

CSIAMUN XVIII

Opening Speech Guide



I. WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AN OPENING SPEECH?

- Thank the presiding official.
- Provide a brief history on the issue as it relates to your country.
- Speak about how the issue is currently affecting your country. Provide your country's position on the issue. **DO NOT PRESENT YOUR OWN OPINION!**
- Explain how your country's position relates to the position of other Member States.
- Discuss some of the past actions taken by the United Nations, Member States, and non-governmental organizations to address the issue at hand.
- Suggest possible solutions.
- Remember:
 - You cannot use first-person or second-person pronouns (i.e. I, we, you).
 - Speech should not last more than 90 seconds.
 - You cannot bring any electric devices (i.e. laptop, tablet PC, iPad) to the podium.



II. AN EXAMPLE OF A GOOD OPENING SPEECH?

Honorable Chairs and fellow delegates,

Since the Industrial Revolution, the United Kingdom has been one of the most industrious countries in the world, with high export and import rates. A wide variety of products were produced, commercialized, and exported. The UK is proud of its accomplishments, but at the same time, it recognises the energy-related problems resulting from active industrial processes.

The UK has begun to initiate domestic policies for regulations, protections, and monitoring of firms. It has also established the infrastructure for research of future energy sources. Researchers are accompanying real-world experiments in association with domestic firms.

As once the industrial leader, the United Kingdom has become a leading role in energy research and development. It suggests the establishment of an international research hub for professionals and researchers all around the world to work on energy projects together. Furthermore, in line with the UN's announcement to reduce the worldwide fossil fuel usage to 60% by 2030, the UK has set its own goals to 40% by 2025.

Renewable energy has high potential, but cooperation among countries is necessary for resolving the global energy crisis.

The delegate of the UK seeks to strengthen the long-term perspective on research and technology development. She hopes for fruitful discussion and optimal resolution for three days of conference. If any delegate wishes to work on the resolution with the UK, please feel free to pass a note to her. The UK is ready to cooperate together. Thank you.

*** Data, evidence, and quotes in this sample opening speech is not factual.*



III. WHAT MAKES A GOOD OPENING SPEECH?

Clear Purpose - A great speech has a clear and specific purpose or message. In Model UN, that purpose is to pitch your policy proposal and start building your bloc.

Compelling Content - Great content includes stories, statistics, or examples to illustrate key points and make the message memorable.

Effective Structure - A great speech follows a logical structure. This includes an introduction to grab attention, a body to present key ideas, and a conclusion to summarize main points and leave a lasting impression.

Engaging Delivery - A great speaker uses voice modulation, body language, eye contact, and gestures to engage the audience and convey sincerity, confidence, and passion.



IV. WHAT RESOURCES CAN I USE?

Here are a few useful resources:

- [Lessons from the MUN Institute: How to Write an Opening Speech – Best Delegate Model United Nations](#)
- [MUN Opening Speech Guide with Examples - WiseMee](#)
- [How to Write a Powerful MUN Opening Speech \(Examples & Tips\)](#)
- [Public Speaking Tips • Model UN • Carthage College](#)

Also, please don't hesitate to ask any questions to the CSIAMUN secretariat regarding committee preparation. We are here to help!

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