

GUIDELINES FOR OPEN SPEECHES

Your Opening Speech should be 1 paragraph long...short enough to present in about 1 minute. You should not try to cover everything...you should focus on the key issues that are most important to your country.

Here are some steps for your writing:

1. Begin with a Formal Greeting:
Something like: “Honorable Chair, Esteemed Delegates...”
2. Get the audience’s attention by writing a few powerful sentences about the basic issues involved (refugees, democracy, war and genocide, etc.). (Remember to keep your country’s position in mind.)
3. Write a brief summary of the key points on the topic. (Remember to keep your country’s position in mind.)
4. Write a brief summary of your country’s central resolution suggestions (Operative Phrases) and discuss what sort of resolutions you are looking to endorse.
5. Close your speech off with a few sentences that leave the audience with a powerful impression. (Remember to keep your country’s position in mind.)
6. Thank the Delegates and Chair.