



### Policy Statement Formula

#### **PARAGRAPH 1**

- Background on the topic and past actions that the UN has taken
- 14 lines long
- No fluff, straight and to the point
- List of resolutions or conventions (names)
- Approximately six resolutions, UN bodies, or organizations named
- one sentence/name
- Bring up name and then explain details in one sentence, minimal "why" it matters

#### **PARAGRAPH 2**

- Associated bodies, organizations, ratifications, departments, ministries, NGOs active in your country
- Tie back to your country's role in the world community
- Few general policies
- Minimal domestic policies (where applicable)
- Simple sentences
- Passive voice
- 13 lines

#### **PARAGRAPH 3**

- General call to action
- Your country's plan of action for how to approach this issue
  - What policies you push for in conference will be based on this paragraph
- Be specific in what actions your country would take
- Support for ...
  - "calls on...", "strongly urges...", "encourages...", etc.
- Tie back to the UN
- Short "why" clause, powerful closing statement that summarizes points
- 14 lines. This should be your "meatiest" paragraph

#### **IN GENERAL**

- Your policy statement should fill the whole page
- ALWAYS portray your country in a positive light
- Diplomatic language, formal words, action terms

- Phrase tactfully and diplomatically
- Only what is important
- Wordy sentences—not like a speech, more like a list

#### **FORMATTING**

- 12 Times New Roman
- Single spaced
- Justified paragraphs (block paragraphs, even on both sides)
- Country, committee, topic listed in upper left-hand corner