

The Final Frontier



POLICY HEARING PREPARATION SHEET

BACKGROUND

You can use this sheet to help prepare for your policy hearing presentation about the future funding of the United States space program. It is important that you gather enough evidence to persuade the Senators on the subcommittee that your proposal should be acted on. Although gathering evidence is important, it is equally important to gather information to defend against claims by other presenters. It would also be a good idea to anticipate comments from other presenters and questions from the international community.

PROCEDURE

1. Describe the role you have in this hearing:

2. Summarize your group's view on the future funding of the space program.

3. What evidence do you need to gather to support this view?

4. What are some of the concerns that the Senators have? What questions might they ask?

5. Which of the other presenters might disagree with you?
6. How might they disagree?
7. How can you prepare for presenters who disagree with you?
8. Include an outline for your presentation with key points you want to make.

9. What questions should you ask other presenters?

10. What else do you need to do to prepare for this hearing? How should you dress? How should you act around the Senators?