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## Position Paper Policy

CAIMUN has taken a unique approach to pre-conference preparation of delegates. Its position paper policy, having been a successful staple of the previous iterations of CAIMUN, is coming back once again as a requisite for all committees. At CAIMUN 2018, all delegates will have the option to choose between 3 distinct types of position papers: standard position paper, press release, and diplomatic cable.

- **Standard Position Paper**
- **Press Release**

A Press Release is an official statement of policy from a national government, analogous to a national press release in real life. It is intended to be a public statement, and will often include political rhetoric and posturing. A good press release will attempt to “spin” your country’s position on controversial topics to defray any criticism. Submitted Press Releases will be available for all other delegations to read on the CAIMUN online forum, the CAI-Forum. The Press Release can be addressed to any news corporation local to the delegate’s country position (or an international news corporation).

- **Diplomatic Cable**

A Diplomatic Cable is a confidential, internal document that discusses a country’s strategic interests for a particular topic, which may differ significantly from what your government discusses openly. Whereas the Press Release is a public statement, the Diplomatic Cable can be compared to a confidential policy memo for your diplomatic corps. A good Diplomatic Cable will demonstrate a sound understanding of your country’s internal motives behind a policy decision. Diplomatic Cables will only be viewed by the CAIMUN staff, and will not be accessible by other delegates. A Diplomatic Cable should be addressed to a foreign minister from a head of government – for example, in this exemplar, the Prime Minister of UK addresses the Foreign Secretary.

## Formatting

- All position papers must be one page per topic.
- A single Works Cited or Bibliography is required at the end, and can be as short or as long as it needs. Please use MLA 8 formatting for citations.
- The paper must be in Times New Roman, 12-point font, and single-spaced.

Delegates may select **any** of the three options above for either of their committee’s topics (it does not matter whether or not the two position papers are of the same style). Delegates in committees with **only one topic** are required to write **only one position paper**, and are strongly encouraged to choose between the press release and diplomatic cable. Lastly, delegates should keep in mind that the specific options chosen for the position papers do not play a role in awards selection for any committee.

# Sample Position Paper

Economic and Financial Committee Position Paper  
Delegate of the United Kingdom  
“Global Repercussions of Corruption in Latin America”

The issue of corruption in Latin America is not only a devastating blow to the name of government and justice, but it is an issue that must be addressed by the international community to avoid both negative diplomatic and economic implications. While corruption in one country can be fixed with expert assistance and reform, the entire region of Latin America has fallen under the influence of corruption and it can only be fixed with global cooperation.

The United Kingdom is yet to experience the negative implications of corruption in Latin America, however we remain fully on board with the actions of the World Bank and the United Nations in combating its global influence. The United Kingdom has expanded trade relations with Mexico in the past few years in the oil and gas industry for purely economic reasons, however we are willing to withdraw our investments if given evidence that there is a misuse of funds. By expanding diplomatic relations with Latin American countries such as El Salvador and Brazil, we will be providing a presence that is conscious of corruption and capable of having an influence.

We strongly stand against any trade embargos that this committee would seek to place upon any Latin American countries, as they would have extremely negative repercussions for global community. Furthermore, embargos and sanctions will further marginalize Latin Americans that rely on international aid and assistance, while doing nothing to prevent the corruption that takes advantage of them the most. The United Kingdom continues to take advantage of opportunities to conduct trade within Latin America and to establish British corporations in Latin American countries. Billions of dollars have been invested by companies such as Rolls-Royce, BG, HSBC, and Anglo-American – and we see that their presence and transparent way of operation with British and Latin American governments will break down the walls of corruption within these nations. Alongside the knowledge and monetary value that the United Kingdom’s presence has in these nations; we firmly believe that we must invest the future of Latin America, its youth. Recently, we have signed in an agreement titled “Science without Borders” which seeks to bring more than 10,000 Brazilian students to UK universities and we remain committed to educating the best and brightest of Latin America so that they are capable of building their countries as pinnacles for financial, social, and political success.

While the United Kingdom acknowledges the detrimental implications of corruption in Latin America and around the world, we firmly believe that severing our relations with Latin American countries will fail to be productive in building concrete change. Instead, we must invest in these countries with a conscious eye and be wary of corruption where it may hide. We stand alongside the stride made in digital governing and the increased funding of community courts, however we will continue to oppose any forms of embargo or sanctions placed on these countries for the stunt that they will place on economic growth and the negative impact that they will have on marginalized peoples.

# Sample Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

*London, England – Sunday, April 20th, 2014* – According to the Delegate of England  
Human Rights Violations In FIFA World Cup Host Nations Intolerable

The FIFA World Cup Host Nation is selected in order to provide the ideal hosting conditions for the world's most prestigious tournament; ideal conditions for spectators, players, and the affected population alike. The delegate of England believes that in hosting the World Cup in countries guilty of committing violations of basic human rights, including the Russian Federation and the State of Qatar, the FIFA Congress fails not only to provide ideal conditions, but fails to provide even adequate or humane conditions. England believes that nations, such as Russia and Qatar, that are unfit to host the World Cup should be stripped immediately of their rights to host the World Cup and be reprimanded with the possibility of appropriate sanctions to be put in place as consequences for their violations.

Since the State of Qatar won the bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup in 2010, during the construction of venues for the tournament, over 400 Nepalese migrant workers have died. They have been subjected to unsanitary conditions, extreme temperatures, and unsafe working conditions. According to the International Trades Union Congress, the death toll of workers in Qatar is on course to arrive at 4,000 people before the tournament is set to begin in 2022. England believes this is a blatant and gruesome violation of worker's rights, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which stated "Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment." With this breach of basic human rights, England believes that Qatar should be stripped of its right to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup, as the Qatari government's actions have proven categorically, that Qatar is totally unfit to host the FIFA World Cup.

The right of the Russian Federation to host the 2018 FIFA World Cup should also be revisited and revoked, as the number of violent crimes and the level of discrimination rise in Russia. In the recent past, one principal mission of FIFA has been to promote respect and eradicate racism in the sport. However, the rights to host the World Cup have been granted to a country with an extremely high regularity of racist abuse and racist actions. The director of football's anti-racism campaign "Kick It Out" has in fact stated that racism "is still the norm" at football matches in Russia. England is appalled by the fact that the World Cup could be awarded to a country whose citizen's actions directly oppose those of FIFA.

With the hosting rights of both of these countries in need of revocation, England believes more suitable hosts for these two tournaments would include England in 2018, and Australia or the United States in 2022. All of these countries did introduce bids for the tournaments, and therefore have some rightful claim to the hosting rights. Should the offending countries be replaced, England believes FIFA will have succeeded in achieving justice for the players, spectators and all involved or wronged initially.

# Sample Diplomatic Cable

Office of the Prime Minister

Delegation of England

## **Dear Foreign Secretary:**

It has come to my attention that you will be attending the FIFA Congress meeting held in Vancouver from May 16-18, where you will be discussing human rights violations in host nations, as well as corruption and legislative interference. I see this as an excellent opportunity to secure the hosting rights and the economic benefits that go with them to the 2018 FIFA World Cup and gain repute as a leader of FIFA's crusade against human rights violations and corruption. Should we achieve this, England will no doubt become one of the most important and well-respected nations in the footballing community.

When the Host Nations of the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups were announced, the English FA and the English people expressed their dismay and surprise to me when our bid was passed over in favor of Russia's bid. However, since one of the topics to be discussed at the FIFA Congress meeting is the human rights violations in such host nations, we have been presented a unique opportunity to regain these hosting rights. As your Prime Minister, I implore you to take such an opportunity by arguing that human rights violations committed by the Russian Government constitute that Russia is an unfit host and should be stripped of their right to host. Logically, you must also strip Qatar of their right to host the 2022 World Cup, as their human rights violations are very serious and allowing them to keep their hosting rights sends the wrong message altogether of what England believes is right.

Once you have made it obvious that neither Russia nor Qatar is fit to host, proceed to argue that since England had made a valid bid, they should be considered to host if Russia cannot. Also, make it abundantly clear that since the World Cup in 2018 is fast approaching, it would be rash to award the hosting rights to a country that does not possess adequate infrastructure to host. England does however have such infrastructure, as the Barclays Premier League has possibly the world's best venues, and we have very good transportation systems as well. As for the 2022 World Cup, I encourage you to support the claim of either Australia or the United States of America, as they are most likely to be successful, and are closely related to us. However do bear in mind that Australia's bid has been marred by accusations of bribery, and supporting them could prove problematic to our reputation.

As for the second topic, I am afraid there are fewer opportunities for England to gain. However, you should use this as an opportunity to better England's reputation as an important part of FIFA's fight against corruption. Also, use this as an opportunity to take some measure of action against corruption, as while the influence of organized crime extends itself, we all stand to lose.

Should you take these opportunities that are presented to you, England shall reap the benefits, in hosting the 2018 World Cup, and in becoming further established as one of FIFA's most valuable and important leading members in all its missions.

David Cameron,  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, First Lord of the Treasury, and Minister for Civil Service

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