



UNGA ESS

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION

STUDY
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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

IN THE WORDS OF ALBERT EINSTEIN, “AS LONG AS THERE ARE NATIONS POSSESSING GREAT POWER, WAR IS INEVITABLE.” THIS QUOTE IS REPEATEDLY PROVEN TRUE EVERY PASSING DAY IN 2026.

GREETINGS, DELEGATES! WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO THE FOURTEENTH EDITION OF THE SCOTTISH MODEL UNITED NATIONS, POWAI. AT SMUN, WE ARE DEDICATED TO ENSURING YOU ENJOY THE ART OF DIPLOMACY WHILE ALSO LEARNING LESSONS ALONG THE WAY. AT THE UNGA ESS, WE WILL ENSURE THAT YOU ENJOY THE FIERY SPEECHES ALONG WITH THE CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE (WITH LENGTHY PAPERWORK ON THE JOURNEY!). WITH ITS CONTINUOUS CRISIS UPDATES AND QUICK-PACED DEBATE ON CURRENT AFFAIRS, THE UNGA ESS PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST RIVETING AND IMMERSIVE COMMITTEES THIS YEAR.

AS YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE WARN YOU ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR. DELEGATES, BUCKLE UP YOUR SEATBELTS AS YOU ARE TAKEN THROUGH THE STORMY CLOUDS OF DEBATE, LIGHTNING- FAST REBUTTALS, TEMPESTUOUS SPEECHES, TURBULENT CAUCUSES, AND THUNDERING CRISIS UPDATES. BE PREPARED TO FACE CONTROVERSY WITH RESOLUTE DIPLOMACY AND QUICK-THINKING, TO ENGAGE IN DEBATE AND FACE OPPOSITION CALMLY YET DETERMINEDLY, TO LOGICALLY DECONSTRUCT YOUR OPPOSITION, AND, IN THE HEAT OF THE DEBATE, STILL FIND A WAY TO CONQUER THE DAY, ALL WHILE CHARTING THE LANDSCAPE OF WAR, TRUTH, AND PEACE. WELCOME TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION (UNGA ESS).

THIS YEAR, THE UNGA ESS HAS CONVENEED TO DEAL WITH A MATTER OF GLOBAL IMPORTANCE- THE SITUATION IN IRAN AND ITS IMPLICATIONS ON GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THE IRAN-USA-ISRAEL WAR CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE DEFINING WARS OF THIS CENTURY. IN THIS CLASH OF TITANS, MANY MATTERS HAVE BEEN REVEALED TO THE WORLD. THIS CONFLICT REFLECTS HOW IDEOLOGY, NATIONALISM, AND SECURITY CONCERNS CONTINUE TO SHAPE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DESPITE GLOBALIZATION, REVEALING A WORLD ORDER THAT IS INCREASINGLY UNSTABLE, COMPETITIVE, AND DIVIDED. IT DEMONSTRATES HOW REGIONAL WARS CAN QUICKLY BECOME INTERNATIONAL ISSUES BECAUSE OF GLOBALIZATION, ENERGY DEPENDENCE, MILITARY ALLIANCES, AND ECONOMIC INTERCONNECTIONS. IT HAS REVEALED MUCH ABOUT HOW NATIONS AND SUPERPOWERS VIEW EACH OTHER- AS ALLIES, ENEMIES, OR COLLATERAL. WITH THIS TOPIC ON YOUR HANDS, YOU WILL BE PLUNGED HEAD-FIRST INTO THE DEEP WATERS OF DELIBERATION UPON THE TRUTH, THE POWER OF DIPLOMACY, THE ART OF WAR, AND THE COMPELLING FORCE OF SHARED HUMANITY.

YOU WILL BE ACTING AS DELEGATES FOR YOUR ASSIGNED NATIONS, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUR NATION ON YOUR SHOULDERS. THE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS YOUR NATION WILL WEIGH DOWN HEAVILY WHEN YOUR NATION IS PUSHED AGAINST A ROCK AND MOUNTAIN SIDE; HOWEVER, YOU MUST UTILISE YOUR DIPLOMATIC POWERS AND STIRRING SPEECHES TO FIND YOUR WAY OUT. STICK TO YOUR NATION'S FOREIGN POLICIES, UPHOLD THEIR IDEOLOGIES, HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH, WHILE RISING ABOVE ADVERSITY AND ASSERTING YOUR DOMINANCE OVER EVERY SITUATION, AND VICTORY WILL AWAIT YOU.

BRACE YOURSELF FOR ONE OF THE BEST MUN COMMITTEES YOU WILL HAVE EVER ATTENDED, AND LET THE DEBATE FUEL YOUR SPIRIT, WHILE YOU FUEL THE DEBATE'S FIRE.

DELEGATES, THE STAGE IS SET. THE SPOTLIGHT IS TRAINED ON YOU. WE ARE READY. ARE YOU?

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA), PARTICULARLY UNDER ITS EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSIONS (ESS) MECHANISM, PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS UNABLE TO ACT. THIS AUTHORITY STEMS FROM THE LANDMARK RESOLUTION UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 377A (UNITING FOR PEACE).

WHEN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IS DEADLOCKED, I.E. WHEN ONE OF THE FIVE PERMANENT COUNCIL MEMBERS (CHINA, FRANCE, RUSSIA, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES) USES THEIR UN CHARTER-MANDATED VETO POWER TO QUASH A RELATED DRAFT RESOLUTION, AND FAILS TO EXERCISE ITS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN CONSIDER THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY IN AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION.

MANDATE AND PROCEDURE

UN MEMBER STATES CAN REQUEST THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT TO CONVENE SUCH A SESSION, WITH A VIEW TO MAKING APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE MEASURES. THIS INCLUDES:

- CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRES AND OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS.
- AS A LAST RESORT, RECOMMENDING THE USE OF ARMED FORCE WHEN NECESSARY IN CASES OF A BREACH OF THE PEACE OR ACT OF AGGRESSION.

TYPICALLY, THE ASSEMBLY HEARS FROM THE COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES OF CONCERN, AFTER WHICH MEMBER STATES DEBATE THE ISSUE AND VOTE ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION.

CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT SESSION

THIS EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION HAS BEEN CONVENED FOLLOWING THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEADLOCK ON APRIL 2ND, 2026, WHERE A RESOLUTION AIMED AT DE-ESCALATING THE SITUATION IN THE PERSIAN GULF WAS VETOED.

THE AGENDA—"THE SITUATION IN IRAN AND ITS IMPLICATIONS ON GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY"—COMES AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE DEFINED BY THREE ESCALATING PILLARS:

- MARITIME SECURITY: THE NEAR-TOTAL CLOSURE OF THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ HAS DISRUPTED 20% OF THE WORLD'S OIL SUPPLY, THREATENING A GLOBAL ENERGY COLLAPSE.
- REGIONAL INSTABILITY: RAPID MILITARY ESCALATIONS INVOLVING BOTH STATE ACTORS AND NON-STATE PROXIES HAVE BROUGHT THE MIDDLE EAST TO THE BRINK OF A "WIDER WAR."

- HUMANITARIAN URGENCY: REPORTS OF INTERNAL INSTABILITY AND THE DISPLACEMENT OF THOUSANDS IN THE REGION REQUIRE AN IMMEDIATE, COORDINATED UN RESPONSE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD NOT PROVIDE.

FOCUS OF THE COMMITTEE

THE PRIMARY MANDATE OF THIS EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION IS TO RESOLVE THE LEGISLATIVE VACUUM LEFT BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DEADLOCK AND AGGRESSIVELY ADDRESS THE COLLAPSING STABILITY OF THE PERSIAN GULF. COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS MUST FOCUS ON FOUR PRECISE OPERATIONAL AREAS:

- DE-ESCALATION AND PROXY FRAMEWORKS: ESTABLISHING IMMEDIATE, ENFORCEABLE CEASEFIRE FRAMEWORKS BETWEEN REGIONAL STATE ACTORS. DELEGATES MUST CONSTRUCT DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATION CORRIDORS TO DIRECTLY NEUTRALIZE ACTIVE NON-STATE PROXY NETWORKS, HALTING THE ASYMMETRIC MILITARY ESCALATIONS DRIVING THE REGION TOWARD A WIDER WAR.
- SECURING GLOBAL ENERGY CORRIDORS: FORMULATING ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS TO RESTORE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION THROUGH THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ. RESOLUTIONS MUST ADDRESS THE CATASTROPHIC HALT OF SHIPPING TRAFFIC—WHICH PLUMMETED TO JUST 4 DAILY SHIP TRANSITS BY MARCH 2026—AND IMPLEMENT STABILIZATION STRATEGIES FOR VOLATILE GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS COPING WITH A 20% DISRUPTION TO THE GLOBAL TRADE OF CRUDE OIL AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG).
- MITIGATING SYSTEMIC ECONOMIC SHOCKS: DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROTECTIONS TO INSULATE VULNERABLE ECONOMIES FROM THE INFLATIONARY RIPPLE EFFECTS OF THE BLOCKADE. THIS INCLUDES MANAGING THE SOARING COSTS OF WAR-RISK SHIPPING INSURANCE, STABILIZING FLUCTUATING CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES, AND SECURING THE SUPPLY LINES FOR WEST ASIAN FERTILIZER AND PETROCHEMICAL EXPORTS CRITICAL TO GLOBAL AGRICULTURE.
- COORDINATING LARGE-SCALE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: DESIGNING TARGETED INTERVENTION AND LOGISTICAL STRATEGIES TO MANAGE THE MASS DISPLACEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS ESCAPING INTERNAL INSTABILITY. THE COMMITTEE MUST ESTABLISH UNHINDERED, UN-MONITORED AIR AND LAND CORRIDORS TO DELIVER MEDICAL, FOOD, AND EMERGENCY SHELTER AID, ENSURING HUMANITARIAN ACCESS COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF BLOCKED MARITIME ROUTES.

NATURE OF THE SIMULATION

WHILE THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS TRADITIONALLY KNOWN FOR ITS STRUCTURED, FORMAL FLOW AND FOCUS ON LONG-TERM POLICY, THIS EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION (ESS) WILL OPERATE WITH A SIGNIFICANTLY HEIGHTENED LEVEL OF URGENCY. BECAUSE THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONDING DIRECTLY TO AN ACTIVE, VOLATILE DEADLOCK AND AN UNFOLDING CRISIS IN THE PERSIAN GULF, DELEGATES MUST APPROACH THE SIMULATION WITH THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURAL MECHANICS IN MIND:

- **A SPECIALIZED PLENARY FLOW:** UNLIKE STANDARD GA COMMITTEES THAT NAVIGATE BROAD, PRE-PLANNED AGENDAS OVER MONTHS, AN ESS IS HYPER-FOCUSED ON A SINGLE, IMMEDIATE THREAT. THE DEBATE WILL SHIFT RAPIDLY BETWEEN FORMAL STATEMENTS AND INTENSIVE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS (UNMODERATED CAUCUSES) TO MIRROR THE HIGH-STAKES DIPLOMACY OCCURRING IN NEW YORK.
- **CRISIS-ADJACENT DYNAMICS:** ALTHOUGH THIS IS A PARLIAMENTARY LEGISLATIVE BODY AND NOT A CONTINUOUS CRISIS COMMITTEE, THE SECRETARIAT WILL EXPECT DELEGATES TO RESPOND DYNAMICALLY TO THE EVOLVING REAL-TIME GEOPOLITICAL VARIABLES PRESENTED IN THIS GUIDE. THE DEBATE MUST REMAIN FLEXIBLE AS MARITIME, ECONOMIC, AND HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS FLUCTUATE.
- **THE THRESHOLD FOR ACTION:** IN A STANDARD COMMITTEE, A SIMPLE MAJORITY IS OFTEN ENOUGH TO PASS PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THIS SESSION DEALS DIRECTLY WITH MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY UNDER THE UNITING FOR PEACE MANDATE, PASSING A COMPREHENSIVE DRAFT RESOLUTION WILL REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING. COLLABORATION AND MASSIVE COALITION-BUILDING ARE MANDATORY FOR SUCCESS.

The logo for the United Nations General Assembly Emergency Special Session (UNGA ESS). It features the text "UNGA ESS" in a large, bold, blue, serif font. The text is centered and overlaid on a circular emblem. The emblem contains a faint, blue-toned illustration of a globe with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The globe is surrounded by a laurel wreath at the bottom. The entire logo is set against a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of small white dots in the corners.

IMPORTANT TERMS AND TREATIES

IMPORTANT TREATIES

(I) TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (NPT)

THE NPT IS A LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL TREATY WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY, TO PROMOTE COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND TO FURTHER THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. THE TREATY REPRESENTS THE ONLY BINDING COMMITMENT IN A MULTILATERAL TREATY TO THE GOAL OF DISARMAMENT BY THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES.

THE NPT'S GRAND BARGAIN RESTS ON THREE PILLARS:

NONPROLIFERATION, THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND DISARMAMENT.

NONPROLIFERATION: UNDER ARTICLE I OF THE NPT, NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES PLEDGE NOT TO TRANSFER NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES TO ANY RECIPIENT OR IN ANY WAY ASSIST, ENCOURAGE OR INDUCE ANY NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE IN THE MANUFACTURE OR ACQUISITION OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON. UNDER ARTICLE II OF THE NPT, NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES PLEDGE NOT TO ACQUIRE OR EXERCISE CONTROL OVER NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND NOT TO SEEK OR RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SUCH DEVICES. UNDER ARTICLE III OF THE TREATY, NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES PLEDGE TO ACCEPT IAEA SAFEGUARDS TO VERIFY THAT THEIR NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES SERVE ONLY PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

PEACEFUL USES: NPT ARTICLE IV ACKNOWLEDGES THE RIGHT OF ALL PARTIES TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND TO BENEFIT FROM INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS AREA, IN CONFORMITY WITH THEIR NONPROLIFERATION OBLIGATIONS. ARTICLE IV ALSO ENCOURAGES SUCH COOPERATION.

DISARMAMENT: UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE NPT, ALL PARTIES UNDERTAKE TO PURSUE GOOD-FAITH NEGOTIATIONS ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES RELATING TO CESSATION OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, AND TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

(DISARMAMENT.UNODA.ORG, 2009-2017.STATE.GOV)

(II) JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION (JCPOA)

THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION (JCPOA), IS A LANDMARK ACCORD REACHED BETWEEN IRAN AND SEVERAL WORLD POWERS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, IN JULY 2015. UNDER ITS TERMS, IRAN AGREED TO DISMANTLE MUCH OF ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND OPEN ITS FACILITIES TO MORE EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL INSPECTIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS' WORTH OF SANCTIONS RELIEF. IT WAS IMPLEMENTED ON 16 JANUARY 2016 AFTER THE IAEA REPORTED THAT IRAN HAD MADE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAMME AND GRANTED THE IAEA THE ACCESS NECESSARY TO VERIFY THE AGREEMENT.

COLLAPSE OF THE JCPOA:

IN 2018, THE UNITED STATES UNILATERALLY WITHDREW FROM THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL. DESPITE PERIODIC ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE THE DEAL SINCE THEN, IRAN ACCELERATED ITS URANIUM ENRICHMENT, LIMITED INSPECTOR ACCESS TO ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND MOVED CLOSER TO DEVELOPING A NUCLEAR WEAPON THAN BEFORE THE DEAL.

IN VIEW OF IRAN'S NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER THE JCPOA, ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2025, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO REIMPOSE ALL THE SANCTIONS THAT HAD BEEN LIFTED IN 2016. THAT REACTIVATION CONCLUDED THE SNAPBACK PROCESS INITIATED ON 28 AUGUST 2025 BY FRANCE, GERMANY, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

(CFR.ORG, ARMSCONTROL.ORG, SECURITYCOUNCILREPORT.ORG)

(III) UN CHARTER - ARTICLE 2(4) AND ARTICLE 51

ARTICLE 2(4):

ARTICLE 2(4) OF THE UN CHARTER IS A FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE OF MODERN INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT PROHIBITS MEMBER STATES FROM USING OR THREATENING MILITARY FORCE AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANY OTHER STATE.

(LEGAL.UN.ORG)

ARTICLE 51:

NOTHING IN THE PRESENT CHARTER SHALL IMPAIR THE INHERENT RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENCE IF AN ARMED ATTACK OCCURS AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, UNTIL THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS TAKEN MEASURES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. MEASURES TAKEN BY MEMBERS IN THE EXERCISE OF THIS RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND SHALL NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL UNDER THE PRESENT CHARTER TO TAKE AT ANY TIME SUCH ACTION AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

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IMPORTANT TERMS

(I) SOVEREIGNTY V/S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT (R2P)

SOVEREIGNTY IS THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF A STATE TO GOVERN ITS TERRITORY AND POPULATION WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE. IT GRANTS A STATE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THE RIGHT OF NON-INTERFERENCE FROM OTHER NATIONS.

RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT IS AN INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE STATING THAT EVERY STATE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT ITS POPULATION FROM GENOCIDE, WAR CRIMES, ETHNIC CLEANSING AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE COLLECTIVE ACTION IF A STATE FAILS TO DO SO.

THE THREE PILLARS OF R2P ARE:

PILLAR 1: EVERY STATE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT ITS POPULATIONS FROM FOUR MASS ATROCITY CRIMES: GENOCIDE, WAR CRIMES, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND ETHNIC CLEANSING.

PILLAR 2: THE WIDER INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST INDIVIDUAL STATES IN MEETING THAT RESPONSIBILITY

PILLAR 3: IF A STATE IS MANIFESTLY FAILING TO PROTECT ITS POPULATIONS, TAKE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST BE PREPARED TO APPROPRIATE COLLECTIVE ACTION, IN A TIMELY AND DECISIVE MANNER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UN CHARTER.

(II) AXIS OF RESISTANCE: IRAN'S TERM FOR ITS NETWORK OF IDEOLOGICALLY ALIGNED, MATERIALLY SUPPORTED NON-STATE ARMED GROUPS, INCLUDING HEZBOLLAH (LEBANON), HOUTH/ANSAR ALLAH (YEMEN), PALESTINIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD, HAMAS (GAZA), AND VARIOUS IRAQI MILITIA FACTIONS UNDER THE POPULAR MOBILISATION FORCES (PMF). COORDINATED BY THE IRGC QUDS FORCE, THIS NETWORK CONSTITUTES IRAN'S PRIMARY INSTRUMENT OF REGIONAL POWER PROJECTION AND ASYMMETRIC DETERRENCE

(III) PROXY WARFARE:

A CONFLICT WHERE OPPOSING POWERS USE THIRD PARTIES AS SUBSTITUTES FOR FIGHTING EACH OTHER DIRECTLY.

(IV) ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC):

A BRANCH OF IRAN'S MILITARY ESTABLISHED AFTER THE 1979 ISLAMIC REVOLUTION, DISTINCT FROM THE CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES. THE IRGC'S QUDS FORCE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE FUNDING, TRAINING, AND ARMING OF IRAN'S PROXY NETWORK ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST. THE IRGC HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANISATION BY THE UNITED STATES SINCE 2019.

(V) OPERATION EPIC FURY:

THE NAME GIVEN TO THE JOINT US-ISRAELI STRIKES LAUNCHED ON 28 FEBRUARY 2026, TARGETING IRANIAN MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE, BALLISTIC MISSILE FACILITIES, NAVAL ASSETS, AND NUCLEAR SITES, AND RESULTING IN THE KILLING OF SUPREME LEADER ALI KHAMENEI AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE AGENDA

OVERVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA) AT SMUN 2026 HAS BEEN CONVENED FOR THIS EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION (ESS) UNDER THE LANDMARK RESOLUTION 377 A (V), POPULARLY KNOWN AS "UNITING FOR PEACE." THIS PROCEDURAL MECHANISM IS TRIGGERED ONLY WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS RENDERED PARALYZED BY A LACK OF UNANIMITY AMONG ITS FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS (P5). WITH THE COUNCIL CURRENTLY DEADLOCKED AND UNABLE TO EXERCISE ITS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ASSUMES THE AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND COLLECTIVE MEASURES TO RESTORE GLOBAL ORDER AND SAFEGUARD THE UN CHARTER.

THE 'SITUATION IN IRAN'

AS OF APRIL 2026, THE 'SITUATION IN IRAN' HAS ESCALATED INTO A HIGH-INTENSITY CONFLICT THAT THREATENS TO RESHAPE THE GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL LANDSCAPE. THE REGION IS CURRENTLY GRIPPED BY A CONVERGENCE OF CRITICAL INSTABILITIES:

- **MILITARY CONFRONTATION:** FOLLOWING MONTHS OF RISING TENSIONS, THE OUTBREAK OF MAJOR HOSTILITIES IN EARLY 2026 HAS LED TO LARGE-SCALE MILITARY OPERATIONS INVOLVING PRECISION AIRSTRIKES, BALLISTIC MISSILE EXCHANGES, AND WIDESPREAD ASYMMETRIC DRONE WARFARE.
- **NUCLEAR AMBIGUITY:** THE COLLAPSE OF ESTABLISHED MONITORING PROTOCOLS AND THE EXPULSION OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTORS HAVE LED TO GRAVE CONCERNS REGARDING RAPID URANIUM ENRICHMENT SPIKES TOWARD WEAPONS-GRADE THRESHOLD (90% U-235), PUSHING THE THREAT OF PROLIFERATION TO A CRITICAL BREAKING POINT.
- **MARITIME BLOCKADE:** THE ONGOING VOLATILITY IN THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ—A VITAL ARTERY THROUGH WHICH 20% OF GLOBAL PETROLEUM FLOWS—HAS SEVERELY RESTRICTED MARITIME PASSAGE, CAUSING SHIPPING TRANSITS TO PLUMMET AND SENDING IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC SHOCKS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.
- **INTERNAL CRISIS AND POWER VACUUM:** SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS IN IRAN'S DOMESTIC SOCIO-POLITICAL LANDSCAPE, COMBINED WITH THE LOSS OF KEY LEADERSHIP FIGURES, HAVE CREATED AN UNPREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT THAT DIRECTLY INFLUENCES ITS EXTERNAL DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY POSTURING.

SYSTEMIC FRICTION POINTS OF THE CRISIS

TO LOOK PAST DAY-TO-DAY MILITARY UPDATES, DELEGATES MUST EVALUATE THE UNDERLYING STRUCTURAL FRICTION POINTS THAT HISTORICALLY GOVERN CONFLICT IN THE PERSIAN GULF:

- THE DOCTRINE OF STRATEGIC DEPTH AND PROXIES:

FOR DECADES, REGIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGIES HAVE RELIED HEAVILY ON ASYMMETRIC WARFARE. RATHER THAN ENGAGING IN DIRECT CONVENTIONAL MILITARY CONFLICTS, STATES HAVE PROJECTED POWER EXTERNALLY THROUGH IDEOLOGICALLY ALIGNED NON-STATE ACTORS. UNDERSTANDING THE COMMAND-AND-CONTROL RELATIONSHIP, FINANCIAL PIPELINES, AND POLITICAL AUTONOMY OF THESE PROXY NETWORKS IS ESSENTIAL, AS A CONVENTIONAL CEASEFIRE BETWEEN NATION-STATES MAY NOT AUTOMATICALLY STOP PROXY OPERATIONS ON THE GROUND.

- THE WEAPONIZATION OF CHOKEPOINTS:

THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE MIDDLE EAST MEANS THAT GLOBAL ECONOMIC STABILITY IS PHYSICALLY TIED TO NARROW MARITIME CORRIDORS. THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN UTILIZED AS A TOOL OF STRATEGIC LEVERAGE. WHEN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS OR DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION ISOLATE REGIONAL POWERS, THE THREAT OF MARITIME INTERDICTION, MINING SEA LANES, OR HARASSING COMMERCIAL SHIPPING IS LEVERAGED TO FORCE INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION AND TRADE CONCESSIONS.

- THE VERIFICATION VS. SOVEREIGNTY PARADOX:

THE ONGOING NUCLEAR OPACITY IN THE REGION STEMS FROM A FUNDAMENTAL DISPUTE OVER INTERNATIONAL OVERSIGHT. WHILE INTERNATIONAL BODIES LIKE THE IAEA VIEW UNHINDERED, SNAP INSPECTIONS AS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR GLOBAL NON-PROLIFERATION, HOST NATIONS OFTEN INTERPRET AGGRESSIVE, CONTINUOUS MONITORING FRAMEWORKS AS AN INVASIVE INFRINGEMENT ON THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND MILITARY CONFIDENTIALITY.

PRECEDENT: PREVIOUS CASES AND RESULTS

THE "UNITING FOR PEACE" FRAMEWORK HAS HISTORICALLY SERVED AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S FINAL RECOURSE WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL REACHES A STALEMATE. DELEGATES SHOULD STUDY THESE PRECEDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCOPE OF THIS COMMITTEE'S POWER:

- THE SUEZ CRISIS (1956): AFTER BRITISH AND FRENCH VETOES PARALYZED THE COUNCIL, THE FIRST-EVER ESS WAS CONVENED. IT RESULTED IN THE CREATION OF THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE (UNEF I), PROVING THE ASSEMBLY'S ABILITY TO DEPLOY "BLUE HELMETS" TO OVERSEE THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WHEN THE P5 COULD NOT AGREE.
- THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION (1956): TRIGGERED BY A SOVIET VETO, THE ASSEMBLY BYPASSED THE COUNCIL TO DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND ESTABLISHED AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE INTERVENTION.
- THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE (2022–PRESENT): MOST RECENTLY, THE 11TH ESS WAS TRIGGERED FOLLOWING A DEADLOCK REGARDING TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THIS LED TO A SERIES OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS THAT PROVIDED THE LEGAL AND MORAL FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION, SANCTIONS, AND HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT, BYPASSING THE STALLED SECURITY COUNCIL.

GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY: THE MACRO-IMPACT

HISTORY TEACHES US THAT MAJOR WARS—PARTICULARLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST—ARE RARELY CONTAINED WITHIN GEOGRAPHIC BORDERS. AS THE CONFLICT INTENSIFIES THIS APRIL, THE RESULTING "SPILLOVER EFFECT" COMPROMISES GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN THREE PRIMARY WAYS:

- ECONOMIC DESTABILIZATION: THE CURRENT WARFARE HAS DISRUPTED GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS AND ENERGY ROUTES. THIS HAS LED TO HYPERINFLATION IN FUEL AND FOOD PRICES, DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND THREATENING A GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECESSION.
- HUMANITARIAN CRISES: THE SCALE OF THE CONFLICT HAS TRIGGERED MASS DISPLACEMENT BOTH INTERNALLY AND ACROSS BORDERS. THIS PUTS UNPRECEDENTED PRESSURE ON INTERNATIONAL AID SYSTEMS AND CREATES A HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY THAT THE CURRENT GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS STRUGGLING TO CONTAIN.
- REALIGNMENT OF ALLIANCES: THE INTENSITY OF THE SITUATION IN IRAN IS FORCING A GLOBAL "BLOC-STYLE" REALIGNMENT. THIS POLARIZATION RISKS DISMANTLING DECADES OF MULTILATERAL COOPERATION, ARMS CONTROL TREATIES, AND DIPLOMATIC NORMS, POTENTIALLY LEADING TO A WIDER, SYSTEMIC BREAKDOWN OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ORDER.

FOCUS OF THE AGENDA

TO DEBATE THIS AGENDA EFFECTIVELY, DELEGATES MUST VIEW THE CRISIS THROUGH THREE DISTINCT LENSES:

1. THE LEGAL DIMENSION: BALANCING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A MEMBER STATE AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S RIGHT TO INTERVENE VIA RESOLUTION 377A WHEN GLOBAL SECURITY COLLAPSES.
2. THE CHOKEPOINT ECONOMY: DECOUPLING REGIONAL MILITARY HOSTILITIES FROM GLOBAL TRADE SECURITY, SPECIFICALLY ENSURING THAT INTERNATIONAL WATERS REMAIN OPEN REGARDLESS OF TERRITORIAL CONFLICTS.
3. THE PROXY NETWORK: DECIPHERING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATE ORDERS AND NON-STATE EXECUTION TO FIND A DIPLOMATIC OFF-RAMP THAT ALL PARTIES WILL ADHERE TO.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

COMMITTEE DATE: APRIL 7, 2026

FREEZE DATE: APRIL 6, 2026

THE STRUCTURAL FOUNDATION: GEOPOLITICAL PRECURSORS

TO UNDERSTAND THE RAPID ESCALATION OF 2025–2026, DELEGATES MUST TRACE THE DEEP-SEATED, SYSTEMIC CONFLICTS THAT TRANSFORMED THE PERSIAN GULF INTO A TINDERBOX OVER THE PRECEDING DECADES:

- THE US-IRAN ASYMMETRIC STANDOFF (1979–PRESENT): SINCE THE 1979 ISLAMIC REVOLUTION, US-IRAN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN DEFINED BY HOSTILITIES, PROXY CONFRONTATION, AND A STRICT SANCTIONS REGIME. THE US DESIGNATION OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC) AS A FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND THE 2020 ASSASSINATION OF QASEM SOLEIMANI ESTABLISHED A PRECEDENT OF TARGETED KINETIC STRIKES. FOLLOWING THE 2018 US WITHDRAWAL FROM THE JCPOA (IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL), WASHINGTON'S "MAXIMUM PRESSURE" CAMPAIGN CLASHED DIRECTLY WITH TEHRAN'S "MAXIMUM RESISTANCE" DOCTRINE, PUSHING IRAN TO STEADILY ADVANCE ITS URANIUM ENRICHMENT.
- THE ISRAEL-IRAN "SHADOW WAR" (INTER-STATE BRINKMANSHIP): LONG FOUGHT THROUGH CYBER WARFARE, MARITIME SABOTAGE, AND TARGETED COVERT ASSASSINATIONS OF NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS, THIS CONFLICT ERUPTED INTO DIRECT KINETIC EXCHANGES IN APRIL AND OCTOBER 2024. TEHRAN'S DEFENSIVE DOCTRINE UTILIZES REGIONAL PROXIES TO SURROUND ISRAEL, WHILE ISRAELI STRATEGIC POLICY VIEWS A NUCLEAR-CAPABLE IRAN AS AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT, ESTABLISHING A MILITARY DOCTRINE PRIORITIZING PREEMPTIVE NEUTRALIZATIONS OF HOSTILE NUCLEAR FACILITIES.

- THE REGIONAL HEGEMONIC RIVALRY (THE ARAB-IRANIAN DIVIDE): THE PERSIAN GULF HAS LONG BEEN POLARIZED BY A RACE FOR REGIONAL DOMINANCE BETWEEN THE SUNNI ARAB GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) STATES AND SHIITE-LED IRAN. DESPITE BRIEF DIPLOMATIC DETENTE, IRAN'S ENTRENCHMENT ACROSS THE "AXIS OF RESISTANCE" CREATED PERSISTENT SECURITY ANXIETIES FOR ITS NEIGHBORS, LEAVING VITAL TRADE ROUTES EXPOSED TO VOLATILE DISRUPTIONS.

THE ESCALATION PATHWAY (PRE-FREEZE WINDOW)

- OCTOBER 2025: THE TREATY TRIGGER. FOLLOWING A DEFINITIVE BREAKDOWN IN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS AND VERIFIED VERIFICATION BLOCKS, EUROPEAN SIGNATORIES (E3) TRIGGER THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM UNDER UNSC RESOLUTION 2231, INVOKING THE "SNAPBACK" MECHANISM AUTOMATICALLY REINSTATES ALL PRE-2015 UN SANCTIONS AND ARMS EMBARGOES ON THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN.
- DECEMBER 28, 2025: CIVIL UNREST. MASS ECONOMIC PROTESTS, THE LARGEST SINCE 1979, ERUPT ACROSS 40 IRANIAN CITIES AS THE RIAL COLLAPSES UNDER THE WEIGHT OF RENEWED MULTILATERAL SANCTIONS. THE IRGC IMPOSES A "NATIONAL INTRANET" BLACKOUT, SEVERING COMMUNICATIONS, AND A VIOLENT DOMESTIC CRACKDOWN ENSUES.
- JANUARY 15, 2026: DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE. A COALITION OF 30 INTERNATIONAL NGOS PETITIONS THE UN FOR AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION, CITING EVIDENCE OF "SYSTEMIC HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND DISPROPORTIONATE STATE VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS DURING THE ECONOMIC PROTESTS."
- FEBRUARY 28, 2026: OPERATION EPIC FURY. IN A COORDINATED AND UNPRECEDENTED JOINT MILITARY OPERATION, U.S. AND ISRAELI STEALTH ASSETS TARGET HARDENED UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR FACILITIES (INCLUDING NATANZ AND FORDOW) AND CENTRAL COMMAND COMPOUNDS. IRANIAN STATE MEDIA CONFIRMS THE ASSASSINATION OF SUPREME LEADER AYATOLLAH ALI KHAMENEI. IRAN IMMEDIATELY EXECUTES ITS RETALIATORY STRIKE DOCTRINE, LAUNCHING EXTENSIVE BALLISTIC MISSILE AND DRONE STRIKES ON U.S. FORWARD OPERATING BASES IN QATAR AND KUWAIT.
- MARCH 2, 2026: SUCCESSION CRISIS: AS THE IRGC DECLARES MARTIAL LAW IN TEHRAN, RUMORS EMERGE OF A VIOLENT POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN THE ASSEMBLY OF EXPERTS OVER A SUCCESSOR, LEAVING THE NATION'S NUCLEAR COMMAND IN A STATE OF "UNCLEAR AUTHORITY" AND GENERATING WIDESPREAD INTELLIGENCE PANIC REGARDING LOOSE COMMAND-AND-CONTROL PROTOCOLS.

- MARCH 11, 2026: UNSC DEADLOCK. THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL FAILS TO ADOPT A CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION. A DOUBLE-VETO BY RUSSIA AND CHINA PREVENTS ACTION, AS THEY CITE IRAN'S INHERENT RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER AND CONDEMN WESTERN UNILATERAL AGGRESSION.
- MARCH 20, 2026: MARITIME BLOCKADE. IRAN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES THE CLOSURE OF THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ, DEPLOYING SMART SEA MINES, ASYMMETRIC FAST-ATTACK CRAFTS, AND ANTI-SHIP CRUISE MISSILES. GLOBAL OIL PRICES SKYROCKET TO \$160/BARREL, AND FERTILIZER EXPORTS TO THE GLOBAL SOUTH ARE HALTED, INSTANTLY SEVERING KEY GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS.
- MARCH 25, 2026: GLOBAL RIPPLE EFFECTS. THE FAO ISSUES A "RED ALERT," WARNING OF AN IMMINENT GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS DUE TO THE BLOCKADE DISRUPTING CRITICAL AGRICULTURAL SHIPPING NETWORKS. RIOTS OVER ENERGY AND FOOD PRICES ARE REPORTED IN OVER A DOZEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
- APRIL 1, 2026: CYBER WARFARE. A MASSIVE "WIPER" VIRUS ATTRIBUTED TO REGIONAL PROXY NETWORKS CRIPPLES THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS OF SAUDI ARABIA, ISRAEL, AND THE UAE. IN RETALIATION, A SOPHISTICATED CYBER-STRIKE DISABLES IRAN'S CIVILIAN POWER GRID AND WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, TRIGGERING SEVERE DOMESTIC UTILITY FAILURES.
- APRIL 2, 2026: THE FINAL PARALYSIS. A FINAL DIPLOMATIC ATTEMPT AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL (RESOLUTION 2817) TO ESTABLISH A "NEUTRAL MARITIME CORRIDOR" UNDER UN NAVAL ESCORT IS VETOED BY RUSSIA. THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL DECLARES THE COUNCIL "DEADLOCKED AND PARALYZED."
- APRIL 4, 2026: NUCLEAR BLINDNESS. THE IAEA REPORTS A TOTAL LOSS OF MONITORING CAPABILITY (CAMERA FEEDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SENSORS) AT ALL IRANIAN SITES. THEY WARN THAT WITH DATA PIPELINES SEVERED, THE "BREAKOUT TIME" FOR A NUCLEAR DEVICE IS NOW POTENTIALLY A MATTER OF DAYS.
- APRIL 5, 2026: UNITING FOR PEACE. OVER 100 MEMBER STATES, LED BY THE UAE AND JORDAN, OFFICIALLY INVOKE RESOLUTION 377A (UNITING FOR PEACE) ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE UNSC HAS FAILED TO FULFILL ITS PRIMARY DUTY OF MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL PEACE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES THE EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION.

CRISIS: HUMANITARIAN & MILITARY IMPLICATIONS

THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: A "TRIPLE EMERGENCY"

THE KINETIC ESCALATION HAS TRANSFORMED A DOMESTIC CRISIS INTO A MULTI-LAYERED REGIONAL CATASTROPHE. DELEGATES MUST EVALUATE THE SITUATION THROUGH THREE INTERSECTING HUMANITARIAN CRISES, REFERENCING THE BREAKDOWN OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) AND THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS:

- **INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT & CASUALTIES:** THE UNHCR AND THE IRANIAN RED CRESCENT ESTIMATE OVER 3.2 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs). THE FEBRUARY 28 AIR CAMPAIGNS TARGETING DUAL-USE INFRASTRUCTURE IN URBAN CENTERS (TEHRAN, SHIRAZ, AHVAZ) HAVE CAUSED MASSIVE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. DELEGATES MUST RESEARCH HOW DIFFERENT NATIONS LEGALLY DEFINE "PROPORTIONALITY" AND "MILITARY NECESSITY" REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE STRIKES UNDER ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

THE "SLOW-MOTION FAMINE": THE MARITIME STANDSTILL IN THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ HAS SEVERED THE TRANSIT OF 30% OF GLOBAL AMMONIA-BASED FERTILIZERS AND KEY GRAIN SHIPMENTS. THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC) WARNS THAT ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY NOW THREATENS 300 MILLION PEOPLE GLOBALLY, HITTING IMPORT-DEPENDENT ECONOMIES ACROSS EAST AFRICA AND SOUTH ASIA HARDEST. DELEGATES SHOULD INVESTIGATE HOW THEIR ASSIGNED COUNTRIES PLAN TO BALANCE NATIONAL STRATEGIC RESERVES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN FOOD AID DISTRIBUTION.

- **ECOLOGICAL & PUBLIC HEALTH COLLAPSE:** MULTI-POINT DRONE STRIKES ON COMMERCIAL TANKERS HAVE CAUSED AN UNPRECEDENTED OIL SLICK IN THE PERSIAN GULF, DIRECTLY THREATENING THE LITTORAL SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANTS THAT PROVIDE 90% OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY FOR QATAR AND THE UAE. INSIDE IRAN, THE DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS HAS EXPOSED CIVILIAN POPULATIONS TO TOXIC INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL (TIC) PLUMES. DELEGATES MUST ADDRESS THE LEGALITIES OF THE WEAPONIZATION OR ACCIDENTAL DESTRUCTION OF CRITICAL CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND LIFE-SUPPORT ASSETS.

THE MILITARY LANDSCAPE: ASYMMETRIC & NON-LINEAR ESCALATION

WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL PARALYZED, THE OPERATIONAL THEATER HAS TRANSITIONED INTO A HIGHLY TECHNICAL, NON-LINEAR WAR OF ATTRITION FOCUSED ON STRATEGIC DENIAL.

- **COMMAND DECAPITATION & STRATEGIC AUTONOMY:** THE SUDDEN ELIMINATION OF SUPREME LEADERSHIP DECENTRALIZES KINETIC AUTHORITY, TRANSFERRING COMMAND FROM TEHRAN DIRECTLY TO FORWARD-DEPLOYED REGIONAL PROXY ELEMENTS (THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE). DELEGATES MUST RESEARCH THE LEGAL AND TACTICAL CHALLENGE OF NEGOTIATING A STATE-LEVEL CEASEFIRE WHEN NON-STATE ARMED GROUPS POSSESS AUTONOMOUS OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE.

- **ANTI-ACCESS/AREA-DENIAL (A2/AD) IN THE CHOKEPOINT:** THE RESTRICTION OF THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ IS BEING MAINTAINED THROUGH INTEGRATED ANTI-ACCESS/AREA-DENIAL (A2/AD) NETWORKS, UTILIZING LOW-SIGNATURE SMART SEA MINES, FAST-ATTACK CRAFT (FAC) SWARMS, AND LAND-BASED ANTI-SHIP CRUISE MISSILES (ASCMS). DELEGATES REPRESENTING NAVAL POWERS MUST EVALUATE THE OPERATIONAL RISKS OF FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS (FONOPS) VERSUS THE LEGAL PRECEDENTS OF ENFORCING AN EXCLUSION ZONE UNDER THE UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (UNCLOS).
- **UNMONITORED NUCLEAR BREAKOUT & DETERRENCE:** THE COMPLETE CESSATION OF THE IAEA'S ONLINE VERIFICATION DATA PIPELINES (SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS) HAS CREATED TOTAL NUCLEAR OPACITY. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS FORCED TO FORMULATE POLICIES UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE HOST NATION HAS CROSSED THE INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITY (IOC) THRESHOLD FOR AN ASYMMETRIC NUCLEAR DETERRENT. DELEGATES MUST ANALYZE HOW THIS PERCEIVED NUCLEAR UMBRELLA ALTERS THE CALCULUS OF CONVENTIONAL MILITARY INTERVENTION AND DIPLOMATIC COERCION.

CORE STRATEGIC VOCABULARY FOR DELEGATE DOSSIERS

TO ENSURE DELEGATES DO NOT USE GENERIC "HIGH SCHOOL MUN" PHRASES, THEIR RESEARCH SHOULD DEFINE AND UTILIZE THESE EXPLICIT TECHNICAL OPERATIONAL TERMS:

- **ASYMMETRIC NON-STATE ALIGNMENT:** MOVING AWAY FROM THE BASIC TERM "PROXIES" TO EVALUATE THE EXACT DEGREE OF OPERATIONAL AUTONOMY A FACTION POSSESSES WHEN CENTRAL STATE COMMAND GOES DARK.
- **EX INJURIA JUS NON ORITUR:** A CORE INTERNATIONAL LAW PRINCIPLE ("LAW DOES NOT ARISE FROM INJUSTICE"). DELEGATES BACKING IRAN WILL NEED THIS TO ARGUE THAT RESOLUTION 2817 LACKS LEGAL FORCE BECAUSE IT IGNORED THE INITIAL FEBRUARY 28TH STRIKES ON IRANIAN TERRITORY.
- **FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS (FONOPS):** THE SPECIFIC NAVAL MANEUVERS USED TO CHALLENGE UNLAWFUL MARITIME BLOCKADES, CONTRASTED AGAINST THE STRICT SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF LITTORAL STATES UNDER UNCLOS ARTICLE 38 (TRANSIT PASSAGE).

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GLOBAL & ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE IRAN CONFLICT CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM ITS POLITICAL AND SECURITY DIMENSIONS. ALL OF THE FACTORS UNLEASHED BY THE CONFLICT WILL CASCADE THROUGH GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS, RAISING CONSUMER PRICES ACROSS THE BOARD. THE BURDEN OF THIS CRISIS FALLS MOST HEAVILY NOT ON THE ADVANCED ECONOMIES THAT LAUNCHED OR SUPPORTED THE STRIKES, BUT ON THE DEVELOPING NATIONS OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH, COUNTRIES LEAST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONFLICT BUT MOST EXPOSED TO FOOD PRICE SHOCKS, ENERGY SHORTAGES, CURRENCY CRISES, AND THE COLLAPSE OF EXPORT MARKETS.

THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ:

THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ IS A NARROW WATERWAY CONNECTING THE PERSIAN GULF TO THE GULF OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN SEA. APPROXIMATELY 15.8 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL PER DAY TRANSIT THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ, REPRESENTING ROUGHLY 15–20% OF GLOBAL OIL SUPPLY. IN ADDITION, THE STRAIT CARRIES THE WORLD'S LARGEST VOLUMES OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS, PRIMARILY FROM QATAR.

FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES, IRAN CLOSED THE STRAIT ON 4 MARCH 2026. IN PRACTICE, A SOFT CLOSURE CAN INFLICT MUCH OF THE SAME DAMAGE AS A DECLARED BLOCKADE, SHIPOWNERS FACING CONGESTION, REPEATED IDENTIFICATION DEMANDS, ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE, DRONE AND MISSILE RISKS, AND UNCERTAIN INSURANCE CONDITIONS WILL STOP SAILING BEFORE ANY OFFICIAL CLOSURE IS ANNOUNCED.

PRICE ESCALATION OF OIL:

A COMPLETE CESSATION OF OIL EXPORTS FROM THE GULF REGION AMOUNTS TO REMOVING CLOSE TO 20 PERCENT OF GLOBAL OIL SUPPLIES FROM THE MARKET, ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF WHICH IS SHIPPED TO ASIA. OIL IMPORTERS UNABLE TO ACCESS OIL FROM THE PERSIAN GULF HAVE TO TURN TO OTHER OIL SUPPLIERS, PUTTING UPWARD PRESSURE ON OIL PRICES WORLDWIDE. PARTS OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST LNG PLANT HAVE SUSTAINED MISSILE DAMAGE WHICH OWNER QATAR ENERGY WARNED WILL TAKE UP TO FIVE YEARS TO REPAIR.

RESERVE DEPLETION

GOVERNMENTS RESPONDED BY DRAWING ON EMERGENCY RESERVES AT UNPRECEDENTED SCALE, BUT THIS BUFFER IS FINITE. GOVERNMENTS PLEDGED TO DEPLOY A RECORD 400 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL FROM EMERGENCY RESERVES IN A MOVE CO-ORDINATED BY THE IEA, HOWEVER, THE US HAD ONLY UTILISED ABOUT 79.7 MILLION BARRELS OF THE 172 MILLION IT PROMISED TO RELEASE. THE RAPIDLY SHRINKING STOCKPILES MEAN THAT THE RISK OF EVEN MORE EXTREME PRICE SPIKES AND SHORTAGES IS GETTING EVER CLOSER, LEAVING GOVERNMENTS AND INDUSTRIES WITH FEWER OPTIONS TO CUSHION THE IMPACT. GULF STATES AND IRAQ ARE LOSING APPROXIMATELY \$1.1 BILLION PER DAY IN OIL REVENUE WHILE THE STRAIT REMAINS CLOSED.

SCALE OF DEPENDENCE:

ASIA IS THE REGION MOST ACUTELY EXPOSED TO THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ DISRUPTION. ACCORDING TO THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, CHINA, AND INDIA TOGETHER IMPORT ABOUT 75% OF CRUDE OIL EXPORTS AND 59% OF LNG EXPORTS PASSING THROUGH THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ. ACROSS A NUMBER OF ASIAN COUNTRIES, OFFICIALS CLOSED SCHOOLS, TOLD WORKERS TO STAY HOME, AND ASKED PEOPLE TO ADOPT OTHER FUEL-SAVING MEASURES AS THEY ANTICIPATED SURGING OIL PRICES TO PUSH UP THE PRICES OF NEARLY EVERYTHING FROM FOOD TO TRANSPORT TO ELECTRICITY.

HELIUM, SEMICONDUCTORS, FERTILISERS AND AI INFRASTRUCTURE:

IN 2025, QATAR PRODUCED ABOUT 63 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF HELIUM, CONSTITUTING A THIRD OF THE ROUGHLY 190 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF HELIUM PRODUCED GLOBALLY. WHILE OTHER GULF COUNTRIES ARE NOT CHIEF PRODUCERS OF HELIUM, THEY ARE CRITICAL TO THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN BECAUSE EXPORTS FROM QATAR AND ELSEWHERE DEPEND ON SHIPPING LANES AND CHOKEPOINTS IN THEIR COASTAL WATERS, ESPECIALLY THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ.

QATAR ENERGY SUSPENDED HELIUM PRODUCTION FOLLOWING ATTACKS ON ITS LNG FACILITIES. CURTAILED LNG PRODUCTION BY QATAR, COUPLED WITH BLOCKED SHIPPING LANES IN THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ, DISRUPTED UP TO 35% OF GLOBAL HELIUM SUPPLY, NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE PIVOTAL SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE CONSEQUENCES RIPPLE DIRECTLY INTO THE MOST STRATEGIC INDUSTRIES OF THE 21ST CENTURY. AS ONE ANALYST AT MOODY'S PUT IT PLAINLY: "THE AI ECONOMY RUNS ON TOKENS, TOKENS RUN ON GPUS, AND GPUS DEPEND ON QATARI HELIUM, ISRAELI BROMINE, AND LNG TANKERS WITH A SINGLE, 21-MILE-WIDE EXIT FROM THE PERSIAN GULF."

THE MEDICAL IMPLICATIONS ARE EQUALLY SERIOUS. HELIUM DISRUPTIONS ARE THREATENING NOT ONLY SEMICONDUCTOR SUPPLY BUT MEDICAL USES SUCH AS MRI SCANS.

FERTILISER ACCOUNTS FOR UP TO 25 PERCENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY PRODUCTION COSTS, AND THE WAR IS PUTTING ONE THIRD OF GLOBAL FERTILISER TRADE AT RISK OF DISRUPTION. THE SHIPMENT OF NATURAL GAS HAS DECLINED PRECIPITOUSLY, WHICH AFFECTS FEEDSTOCK FOR NITROGENOUS-BASED FERTILISERS.

THE SIMULTANEOUS DISRUPTION OF OIL EXPORTS, LNG FLOWS, FERTILISER SUPPLY CHAINS, SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS, AND MARITIME INSURANCE MARKETS HAS CASCADED INTO EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD ECONOMY. DELEGATES MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT MERELY A MIDDLE EASTERN CRISIS; IT IS A STRUCTURAL RUPTURE IN THE ARCHITECTURE OF GLOBAL COMMERCE.

REGIONAL DYNAMICS & PROXY ACTORS

THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE:

FOR DECADES, IRAN HAS PURSUED WHAT SECURITY SCHOLARS CALL A DOCTRINE OF “FORWARD DEFENCE” WHICH PROJECTS POWER BEYOND ITS BORDERS THROUGH A NETWORK OF NON-STATE ARMED GROUPS RATHER THAN DIRECT MILITARY CONFRONTATION. RATHER THAN INVOLVING ITSELF DIRECTLY IN FOREIGN CONFLICTS, TEHRAN HAS MADE EXTENSIVE USE OF NON-STATE ACTORS TO PROJECT POWER ACROSS THE REGION, DETER ADVERSARIES, AND EXTEND ITS INFLUENCE, WITH THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC) QUDS FORCE PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN MANAGING THIS SUPPORT AND COORDINATING THE PROXY NETWORK. THIS NETWORK, COLLECTIVELY CALLED THE “AXIS OF RESISTANCE,” SPANS LEBANON, YEMEN, IRAQ, SYRIA, AND GAZA. THE IRGC QUDS FORCE, COMMANDED BY BRIGADIER GENERAL ESMAIL QAANI, SERVES AS COORDINATOR, FUNDER, TRAINER, AND WEAPONS SUPPLIER FOR THE ENTIRE NETWORK, WITH AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL BUDGET OF \$1–2 BILLION FOR PROXY OPERATIONS. UNDERSTANDING THIS NETWORK IS ESSENTIAL FOR DELEGATES, BECAUSE WHEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL LAUNCHED STRIKES AGAINST IRAN ON FEBRUARY 28, 2026, THEY STRUCK A COUNTRY WHOSE RETALIATORY OPTIONS EXTEND FAR BEYOND ITS OWN BORDERS.

HEZBOLLAH - LEBANON:

HEZBOLLAH IN LEBANON IS THE MOST CAPABLE PROXY IN IRAN’S NETWORK, WITH AN ESTIMATED 150,000+ ROCKETS AND MISSILES, 30,000–50,000 TRAINED FIGHTERS, AND PRECISION-GUIDED MUNITION CAPABILITY THAT CAN STRIKE SPECIFIC TARGETS THROUGHOUT ISRAEL. FOLLOWING THE US–ISRAELI STRIKES ON IRAN, HEZBOLLAH LAUNCHED ROCKET ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL, SPURRING AN ISRAELI MILITARY RESPONSE IN LEBANON. THIS ESCALATED INTO A FULL-SCALE 2026 LEBANON WAR, AND MORE THAN ONE-SIXTH OF LEBANON’S POPULATION WAS DISPLACED AS IRAN’S WAR WITH THE US PROMPTED RESUMPTION OF THE ISRAEL–HEZBOLLAH CONFLICT. HEZBOLLAH’S ROLE IS NOT MERELY MILITARY. IT FUNCTIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY AS A POLITICAL PARTY WITH SEATS IN LEBANON’S PARLIAMENT, A SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDER, AND A PARAMILITARY FORCE WHICH MAKES IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ISOLATE OR NEUTRALISE WITHOUT DESTABILISING THE LEBANESE STATE ENTIRELY.

THE HOUTHIS (ANSAR ALLAH) - YEMEN

THE HOUTHIS HAVE DEMONSTRATED ANTI-SHIP MISSILE AND DRONE CAPABILITIES THAT HAVE DISRUPTED RED SEA SHIPPING, ATTACKED SAUDI INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THREATENED US NAVAL ASSETS IN THE REGION. HOWEVER, BY THE FREEZE DATE, THEIR CAPACITY HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY DEGRADED. THE HOUTHIS' SEVERELY DEGRADED MILITARY, FINANCIAL, AND HUMAN CAPACITY HAD FUNDAMENTALLY ALTERED THEIR STRATEGIC CALCULUS; ANY SIGNIFICANT ACTION AGAINST US TARGETS RISKED ACCELERATING THE GROUP'S ORGANISATIONAL COLLAPSE RATHER THAN ENHANCING ITS DETERRENT LEVERAGE.

CRITICALLY, ACTING FROM WITHIN YEMEN, RECENTLY THEY STARTED NOW ASSEMBLING INDEPENDENT ON IRAN TO SUPPLY DRONES AND MISSILES.

INVOLVEMENT OF THE UN & THE UNGA ESS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2817 (MARCH 2026)

FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF HIGH-INTENSITY CONFLICT IN EARLY 2026, THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) MOVED TO ADOPT S/RES/2817 ON MARCH 11, 2026. SPONSORED BY A COALITION OF REGIONAL STATES AND PASSING WITH A 13-0-2 VOTE (WITH RUSSIA AND CHINA ABSTAINING), THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHED THE BASELINE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CRISIS, EXPLICITLY DEMANDING:

- AN IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES BY ALL STATE AND NON-STATE ACTORS.
- THE CESSATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES HINDERING THE SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AND MARITIME NAVIGATION, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ, AFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLE OF INNOCENT PASSAGE INTERNATIONAL LAW.
- THE IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF ACCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED ZONES WITHIN IRAN AND NEIGHBORING TERRITORIES.

FAILURE OF ENFORCEMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL DEADLOCK

DESPITE THE LEGAL WEIGHT OF RESOLUTION 2817, IT FACED AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS OF ENFORCEMENT. BECAUSE THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WITHOUT AN EXPLICIT INVOCATION OF CHAPTER VII OF THE UN CHARTER, ITS ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS REMAINED LEGALLY AMBIGUOUS.

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS INTENDED TO TRANSITION THE MANDATE INTO AN ENFORCEMENT FRAMEWORK—SUCH AS AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER VII PEACEKEEPING OBSERVER MISSION OR A MANDATORY MULTILATERAL SANCTIONS REGIME—WERE SYSTEMATICALLY MET WITH A SERIES OF P5 VETOS. DELEGATES MUST RESEARCH HOW THIS STRUCTURAL STALEMATE HIGHLIGHTS THE CONFLICT BETWEEN CHAPTER VI (PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES) AND CHAPTER VII (ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THREATS TO THE PEACE) MANDATES, AND HOW THEIR ASSIGNED COUNTRY INTERPRETS THE BINDING NATURE OF NON-CHAPTER VII RESOLUTIONS.

THE APRIL 2ND WARNING

ON APRIL 2, 2026, AS THE CRISIS ENTERED ITS SECOND MONTH, THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL ISSUED A HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DESCRIBING THE SITUATION AS A "HEMORRHAGE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW," THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WARNED THAT THE PERSISTENT DEFIANCE OF RESOLUTION 2817 HAD PUSHED THE GLOBAL SECURITY ARCHITECTURE TO THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE. HE NOTED THAT THE DUAL BLOCKADE AND THE TARGETING OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE HAD CREATED A GLOBAL ECONOMIC SHOCKWAVE, STATING THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S PARALYSIS NECESSITATED AN IMMEDIATE SHIFT IN INSTITUTIONAL JURISDICTION TO PREVENT A SYSTEMIC BREAKDOWN OF THE UN CHARTER.

TRANSITION TO THE EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION (ESS)

WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL OFFICIALLY DECLARED PARALYZED FOLLOWING THE APRIL 2ND DEADLOCK, MEMBER STATES INVOKED RESOLUTION 377 A (V), THE "UNITING FOR PEACE" MECHANISM.

THIS INTRODUCES INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DELEGATES MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WHILE THE UNGA CANNOT PASS LEGALLY BINDING ENFORCEMENT MANDATES LIKE THE UNSC, RESOLUTION 377A GRANTS THE ASSEMBLY THE AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND COLLECTIVE MEASURES. THIS INCLUDES THE POWER TO RECOMMEND VOLUNTARY TRADE EMBARGOES, DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSEMBLY-MANDATED MARITIME PROTECTION FORCE.

CURRENT DIPLOMATIC CLIMATE

AS THE EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION CONVENES ON APRIL 7, 2026, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS DEEPLY POLARIZED INTO DISTINCT DIPLOMATIC BLOCS:

- THE INTERVENTIONIST COALITION: ADVOCATES FOR THE IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF A UN EMERGENCY FORCE (UNEF) TO CLEAR SEA LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND SECURE THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ, UTILIZING THE PRECEDENT OF THE 1956 SUEZ CRISIS.
- THE SOVEREIGNTY BLOC: ARGUES THAT ANY UNAUTHORIZED UN MARITIME DEPLOYMENT OR INTERNATIONAL CORRIDOR VIOLATES UN CHARTER ARTICLE 2(7) REGARDING DOMESTIC JURISDICTION AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

TOOLKIT OF THE ASSEMBLY: OPERATIVE OPTIONS UNDER RESOLUTION 377A

WHILE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANNOT ISSUE LEGALLY BINDING MANDATES UNDER CHAPTER VII, THE "UNITING FOR PEACE" MECHANISM PROVIDES A VAST MENU OF NON-BINDING "COLLECTIVE MEASURES." DELEGATES MUST STRATEGICALLY DEPLOY THESE TOOLS WITHIN THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TO BYPASS THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S INACTION:

A. DIPLOMATIC & INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES

- THE CREDENTIALS LEVER (THE REPRESENTATION WEAPON): UNDER THE UNGA RULES OF PROCEDURE, THE ASSEMBLY CAN VOTE TO REJECT THE CREDENTIALS OF A COUNTRY'S DIPLOMATIC DELEGATION OR SUSPEND THEIR VOTING PRIVILEGES IN THE PLENARY. RESEARCH PRECEDENT: USED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN 1974 DURING THE APARTHEID ERA.
- FACT-FINDING & INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSIONS: THE ASSEMBLY CAN BYPASS THE P5 VETO TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OR THE USAGE OF UNMONITORED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES, PRESENTING FINDINGS DIRECTLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS. RESEARCH PRECEDENT: UNGA RES 1004 (ES- II) FOLLOWING THE HUNGARIAN CRISIS.

B. ECONOMIC & VOLUMETRIC MEASURES

- VOLUNTARY MULTILATERAL SANCTIONS: BECAUSE COMPULSORY GLOBAL SANCTIONS ARE A CHAPTER VII EXCLUSIVE POWER, THE UNGA CAN RECOMMEND VOLUNTARY, COORDINATED STATE-LEVEL TRADE RESTRICTIONS. THIS INCLUDES TARGETED ASSET FREEZES, TECHNOLOGY BANS, OR AVIATION SHUTDOWNS AGAINST A NON-COMPLIANT STATE.
- STRATEGIC TRADE & SUPPLY CHAIN ALTERNATIVE CORRIDORS: THE ASSEMBLY CAN ORGANIZE MULTILATERAL, VOLUNTARY HUMANITARIAN TRADE NETWORKS TO SUBSIDIZE AND REDISTRIBUTE AMMONIA-BASED FERTILIZERS AND AGRICULTURAL GRAINS TO DEVELOPING NATIONS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH WORST HIT BY THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ CLOSURE.

C. MILITARY & SECURITY MEASURES

- ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACEKEEPING OPERATION (PKOs): THE UNGA CAN VOTE TO CREATE AND FINANCE AN EMERGENCY SECURITY FORCE—SUCH AS A UN MARITIME ESCORT OR BORDER FORCE—TO POLICE NEUTRAL ZONES, CLEAR SHIPPING CORRIDORS, OR GUARD BORDERS. CRUCIAL LIMIT: UNLIKE THE SECURITY COUNCIL, A PEACEKEEPING FORCE REQUIRES THE EXPLICIT CONSENT OF THE HOST STATE (OR AT LEAST ONE OF THE LITTORAL PARTIES) TO LEGALLY DEPLOY INTO THEIR TERRITORY. RESEARCH PRECEDENT: UNEF I DURING THE 1956 SUEZ CRISIS.
- RECOMMENDATION FOR COLLECTIVE USE OF ARMED FORCE: IN EXTREME CASES OF AN UNPROVOKED "ACT OF AGGRESSION" OR A BREACH OF THE PEACE, RESOLUTION 377A EXPLICITLY PERMITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RECOMMEND THAT MEMBER STATES PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO A STATE DEFENDING ITSELF UNDER ARTICLE 51 PARAMETERS. RESEARCH PRECEDENT: UTILIZED DURING THE 1950 KOREAN WAR.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER UPON GENERAL RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- HOW DOES THE APRIL 6TH ESCALATION SHIFT REGIONAL ALLIANCES, AND WHAT PARAMETERS DOES IT SET FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTERVENTION?
- CAN A HIGHLY DECENTRALIZED MILITARY APPARATUS BE DETERRED THROUGH TRADITIONAL STATE-LEVEL DIPLOMACY?
- WHAT DIPLOMATIC OFF-RAMPS CAN THE UNGA ESTABLISH TO PREVENT LOCALIZED WARFARE FROM EXPANDING GLOBALLY?
- TO WHAT EXTENT DOES KINETIC TARGETING OF NEUTRAL CIVILIAN HUBS DICTATE A PROTECTIVE MANDATE FOR NON-BELLIGERENTS?
- HOW CAN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SYSTEMATICALLY MANAGE CROSS-BORDER DISPLACEMENT WHILE PRIMARY UN SECURITY ORGANS REMAIN GRIDLOCKED?

QUESTIONS A RESOLUTION MUST ADDRESS (QARMAS)

- WHAT MARITIME SAFETY MECHANISMS CAN SECURE TRANSIT THROUGH THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ UNDER UNCLOS?
- HOW CAN THE ASSEMBLY ENSURE A RETURN TO NUCLEAR TRANSPARENCY ONCE STANDARD MONITORING INFRASTRUCTURE IS DESTROYED?
- WHAT COOPERATIVE MEASURES CAN HALT THE SUPPLY CHAINS OF NON-STATE PROXIES WITHOUT BLOCKING VITAL HUMANITARIAN RELIEF?
- WHAT SPECIFIC MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL MECHANISMS CAN CUSHION DEVELOPING ECONOMIES FROM SYSTEMIC ENERGY AND FOOD SUPPLY SHOCKS?
- WHAT ACTIONS CAN THE ASSEMBLY TAKE TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF INNOCENT NATIONS WHEN TWO OR MORE NATIONS ARE ENGAGED IN A WAR?
- HOW CAN PEACE BE ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA IN AND AROUND THE GULF?
- AS OF APRIL 6TH, 2026, WHAT ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN TO DE-ESCALATE THE CONFLICT?

JURISDICTIONAL FRAMEWORKS & INSTITUTIONAL PRECEDENTS

- CAN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGALLY MANDATE A NAVAL ESCORT OR HUMANITARIAN CORRIDOR WITHOUT A SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE, USING THE PRECEDENT OF UNEF I?
- SINCE THE UNGA CANNOT ENFORCE COMPULSORY SANCTIONS, HOW CAN MEMBER STATES COORDINATE VOLUNTARY ECONOMIC MEASURES WITHOUT VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAWS?
- HOW CAN YOUR DELEGATION STRUCTURE OPERATIVE CLAUSES TO SECURE A TWO-THIRDS SUPERMAJORITY WITHOUT COMPROMISING CORE NATIONAL INTERESTS?
- HOW DOES AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION LEGALLY RECONCILE HOST-STATE DOMESTIC JURISDICTION UNDER ARTICLE 2(7) WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE MARITIME INTERVENTION?

EXPECTATIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS

RESEARCH RIGOR & POLICY ALIGNMENT

- FOREIGN POLICY AUTHENTICITY: PARTICIPANTS MUST BE THOROUGHLY WELL-VERSED IN THEIR ASSIGNED COUNTRY'S OR PORTFOLIO'S FOREIGN POLICY. RESEARCH SHOULD HEAVILY EXTEND BEYOND THIS STUDY GUIDE, UTILIZING OFFICIAL UN DOCUMENTS, STATE-LEVEL PRESS STATEMENTS, AND BILATERAL TREATIES.
- ANALYTICAL EVALUATION: DELEGATES WILL BE EVALUATED ON THEIR ANALYTICAL RIGOR, STRATEGIC POSITIONING, AND ORIGINAL INSIGHTS INTO INTERNATIONAL LAW RATHER THAN A SIMPLERECITATION OF HISTORICAL FACTS OR BASELINE DATA.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & AI POLICY

- ORIGINALITY REQUIREMENT: ALL WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORK SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE MUST BE ENTIRELY ORIGINAL.
- AI RESTRICTIONS: THE USE OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) FOR DRAFTING SPEECHES, RESOLUTION CLAUSES, POSITION PAPERS, OR POINTS OF INQUIRY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY WILL BE MET WITH IMMEDIATE ACADEMIC CONSEQUENCES.

COMMITTEE PREPAREDNESS

- PRE-CONFERENCE MASTERY: TO ENSURE COMMITTEE SESSION TIME IS MAXIMIZED FOR HIGH-LEVEL DEBATE, PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ALL COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESEARCH AND MASTER THE STANDARD RULES OF PROCEDURE (ROP) BEFORE THE OPENING PLENARY.
- POSITION PAPERS: DELEGATES MUST SUBMIT THEIR FORMATTED POSITION PAPERS ADDRESSING THE CORE ISSUES OUTLINED IN THIS GUIDE PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE DEADLINES.

DIPLOMATIC DECORUM & ENGAGEMENT

- PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT: STRICT DIPLOMATIC DECORUM IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES. RESPECTFUL, PROFESSIONAL, AND POLITE CONDUCT MUST BE MAINTAINED TOWARD CO-DELEGATES, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE LOGISTICS TEAM AND THE CONFERENCE STAFF.
- ACTIVE PARTICIPATION: PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN BOTH FORMAL CAUCUS SESSIONS AND INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IS ESSENTIAL TO FACILITATE THE FRUITFUL, NUANCED, AND FIERY DEBATE EXPECTED AT SMUN2026.

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- UN NEWS: MIDDLE EAST (OFFICIAL UN PRESS RELEASES AND BRIEFINGS)
- OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OHCHR) (COUNTRY REPORTS ON IRAN)
- INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) (VERIFICATION AND NUCLEAR MONITORING REPORTS)
- UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) SUBSIDIARY ORGANS (SANCTIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS)
- THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER (SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER IV, V, AND VII)
- INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) (CASE LAW AND ADVISORY OPINIONS)
- REUTERS AND ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) (VERIFIED NEWS AND TIMELINES)
- COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR) (GEOPOLITICAL ANALYSIS AND POLICY TRACKERS)
- INTERNATIONAL CRISIS GROUP (CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION REPORTS)
- CHATHAM HOUSE (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS RESEARCH)
- THE ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE UNIT (EIU) (ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL STABILITY DATA)
- STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (SIPRI) (ARMS CONTROL AND SECURITY DATA)
- FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS (FAS) (NUCLEAR AND STRATEGIC SECURITY ANALYSIS)
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