


HOW TO BE A BETTER DELEGATE IN A NUTSHELL

1. Prepare your research as completely as possible (*see the attached worksheet for questions about country facts and topic research*). But you must also look at the other countries in your committee and the overall position taken on each topic, especially those countries that share borders with yours, or even a continent or a language with yours.
2. Write a correctly-formatted position paper that actually offers something **new**. This requires looking at what has already been done. Please check Wikipedia and Chatgpt, and especially the UN website to see some of the resolutions or solutions already put into practice. Then come up with **your own idea**, a possible way for countries to come together to help. You'll need to think critically for this, but it will be fun, and that is a promise (*see the example position paper for inspiration*).
3. That said, please remember that Chatgpt and Wikipedia are **ONLY** starting points for more in depth research and critical thinking. You must include a **bibliography** of where you got your information at the end of your position paper, even if you get all of it from Chatgpt or Wikipedia.
4. The best debater, it turns out, is also the best listener. When you debate it is important to pay close attention to what others have already said so that you are not simply flogging a dead horse, so to speak. And just like repeating repeating what you've already said isn't necessary, nor is shouting!! Assume your fellow delegates are not deaf nor stupid. State your position clearly and respectfully, and only repeat yourself if someone asks you to.
5. Follow the rules of procedure: No personal pronouns (I and You are strictly forbidden), stand up when you speak; ask the chair for motions (*see attached motion requests*); look  at your fellow delegates when you **talk** to them and don't read to a person who can read for themselves without first asking for their permission.
6. Follow the guidelines provided in this document when writing a resolution, using the precise preambulatory and operative phrases. Please keep your language formal but fresh and don't merely cut and paste the work of other writers onto yours.
7. Finally, the idea is to have **FUN** and remember your **good manners** while you debate some of the issues that are critical in the world we share. The United Nations has never been a place for hate speech or narrow-mindedness, and neither is Model United Nations. Defend your position without offending, and develop diplomacy skills that will come in handy for the rest of your life.