



# EUROPEAN COUNCIL

## DELEGATE PAPERS

### GUIDE



# GENERAL WRITING

## Content

Although each of the following instances of in- and out-of-committee has unique expectations and requirements in terms of content, there are some universal standards which should be present in all instances of delegate writing. This includes demonstrating a topical understanding of the addressed material, the utilization of statistical and factual support when appropriate, and a the a clearly state purpose.

## Academic Integrity

In order to maintain academic integrity, delegates are expected to cite all statistical and factual evidence. Citing the positions themselves from speeches, policy pages, legislation, et cetera is also greatly appreciated, however it is not a requirement outside of the position paper.

## Formatting

Delegates have reasonable creative freedom to format individual writing (i.e., the position paper and individual press release) in a manner which would be authentic to the member-state as well as effective at communicating. Group writing should follow normal conventions, specifically size 11 Arial font (namely due to multilingual writing) with 1.15 spacing as well as justified 1 inch left and right paragraph margins. Specific writing formatting for each paper will be included. All writing should have the name of the member-state as well as the paper title written clearly at the top of the first page.

## Style

All writing should follow certain stylistic regulations, including: lack of first person pronouns ("I" and "we") outside of the individual press release, organizational tools such as headers, as well as following conventional linguistic mechanics. Delegates reserve the right to write in any of the official languages of the European Union, however a supplementary translation into English must also be provided.

# POSITION PAPERS



## Content

The content of a European Council position paper will exactly mirror that of a regular Model UN General Assembly committee. Position papers will be directed towards your member-state's perception of the issue as well as your member-state's perceived solution to the issue. Other standards include being well-researched, authentically representing your position, maintaining a consistent format, and following standard language conventions and an appropriate register.

Delegates would do well to present the position of their country on both the topic at-hand as well as the European Union at large. This position should be in both parts practical and philosophical, providing past initiatives which support the position indication as well as the thematic underpinnings of a broader European strategy. This will consequently include addressing and naming any necessary changes to the EU and/or EU programs and initiatives according to the member-state position.

## Format and Style

Arguably the most important element of a position paper is being concise. The following criteria are the recommendations of what a good position paper should have:

- No more than 2 pages,
- An official font which is easily readable
- Between 10 pt. and 12 pt. font size with 1.15 spacing,
- 1-inch justified margins,
- A heading which includes a document title and the member-state name,
- Clearly-delineated, organizational sections
- Language which would be appropriate for an equivalent diplomatic document,
- No pictures, icons, or graphs in the main body of the text (appropriate iconography at the headers and/or footers of the document are allowed)

# Position Paper Example

Federal Republic  
of Germany



## Position Paper

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As it is impossible for a state to rebuild a devastated country on its own and to bring back hope and the prospect of a better future to a population that was suppressed for years the assistance of the European Union and the international community is of crucial importance to Afghanistan. Germany, participant in the Afghanistan Compact, contributes to ISAF with troops in a varying strength. At the moment two German soldiers are stationed in the Afghan capital of Kabul in order to assist the National Authority in the maintenance of security (Source 1). Furthermore, Germany has donated over 8,5 million euros in view of his role as participant in the international reconstruction assistance programme both for bi- and multilateral projects (Source 2). The main part of this sum was used on improving women's education. The German Delegation believes that education and especially offering it to the female parts of the population is the key to Afghanistan's autonomy and independence. The review of the Declaration should therefore commence with the topic Education otherwise the time left in the end will probably be too short to discuss all relevant aspects.

### Theme I: Education

The German Delegation as it has been stated before acknowledges the vital importance of Education towards the future of Afghanistan. That is the reason why Germany concentrates its financial aid in this area and actively supports the efforts made by different private organisations aiming on improving the situation of Afghan women and children. As Afghan women suffered and are still suffering from violence, destruction, and reprisal they need a readily accessible education system which enables them to advance their legal and social situation. In particular, the literacy rate among women must be increased. As projects like "school-feeding" heightened school enrolment of girls it would be fruitful to expand them. The German Delegation welcomes Afghanistan's National Education Strategic Plan and states that the Plan's uppermost principle must be to help the people helping themselves even though this maxim applies to all fields of cooperation.

### Theme II: Governance

As regards Political and Economic Governance the German Delegation calls upon the other delegates to make it clear to Afghanistan that it has to ratify the UN Convention against Corruption to show the international community its good will. In relation to economic respects the Delegation would welcome the integration of Afghan products in the "Fair-Trade"-System to offer the local farmers the opportunity of economic self-sufficiency. Violence, ethnic conflicts and crisis could easily destroy what has already been accomplished so far. Although progress has been achieved in building up the countries police forces and the judiciary further reconstruction efforts are hindered by fighting between opponent groups and attacks by the Taliban. Therefore, the Security Sector Reform and the Justice Sector Reform have to be fully implemented. Private armies' disarmament and the extension of the central government's authority have to be continued and expanded. Again, it must be emphasized that the only way to guarantee sustainable success is to strengthen Afghan ownership which means in the first place to trust the Afghans responsible. It is not the task of the EU to reform Afghanistan but to help the country reforming itself.

# RESOLUTIONS



## Content

Unlike the position paper, while the general formatting of a European Council resolution reflects that of a Model UN General Assembly resolution in appearance, the actual content of the two are quite different. While Model UN resolutions are typically legally-binding legislation, European Council resolutions are more political conclusions provided to the European Commission, the larger family of European institutions, as well as Europe as a whole by means of *communiqué de presse*. The two primary types of clauses are preambulatory and operative. The clearest distinction between these clauses start either with an preambulatory participle (for example, "**Convinced**" or "**Affirming**") or with an operative conjugated verb (for example, "**Approves**" or "**Calls upon**"). Preambulatory clauses acknowledge pre-existing factors which are pertinent to the rationale of the resolution such as legal precedent or a recent political development. Operative clauses, on the other, indicate action taken by the committee to resolve the issue which the resolution is addressing.

## Format and Style

A resolution template will be shared to delegates during the conference. Resolutions should have the following:

- Arial font
- 11 pt. font size with 1.15 spacing,
- 1-inch justified margins,
- A resolution title
- Properly formatted clauses
- **Bolded and italicized** preambulatory clause words and **bolded** operative clause words
- Color-coded sponsors list and corresponding language
- Language which would be appropriate for an equivalent diplomatic document,
- No pictures, icons, or graphs

## Example of Resolution Shared from Sponsor to Dais

### "Human-Centric Security Model"

**Recognizing** that there are a wide range of security issues which affect individuals first and foremost,

**Emphasizes** a model of human-centric security, wherein

- The European Institute of Peace is commended for transferring the Center of Excellence for civil CSDP missions to institutional funding, encouraging that the European Union do so as well
- Empower the individuals of Europe, by
  - Ensuring that all future missions take into account the causes of conflict, provides for an exit strategy and is controlled by the European Parliament, the body which represents all Europeans individually
  - **Authorizing the European Parliament to be represented and control rights of the European Defense Fund regulation**
- Civilian interests are kept in mind in exploring the possibility of
  - Recommending the usage of unmanned military systems be strictly limited to non-lethal utilizations as a military auxiliary tool
  - Declaring the usage of explosive weapons in populated areas as contrary to human security
  - Arms control initiatives in novel sectors in regards to early stage for weapon technology developments in the fields of
    - biotechnology,
    - hypersonic weapons,
    - outer space,
    - cyberspace,
    - advanced intelligence

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## Example of Resolution Shared from Dais to Delegates

### Resolution 1.3 - "Human-Centric Security Model"

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# INDIVIDUAL PRESS RELEASES



## Content

The content of the individual press releases can vary substantially depending on what the delegate chooses to communicate. A delegate which has accomplished to complete the goals outlined in its position paper may write an individual press release which is congratulatory in tone and cites their original positions. Conversely, a delegate who was not able to contribute as much language to the final *communiqué de presse* due to adverse opinions may lament this fact and include desired proposals in the individual press release.

Seeing as the entire committee shares a single *communiqué de presse* assembled by the dais, the individual press release allows delegates to provide a more personal reaction to the committee developments, finishing the narrative which was started by the position paper. Although delegates will be some given time after the closing plenary session to complete this document, delegates should have well-prepared the individual press release throughout the committee's entire duration.

## Format and Style

Delegates have the greatest degree of creative freedom in this paper. Delegates may either submit a speech transcript of the head of government/state or an official press release by the member-state's government. Individual press releases will generally have:

- No less than a single paragraph and no more than 2 pages,
- An official font which is easily readable
- Between 10 pt. and 12 pt. font size with 1.15 spacing,
- A heading which includes a document title and the member-state name,
- Language which would be appropriate for an equivalent diplomatic document (language may be more informal, matching a speaker's diction, in the transcript),
- No pictures, icons, or graphs in the main body of the text (appropriate iconography at the headers and/or footers of the document are allowed)

## Example of Speech Transcript

### Remarks by European Council President Charles Michel after Closing Plenary Session

*"Yesterday evening, we had our first discussion on the emerging European political community. It is not an alternative to enlargement. We thought to frame the idea by addressing three questions. Why? The idea is to ensure security and stability on the European continent. What? This could take the form of a platform for political dialogue in coordination with our European partners on an equal footing. Who? We think it is best for the format to be for political leaders only. And we intend to define later a specific scope. We will have a possible first meeting in Prague under the Czech presidency. We will prepare, together with the French president and the Czech rotating presidency, this possible meeting after the summer.*

*"Firstly, I would like once again to thank the French Presidency of the European Union. At the end of the European Council, we had the chance to pay tribute, all together, with the 27 leaders, to the enormous amount of work – both legislative and political – that has been done in the various areas. This work will continue over the coming days, in particular on the Western Balkans, and especially on North Macedonia and Albania, in light of the vote that took place in the Bulgarian parliament a few hours ago. I have no doubt that we will remain very active in our efforts to move forward on this issue. Once again, huge thanks to the President and to all of the teams who have worked to take the European project forward.*

*"And finally, I have a special, more personal message for the two Pinos – Pino and Pino. Now I know this is a little unorthodox, but Pino and Pino, you are icons of the press room, you are known around the world, and I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. This applause shows the affection we all have for you. Huge thanks to you both – thank you very much!"*

## Example of Official Press Release



**The Federal  
Chancellor**

### Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz and the EUCO welcome two new EU accession candidates

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#### *Candidate status for Ukraine and Moldova*

On the first day of the summit, the EU heads of state and government voted unanimously in favour of accession candidate status for Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. In the Federal Chancellor's view, this was a major step forward, prompting him to describe the summit as "historic." The Federal Chancellor also noted that the summit had put the necessary framework in place.

Georgia is also to be awarded candidate status, but must first fulfil some additional criteria.

#### **Accession prospects for the Western Balkans**

The heads of state and government of the six partner countries of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Kosovo met their European counterparts for discussions at the EU Western Balkans Conference on Thursday. At the subsequent meeting of the European Council, the heads of state and government wholeheartedly reaffirmed their commitment to offering prospects of EU membership for Western Balkan states. They called for the accession process to be accelerated.

The Federal Chancellor stressed that all six countries could count on Germany's support. "It is important that we take advantage of the new impetus to re-energise efforts to ensure these countries really do have a realistic chance of becoming members of the European Union. Some have already gone to great lengths and put huge efforts into their preparations," said the Federal Chancellor at the end of the summit.

#### **"Without reforms this won't be possible"**

The Federal Chancellor also warned that the European Union must undertake its own reforms in readiness for its expansion, citing the example of majority voting. "Without reforms this won't be possible", said the Federal Chancellor, adding that the main thing now was to take action.







# OTHER INFORMATION

## Delegate Expectations

Please refer to the Delegate Handbook for more details. The Delegate Handbook remains the first and final guide for all delegate expectations at SunMUN I.

- All other delegates, staff, and non-participants are to be treated with respect and courtesy, including properly interacting with facilities of the University of Florida. Discrimination on all bases, including race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability, is never acceptable. If you believe you have seen any instances of discrimination or sexual harassment, do not hesitate to bring it to the attention of your chair or the SunMUN secretariat.
- Maintaining professionalism is expected of all delegates, including: keeping academic integrity, using polite and professional language, as well as wearing Western Business Attire.
- The safety and security of both attendees of this conference and its hosts remains our primary concern which is why we ask all participants to observe all appropriate public health measures, not leave any important personal items unattended, refrain from any substance abuse, as well as follow any and all local ordinances.

## Academic Integrity

We maintain a zero-tolerance policy in regards to plagiarism. Delegates found to have used the ideas of others without properly citing those individuals, organizations, or documents will have their credentials revoked for the duration of the conference. This is a very serious offense. Additionally, pre-writing is strictly prohibited as well. Any work which is pre-written will not be recognized. All committee work will be completed on GoogleDocs shared with the dais.

## Technology Policy

The usage of technology during committee remains first and foremost within the discretion of the dais and the SunMUN secretariat. By default, this committee will specifically permit the usage of technology while normal debate is suspended in the case of temporary adjournments, however delegates are asked to refrain from using technology during regular debate. Still, the usage of technology on non-committee related grounds is strongly discouraged.

## Language Policy

In the European Council, delegations reserve the right to speak in any of the 24 official languages of the European Union with an additional right to translation. Delegates are more than welcome to speak in English and/or the official language of their member-state, however a written translation in English must be provided to the dais sufficiently beforehand so that it may be displayed during these remarks.

## Land Acknowledgement

The University of Florida resides on land of the Timucua people and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. It is important to understand the long-standing history that has brought us to reside on the land, and to seek to understand our place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation. It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol. For more information, visit <http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>.

