**Opening Speeches**

Your opening speech is given at the beginning of the formal debate or **Speaker’s List**. It is a basically a summary of what you have written in your position paper and tells the rest of the delegates your **country’s basic position on the topic and possible ideas for resolutions**. It should be **NO LONGER than 90 seconds**. Below you will find the basic format your speech should follow.

Using your position papers, you are going to write an opening speech. Be sure to use **clear, concise language** – you only have 90 seconds to fit everything in! **Practice** your speech at home to make sure it is **the right length** and that you **use good public speaking skills**.

***Your opening speech is your introduction of yourself and your country – make it a good 1st impression!***

*“Thank you honorable Chair,*

*The country of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ feels the issue of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is….”*

* Explain why it is important to the United Nations
* Explain why it is important to your country
* Talk about statistics that illustrate the problem in your country

*“This committee should understand that due to these problems….”*

* Explain the effects of the problem on your country

*“The government of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has been trying to deal with the issue of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by…”*

* Talk about actions your country has taken on a national level to address the problem
* Talk about actions your country has taken on an international level

*“The country of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ encourages the committee to:”*

List your recommendations for the committee, which will be what you want to see in the resolutions at the end of the debate.

*“In conclusion, the country of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believes that:”*

* Summarize your previous statements.

“*Thank you for your time.” or “Thank you honorable Chair.”*