
HMDC Presents...
How to Do Model United Nations
Preparing for Harvard Model UN Online, December 5-6, 2026
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Welcome to Model United Nations. Here, we solve world problems.
Do I speak for myself?
COUNTRY
No. You speak for your assigned country.
Who is in charge?
The Chair runs the room.
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"Find strong facts before you speak."
Population and Economy
Close Partners and Allies
I need to know what my country has already done!
FACTS
Past UN Votes
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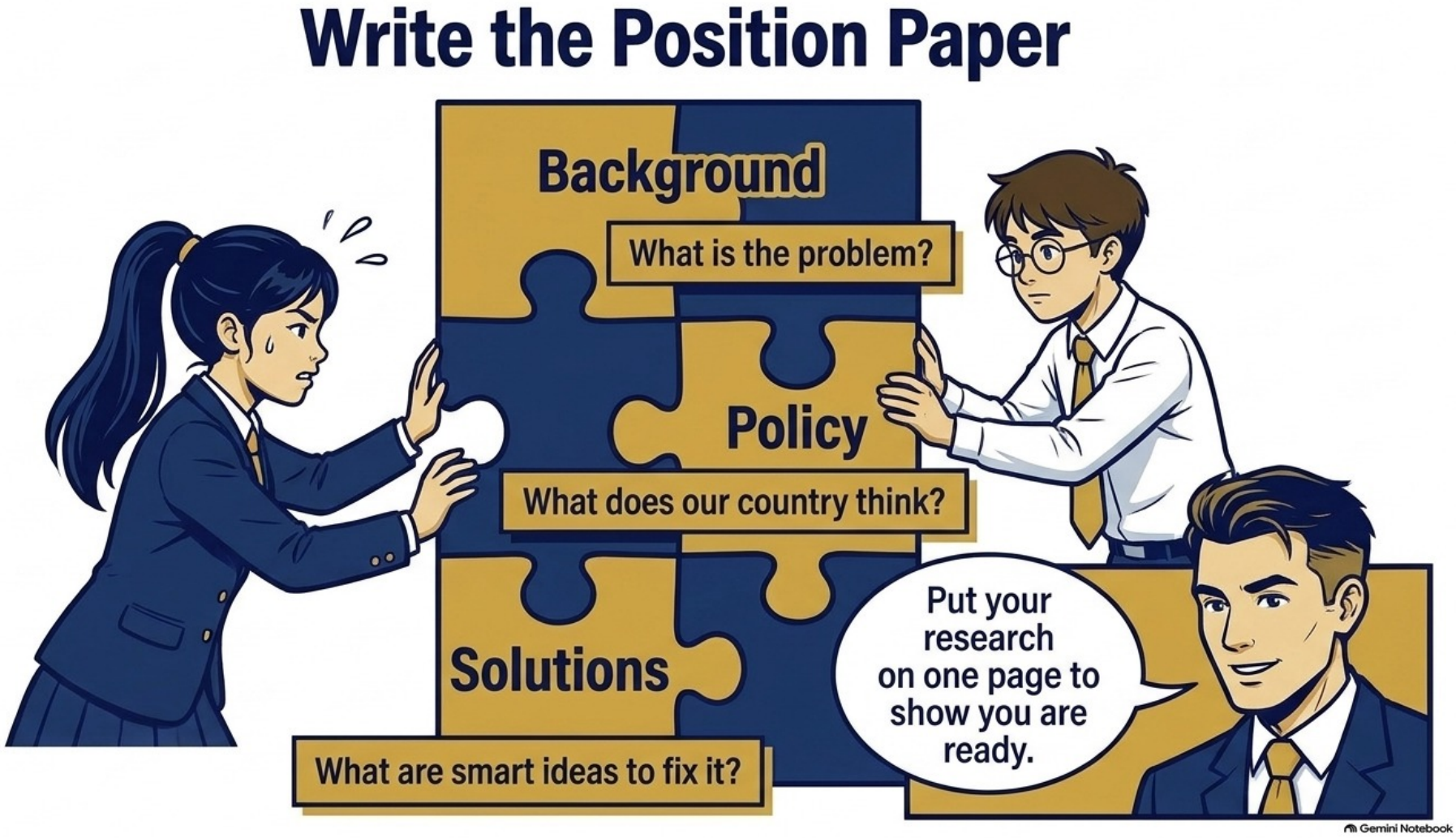
Write the Position Paper
Background
What is the problem?
Policy
What does our country think?
Solutions
What are smart ideas to fix it?
Put your research on one page to show you are ready.
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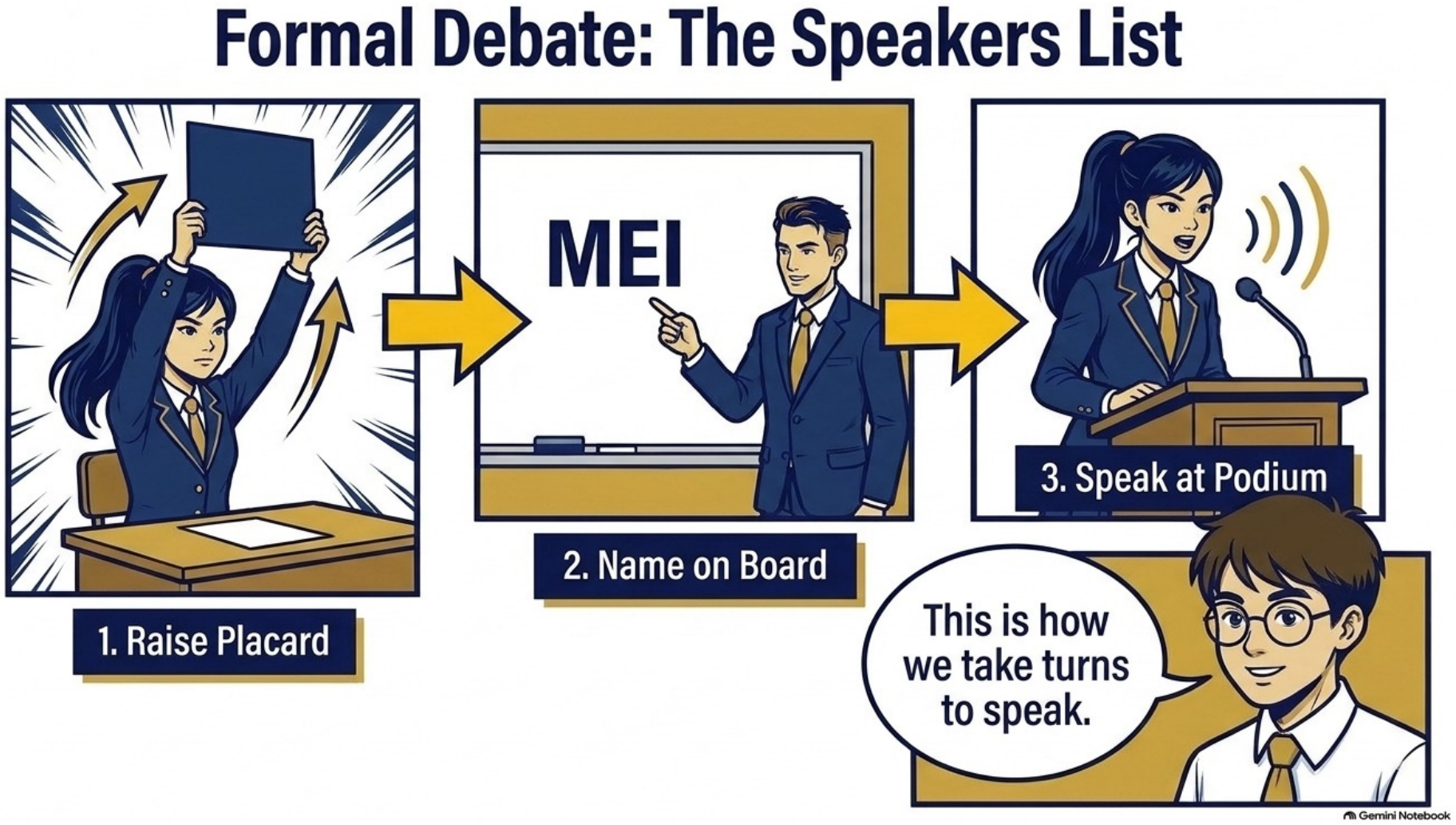
Formal Debate: The Speakers List
MEI
1. Raise Placard
2. Name on Board
3. Speak at Podium
This is how we take turns to speak.
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Give Your Opening Speech



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Two Ways to Caucus

Moderated Caucus



Stay in your seat. Raise your placard.
The Chair picks you to speak.

Unmoderated Caucus



Stand up. Walk around.
Talk freely with friends.

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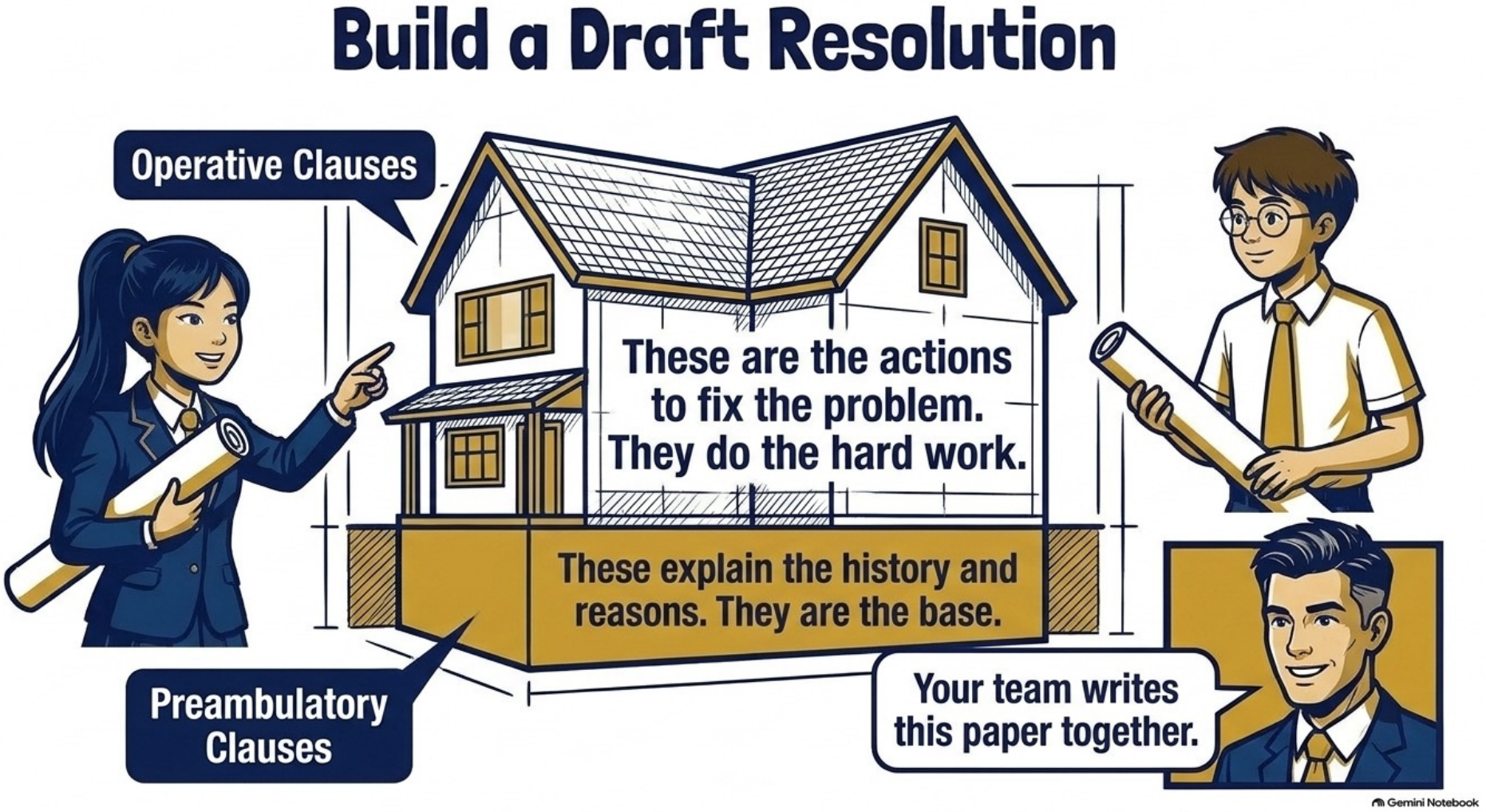
Work With Allies




Build a Draft Resolution
Operative Clauses
These are the actions to fix the problem. They do the hard work.
These explain the history and reasons. They are the base.
Preambulatory Clauses
Your team writes this paper together.
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Sponsor
I am a main writer. I helped build these ideas.
Signatory
I did not write this. But I want the room to read it.
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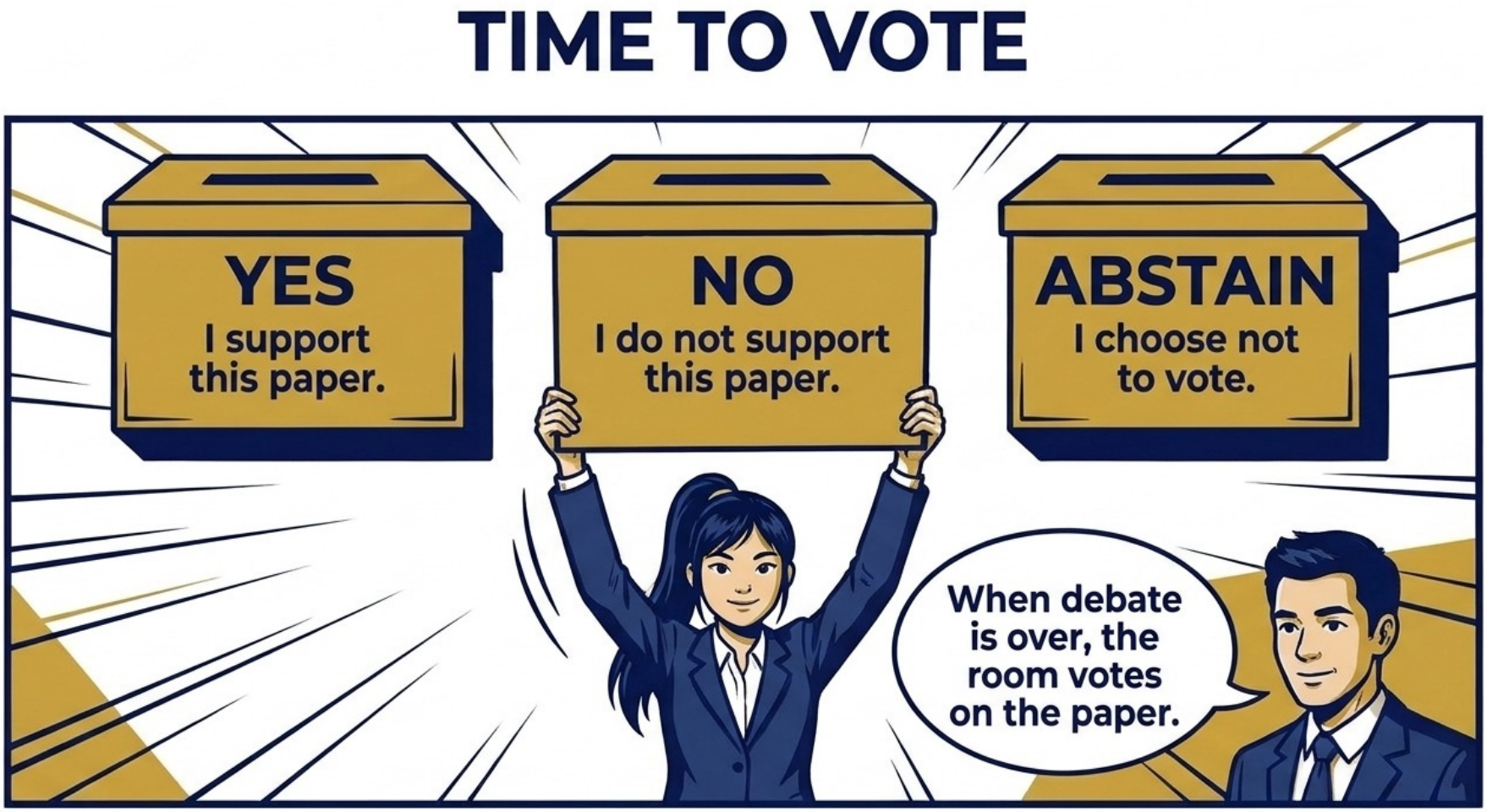
Make Smart Amendments




TIME TO VOTE
YES
I support this paper.
NO
I do not support this paper.
ABSTAIN
I choose not to vote.
When debate is over, the room votes on the paper.
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The Heart of Diplomacy

