

BISHMUN 2024

By producing a position paper and spending time researching and preparing for the BISHMUN simulation will result in a rounded delegate, able to contribute to the debate and build on or defend their ideas. Position papers are a way for delegates to compile facts and to brainstorm possible solutions for their chosen committee.

Prior to the simulation, all delegates are required to submit a copy of their position on the BISHMUN website. They must be uploaded as a Google doc or Word File.

Position papers are divided into four sections described below. The overall paper should not exceed 2 pages.

FORMAT

I. Topic Background

This section of the position paper should contain an overview of the assigned topic. It should also highlight how the topic has impacted the world as a whole. Delegates are recommended to refer to authorities on the subject and use reliable statistics, facts, figures, etc. to emphasize their point.

II. Country Policy

In this section, delegates are required to research about the connection the assigned topic has to their country. Delegates should write about their country's policy on addressing the topic and include facts and/or statistics which demonstrates how effectiveness of the policy.

III. Proposed Solutions

This part of the position paper requires delegates to think of creative solutions to the problem at hand. BISHMUN requires all delegates to have a minimum of three solutions for their assigned topic. Please keep in mind that the solutions should be realistic and a natural extension of their country's policy.

IV. Works Cited

It is important for delegates to cite their sources in order to give credit to the original authors. This can be done in either MLA or APA format.

SUBMISSION

All delegates are required to upload a digital version of their position paper by 27th February 2024 by 8:00 pm CST. The papers can be uploaded as either Google Doc or Word files. Delegates that do not upload their position paper by the due date will be ineligible for awards.

I. Naming the File

The position paper files should be titled as: COMMITTEE-COUNTRY. For example, a delegate from UNICEF would name their document as: UNICEF-GHANA.

II. Where to Upload the File

Each committee page on the BISHMUN webpage has a link where delegates can upload their position papers.

The screenshot shows a submission form for the BISHMUN Secretariat. At the top, there is a grey header with text: "committee will explore how electricity generation can become more efficient and carbon neutral whilst ensuring that developed and developing countries alike can still grow their respective economies without an excessive toll on the planet." Below this is a dark blue section with the text "Upload your Position Paper" in large, light blue font. To the right, it says "Accepted formats are a Google Doc or Word File" and "Please name it as COMMITTEE-COUNTRY". A blue button labeled "Upload here ->" is positioned below this text. Below the dark blue section is a white section with a black header "British International School of Houston MUN Secretariat" and a blue button "JOIN OUR MAILING LIST TODAY FOR UPDATES!". Below this is a white input field labeled "ENTER YOUR EMAIL HERE!". Below the email field is a form with two questions: "1. Assigned Country *" and "2. Position Paper (non-anonymous question(?)) *". The first question has a text input field with the placeholder "Enter your answer". The second question has an "Upload file" button. Below the "Upload file" button, it says "File number limit: 1 Single file size limit: 10MB Allowed file types: Word, Excel, PPT, PDF, Image, Video, Audio".