



Position Paper Guidelines

The position paper is a delegate's first impression to the dais and is the final product of a student's preparation and research for any Model United Nations conference. It contains informed perspectives and histories of the state or character a delegate represents and is crucial to creating an authentic MUN experience.

At ALMUN X, it is required for *all* delegates, across General Assembly, Crisis and Press Corps committees (except Crisis Ad Hoc delegates), to write and submit a position paper to the dais prior to the conference in order to be eligible for an award. The format for GA, Crisis and Press Corps position papers can be found below. More information specifically regarding Press Corps position papers will be sent to individual delegates.

Position Papers will be due on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 11:59pm.



The Press Corps

Format

For the first time at ALMUN X, Press Corps delegates will submit position papers which are specifically designed to aid Press Corps delegates in developing their positions and improving their conference impact and experience.

The position paper for Press Corps delegates will be two pages total: one page will function as a traditional position paper regarding the news organization which the delegate will be representing, for the purpose of demonstrating the delegate's research skills and understanding of their news organization's perspective; and one page will be a Press Release, designed in coordination with GA committee chairs (to be discussed later).

These two pages will be submitted as two (2) separate documents, and submission will occur electronically on the ALMUN Press Corps webpage. The position paper document will be single spaced, 12 pt.-font., Times New Roman. Additionally, the document must begin with a two line header on the left side consisting of the following:

Name of the delegate
News Organization represented by the delegate

References must be cited using footnotes in MLA format. Include the URL for electronic sources. We strongly encourage using solely electronic sources for ease of reference.

The Press Release document will be written as a one-page news article press release regarding a topic which pertains to the topic of a specific General Assembly committee. Each Press Corps delegate will receive a different Press Release topic assignment from the USG-Press Corps on which they will write a one-page news article, which will then be used during the conference weekend by General



Assembly chairs to aid in incorporating a crisis element into committees and debate.

Content

The Press Corps position paper will have two paragraphs outlined as follows:

- The first paragraph introduces the history of the news organization represented by the delegate.
- The second paragraph analyses the bias and goals of the news organization.

Be sure to include references. References must be cited using footnotes in MLA format. Include the URL for electronic sources. We strongly encourage using solely electronic sources for ease of reference.

The Press Corps press release will be one page and will be written as a press release news article. Because of this, each press release will be slightly different. Details of press releases and more specific instructions will be sent by the Under-Secretary General of Press Corps to individual Press Corps delegates as assignments. These instructions will detail the General Assembly committee and topic for which the press release is intended, and the specific event which the press release will cover, including the details of the event. Leading up to the conference, Press Corps delegates will be in communication with the USG-Press Corps to ensure that Press Releases are appropriately written.

It is of the utmost importance that all Press Corps delegates *do not* reveal to other General Assembly delegates the press release updates which will occur in their committee, as it gives those GA delegates an unfair advantage in their committee.

****ALMUN X does not tolerate any form of plagiarism, and if a delegate is found to have plagiarized, their sponsor will be notified and the delegate will become ineligible for an award.*