

## 60 Second Speech

### What is a “60 Second Speech”?

- On the first day of the Marist MUN you will meet in one of the classrooms with your committee to work out operative clauses to be contained in your committee’s resolution. Before you begin working on the operative clauses, the chair will ask each delegate to give a brief 60 second speech regarding their country’s stance toward the issue at hand.

### What do I include in my 60 second speech?

- There isn’t time for much of anything except the very basics. Most likely you will want to make mention of 1) how the issue affects your country 2) stress the urgency / importance of finding a solution 3) basic ideas that your country would like to see included in the resolution.

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The following would be a nice little 60 second speech on the issue of “access to clean water”.

#### Question of: Access to clean water

*Canada is one of the highest water users per capita in the world, and considers access to clean water an important matter. The delegate of Canada is alarmed by the issue of lack of access to clean water; as many rural, low-income, or First Nations communities in Canada lack sophisticated infrastructure and rely on untreated or minimally-treated water.*

*Globally, there are nearly one billion people living without access to clean water, which is life’s most basic need. Neglecting this issue hurts the international community as a whole, as communities deprived of clean water sources result in the perpetuation of poverty, reduction of crop production and nutrition, contribution to the global disease burden, and infinitely more demerits.*

*An effective resolution on access to clean water must address the importance of promoting sustainable development, providing technical support, and providing education for improved hygiene and behavioral changes. Moreover, Canada urges other Member States to use the strategies outlined in the WASH Program as a guideline, and contribute fully to UNEP projects. The delegate of Canada is more than willing to collaborate with any other delegates looking to solve this global water crisis.*

*Thank you, Chair.*

**\*Note:** The above 60 second speech is a created example. Feel free to deviate from the skeleton provided above and include what **YOU** believe other delegates should know about your country and your country’s stance on the topic.