

- a. Research on your **specific committee**—go to the UN Charter for some information.
  - i. Purpose
  - ii. Key members
  - iii. Past topics/ Key past actions
  - iv. Passed resolutions
  - v. Structure
  - vi. Authority/ Budget (if available).
- b. Important info about **Your Country**. You need to expand on those that are important to your topic and committee.
  - i. **Geography**
    1. Neighbors and relations
    2. Geopolitical significance (how geography affects their political actions)
    3. Natural Resources (this might be important for IAEA and also topics on refugees)
  - ii. **Political Structure**
    1. Key people
    2. Type of Government
    3. Key policies (see if your country has any enacted policy that relates to your topic).
  - iii. **People**
    1. Mainstream culture
    2. Minorities (this is of utmost important for GA topics).
  - iv. **History**
    1. Allies and Enemies
    2. Type of history—colonial, civil wars, violent, etc.
  - v. **Economy**
    1. Current situation—Major import and export
    2. Type of economy/ Membership in economic organizations/Dependency
    3. Statistics
  - vi. **International Relationships**
    1. Views on major world problems—human rights, environment, etc.
    2. Alliances
    3. Foreign Policy—main aspects
    4. Influence in the global arena
  - vii. **Military Power**
- c. **Getting on the Topic** --Remember this is only a warm-up. There is more to do.
  - i. **Contact your Country's Embassy** for input on the topic—write an entry with the person you talked to and the information given or the arrangement.
  - ii. Read **Background guide** if available and summarize main points.
    1. If Background Guide is not available—Research main points of your topic using other sources. And summarize it.

- iii. **Find Treatise, Key Resolutions, Conventions, Agreements** pertaining to the topic—Do three of these in total.
  - 1. Write the name and main points treated, or main goals.
  - 2. If it was a resolution note how main key players voted.
- iv. **Speeches** given by your representatives on the issue.
  - 1. Summarize main point. Identify representative.
- v. **Position** of main players and key countries on your topic.

**Resources:**

- 1. UN Depository Libraries—they offer books, articles, and resolutions.
  - a. <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/countries>
- 2. Publishers
  - a. Un Publication website <https://unp.un.org>
  - b. United Nation Information Centres (UNIC's)—you need to know the document number to place the order—you can look that up in the internet. **FREE**
  - c. UNA-USA
  - d. Annual Report of the Secretary General on the Work of the Organization.
  - e. Index to Proceedings of the General Assembly: Index to Speeches. (You can find Index of Proceedings also for the Security Council).
  - f. Fact Book
  - g. Human Development Report (UNDP)—Statistics.
  - h. UN Wire Daily (News).
  - i. UN Protocol and Liaison Services—**Contact information for member states and observers, lists of heads of state, heads of government, etc.**
  - j. The Global Policy Forum—monitors the work of the UN. [www.globalpolicy.org](http://www.globalpolicy.org)
  - k. International Crisis Group—Analysis current crisis [www.crisisgroup.org](http://www.crisisgroup.org)