



WHS MUN 2021 Crisis Position Paper

Guidelines



Format

- Times New Roman, 12 point font
- Single-spaced
- 1” Margins
- A PDF or Word Document (**NO** Google Docs) of your paper must be sent to your respective committee email by **midnight on Friday, January 15**
- Papers must be a minimum of 2 pages, plus a page or more for a Work Cited.
- Each paper should feature a heading in the upper left-hand corner of EVERY page with your committee, topic, and country—in that order.
 - Example:
Committee: Crisis
Topic: Covid-19
Person You’re Representing: Soulivanh Pholsena (Laos)
- Each paper should have five bold subheadings aligned with the left margin of the page.
 - Background
 - Character Background and Policy
 - Possible Solutions
 - Work Cited

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1. Background

This section should describe the history of the topic as it would be described by the delegate’s country. Delegates do not need to include an exhaustive account of the topic background, but rather focus on the details that are most important to the delegation’s policy and proposed solutions.

- When did the issue begin?
- What are the causes of the problem?
- Which nations are directly/indirectly involved with the topic?
- Include a summary of the historical background of the topic
- Who is affected by the issue now?
- Why has a solution not been found yet?



2.

UN Involvement



- What actions has been taken in the past to combat this issue?
 - Have past actions been successful?
- Include organizations, NGO, any government-affiliated groups, etc. related to the issue.
- Why did your nation get involved?
- What organs, committees, and agencies is your nation involved with?

3. Character Background and “Policy”

This section should discuss your character’s background. However, since there is limited information on most of the individuals within the committee, delegates should utilize whatever information on their character and their character’s country policy to hypothesize what actions they would take in this committee.

- Your character’s general background.
- Any and all past actions that your character has taken on this topic if applicable (i.e. government policies supported, speeches given, research, events participated in, etc).
- How is your character involved with this issue?
- What course of action would your character suggest to deal with the situation?

4. Works Cited

This section should include all sources used in the paper in MLA Format.

WHS MUN 2021 Crisis Rules of Procedure

1. Speeches

There will be a short introductory speech at the start of the committee with a speaking time of 45 seconds maximum. Delegates will introduce their characters, as well as their policies and ideas. Afterward, the committee will be in a perpetual moderated caucus with a speech time of 30 seconds. Speeches in crisis are usually utilized to give updates instead of introducing entirely new ideas due to the rapid pace of events compared to regular committees, hence the short speaking time.

2. Directives

There are no resolutions in crisis committees. Instead, delegates use directives to control committee events. Delegates will pass directives to the crisis staff through the committee's Discord server (see below). Directives can be used to accomplish virtually anything, as long as they are well-crafted and approved by the crisis staff.

- Overt vs. Covert directives:
 1. Overt: Their details will be announced publicly to the committee. These are usually the “politically correct” directives and take the place of traditional resolutions. Generally, these are joint or committee directives.
 2. Covert: These will be kept secret. Their details will only be known by the dais and whoever delegates wish to include within their plans. These are where interesting events happen. Yes, delegates may kill, kidnap, spy on, or blackmail other delegates if they wish. Delegates may fake their own death if necessary, or start a religious cult. Be creative!
- Single, joint, and committee directives:
 1. Single: If the action falls under the character's power, it can single handedly be signed off by the delegate in question.
 2. Joint: If the directive's operation is more complex or needs further reinforcement, it may fall under the jurisdiction of multiple delegates.
 3. Committee: If a directive acts on the entire behalf of a committee (i.e. attempting to pass a worldwide treaty), it must be voted on by the committee and receive a simple majority to pass.
- Getting directives passed
 1. Write with as much detail as possible. Vague directives will be rejected or interpreted in an unfavorable way. The more entertaining and detailed a directive is, the more likely it will fully pass. The staff would rather hear about how a delegate will fake their death by running away to Siberia with the help of the CIA than a directive simply stating “I faked my death.”
 2. Delegates will be assigned to a staff member. All directives must be sent to that staff member, who will pass it to the rest of the staff.

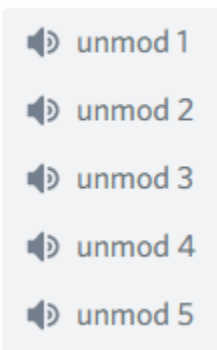
3. All delegates will start with a limited amount of power, as no one is a head of state or a particularly powerful individual. However, delegates may use directives to amass more power through clandestine deals and operations.
4. Do not spam the staff with directives. If a delegate sends more than three directives in the span of five minutes, there will be a time penalty (length at dais discretion) where none of their directives will be processed, thus making their plans fall behind. They will also not be allowed to send any directives during that period.

3. Character Death

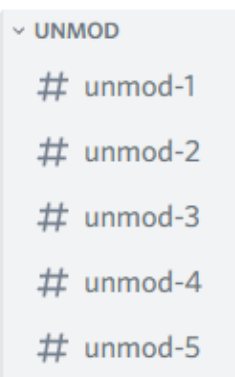
If a delegate is killed, they will be “reborn” as virtually the same character, as the dais cannot prevent delegates from participating in debate for legal reasons. However, any directives concerning that delegate will likely be heavily derailed.

4. Using the Discord server

UN MOD: Un Moderated Caucus will take place in these voice channels:



You may talk to your unmod group here during committee:



Once the unmod groups are set, they will be locked so you can only view the chat for your group
If you want to switch unmod groups after the first unmod, dm [@Amaan \(Vice Chair\)](#)

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, you may ask them in these channels:

▼ COMMITTEE CHANNELS

procedure-questions

committee-questions

and a member of the dais will be here during unmods for quick clarification

🔊 Questions

GENERAL: For all other purposes, these channels can be used:

general

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