

Asia Pacific Model European Union 2018

Guidelines for Position Papers

Each team should submit a **1500-words** position paper addressing each of the issues on the agenda that pertain to the Council session (The Agenda will be sent to all participants on **30th of April 2018**). Participants should send their position papers to Asia-Pacific Model European Union 2018 coordinators at: chris@hkbu.edu.hk and martin.holland@canterbury.ac.nz by **18th of May 2018**. Students who fail to do so will not be eligible for consideration to receive an award. Although these positions will influence the opening speech presented by the Head of Government/State, they should be **separate and more detailed** documents.

These papers should be written from the perspective of the country the delegate is representing, but in the third person (e.g., “**France feels...**”). Although they should not be overly inflammatory or otherwise offensive, these position papers will naturally have a strong bias. These are generally written documents; however, detailed outlines can be used to address positions or suggest solutions. The use of dates, numbers, quotes or other specific data is recommended as these serve to make your position and argument much stronger. However, be prepared to be able to back up such facts, especially if dealing with more controversial topics. Citations are not required for the position papers; however, they may be useful for your own research and organization. Suggested organization and questions the position paper should answer are listed below.

Suggested outline of a position paper:

1. Introduction
 - A general address of the issue(s) at hand
2. The situation as it pertains to your country (ie. The French Situation)
 - Why is this issue important to the EU? Or why not?
 - Why is this issue important to your country? Or why not?

- How is your country affected by this issue and by proposed solutions?
3. Proposals/Solutions
- What solutions does your country propose?
 - Are these solutions different from those proposed by the Presidency?
 - Solutions should detail:
 - What should be done
 - How it should be done
 - Why it should be done, and why these measures
 - What the outcome would be

All position papers will be made available to all participants of the exercise through publication on BUMoodle platform. It is strongly recommended that all participants study all position papers prior to the final conference so as to prepare for negotiations.