

# BRAMUN

Brazil Model United Nations



## Opening Speech Guide



## **What is an opening speech?**

The opening speech serves to clarify a delegate's position on all topics for other delegates so as to ease finding political allies in lobbying time. Opening speeches are normally between 30 and 90 seconds. In the opening speeches the delegates start addressing who they are speaking to, followed by one or two introductory sentences. After this, the delegate briefly speaks to each topic and has one short concluding sentence. It is highly recommended that opening speeches be prewritten and rehearsed, considering they, together with position papers, are the sole impression other delegates have before lobbying time. In BRAMUN Committees, there are two opening speeches, one per topic.

## **Sample Opening Speech:**

Honorable chairs and esteemed fellow delegates, The delegation of Mexico would first like to express how much of an honor it is to be standing here in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs today to debate topics of such high gravity as the war on drugs. The United Mexican States is adamant on the fact that the only way to stop cartels as big as the Sinaloa and the Juárez is by fighting back as violently and as unrelentingly as they have been fighting the law. Aggressive steps must be and will be taken to stop the illicit flow of drugs in and out of Mexico. This delegation sees a fully pacifist and healthy society as not only a dream but as a fully attainable goal. This goal can only be achieved if all nations present today cooperate with the delegation of Mexico in order to stop further detriment. The United Nations is our one great hope for a peaceful and free world. Delegates, do not let this hope be destroyed. Thank you for your time. Special thanks to Ines Saad Munchenbach and Michelle Mattos, alumni of the American School of Rio de Janeiro (EARJ), for their above contribution to the website in the form of the sample opening speech.