



DARCAMUN DELEGATION PREP PACK



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Dear Brave Advisers,

This preparation pack will help you and your delegation prepare for the DARCAMUN conference. Remember, the more your students put INTO the conference, the more they will GET OUT of it. So, be their guide, their mentor and their cheerleader! If this is your first time advising a MUN team, this packet will be helpful, and it is suggested that you read the whole packet through before actually starting with your students. If it is not your first time, I hope you will learn new things by using this packet with your students.

Each one of your students will be receiving a COUNTRY assignment, a COMMITTEE and a TOPIC. You will be helping your students to discover their country's official POSITION on that particular topic.

For example:

Country: United States

Committee: WHO (World Health Organization)

Topic: Childhood Obesity

US policy is that childhood obesity must be reduced. However, as a nation with a growing rate of obese children, what has the US actually done to reduce obesity?

How to go about finding your country's policy, writing the position paper and writing the opening speech will be outlined in this preparation packet.

Good Luck!

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1. COUNTRY ASSIGNMENT FACT SHEET - TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH DELEGATE



GEOGRAPHY

Name of Country: _____

Capital: _____

Border Countries: _____

Natural Boundaries _____

Resources _____



POPULATION

Are the people in your country wealthy, or poor? (Use the GDP per capita to determine this)

Is the population aging, or growing?

Are people educated?

How does the committee topic affect the population in your country?

Languages:

Religions:

Minority status: (women, ethnic minorities, religious minorities)



GOVERNMENT

Is your country currently involved in war?

What type of Government is in power?

Does your country hold free elections?

Can everyone vote?

2. TOPIC ASSIGNMENT FACT SHEET

Topic: _____

Committee: _____

Country: _____

Will the outcome of the debate affect your country?

For example, if a resolution is passed that requires that all chickens must have a certain amount of room in which to live freely before slaughter, this will directly affect the poultry farmers in the United States. That in turn will affect the economics of the US.

If so, how?

Has your country supported / signed / put into law any legal (national or international) action about this topic? Or, has it recently left a committee?

What is your country's OFFICIAL POSITION on the topic?

For example, although the United States may tend to be conservative, and many people may oppose it, gay marriage is federally recognized, meaning that it is legal in all 50 states. This means that the OFFICIAL POSITION is to RECOGNIZE GAY UNIONS AS LEGAL

OR

For example, Iran's OFFICIAL position on nuclear arms is that they are not building and do not have nuclear weapons. This is in contrast to recent European findings, but it is still their OFFICIAL POSITION.

Finding a country's official position takes more than simply searching "country's policy on...." You may find yourself sifting through MANY different sites and publications. Try to SCAN rather than read the whole web site, and it is recommended to use the f5 search tool to search a site for specific phrases or words. Also, DelegatePal allows you to save all your links in one place. If you prefer, just keep a list of the sites you use on a document, with the links so that you can easily find what you need at a later date.

REMEMBER!

- ◆ Even if your country has seemingly little to do with the topic, you can still play a large role in committee by helping to write a resolution or clause!
- ◆ Any resolution or clause you write **MUST** be favorable for your country's position. For example, it is unlikely that CHINA would write a resolution that would reduce plastic production by 50% within the next 3 years, because it's economy is heavily dependent on the production of products made from plastic.
- ◆ Make yourself an important part of the committee by being an **ACTIVE** participant. Your country does not have to be **DIRECTLY AFFECTED** in order to be an **EFFECTIVE** delegate!
- ◆ The position paper is **NOT** the speech, but will help you to write your speech if you do a thorough job researching.

3. POSITION PAPER TEMPLATE

Your position paper should have 4 paragraphs:

PARAGRAPH ONE - BACKGROUND

1. A general background of the topic
2. Why your country is interested in this topic
3. Why this topic is important for the committee to discuss.

PARAGRAPH TWO – NATIONAL ACTION

1. Your country's national policy on this topic
2. National actions your country has taken (for example, if the case is reducing the spread of malaria in western Africa, and you are the US you can mention any foreign aid to Africa that has been sent specifically to help alleviate this problem.)

PARAGRAPH THREE – INTERNATIONAL ACTION

1. Your country's international actions to help solve this problem such as: sending foreign aid, signing international treaties or resolutions. Conventions your country has participated in or international organizations your country is a part of.

PARAGRAPH FOUR – RECOMMENDATIONS

1. How does your country envision the international community tackling this problem?
2. What role will your country play in addressing the issue?

REMEMBER!

- ◆ To be eligible for any committee prizes, you must hand in your position paper to be reviewed by your chair by the due date.

4. SPEECH TEMPLATE

Your speech should be ONE MINUTE long.

For most people, this is 160 words. A great speech follows the C - I - A:

CLASH - INFORMATION - ACTION

1) CLASH

The start of your speech should introduce an idea to solve the problem at hand. It should be an idea that can be rebutted or argued against.

Clash is something that is arguable. For example:

NO CLASH:

The delegate of Burkina Faso is here today to discuss childhood obesity. Childhood obesity is one of the most terrible yet treatable health threats facing the world today, and costs the international community billions of dollars a year to treat diseases that are 100% preventable.

This example has no clash, because what has been said are simply facts, and everyone will agree that childhood obesity is bad.

CLASH:

The delegate of the People's republic of China believes that the WHO should put a 150% fat tax on all fattening food, including sugar, fats and oils in order to reduce childhood obesity. The revenues would then be used to open work camps for obese children to work off their extra weight and reduce their BMI to an acceptable and healthy level.

This example has clash, because although we all agree that childhood obesity is bad, not every country will want to tax food, or force children to attend "fat camps."

So, each country should have its own idea about how to tackle the issue. Be creative, and don't worry that other countries in your committee have the same or similar ideas – you will be able to identify them and then work together with them to finalize your ideas into a resolution.

2) INFORMATION

This part of the speech should **SHOW OFF** all the time you have spent doing serious research. Without numbers, facts, statistics, examples and illustrations (verbal illustrations) your speech will not be taken seriously. You should have at least 3 of these. Here is an example of one illustration one statistic, and one fact:

Seven-year-old Pedro Rodriguez has trouble walking to school. He cannot touch his toes from a standing position or do one pull up. Like close to 50% of the population of the Pacific Islanders, Pedro suffers from obesity. Of the ten countries that top the list as "most obese" nine of them are in the Pacific Islands.

Facts and statistics make your speech stronger, and make you a stronger delegate by showing the other delegates and chairs that you have done your research.

3) ACTION (Call to Action)

In the Clash part of your speech, you may have introduced a general idea: Childhood obesity must be addressed through taxes, and sending overweight children to camps where they will lose weight. In the Action part of your speech, you make that real. Your Call to Action should be specific as possible (while leaving room for negotiation) and as tangible as possible. So, it may look something like this:

The People's Republic of China calls for an immediate international tax of .5% on all processed food products that contain more than 50% fat or 50% sugar. Proceeds from this tax will go to the World Health Organization and will be used towards maintaining facilities for obese children and their families. The families will spend 8 hours a week at the facility, learning about healthy nutrition, and receiving weekly checkups including BMI and weight. A report will be conducted after 6 months to determine the success of the program.

The plan is specified, given scope and depth through numbers, as well as a timetable. Remember, be creative! This is MODEL UN, and your imagination is the limit to what you can do!

More examples and tips on how to write a great speech can be found here:

<https://www.helpmymun.com/write-killer-speech/>

5. ONLINE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU RESEARCH

COUNTRY RESEARCH – these sites offer a breakdown of every country, with statistics on everything from religion, literacy, and government systems to birth rates, economy and geography. Basically, everything you need for a general understanding of your country.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm

BBC COUNTRY PROFILE

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/docs/profileguide.html>

CIA FACTBOOK

<http://imuna.org/resources/country-profiles>

IMUNA COUNTRY PROFILES

COUNTRY AND TOPIC RESEARCH

<https://delegatepal.com/>

DELEGATE PAL

This site allows you to search by topic, country or resolution. It also includes news, so that you can see the latest developments on your topic

[UN Global Issues](#)

UN GLOBAL ISSUES

This site allows you to look up important issues by category, and gives a list of UN agencies that work in each field. Also, you can find definitions of terms used when discussing the issue at hand.

<https://research.un.org/en/docs/find/resolutions>

UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTATION CENTER

You can look up resolutions by using the drop down menu on the left hand side. This site is more advanced.

Good research takes time. Often times, you will have to go deeper than the above sites can offer. Use strong key words, being specific as possible. Your reward will be better, more comprehensive knowledge of the field in which you are supposed to be an expert.

6. POI CHEAT SHEET

Points and Motions Cheat Sheet for DARCAMUN Delegates

| <i>If you want:</i> | <i>Say:</i> |
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| <i>To Open the Speakers' List</i> | <i>Motion to open the speakers' list</i> |
| <i>To Enter the Speaker's List (If the speakers list has been set, and you want to join)</i> | <i>Motion to enter the speakers' list</i> |
| <i>To Discuss a topic in a formal manner</i> | <i>Motion for a moderated caucus of minutes Speakers time seconds on the topic of</i> |
| <i>To Lobby in an informal manner</i> | <i>Motion for an unmoderated caucus of minutes</i> |
| <i>To Start voting</i> | <i>Motion to move to voting procedure</i> |
| <i>To Force all countries to vote</i> | <i>Motion to divide the house</i> |
| <i>To Make all countries vote in alphabetical order</i> | <i>Motion for a roll call</i> |
| <i>To Temporarily suspend discussion</i> | <i>Motion to table the debate</i> |
| <i>To Finish speaking but you have more time</i> | <i>The delegate yields the remainder of his/her time to the chair (or to the floor)</i> |
| <i>To Ask the delegate to rephrase or clarify her statement or meaning</i> | <i>Point of Inquiry</i> |
| <i>To Ask the delegate a question on the topic of her speech</i> | <i>Point of Information</i> |
| <i>To Ask to leave the room / open the window / turn on or off AC or other personal requests</i> | <i>Point of Personal Privelege</i> |
| <i>To Request that the delegate speak louder or repeat</i> | <i>Point of Personal Privelege</i> |

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