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SPECIAL COMMITTEE GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION:

- Special Committees in the Model UN world address unique ideas that don't fall within the typical scope of traditional UN bodies. These committees focus on specialized, intersectional topics that require a deep understanding of international policies, innovative thinking, and collaborative solutions. Delegates in these committees must balance national interests with the global implications of complex challenges, working towards comprehensive, long-term resolutions.

OPENING SPEECHES:

- Although special committees differ from typical committees, they maintain the regular opening speeches system.
- If you are representing a delegation, you should present an opening speech that lasts 1-2 minutes.
- It is standard to address the president of your committee and delegates by saying something like "Honorable president, esteemed chair, and fellow delegates." at the beginning of your speech.

1. **The body of your speech should address the issue on the agenda your delegation feels most empathetically about.**

NOTES:

- You are advised to speak at a slow pace and clearly, and have the speech planned not to surpass the time designated for you. If not, the president will ask you to stop which is not too much trouble to act accordingly.
- Special Committees do not have lobbying and merging sessions or resolutions, instead, they are constantly in open debate throughout the three-day conference.

ACTION STATEMENTS/DIRECTIVES:

Action Statements are sudden, specific, short-term clause-like actions proposed and voted on by the committee as a whole. Unlike resolutions, which aim for long-term, comprehensive solutions, action statements are designed to address immediate concerns or crises that arise during the debate.

- An action statement describes what action will be taken, the location, the time, and the strategy behind each action.
- Action statements can be submitted individually or collectively by delegates and are debated and voted on in real time. Their fast-paced nature makes them essential in responding to rapidly evolving situations and maintaining the flow of the crisis simulation.
- Action statements can propose a wide range of sections, such as military interventions, economic sanctions, or diplomatic efforts, depending on the scenario.
- The chairing panel will decide whether the action statement passes or fails (depending on the direction it will lead the debate to).
- If an action statement passes, the action is implemented, and the repercussions are presented by the panel. If it fails, no action is taken.

TYPES OF ACTION STATEMENTS:

1. Procedural: This action statement is used to alter the procedure of handling national affairs (building a hospital, renovating public utilities, etc...)

- Examples of a procedural action statement:
- "The Minister of Public Infrastructure, with approval from the National Assembly, introduces a new procedure to expedite the construction of public hospitals. Under this, all hospital projects will prioritize local contractors and reduce bureaucratic delays, ensuring completion within 18 months. This new process will be applied to all upcoming projects."
- "The Director of Urban Development, supported by the City Council, implements a new process for renovating public utilities. This procedure mandates that all renovation projects undergo an environment impact assessment before approval, ensuring sustainable practices. This protocol will be enforced for all future public utility upgrades."

2. Foreign: this action statement is used to alter a foreign policy, alliance, or treaty (creating new allies, altering an old treaty, setting trade policies, etc...)

- Examples of a foreign policy action statement:
- "Leader of the People's Action Party, with the support of other PAP members, reduces the tax on imported goods from 16% to 2% to make them more accessible and affordable to civilians. This will be implemented as soon as the next cargo ship arrives."

- "The President of the National Workers' Union, with backing from key union representatives, increases the minimum wage by 20% to improve the standard of living for all workers. This policy will take effect starting with the next pay cycle."

3. Destructive: this action statement is used to disrupt peace through assassinations, demotions, sanctions, or even war.

- Examples of a destructive action statement:
- "The delegation of Cyrinia authorizes targeted airstrikes on key military installations within the Northern Highlands of Athenia to cripple the Athenian Rebel Forces' capabilities. Furthermore, Cyrinia will impose economic sanctions on all neighboring nations providing military or financial support to the Athenian rebels, including the immediate freezing of assets and a full embargo on trade with Delphora and Illyria until compliance with Cyrinia's peace terms is achieved."

"(Delegation) authorizes targeted airstrikes on key military installations within Region X to cripple the opposing forces' capabilities. Additionally, economic sanctions will be imposed on all nations supporting the hostile regime, with immediate freezing of assets and a full embargo on trade until compliance with international peace demands is achieved."

- **Sample Directives:**

Directive: National Defense and Order

Sponsor: Pierre-François-Joseph Robert
Signatories: Georges Couthon, Louis-Antoine de Saint-Just, Bertrand Barère, and Philippe Le Bas

1. Establishes a Revolutionary Defense Council tasked with overseeing internal and external military operations
    a. This council will monitor military engagements and ensure adherence to revolutionary principles, including the coordination of defense measures and the protection of revolutionary gains.
    b. The council will be composed of 10 members from the Committee of Public Safety, appointed to represent various political factions for balanced oversight.

2. Imposes a curfew within the capital to prevent insurrection and safeguard against internal conspiracies.

3. Allocates an emergency fund for the defense budget, separate from the general state treasury, to ensure rapid deployment of resources.

Directive: Rule of Law
Sponsor: Maximin Isnard
Signatories: Charles-Louis Antiboul, Léger-Félicité Sonthonax, Jean-Baptiste Drouet, Jean-Paul Marat, and Stanislas-Marie Maillard

1. Establishes an oversight committee with the purpose of dictating military movements
    a. This committee will have the purpose of ensuring orderly operations on domestic operations, including the discipline of subordinate soldiers, ensuring security, and handling protests
    b. This body will consist of 12 members of the National Convention, with the members being established via a system based on the political makeup of the body at large
2. Establish a clear no quartering mandate within domestic grounds by our soldiers
3. Establish a central budget for the military, in addition to the state at large

Secret Agendas:

Each delegate will be assigned a secret agenda (on the first day of the conference) that must be achieved throughout the three days of the conference. A **secret agenda** is a mission that is specific to your delegation and will comply with the delegation's characteristics and struggles according to the topic.

- Delegates can use strategies for completing secret agendas including but not limited to:

1- Forming Alliances

- Building alliances with other delegations based on common interests or ideologies to push your agenda.
- However, delegates must be careful not to reveal their secret agenda to allies.

2- **Divide and Conquer**

- Creating divisions among those opposing your secret agenda by instilling doubt or mistrust.
- Destabilizing alliances between opposing delegates.

3- **Subtle Influence**

- Pushing for directives or action statements that support your secret agenda without being too obvious.
- Framing your delegation's objectives as being in the general interest of the committee.

- Secret agendas are not meant to be shared under any circumstances, and they will be invalidated if so.

- Secret agendas are also used to determine the Best Delegate for the special committee. How well and strategically you achieve your secret agenda will impact your chances of winning the title.