

## **Summit of the Americas**

Dear Delegates,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the 8th edition of the TJMUN Queretaro. We welcome you as your chairs to the Summit of the Americas committee. We are glad for you to be a part of this great event and big opportunity to learn new things, to share ideas and your own knowledges. This is also a great opportunity for you to learn many lessons and personal experiences that will help you in your future.

In the Summit of the Americas committee you will focus on issues regarding Latin America, like financial instability and some of the strong Cooperations, with your help delegates, we will hopefully be able to solve these problems and make the world a better place. We are sure that you will get an amazing debating experience and in order for the debate to be helpful, we want you to focus on the actual situation in your countries. It is essential for you delegates to come totally prepared with the required information and a positive attitude at all times to come to a solution that can benefit everyone.

As Barack Obama said "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." This project is all about that, change, and its starts today, with all of us, all the ideas we share, and all the resolutions we present, are the beginning of something big. We are sure this will be an experience that will benefit you in many different ways. Thank you for joining this amazing event. We look forward to see you soon!

Best regards,

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## **TOPIC A:**

### **Deteriorating Economy and Financial Instability in Latin America Affected by Current Crisis and Recession**

#### ***Introduction***

In Latin America the economy has become unstable over the last few years due to the current economic crisis and recession. Latin America has had a major number of crisis compared to other regions according to the. It has reached to the point that some countries had been through more than one economic crisis in the last third of the twenty century. Speaking in general terms, one of the major causes of the unstable economy is the careless management, of economic resources. When a country experiences a crisis, does not only affect internally, it also affect other countries. When a crisis is experienced, it exist a high possibility that the countries lack different types of resources. This resources are used to fulfill the trades and agreements that each country established with others and by not fulfilling what was established, other countries do not get what it was expected to obtain and that can provoke a failure in the country's development. This process can be repeated constantly, creating a pattern that can lead to a major regional crisis

#### ***Topic outline:***

The first time that Latin America had capital inflows was in 1981-1982. It ended up abruptly causing a big and negative impact in the economy of the countries that suffered it. Later on, this impact created a catastrophic crisis in the whole region that still affects all of us. (Topol, 2015) One of the many actions that the current countries made to fight this conflict was to establish different arrangements and payment plans with the purpose of paying off the external debts and making new negotiations to improve the economic flow. Thanks to this complicated situation, almost all of the countries in the region went through a period of a lot of changes including inflation, social problems and many other effects that affected the region.

As time has proven, the economic status in Latin America has never been stable at all (Frenkel, 2012).This countries have never been able to settle their economic situation thanks to the various factors that each country has faced in the past and over the years.

Such as: the inappropriate management of money and the non-supervised and uncontrolled handling of debts, among other reasons.

There are two main points that define the political and economic situation of the region. The first factor consists on the partnership that exists the People's Republic of China and Latin America. Latin America has a high percentage of imports and exports with China, this trades make a remarkable economical support which has generated a significant difference on the improvement of the financial stability conditions. On the other hand, the symbolic decline in oil prices has set back the growth in the economy significantly. (Rapetti, 2012) So this shows that the development prospects for Latin America have not reached the expected improvement point according to the plans in the long term.

### ***Essence of the debate:***

Due to the importance of this issue, it is crucial to achieve a solution that can benefit all of the parties involved. It will be essential for you to have a complete panorama of your country's situation talking in terms of political, social and most importantly economical. In this debate you will have the opportunity to discuss the different causes of the crisis that have been developing in Latin America among the decades. Also, in order to reach a solution that can benefit all of the countries involved, it is important for you delegates to analyze and mention what your country has done and the actions they have taken to solve this conflict. It is also important to mention and take into consideration the main agreements and exchanges that exist between the Latin American countries that in case of failure, the economy could be hardly affected. Also mention and research if your country has any specific measures that takes in case of a crisis either way internal or by interacting with other countries.

### ***Questions to consider:***

In order to maintain the debate focused on the topic, it is important for you to consider the following guidance questions:

- How does your country deals with the economy instability?

- How does the current crisis affect your country's economy?
- What type of solutions and actions has your country taken to improve the situation?
- Has your country participated in solving other crisis in the past?
- How stable has your country's economy been the last years?
- What are the main causes of financial instability in your country?

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## **Topic B: Prosperity with Equity: South-South and other stronger cooperation ties in the America.**

### ***Introduction:***

The South-South cooperation refers to the global partnership between the countries. Most of the countries that participate in this collaboration are developing countries. The purpose of this cooperation ties is for countries to create a bond and to help each other to develop and prosper. Some of the ideas and knowledge they share are based in the political, social, cultural, environmental and technical needs. Thanks to these agreements, the countries of Latin America have experienced a remarkable change and improvement. The exchange of skills, ideas, knowledge and experience can be in a bilateral, regional, sub regional or interregional level. This type of cooperation do not have to be necessarily governmental by protocol. Non-governmental organizations and private sector institutions can also participate and get involved.

Solidarity is the key for this alliance to continue working successfully. The South-South partnership does not focus on pointing out the power, or lack of, power that each country holds. What matters is that the parties involved are willing to cooperate and help other countries while also improving themselves in different sectors, in a way of getting a mutual benefit.

### ***Topic outline:***

The South-South Cooperation main objectives are: to speed up the process of the country's plans to develop, to enrich their capacity of taking decisions and finding current efficient solutions to their internal conflicts, to encourage collective self-determination through the exchange of experiences and knowledge, and improving communication between developing countries in the cooperation, that way creating awareness of common problems. Summing up what we had been mentioning, the South-South cooperation is a primordial opportunity for developing countries to express and share ideas with others.

The main benefits that this cooperation has are: To build up communication channels and to open new ways of communicating between developing countries in negotiations

and debates and to develop new capacities through own and other's experience. To promote the economic and social planning, technological plans, economic growth, natural resource potential, professional training and social development.

***Essence of the debate:***

The purpose of this committee is to aim and develop different solutions, partnerships, deals and standards to improve as a whole continent. Also to create new ways of communication in order to be more efficient in terms of international development. Nowadays southern countries depend a lot on stronger northern first world countries. What we want you delegates to focus main during the debate, is to try to find solutions and contribute with ideas that will be helpful for the countries that participate in the south cooperation in order to try to end their dependence of other countries. Consider how and in what ways your country can contribute to help other countries. It is important for you to be willing to hear others experiences and try to obtain the most that you can from them in order for your country to improve in any aspects that it needs.

***Questions to consider:***

In order to maintain the debate focused in the topic, it is important for you to consider and keep in mind the following guidance questions:

- Is your country a part of the South-South cooperation or any other cooperation?  
Explain its contribution
- How to stop the dependence from the northern stronger countries?
- How will must South-south countries improve their relationship in order to improve their economy?

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