

Judging Position Papers

Critical Questions

OVERRIDING CRITERIA:

- ❑ Is this goal a SMART goal? In other words can we be specific, is it measurable, is it a goal that can be attainable, is this goal realistic for the culture and resources of this country and of the United Nations, and is this goal one that is timely or ready to be achieved by the country/countries that are affected?
- ❑ Number of people it affects? Does this reform/aid affect the maximum number of people?
- ❑ Do these goals follow the spirit of the Millennium goals? Do they meet the requirements of the Millennium goals?
- ❑ Short term consequences. Does it address the most urgent needs of the people? How many will die in the short term?
- ❑ Long term consequences. Does it address the most important needs of the future generations? How will it improve quality of life/reduce mortality rates/infection rates etc. in long term?
- ❑ Is it a priority? Does it address the greatest need? Greatest suffering?
- ❑ Opportunity cost? What else could we be doing?
- ❑ COST. Can you afford your proposed contribution?
- ❑ Does this benefit your country?
- ❑ Does this disrupt the balance of power?

SPECIFIC Questions:

- ❑ GOVERNMENT - Can the government implement the action? Can the government guarantee that ALL citizens will receive free access to reforms/aid? To what extent can government commit money and resources to this reform/aid?
- ❑ To what extent has the government of the country demonstrated a commitment to the issue? Has the country prioritized this issue? How much money do they invest in the military?
- ❑ What conflicts are they currently engaged in?
- ❑ To what extent are ethnic tensions leading to discrimination in the country?
- ❑ Are all ethnicities/religions treated equally?
- ❑ Has this government demonstrated a high level of governance? To what extent is this country democratic? Will corruption lead to disappearance of money/resources or be funnelled to private fortunes or arms? Was this a democratically elected government?
- ❑ Will the government now be able to take less responsibility for this issue/reform?
- ❑ Has the government paid their UN dues?
- ❑ How has this government contributed to this problem in its own country or other countries?

GEOPHYSICAL Questions

- ❑ Do the geophysical realities allow for this reform/aid?
- ❑ Does the climate affect the reasonable success of the resolution?
- ❑ Does the infrastructure or the barriers to infrastructure affect the reasonable success of the resolution?

CITIZEN Questions

- ❑ Is this for everyone?
- ❑ Within the country, will any group be alienated or excluded? How many?
- ❑ How will individual detractors or groups be addressed?
- ❑ Is this what the citizens of the country want? How do you know?
- ❑ Does this ask for too much too soon? Is it realistic to assume that this much change can take place peacefully?

ECONOMY Questions

- ❑ Will this create jobs or undercut local economies? Can we afford it?
- ❑ How will this affect the economy of the country?
- ❑ Does this affect economic stimulus during the economic downturn?
- ❑ Is this affordable?
- ❑ Who gets the contracts? Who makes the aid? Who delivers the aid?
- ❑ Who designs the aid? Who benefits from the aid (in this case, don't think about the recipients)?
- ❑ Can your country benefit? Selling technology, surplus supplies? Create jobs in your country?
- ❑ Will trade or access to resources increase? Will new markets open up?
- ❑

DIPLOMACY Questions

- ❑ Does this involve countries that you are in conflict with?
- ❑ Will this make your enemies stronger?
- ❑ Will this allow governments to spend more money on terrorism, arms etc. directed at you, innocents or generally cause regional instability?
- ❑ Will this create opportunities for access to natural resources or trade for you, your competitors, or enemies?

