



# HANDBOOK FOR DELEGATES TECMUN 2021

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# POSITION PAPER

## Overview:

All delegates that participate in a Model of the United Nations must and shall conduct a thorough research on the topic and represented delegation. To ensure preparedness, we ask delegates to elaborate a **Position Paper**, which is a document that explains your country's point of view regarding the topic of the committee following a specific format..



# POSITION PAPER GUIDE

**Name:** Delegate's name

**Country:** Country's name

**Committee:** Committee's name

**Topic:** Committee's topic

## **Introduction to the committee:**

Relevant and indispensable information of the powers, objectives, functions, members, schemes and participation of the committee in the topic.

1 - 2 paragraphs

## **Introduction to the topic:**

Introductory information to justify the relevance of the topic.

1 - 2 paragraphs.

## **Background:**

Information from 2015 to 1985 of the topic within the corresponding delegations. Measures, causes, origins and relevant data.

1 - 2 paragraphs.

## **Present situation:**

Information from 2020 to 2015 about the present context of the topic in the corresponding delegation.

2 - 3 paragraphs.

## **Proposals:**

Proposals for the resolution of the topic.

Minimum 3 proposals

## **References:**

References of the used sources in the latest APA format.

# EXAMPLE:

Country: Colombia

Committee: United Nations Permanent Forum on  
Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)

Topic: The role of indigenous peoples in the  
implementation of sustainable development



## Introduction to the committee:

The official United Nations website states that the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was created on July 28, 2000. It functions as an advisory body to ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). The main function of the UNPFII is to examine indigenous issues specific to ECOSOC in areas such as economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights (n.d.).

It therefore takes precedence in providing advice, formulating strategies, pointing out evidence, promoting awareness, integration, disseminating information on indigenous issues and finally promoting the application of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The forum holds annual 10-day conventions at its headquarters in New York, as well as occasional meetings in Geneva. The members are 16 representatives of the 7 socio-cultural regions recognized by the UN (n.d.).

## Introduction to the topic:

The 2030 Agenda formed by 17 Sustainable Development Goals represents a great advance worldwide in terms of international cooperation, gender perspective, conditions of human dignity and reduction of gaps; however, like any international pact or agreement, it has visible areas of opportunity in inclusiveness, among which are the participation and involvement of indigenous people, so the intention of the Colombian delegation within this Committee is not to demerit or see the achievements of this Agenda in a reductionist way, but to objectively build solutions taking into account the areas for improvement.

In a recent study published by ECLAC entitled: *The Indigenous Peoples of Latin America - Abya Yala and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* it is recognized by this organization that there is a certain contradiction between various approaches of this

Agenda and the United Nations Declaration on the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples among which is the right to self-determination that should be the mechanism to create a new definition of "sustainable development" taking into account the autonomy of these peoples according to their epistemology, worldview and political-territorial rights. (United Nations-ECLAC, 2020).

### Background:

As is well known, Colombia faced an Internal Armed Conflict during most of its history, which hardened between 1884 and 2012. This conflict left a large part of the indigenous population as victims and affected by the violence and eviction from their territories, a situation that will be discussed in more detail below. However, the Colombian delegation is deeply concerned about repairing the social fabric and the integration of indigenous peoples, which has been demonstrated in actions such as the recognition of indigenous rights in the 1991 Constitution and by supporting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (IWGIA, 2020). (IWGIA, 2020)

On the other hand, in 2009 Colombia ordered the state to protect the 34 indigenous peoples at risk of disappearing due to the armed conflict. As well as the former president Juan Manuel Santos signed the 1953 decree in 2014, which allows indigenous peoples the administration of the functioning in their communities while the Congress enacted the Law of Territorial Ordering which defines the coordination between indigenous territories and municipal departments. (IWGIA, 2020)

### Current Situation:

As mentioned above, the situation of violence directly affects the vulnerable sector of the indigenous population, which is why this problem represents a first barrier to achieve an approach to these groups in general and also to make them participants in the fulfillment of these objectives. Currently, indigenous groups in Colombia are facing humanitarian crises due to the displacement and intervention of their territories by armed groups and drug traffickers who are breaking into their culture and traditions, as well as suffering from marginalization and degradation of their environment due to the implementation of megaprojects and illicit crops without prior consultation with their communities (IWGIA, 2020).

Focusing on the topic of the SDGs, the study "*Indigenous Peoples of Colombia and the #ODS*" was recently published by the Akubadoura Corporation in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). This research and ECLAC study mentioned above raise the lack of intersectionality in the drafting of this agenda since many recommendations previously made by indigenous groups were omitted and resulted in the same thing happening as with the Millennium Development Goals where Colombian indigenous populations were not included. (Naciones Unidas-CEPAL, 2020).

Therefore, for the Colombian delegation, the current problem is that most of the interests of the peoples were not reflected in the 17 SDGs but only in some of them, for example in 2.3 where agrarian issues are mentioned, 4.7 where inclusive quality education is mentioned and 10 on the reduction of inequalities. As well as there is also an issue of great complexity in the goals raised in goal 5 on gender equity which is important to solve since various organizations of the ONIC (National Organization of Indigenous Colombia) recognize that the role of indigenous women is fundamental in the fulfillment of this sustainability agenda. (UNDP-Colombia, 2018).

#### Proposals:

Taking into account the above, the delegation of Colombia proposes:

1. Accept the "Proposal of indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group" this proposal includes the adaptations of indigenous groups to different indicators, this is in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in accordance with articles 1, 2 and 6 seeking that these SDG's are adaptable and not adoptable protecting the integrity and dignity of peoples.
2. Strengthen studies and research such as those already mentioned in the collaboration with different agencies, bodies and organizations that verify and track the progress and indigenous participation in the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda.
3. The creation of a program for transformative community leadership with a gender perspective. This program consists of identifying the needs of the communities through dialogues, listening and visits, as well as taking into account their demographics and social structure to strategically implement workshops and practices that promote the

understanding of this agenda in the language and language of the region, as well as according to the needs that the field research reveals.

Finally, seek to work transversally on SDG 5 by promoting the creation of female leadership within the communities; however, this plan must be carried out after a long sensitization process and respecting the worldview of these cultures to avoid a counterproductive effect of gender violence in all its forms.

### References:

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# RESOLUTION PAPER

## Overview:

Every committee has to write a **resolution paper** which shows the overall view of the problematic, agreements and solutions made in the debate. This resolution paper sticks to the following format:





# RESOLUTION PAPER GUIDE

## The World Health Organization

*[Complete name of the committee]*

**Sponsors:** United States of America, Russia, and United Kingdom

**Signatories:** Mexico, Colombia, France... [rest of signatories]

**Topic:** Pandemic preparedness

The World Health Organization,

*[Starts with the name of the committee and ends with a comma]*

*Recalling* the everlasting and generational remains of the Covid 19 aftermath given by the missing emergency protocols worldwide,

*[Preambulatory clauses go in italic, and end the statement with a coma, here you write the context and introduction to the debate and resolution]*

*Affirming* the imperative need of resilience based on the experience and learnings of SARS-Cov-2 pandemic,

1. Calls upon the development of a strict international protocol regulating the emergency response travel and health measures to ensure rapid and effective immediate actions;

*[Operative clauses go underlined and end the statement with a semicolon, here you write the proposals]*

2. Recalls the decisive and determining result of the exchange of findings and data reports of the behavior of Covid-19, to promote the close working relationship between research facilities and departments among the international community.

*[The last operative clause ends with a period, and that's the end of the whole document]*

# PREAMBULATORY AND OPERATIVE CLAUSES

## PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES

Affirming  
Alarmed by  
Approving  
Aware of  
Bearing in mind  
Believing  
Confident  
Contemplating  
Convinced  
Declaring  
Deeply concerned  
Deeply conscious  
Deeply convinced  
Deeply disturbed  
Deeply regretted  
Desiring  
Emphasizing  
Expecting  
Expressing its appreciation  
Fulfilling  
Fully alarmed  
Fully aware  
Guided by  
Having examined  
Having heard  
Having received  
Keeping in mind  
Noting with regret  
Noting further  
Observing  
Reaffirming  
Realizing  
Recalling  
Referring  
Seeking  
Taking into account  
Taking into consideration  
Viewing with appreciation  
Welcoming

## OPERATIVE CLAUSES

Accepts  
Affirms  
Approves  
Authorizes  
Calls  
Calls upon  
Condemns  
Confirms  
Congratulates  
Considers  
Declares accordingly  
Deplores  
Designates  
Draws the attention  
Emphasizes  
Encourages  
Endorses  
Expresses its appreciation  
Expresses its hope  
Further invites  
Further proclaims  
Further reminds  
Further recommends  
Further requests  
Has resolved  
Notes  
Proclaims  
Reaffirms  
Recommends  
Regrets  
Reminds  
Requests  
Solemnly affirms  
Strongly condemns  
Supports  
Takes note of  
Transmits  
Trusts

# POINTS AND MOTIONS GUIDE

## MOTIONS

### Introduction

Motions are the tool for the delegate to change the course of the proceedings of the debate. All motions are voted, all motions are seconded and all motions must be presented only when the floor is open.

### MOTION TO OPEN/CLOSE/ADJOURN THE SESSION

- **When:** When the floor is open and at the beginning and ending of each session, its adjourn during the MUN and closed at the last session
- **Why:** To start the session and proceed with the debate

### MOTION TO OPEN THE SPEAKERS LIST

- **When:** When the floor is open and at the start of the first session, right after the motion to open the session
- **Why:** To open the speakers list for the rest of the event, and for delegates to have a speaking time in ordered list at the front
- **Note:** Must specify time for each delegate's participation at the speakers list, regularly the chair recommends it

### MOTION TO OPEN AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF QUESTIONS TO THE DELEGATION OF \_\_\_\_\_

- **When:** When the floor is open and right after a delegate's participation in the speakers list
- **Why:** To ask a specific question to the current delegate at the speakers list
- **Note:** Commonly 2 questions and 2 follow ups

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## MOTION TO OPEN A MODERATED OR AN UNMODERATED DEBATE

- **When:** The floor is open and the moderator suggests or allows it.
  - Moderated: Regularly after the 1st session and a few delegates participation in the speakers list
  - Unmoderated: Regularly after the 3rd session and a moderated debate
- **Why:** To discuss in detail the topic, formulation and debate of proposals.
  - Moderated: To debate ideas and proposals
  - Unmoderated: To write the proposals in the Resolution Paper
- **Note:** The time of the debate must be specified, regularly the chair recommends it

## MOTION TO EXTEND THE TIME OF THE MODERATED/UNMODERATED DEBATE

- **When:** The floor is open and right after a previous moderated/unmoderated debate
- **Why:** To open an extension of the previous debate and continue with its debate
- **Note:** Must specify time of the debate, only condition being 1 second less than the previous debate

# POINTS AND MOTIONS GUIDE

## MOTION TO PRESENT THE POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTION

- **When:** When the floor is open, regularly after the 5th session or when the resolution paper is finished
- **Why:** To present and read the possible draft resolution to the committee and chairs

## MOTION TO OPEN AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF UNLIMITED QUESTIONS FOR \_\_\_\_ TO THE SPONSORS

- **When:** When the floor is open, regularly after the presentation of the possible draft resolution
- **Why:** To formulate questions about the previously presented draft resolution
- **Note:** Must specify time for the session of questions, all delegates can participate

## MOTION TO VOTE THE POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTION

- **When:** When the floor is open, regularly after the extraordinary session of unlimited questions or the presentation of the draft resolution
- **Why:** To finalize the resolution with a voting for approval or rejection
- **Note:** All delegates vote in favor, against or abstain from voting

# POINTS AND MOTIONS GUIDE

## POINTS

### Introduction

Points are the tool in with which the delegates can request help, assistance, information or correction during the debate. Points can be exercised at every moment and are called by the chair.

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### POINT OF PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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**Why:** To request information about protocol, debate, translation, information or for a brief preamble

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### POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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**Why:** To request personal assistance or permission regarding a delegate's personal issue

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### POINT OF ORDER

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**Why:** To suggest a mistake in the protocol execution or point a violation of procedure or rules