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## Sample Opening Speech

Committee: General Assembly

Issues: The appropriate use of fossil fuels and its effect on the current economic crisis

Country: Saudi Arabia

Delegate: -----

Honorable Chairperson, fellow delegates, and distinguished guests;

we are glad to see all of you present at this vital session of the United Nations. There are many important issues on the table over the next two days, solutions for which we are responsible for creating – for the betterment of the world. Nations around the globe are facing an energy crisis; perhaps related, major powers are engaged in struggle over independence movements in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia; human beings are being bought and sold like cattle; and we face a growing economic challenge worldwide.

Saudi Arabia has long been a collaborator, a bridge if we may say, between the East and the West. Our nation's unique position as a possessor of vast fossil fuel resources places us well to help tackle both the economic and energy crises the world is experiencing. Our Islamic values, cultural heritage, and national history make us sympathetic to the plight of exploited peoples and struggles for independence, yet we remain all-too-aware of the intentions of some nations to use such situations to their own advantage. The delegation of Saudi Arabia intends rather to approach these challenges as opportunities for increased cooperation among nations and the development of sustainable solutions to our many problems.

In the coming days, we will have the opportunity to work together for the betterment of the world. Our delegation looks forward to being part of such constructive interaction and hopes to facilitate great strides towards greater harmony on the current issues addressed and in the whole of human interaction. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is dedicated to working with others here, and in the future, to help us move forward on these pressing issues.

Thank you.

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## Sample Position Paper

Committee: International Labor Organization

Topic/Issue: Globalization and Development

Country: Romania

Delegate: -----

In the past two decades, the rapidly growing world trend has been toward globalization. With the emergence of the internet as a means of communication and the increasing accessibility of international trade physical barriers are not the only barriers withering away. Protective tariffs are plummeting and free trade agreements are becoming more prevalent. Romania appreciates that globalization creates favorable situations for expansion of commercial as well as economic assets. In the past year Romania has seen a foreign direct investment (FDI) increase of 199%. Inward FDI increased from EURO 234 million in 2005 to EURO 699 million in 2006. However, Romania realizes that increased globalization does not automatically produce more equality.

Globalization and Development can contribute to the advancement of the overall international human condition; however, the delegation of Romania recognizes that without proper regulation the potential for advancement will remain limited to an elite few individuals, businesses, and nations. Unless checked and aimed toward the common good, globalization cannot effectively serve the global community. Crucial in dealing with the complexities of globalization, good governance must act with solidarity and responsibility. Romania believes that in involving people in globalization we must promote moral values, democratic principles, inclusive global political culture,

institutions that safeguard both individual civil rights and inherent freedoms, and the common good. In addition, coping with the influx of information from globalization governments must act with solidarity and insight. Access to digital education will undoubtedly result in the confidence of citizens in their respective administrations and allow for a greater degree of transparency, and therefore a lesser degree of corruption.

Romania believes the multinational business community has the ability and the obligation to support pertinent values in human rights, labor standards, and environmental preservation. As stated by the president, Mr. Traion Basescu, Romania feels a "heartfelt attachment to multilateralism, as an effective instrument designed to identify the adequate answers to the challenges brought by globalization."

Romania is party to the majority of multilateral treaties and conventions identified as such by the Secretary General in the context of the Millennium Summit in 2001. Romania has always supported innovative and effective ways of establishing cooperation within and between regional organizations. As one of the newest members of the European Union, Romania is an active member of the World Trade Organization, and looks forward to offering its support to the redirection of globalization to best benefit the global community.

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## Sample Resolution Paper

Commission: Security Council

Question of: Self-determination for ethnic minority groups

Main Submitter: Iraq

Co-submitters: Russia, Austria, Italy

**Acknowledging** the social issue most countries are struggling with, which is the increased violence and discrimination against ethnic minority groups and the lack of rights given to them either by their governments or by the citizens causing the disappearance rights of self-determination,

**Observing** that many ethnic minority groups have been applied oppressed or stigmatized on the basis of racial, ethnic, biological, or other characteristics,

**Expecting** political instability if minority groups are not officially recognized by the government and given their full civil rights,

**Aware** of the fact that millions of minorities are subjected to illegal torture and cruel acts of violence all over the world,

**Having considered** that oppressed ethnic groups feel the need to have their own area and political status,

1. **Recommends** the formation of a foundation connected to the United Nations spread into different regions to help ethnic minority groups by:

- a) Economically supporting minority groups that have been oppressed into poverty,
- b) Representing minorities that have been wrongly accused in legal issues,
- c) Supporting individuals with basic needs and finding suitable occupations;
- d) Checking in with the Human Rights Committee;

2. **Urges** all countries and NGO's to work with the foundation and all of its arrangements and action plans to increase its affectivity;



3. **Encourages** each minority group to have a senior representative to represent it in legal issues and governmental decisions;
4. **Resolves** that in the case that a group refuses to cooperate with the regulations put to provide self-determination of ethnic groups , diplomatic and economic pressure must be exerted on the group;
5. **Calls for** all governments to punish all offenders involved in the abuse or discrimination of ethnic minorities, while simultaneously working with other governments to intensify cooperation between states.

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## General Rules

### **Opening Speeches:**

1. Heading (Includes basic information)
2. Greeting (Consider everyone attending the session)
3. Defining the issue + one or two effects on the global community
4. Contribution/s (One or two things the country is doing now or did in the past to solve the issue)
5. Readiness statement (Where the delegate shows that his country is ready to help solve the issue.

### **Position Papers:**

1. Heading (Includes basic information)
2. Stating the issue + As many effects as the writer can state on the global community.
3. Contributions (Things the country is doing now or did in the past to solve the issue).
4. Recommendations and solutions on the global level (As many as the students can).

### **Resolution Paper:**

1. Heading (Includes basic information with a change in the submitter/s)
2. Preambulatory Clauses (Parts 2 and 3 in the position papers)
3. Operative Clauses (Part 4 in the position paper)