

Northwest Region Colorado Model United Nations

AUTHOR'S SPEECH & CLOSING COMMENTS

The Author's Speech is an essential part of the preparation of CO-MUN. Each Resolution is presented through an Author's Speech. The Author's Speech is delivered by two or three members of a nation. All members of a nation are considered to be authors of the Resolution, however only two or three members present the Author's Speech. Other members of the nation should be prepared to deliver positive speeches for the Resolution. Each of the two or three authors who represent the nation in presenting the resolution must deliver part of the Author's Speech. Delegates serving as authors for their nation should prepare Author's Speeches and Closing Comments with the guidance of other members of the nation. These members should practice their speeches in order to gain familiarity with the speech before CO-MUN. Delegates should make several copies of the speeches. Extra copies of the speeches should be kept for safe keeping by your Advisor.

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHOR'S SPEECH

1. The Author's Speech is a persuasive speech. It is the means whereby the members of the nation persuade the delegates in the Council Sessions and in the General Assembly to accept their Resolution.
2. The Author's Speech should begin with a greeting to the other delegates.
3. The Author's Speech should contain the main points or thrust of the Resolution.
4. The Author's Speech should contain two or three specific reasons why the Resolution should be accepted by the delegates. Avoid providing too much information, especially if the information is not explained in the Resolution.
5. The Author's Speech should contain facts, statistics, or convincing statements that are not contained in the Resolution itself.
6. Avoid repeating information contained in the Resolution. Each delegate has a copy of the Resolution and it will be read aloud to the delegates by the Secretary-General or the Council Vice-President.
7. Final comments are important to the Author's Speech. Conclude the Author's Speech with convincing reasons why the Resolution should be accepted by the delegates.
8. The total time limit for the Author's Speech is THREE minutes. Time should be divided among the members presenting the Author's Speech.
9. Charts or visual aids may be used by the authors to convey the importance of the Resolution. These visual aids should be incorporated into the Author's Speech and used within the THREE minute time limit.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Authors are given time to give Closing Comments following the closing of debate on the Resolution. The Closing Comments should not exceed ONE minute in length and can be delivered by all or by one of the members delivering the Author's Speech. The Closing Comments can be used to rebut speeches made in opposition to the Resolution or they can be used to add a final plea of persuasion for accepting the Resolution.