1. **Know Thy Country**
   The First rule of preparation is to know your country and know it well. Knowing your country from the inside out is the first step to having a strong delegation. Start with the basics. A great starting point is the CIA World Fact book at: www.cia.gov. Try to find out as much as possible about its leadership and recent history.

2. **Thou Shall Not Forget Thine Allies**
   No matter how good of a speaker you are, or how good your resolution is, you are nothing without your allies. Remember who your allies on in the issues so that you can write a resolution together rather than getting them possible angry with you for going against them.

3. **Know Thy Committee Topics**
   Once you have researched your country and its allies, you should investigate the topics. Background Guides are a great place to begin in research. Also look at the various sites in which we have provided for possible research.

4. **Write Thy Embassy**
   You are allowed to contact your UN nation and they can send you a lot of information. In some cases you may just get a travel brochure, but in others you can get more information. It never hurts to ask.

5. **Decide Thy Country’s Stance**
   With a working knowledge of the issues and of your country, you should be able to formulate your country’s stance on the committee topics. Once you have written down the pros and cons of each issue and applied them to the needs and positions of your country, it should be simple to write your position paper.

6. **Writest Thy Opinion**
   Use the same position paper given to you to draft a position paper. If you remain to the form it should be fairly simple.

7. **Thou Shall Not Forget The Opposition**
   Try to anticipate your opponent’s arguments and criticisms of your position. If you can defend your positions against your opponents your work has been done.

8. **Thou Shall Not Be Perfect**
   Sometimes the most ordered argument can fall flat on its face. It happens to everyone. This is why you must be able to use politics and keep on your toes. Build strong coalitions with your allies to support each other’s arguments. Exploit your opponent’s weaknesses and remember that THEY are not perfect either.

A FINAL HINT:
Remember that these eight commandments are a guide for research. Don’t feel bound by them and please don’t be afraid to be creative. The key to being a good delegate knows as much information as possible about your country.