defined as any period of time not occupied by armed conflict where occupational forces are deployed in an area outside of their own sovereignty are not protected by the Geneva Conventions, but are protected under International Humanitarian Law.



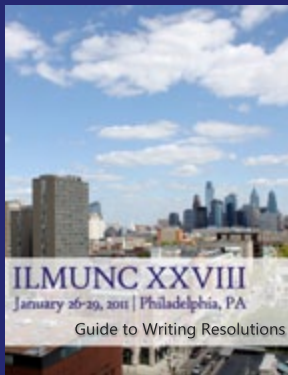
Also see...



ILMUNC XXVIII's Rules of Model UN Procedure is designed to provide a reference to the many motions, points, and other parliamentary actions that can be taken during committee. Whether you are brand new to Model UN or a seasoned expert that needs a reminder, this guide is available for you to be able to check up on the official ILMUNC rules of debate.



The position paper is not only the first impression that you give to the dais, but also a source for you to refer to during debate. ILMUNC XXVIII's Guide to Writing Position Papers outlines how to properly structure and format your position paper for submission as well as a sample position paper.



In general assembly, economic and social, and specialized committees, the ultimate goal is to come to a comprehensive resolution to address critical global issues. ILMUNC XXVIII's Guide to Writing Resolutions specifies the format that a resolution is required to be in at ILMUNC, as well as provides an example resolution. It also includes key preambulatory and operative clauses.

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