

# GatorMUN XVI

Esteemed Delegates,

On behalf of our Secretariat, Directors, and Staff, welcome to GatorMUN XVI! We have all worked hard over the past year to ensure that your conference experience will be one that you will find intellectually challenging yet enjoyable. In committee, you will partake in lively debate and work with other delegates to devise innovative and effective solutions to some of our world's most pressing problems. Preparation before the conference is imperative to your success in this endeavor. In order to be fully prepared, you should thoroughly read your committee's background guide, conduct your own research on both of the topics, familiarize yourself with GatorMUN's Rules of Procedure, and compose a position paper that will be turned in to your Director prior to the first committee session.

Position papers are required for each of our General Assembly committees and are an integral part of any Model United Nations conference. An excellent position paper demonstrates a strong foundation in research, is concise and well-worded, and showcases a country's viewpoint on the topics. A position paper is divided into three basic parts: a general background of the topic and the country's history, the country's current policies regarding the topic, and proposals for innovative solutions that stay true to the country's policies. I encourage you to work hard on your position paper and seek to include all the aforementioned aspects.

I look forward to seeing you all at this year's iteration of GatorMUN. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [gatormun@gmail.com](mailto:gatormun@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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GatorMUN XVI

## **Position Paper Writing Guide for Assembly Committees**

1. Position Papers are mandatory for all General Assembly Committees and are due by online submission at the beginning of the first committee session (7pm on Friday, January 25th). The file submission forms can be found on respective website pages for each committee; only PDF and Microsoft Word files will be accepted.
2. All Position Papers must be a minimum of 1 page and a maximum of 2 pages.

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3. Formatting for a position paper is as follows:
  - a. 1 inch margins
  - b. 12 pt. Times New Roman font
  - c. Single-spaced
  - d. Top-right corner should include:
    - i. Delegate Name
    - ii. Country Name
    - iii. Committee Name
  
4. Each topic should be addressed equally and the discussion of each topic should include:
  - a. Background of the topic in general and its relation to your country:
    - i. UN Resolutions
    - ii. Conferences or summits involved with the issue
    - iii. Additional international initiatives undertaken
  - b. Country's current stance on the topic:
    - i. Domestic initiatives concerning the topic
    - ii. Supported international initiatives concerning the topic
  - c. Proposed goals and solutions pertaining to the topic:
    - i. Goals and solutions that derive from country policy
    - ii. Unique solutions proposed by the delegates