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Sample Position Paper

Position Paper Format

The position paper is a concise and brief statement of a certain country's positions and concerns upon a given topic. It basically contains both substantive information and detailed policies on the issue being discussed in a committee. Writing a position paper will do more than helping the delegate organize your research and prepare your speech, but sharing the view points with the other countries participated in a bid for further effective discussion on the topic at the conference.

The position paper is mandatory to all delegates. You should finish and submit your position paper to the Secretariat before the deadline.

Sample

Delegate: XX, XX

School: XX School

Country: The Republic of Finland

Committee: UN General Assembly:
Committee on the Elimination
of Racial Discrimination

Please write the country's full name.

Topic B: Racial Discrimination Faced by Muslim and Arab People in the
Aftermath of 2001 Terrorist Attacks

The first paragraph describes the background information of the topic. In this section, it overviews the historical background and causes of the issue, it also reviews those countries getting involved in the issue and analyzes the effect. In the last sentence, give your country's brief standpoint on the issue.

In the aftermath of 911 terrorist attacks, the world began to highlight and concentrate on the tangible and intangible terrorism along and terrorism-related problems. Under



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the influence of the mass media, governmental preachment and some real cases, people in the non-Muslim countries hold an extreme concept that all Muslim and Arab people are related to terrorism. With the misapprehensive understanding on this issue, people from Muslim world are insulted in many fields. Finland government highly concerns the societal discrimination and disrespect and stresses the law restraint to eliminate the bald-faced discrimination. Government has remained at the forefront to improve the dignity and mutual understand between intercultural citizens.

The second paragraph focuses on the international society's involvement concerning the topic (Especially, detailing how UN functions in this issue). It mentions the relevant actions (i.e: resolutions, conferences, declarations, progammes, etc.) taken by UN, NGOs and other UN affiliated organs.

The international community has devoted a lot to the elimination of racial discrimination and has made a remarkable progress in this field. Early in 1963, take the elimination of racial discrimination into consideration with the global concern, United Nations General Assembly took the formal step of adopting the *Declaration on the Elimination of the All Forms of Racial Discrimination*. In 1969 CERD came into existence as the first international mechanism for the implementation of the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination*. In 2001, World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance was held in Durban, South Africa.

The third paragraph is dedicated to your country's involvement in the issue. It articulates the country's past actions regarding the topic (i.e. resolution sponsored, conference attended, conventions signed, policies adopted, etc.)

Finland Government insists on advocating the international consensus on the



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elimination of racial discrimination. *The Non-Discrimination Act (21/2004)* came into force on 1 February 2004; The Non-Discrimination Act (21/2004) came into force on 1 February 2004; the Council Directive (2000/43/EC) implements the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin. On 25 January 2007, the Ministry of Justice set up a Committee with the task of reforming the Finnish legislation on non-discrimination. Finland also established a consummate system to monitor the Act. The obligation to supervise equality planning in workplaces and educational establishments alone covers estimated 5000-6000 workplaces and over 1000 educational establishments. Finland is always staying in the front line to perfect its legislation to eliminate the racial discrimination.

The final paragraph reiterates your country's standpoint and elaborates its viewpoints based on UN's past and present actions on the topic. It also brings forward your country's constructive proposals in dealing with the issue. It's the most crucial part of a position paper.



Finland asserts that legislation functions as a mere measure to check superficial discrimination and conflicts between Muslims and non-Muslims. Therefore, this government believes that the main reasons for racism and xenophobia on Muslim are the horrible ready-made images exaggerated by mass media and government officials. The all-important task for international community to do now is to redress the ready-made images of Muslim and reinforce the mutual understand through intercultural communications in any acceptable forms. To change the biased attitudes and establish a peaceful and stable relationship between the West and Muslim world is our preoccupation. Finland appeals to the reconstruction of the positive images of Muslim through the intercultural communication, especially among the young generation. The mass media should take the responsibility to avoid the exaggeration of the danger from Muslims. Finland respects Islam, and hopes that in this realm people can live in harmony in the spirit of tolerance of cultural diversity, universal human rights, and liberty of religion.