**Opening Speeches**

Your Opening Speech is given at the beginning of Formal Debate or during the **Speaker’s List**. It is essentially 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**. **(Each student should speak for 45 seconds.)** This means, keep your speech around half a page. Below you will find the format your speech should follow.

Using your Position Papers, you are going to write the 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 and presenting skills**.

***\*\*The Opening Speech is your introduction of yourself and your country – make it a GOOD first impression!\*\****

**Write this:**

*“Thank you honorable Chair and esteemed delegates,*

*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.”*