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Abstract:

Security Council (SC)

Discussion on an Urgent Actual Development

The Security Council will be simulating a session on urgent actual developments in a specific country or region. The exact topic will be announced shortly before the conference as it depends on the real events taking place. All actual events that are related to the topic and that will have occurred until the conference starts will have to be taken into account. It should be noted that this simulation is NOT designed as a crisis committee, i.e. a simulation with changing events during the conference itself.

The Committee

The Security Council is one of the principal organs of the United Nations and tasked with maintaining international peace and security. It consists of 15 member states, each of them has one vote. There are 10 non-permanent members present in the Security Council, elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years and 5 permanent members with veto power.

The Security Council takes the lead in determining the existence of a threat to the peace or act of aggression. It calls upon the parties to a dispute to settle it by peaceful means and recommends methods of adjustment or terms of settlement. In some cases, the Security Council can resort to breaking off diplomatic ties and imposing sanctions or even authorize the use of force to maintain or restore international peace and security.

The Security Council also recommends to the General Assembly the appointment of the Secretary-General and the admission of new Members to the United Nations. And, together with the General Assembly, it elects the judges of the International Court of Justice.

Resolutions of the Security Council are legally binding. UN member states are obliged to implement the decisions stated in the resolutions.

Topic

As the exact topic depends on the real political circumstances in the summer of 2014, the topic will be announced a few weeks prior to the conference and a study guide uploaded shortly after that announcement. Urgent actual developments in a specific part of the world will be addressed by the Security Council in this simulation.

The study guide will address the political, economic and social impacts of this conflict and most importantly, the effects on international peace and stability, especially the effects on the region due to potential spill-over effects or interests by specific actors in the region.

International action, taken by international organizations and regional organizations, up to the point when the study guide is published will also be included in the study guide.

How to prepare

Due to the fact that you will have less time to prepare than the delegates of the other committees, it is highly recommended that you familiarize yourself with your country beforehand and do research on your country's role in the international system. Basic information about your country's economic and political role as well as your country's standing in the international community, your alliances and influence, is vital so that you can represent your country appropriately.

As soon as the study guide is uploaded, you should research your country's specific position regarding the topic and write a short position paper.