

Westwood MUN - Research Guide



General Country information

- Location, language, official name, type of government, high profile leaders
- For general information: <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/>
- Who are your allies and trade partners? Do you have any enemies?
- Any other important information that will help you understand your country's position: religion, demographic, general history, etc.

The Committee Issues

- Read the issue books
- Use external resources to read up on other information that might help you as well. Ex. The issue is marine pollution, you can read up on studies or articles about the issue. The United Nations will usually have sources corresponding to your topic.
- Find six resolutions relating to your issue. Do general research first, and then find the resolutions on: <https://digitallibrary.un.org/?ln=en>
- Within those resolutions or in addition to them, find some that your country has signed.
- Find *at least* one UN body (i.e. committee) relating to your topic
- Find *at least* one non-UN organization relating to your topic (i.e. non-profit organization)

Your Countries Involvement

- Find one government body, resolution, or action regarding your topic from your country. (A ministry, a program, legislation)
- What national or international initiatives has your country supported?
- Website of your country's state department or foreign affairs sector

Notes: As you read through resolutions or look at initiatives your country has supported, try finding the general position your country holds. You can model your solution in your PS and speech from any actions your country has already taken.