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SPECPOL
Preventing Interstate Interference with Elections and
Referendums

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0.1 Background Information

SPECPOL will investigate ways to prevent interstate interference in international elections and referendums. Corruption and fraud within domestic elections has been known to occur in developing countries, and they have been increasingly monitored by international bodies such as the United Nations. Interstate tampering and interference within other states' domestic elections and referendums is an important issue especially within developing nations being influenced by larger more developed nations. SPECPOL will investigate current problems with election interference and the corruption and tampering of referendum results by interstate parties.

0.1.1 The Committee

The **Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)** deals with a variety of subjects which include those related to decolonisation, Palestinian refugees and human rights, peacekeeping, mine action, outer space, public information, atomic radiation and the University for Peace.

General Assembly resolutions define important issues, reaffirm and condemn past actions, and recommend future action – in general, they do not have the jurisdiction to make binding decisions. Resolutions on this topic will require a simple majority (50%+1) to pass.

History

Scope

Methodology

0.2 The Issue

0.2.1 History of the Issue

0.2.2 Crux of the Issue

0.2.3 Rules of Debate

0.3 Further Research

In particular, delegates should have a general understanding of their nation's:

- Existing policy on each subject area
- Political system and party in power