Proper Opening Speech Format

- 45~60 seconds
- Must include: a brief history of the issue, your country's stance, and possible solutions.
- Good to include: the significance of the issue and how the issue is relevant to your country (But please do not write "This issue has nothing to do with my delegation")
- Remain in **third person point of view** with all your speeches (he, she)
    - Be careful using "**they"** or "**we"** as it can divide the committee into groups even before start discussing.
- Your speech should achieve one of the following or all
    - Clearly stating your **country's stance**
    - Elaborate on the **background** of the issue
    - Proposing **possible solutions**
- **Practice** your speech! Practice makes perfect.
- The **<u>DO NOT DO</u>** list
    - **Copying** from the **background information** provided (not because of plagiarising, but rather everyone will know you are too lazy to write.)
    - **Copying** from **Wikipedia** (In MUN, Wikipedia is a "bible" for quick information. But when making speeches, it is not ideal)
    - Mumble, be confident!

Example Opening Speech (This is a bit too long… About 150~200 words will do)

Honorable Chairs and fellow delegates,

Despite numerous conventions including the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, it is clear that China has militarized islands without the consent of neighboring countries. Condemning such acts from China, the United States of America has sent fighter planes over the South China Sea claiming it an international zone abiding by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea(UNCLOS).

Acknowledging UNCLOS, the US strongly condemns China's militarization over the South China Sea as well as its claim on the nine-dash line. The US also acknowledges conventions between Malaysia and China where they had agreed upon the occupation of the South China Sea. In addition, case number 2013-19 of the Permanent Court of Arbitration stated that China does not enjoy historical rights over the South China Sea and, furthermore, stated that no further comments are necessary since China is obliged to follow UNCLOS. Thus, China's unlawful action of militarizing the South China Sea should immediately be ceased.

Taking into account such cases, the US firmly believes that stable yet strong implementation of the Economic Exclusive Zone is needed to settle this issue. Furthermore, the US more than willingly believes that China should be sanctioned using suitable international legal systems if unlawful acts are to be continued. The US believes that vigilance from neighboring Asian countries or other member states over the South China Sea will be vital in order to keep the sustainability of the region, to implement the Economic Exclusive Zone and as well as keeping the lookout for any other unlawful actions in the region. This delegate looks forward to co-operating with other delegates to effectively solve this issue. Thank you.

Opening Speech of (your country)

Honorable Chairs, Fellow Delegates, and Most Esteemed Guests,