

Opening Speech TIPS

- First, you should **thank the presiding official** by saying "Thank you Mr./ Madame/ Honorable Chair/ President..."
- Then begin by **providing a brief history on the issue as it relates to your country.**
- Speak about **how the issue is currently affecting your country.**
- **Provide your country's position on the issue.** Include an explanation for your country's stance, such as economic or security concerns or political or religious ideology.
- You may choose to give an explanation of how your **country's position relates to the positions of other member states** such as the major powers or countries in your regional bloc.
- You should **discuss some of the past actions** taken by the UN, member states and NGOs to address the issue.
- Present **ideas for a resolution**, stressing your country's objectives for the resolution.
- Talk about the **role that NGOs or regional organizations have to play in addressing the issue.**
- Indicate to the committee members **whether your country is willing to negotiate.**