

PREPARED STATEMENT FOR THE ORAL COMPETITION

The timer or a judge should read this statement when the contestants enter the room.

Please listen carefully. I am not permitted to answer any questions about the rules of this competition or about the interpretation of the questions.

Please turn off and put away all cell phones, pagers, PDAs, watches and other transmitting devices or items with audible tones now.

(Allow students time to be sure that these items are turned off and put away.)

If you have filled out two copies of the judges' rating sheets, please give them to us. If not, please write your name, the name of your assistant, and your school on the board. *(Judges: if necessary, write the information on blank rating sheets).*

You will have a maximum of 7 minutes to answer the questions you received in the preparation room. You will get a warning at 6 minutes. If you finish your presentation in less than 7 minutes, say "I am finished with my presentation." The judges will then have a maximum of 3 minutes to ask you some extemporaneous questions. At the end of 3 minutes, I will say "STOP." You are then to stop and leave the room. Your question sheet and any notes and/or transparencies will be collected and returned to your coach with the judges' rating sheets at the end of the contest.

You may begin your presentation now. *(Begin timing)*