POSITION PAPER

I. TASK: Write a position paper agreeing or disagreeing with the following proposition:

“Advanced” or developed cultures should have the right to impose their laws on cultures that are less “advanced” or developed.

II. THE POSITION PAPER
A position paper is a research paper that seeks to persuade a reader to accept a particular point of view. Position papers are usually written in a brief but convincing manner.

III. STRUCTURE AND FORMAT OF THE POSITION PAPER
First Paragraph
• Introduction: State the issue or problem to be addressed in the position paper.
• Mention opposing viewpoint.
• State your thesis clearly, (in one sentence if possible).

Second Paragraph
• Background information (if appropriate)
• First point supporting your position

- Supporting points should be made up of elements such as, facts statistics, studies, arguments by noted authorities, examples, analogies....
- Supporting information should be presented in a logical and persuasive fashion

Third, Fourth, Fifth Paragraph
- Each paragraph raises an important argument to support your thesis

Final Paragraph
- Conclusion restating your main thesis.
- Review, summary or synthesis of your arguments that support your thesis.

References: