



globalnews.org.uk  
North Devon  
Model United Nations conference  
**Member country questions**



Model United Nations

By considering the following questions you will be able to gain a clearer understanding of the country you are representing. Use this information to help you to prepare your **position paper and speech**.

### Basic country information

- What sort of government does your country have?
- What are some major events in your country's history? Why are they important?
- Which ethnicities, religions and languages can be found in your country?
- Where is your country located? Which countries, if any, share a border with your country? How does your country's geography affect political relationships with other countries?
- Which countries are considered allies (partners) of your country? Which are considered rivals or even enemies?
- What are the characteristics of your country's economy? What is your country mainly known for?
- What is your country's gross domestic product (GDP)? How does this compare to other countries in the world?
- Does your country belong to any regional organizations such as the European Union (EU), the African Union (AU) or the Organization of American States (OAS)?

### Current energy needs

- What is the current level of energy consumption in your country?
- How is this energy produced?
- Does energy demand and the way energy is produced make you a high or a low greenhouse gas emission country? What is the annual per capita carbon dioxide emission?

### Future energy needs

- How is the demand for energy in your country likely to change in the next 20 years? How will this energy be produced?
- What are the projected carbon emission levels for the next 20 years?

### Climate change – a country priority?

- How does or could climate change affect your country?
- How important a priority is climate change for your country? Are there other or more important priorities? What are the other priorities? Why are they priorities? Are these priorities in conflict with reducing greenhouse gas emissions?
- What has your country done so far to try and address the challenges posed by climate change?
- Has your country ratified the Kyoto protocol? Why/why not?
- If you have ratified Kyoto, what reduction in carbon emissions have you signed up to?

### Adding it all up...

- What points or arguments will you contribute to the debate at the MUN conference?
- What points or arguments do you think other countries will make?
- How do the positions of other countries affect your country's position?
- Is there evidence or statistics that might help to back up your country's position?

Use the suggested links from the Global News website to help you address these questions:

[www.globalnews.org.uk/student MUN](http://www.globalnews.org.uk/student_MUN)

See also the links for global news resources that will help you gain an insight into your country:

[http://www.globalnews.org.uk/news\\_services.htm](http://www.globalnews.org.uk/news_services.htm)