Outline of a Prime Minister Speech Supporting a Policy Motion

Introduction

Motion for debate:

Definition and interpretation:
Define any ambiguous terms
Narrow the motion by clearly interpreting the motion to include what the Government will defend.

Statement of advocacy:
Usually the statement of advocacy includes a model of the motion as interpreted by the Government.

Speech preview:

Argument 1:

Argument 2:

Conclusion
Exercises for Creating a Prime Minister Speech

1. Present a motion to a group of debaters who are divided into teams of two persons each. Give them 5 minutes to discuss the motion and create their definitions and interpretations of that motion and craft their statement of advocacy. Give each team 1 minute to present their definitions, interpretations, and statement of advocacy.

2. Present a motion to a group of debaters who are divided into teams of two persons. Give them 15 minutes to discuss the motion and to create a Prime Minister’s speech for the motion. Give each team 3 minutes to present an outline of their speech. After each team has presented their outline, discuss the cases focusing on the arguments suggested as well as whether the outline suggests the speech meets the fundamental obligations of the Prime Minister speech.

3. Modify the exercise listed above by presenting the motion to a single team of two persons and have one of those persons present a full Prime Minister’s speech. Discuss the speech in terms of the cogency of the arguments and how well the speech fulfills the basic obligations of the Prime Minister speech.