

***In general, whichever resource you end up using to draft your opening speech, they share the similar content/organization laid out below.**

eMUNY6 Opening Speech Template (90 Seconds):

Hook:

- Start your opening speech with an attention-grabbing statement to leave a strong impression upon your chair and fellow delegates.
- Usually, delegates start their opening speech with empirical (numbers) or anecdotal (stories) evidence to reach such an effect and transition into the body.

Body of Speech:

- **(1)** This is the place to deliver your country's situation/position on the issue (agenda). It is important that you do this so that you - and the delegates listening - can build connections for the later stage of the conference.
- **(2)** Then introduce possible solutions to the agenda, and suggest why each of them might be a reasonable course of action for the committee to take.

Closing:

- Close out with a statement that can leave a strong impression on the committee. Usually, most delegates end with a statement that encourages committee action and collaboration.

General Guidelines:

- Your speech must clearly and coherently communicate your country's stance on the issue that will be discussed in the conference.
- The biggest pitfall for most delegates is that their opening speech is fact-based. You absolutely do need **statistics, past actions, and previous UN resolutions** (not applicable to crisis committees) to support your claim, but often the opening speech lacks the "persuasive" side. It is crucial that your opening speech strikes a sweet spot between the two extremes, so that the speech is both persuasive and logically delivered.

During the Conference:

- By the start of the conference, you should have finished drafting and should be practicing the speech. The opening speech is the introduction to the committee, and you will have 90 seconds to deliver it.

***This is just an example of many different variations of opening speeches that are excellent. Do not plagiarise this speech, or you may be penalized for awards.**

[GA] eMUNY6 Opening Speech Example:

***This is a longer speech. Remember that the given time for opening speeches in eMUNY6 is 90 seconds.**

<p>Germany is very pleased today to be involved in this committee to debate with the issues of legitimate military intervention, and hopefully approach to a widely agreeable resolution.</p>	<p><i>No hook, but still has excellent introductory remarks addressing the committee.</i></p>
<p>Germany is deeply concerned with the urgent problem of genocide and atrocities occurring in certain states, and the innocent lives being sacrificed. Recognizing past Germany's actions and our effort to compensate and indemnify the global society related to the Holocaust and refugees, this delegate strongly believes that today's agenda is about our "ethical responsibility and solidarity with people in extreme danger". Today Germany is challenged more than ever to take on moral responsibility for the peace of international society and actively tackle risks and challenges together with partners and allies, such as the UN, EU, and NATO. Cooperating with Germany's allies, Bundeswehr, Germany's army has participated in various multinational tasks in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Mali, Somalia, and more. Germany believes that these actions should be continued throughout the global society, however, considering the perils of military intervention, should be carefully discussed based on the definition of R2P crimes, and the 5 principles that legitimates the intervention. When there is a dire necessity of preventing irreversible loss of lives, livelihood and resources. When all the other efforts such as 3rd party mediation, economic sanctions are either completely fruitless or tried and failed. When intentions are solely based on the responsibility without vested interests within the target state, When the methods of the interventions are proven to be defensive, protective and proportionate, which is the minimum necessary to secure the civilians. And lastly when no drones are utilized during air strikes to prevent inaccurate broad range of damage and increase social seriousness.</p>	<p><i>Relevant quotations, past actions, and key terms are mentioned throughout the body while successfully conveying the country's stance. Also, solutions are mentioned appropriately which may possibly resolve the status quo.</i></p>
<p>Fellow delegates, no state alone has the necessary skills and abilities to deal effectively with the described challenges. Only in a joint alliance and the cooperation of all means, this is promising. Germany is looking forward today to engage in active debate with the issues mentioned before, and call upon states to focus on preventing and effectively dealing with mass atrocities and saving lives. Thank You.</p>	<p><i>Mentions why collaboration and communication is the key to resolving any challenges. Conveys that the delegate is ready to work towards a solution.</i></p>

[Crisis] eMUNY6 Opening Speech Example:

*From Columbia Model United Nations Conference XVII (Obama Campaign)

<p>We are screwed. We are going to be crushed by Hillary Clinton if nothing is done immediately. In all reality, who is going to vote for a relatively inexperienced senator, who rose to prominence simply because of his anti-war stance?</p>	<p><i>There is a hook, and there are rhetorical questions placed to engage the listeners.</i></p>
<p>That is why we are here. We are here to make decisions and strategies that will allow Obama to take possession of the golden ticket over Clinton and furthermore, allow him to become the rightful owner of the oval office. However, this process will not be easy; every decision and strategies are supported by our big boss, 'money', and to reach victory, we need a bare minimum of \$750 million dollars. Websites could be constructed. Policies could be created. Television advertisements could be filmed.</p>	<p><i>Explains the status quo, and provides a possible solution to resolve the crisis. Also explains what the character is capable of doing.</i></p>
<p>And I, (trying my best) will make sure we have money, and those of you who are planning to sabotage our grand campaign by buying coffee with our campaign fund, I will vandalize your political career. This was Marianne Markowitz, Chief Financial Officer of Obama Campaign 2008.</p>	<p><i>Finishes with a strong statement that is impactful.</i></p>