

# **Dossier Documentaire: What is expected of you?**

The dossier documentaire is a way that will permit us to evaluate your skills and dedication. This dossier is entirely Individual, unless applying for a double delegation position, in which case it will be one dossier for two (Security Council or Special Conference on Terrorism).

This dossier is composed of

- a group of documents to support your Position Paper
- a Position Paper on the country and issue you have put down as your first choice

## **1) Position Paper**

The position paper must briefly explain what is at stake, a relatively detailed explanation of how and why you believe that the position you shall adopt for representing this country is the appropriate one.

Examples on how to decide on the appropriate position:

- Economic reasons: the issue greatly affects one of your major import/exports or has other direct or indirect effects on your economy (take into account that your economy has to compete with others if you truly want to develop the economic aspect)
- Your ideology: the issue is tightly linked with important questions that are closely related to founding principles or your nation/organization and on moral/religious/traditional grounds you must tend towards this position. Can also be due to very important lobbies in your country (for example the strong jewish lobby in the USA)
- Allegiances: on the grounds of close friendship with other nations/organizations, you tend slightly towards the point of view of your major allies if no other major factors are in play (historical, ideological or even economical allies). Furthermore this can go in the opposite direction with adversaries also.

Another point you should include in your position paper are your proposed solutions, these should not be formulated as operative clauses, however you should be able to easily transform them into such clauses later on. Moreover you must present an explanation of how this is an action that will move towards solving the problem presented in the issue, but also why and how it will go towards your interests as a nation/organization.

You can also give examples of concessions your country is ready to make in order to reach a consensus. You can also explain why these concessions will appeal to other groups of countries.

(Note: it is not necessary to bring in a lot of statistics or quotes in your position paper, simply putting between parenthesis the number of the document you are using to support this should be enough)

Length: whatever you see fit to respond to the expectations and represent your motivation for the position you are applying for

## **2) Evidence**

The supporting evidence you will provide must be extremely concise, there is no need to include a large amount of documents, statistics and maps just to give the impression that you know a lot. What will truly show that you know a lot and have done a lot of research is a group of documents giving the most concise and relevant information only. You are free to cut out specific parts from the source, so use this effectively and only include what really is necessary. That being said, you need enough evidence to support and justify your choices and interpretation of the point of view of this country. Documents should cover three main areas: general knowledge on the issue, broad comprehension of the influences and impacts this has on your country or organization to appropriately portray the position of who you are representing, and finally an explanation of the proposed solutions and why they benefit your needs and benefit enough other countries to be able to pass in a vote.

(We suggest you give numbers to your documents so as to reference them in an easier manner in your position paper)

### **For the ICJ:**

The Judges must write a paper on: "What comes into account when making a judgement at the ICJ?". They should discuss relative wealth of countries, how judgements can affect an innocent population because their government is guilty, etc. There is enough material online but original ideas will be welcomed.

The advocates must write the equivalent of the delegate dossier documentaire, but more oriented towards why their clients are right, as in already preparing their defence. (otherwise it's the same as the dossier documentaire: include material you found online, except that don't need to refer to it in your writing). What would also be very good is if they can prepare counter-arguments to the accusations of the opposing country.