How to research your country

Your Name:……………………………………………………………

Country Delegation:…………………………………………………..

**Do some research to find out basic information concerning the country you represent. The following aspects are particularly important**:

**Political structure:**

* Origin of political structures
* Constitution and government
* Stability and policy of present government (you should know the name of the leader;))

**Cultural Factors**:

* Ethnic groups
* Religions
* Cultural history

**Geography:**

* Bordering countries
* Topography
* Geo-political considerations

**Economy:**

* Monetary system
* Dependency and Debt
* Membership in trade organizations

**Natural Resources and Energy:**

* Basic commodities produced
* Energy infra-structure and sources

**Defence:**

* Military Structure
* Alliances

**Views on world problems:**

* Role and influence in the world
* Geo-political groupings

**History:**

* General
* Last 50 years

**You should take notes (not full sentences) in a brief but organized fashion. Not more than 2 pages. AND in English, or course. Don't only rely on Wikipedia which is a good starting point, but also check sites such as this one, your country might be listed there:**  <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/>

**If it isn't, check the CIA site. In the search engine you should type 'country profile' + the name of your country, then scroll down:** https://www.cia.gov/search/?q=country%20profiles&site=CIA&output=xml\_no\_dtd&client=CIA&myAction=%2Fsearch&proxystylesheet=CIA&submitMethod=get

If you want a non-western source, try **Al Jazeera**, typing **'Al Jazeera country profile' and the** **name of your country**. Example: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2011/5/26/country-profile-turkey>

**REMINDER:** We will be talking about water shortages on October 11th, so any information you can find on that topic will be helpful!