

# POSITION PAPER

GUIDE



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# HEADING

The presentation of the delegate.

Name: Arantxa Aragón Fragoso ← Participant's full name

School: Colegio Fontanar ← School Name

Committee: UNICEF III ← Committee Name

Delegation: Panama ← Country Name

Topic: Addressing Separation of Families due to Immigration Policies ← Topic Name

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Flag of the representing delegation (optional, yet looks more professional)

The country flag goes aligned to the left superior corner, and the text aligned to the right one.




# GENERAL POSITION

Background of the topic to be discussed


- This section is NOT a copy nor a summary of the background paper.
- The expected length of this section is short, given that every other person in the committee (including the chairs) has done research on the topic.
- It is mostly a short paragraph of what the delegate has found regarding the topic.
- It is a general overview of the conflict, not of the country's position- that is for the next section.

Children being separated from their parents and family is common at the border between Mexico and the USA. More than 700 children have still not been reunited with their parents. This is because of a policy that was set by US president Donald Trump, which involves the criminal prosecution of anyone caught crossing the southern border illegally. However this policy was suspended by Trump because of some high violence situations in this problem, but the policy is still active and is causing protest campaigns against it.



In summer 2018, the Government of Panama expressed its "concern" for Central American minors who are being separated from their migrant parents in the southern border of the United States and called for the development of migration policies "that guarantee reunification of families". Due to its sociopolitical stability and high economic growth, Panama has received a lot of migration in recent years, mainly from Cuba and Venezuela. The Panamanian Foreign Ministry mentioned that the country "has always promoted humanitarian management in the face of an increase in migratory movements at a global level, where safe and orderly flows are guaranteed, respecting above all human rights." The Perilous Jungle in Panama has become an easy route for migrants to pass to and as many people are desperate to get to the United States (as previously mentioned, mainly from Cuba and Venezuela), this delegation knows just the kind of situation the US is going through. Research has shown that the Panamanian government cannot send migrants back to their original lands since they cross without a passport or visa, so what Panama does is simply feed them, give them shelter and water and then send them on their way.

## COUNTRY'S POSITION

- Explanation of how the problem is affecting the chosen delegation and the actions being done in it.
  - Rather than focusing on numbers and raw facts found in research, connect the information and ideas to backup the country's position
  - Paraphrasing is best for all research, but otherwise citations in APA format are recommended.
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# SOLUTIONS

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- Keep in mind every solution needs funding and backup plans, but resources are not free.
- Given that, as a delegate, one is only REPRESENTING a country, do not try and propose an unattainable solution (example: make your government sign a treaty, make world peace).
- It can be written as a general solution or various, it is recommended to bullet list the solutions if they are as the latter.

Panama's solution is to set up organisations in different countries around Latin America without strict regimes to push these countries to provide more job opportunities to migrants so they do not have the need of going all the way to the US. Of course, the situation is not only positioned in the US but, for example, as this situation is found in Panama, this delegation suggests solving it in the same way as mentioned for the US.



# REFERENCE LIST

## APA REFERENCES

- Every single website consulted for information to write position papers must be in the reference list. Otherwise, the delegate will be ineligible for awards.
- The references must be in APA format, as follows

Author, N. (Date). Title. Website Name. Retrieved from link

- Listed in alphabetical order with a hanging indent.

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## OTHER RECOMENDATIONS

Recommended places to research in are as follows;

- Official United Nations pages
- CIA Factbook.
- PDFs of official organizations or studies.
- Resolution papers that were written by the real committee.



Copy pasting

Take extra care of:

- Spelling mistakes
- Grammar
- Length (mostly about a page long, without including references)
- Using own words
- Also, try and practice reading the position paper according to the time that will be given to read it in the speaker's list.

