Position Paper Grading Rubric

Country:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Committee:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Country Profile** (35 points)

A. Government (5)

* Official Country Name
* Governmental System
* Head of State
* Official Language(s)
* Region: Allies/Blocs

B. People (2)

* Population and Growth Rate
* Major Religions/Cultures

C. Economy (10)

* Economic System
* GDP and Growth Rate
* Major Cities
* Infrastructure Status
* Trade Blocs/Associations
* Balance of Trade
* Major Exports/Imports
* Major Trade Partners
* Natural Resources
* Energy Sources (type and origin)

D. Development (3)

* Development Status
* Climate
* Environmental (problems, innovations, etc)

E. Military (3)

* Military organization
* Military expenditures (% GDP spent on defense)
* Major weapons, arsenal, nuclear capability, etc.

F. Conflicts/ Issues (4)

* What are four problems/threats that affect this nation?
* Ethnic/cultural issues
* Refugee problems
* Major conflict both past and present

G. United Nations (6)

* Date admitted to the UN
* Has the UN ever intervened in a conflict involving this nation? If so, where and how?
* How does the country contribute to UN peacekeeping?
* Has the UN cited this nation for human rights violations? If so, why?
* Based on your research, what do you feel is at the heart of the nation’s identity? (2)

H. Sources (2)

* List of sources used (2)

**Total:\_\_\_\_\_/35**

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**Position Papers** (75 Points/Topic)

Topic 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Background** (15 Points)



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**UN Involvement** (25 Points)

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Minimum of 2 primary sources (5)

List of germane committees involved (5)

Regional/International organizations/NGOs (5)

overall aid given by the UN (5)

Struggles faced by UN in solving issues (5)

**Country Policy and Solutions** (35 Points)

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Topic 2:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Background** (15 Points)



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**UN Involvement** (25 Points)

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Minimum of 2 primary sources (5)

List of germane committees involved (5)

Regional/International organizations/NGOs (5)

overall aid given by the UN (5)

Struggles faced by UN in solving issues (5)

**Country Policy and Solutions** (35 Points)

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**TOTAL:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/7**

Additional Comments:

**Mechanical Structure** (15 Points)

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| Format (5) |  |
| Grammar, clarity (5) |  |
| Cited sources (5) |  |

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**TOTAL:\_\_\_\_\_/200**