



## Policy Statements

To start off the debate in LFAEuroMUN committees, you may be asked to present a policy statement. This is a short speech (forty-five to sixty seconds in length) in which you must present your country's policies with regards to the topic which will be debated, and explain what you wish to achieve at the conference.

It is generally considered good practice to start your policy statement by acknowledging your audience: most delegates open with "Honourable chair, fellow delegates, esteemed guests" or a variation of that phrase. Likewise, it is custom to finish by thanking your audience.

A good policy statement should allow the other delegates at the conference to decide whether your aims are compatible with theirs. This may influence their approach to working with you throughout the conference. Moreover, your policy statement can serve as a basis to start writing a resolution from.

Ideally, your policy statement should answer the following questions:

- How does the issue debated impact your country?
- What measures has your country put in place with regards to the issue? What conventions / treaties / agreements has your country signed linked to the issue?
- What future measures does your country wish to put in place?
- What would your country like to see come out of the conference? What clauses would your country like to see included in your committee's final resolution(s)?

Sixty seconds is a very short amount of time: make sure you have practised and timed yourself saying your policy statement out loud. Do not hesitate to go straight to the essential - use your limited time to talk about the issue in relation to your country in particular, as all delegates should already have acquired a general understanding of the topic through their individual research.

A few examples:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luAcogHJ2Jk>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gp3bdr\\_uxc4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gp3bdr_uxc4)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmzN05uHJPk>