

It is not required to use this research guide while preparing for the BYUMUN conference, but this document can help you to find key information about your assigned country's priorities and values. Please also take note of the position paper rubric, as this is the standard by which submitted position papers will be assessed.

### **Research to Run Committees**

1. Find and read your BYUMUN Background Guide (BGG)
2. Explore your BYUMUN committee's official UN website.
3. Read the operative clauses of three resolutions mentioned in your BGG. What actions are most often taken by your committee in these documents?

### **Research to Understand Positions**

Craft your answers using several different sources. Good sources to use are periodicals, books, web databases, and websites, as long as they're reputable. We recommend that you write down your sources/links here so you can come back to them if needed.

- 1. Briefly summarize the political development of your country, including the current form of government.**

Sources:

- 2. Who are your key allies and adversaries?**

Sources:

- 3. Describe the economic condition of your country. What do you import? Export? What is your GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and how does it compare to other countries?**

Sources:

**4. Identify a media source that is specific to your country. This can be the official country website, a newspaper, organization, etc.. What did you learn from this source?**

Source:

**5. List three important country comparisons or metrics where you are high or low (examples: corruption, trade, health, conflicts, achievements/failures)**

- a.
- b.
- c.

### **Research to Understand Your Topics**

1. Find 3 articles about Topic 1 and list them below, with a key quote from each:

- a.
- b.
- c.

2. Find 3 articles about Topic 2 and list them below, with a key quote from each:

- a.
- b.
- c.

### **Find Solutions**

1. Identify **one innovative idea** for each topic you research. An innovative idea is one that is **specific, practical, and actionable**. Creating a new agency or coming up with more funding is not realistic or sustainable. Instead, think about implementation and partners who can help make your solutions possible. Use the existing UN framework to your benefit!

Topic 1:

Topic 2: