

From the Desk of the Bureau

Honourable Member State Representative,

Welcome to the Security Council simulated at KIITMUN, 2021. The agenda for our meeting has been set as “*Threats to International Peace and Security caused by Terrorist Attacks*”.

The emphasis will be on trends of terrorist acts, and the counter-terrorism policies adopted by states around the world. Representative of Niger will hold the Presidency for the month of December in the Security Council.

The overarching theme in this meeting will be to discuss the evolution of terrorism and counter-terrorism post COVID-19. While the theme is about post COVID-19, it is going to act more as a guideline and not as a rigid dictum.

There are a few instructions we have to give with this study guide:

- 1) This study guide is a mere framework for your deeper research. This study guide consists of readings from various sources and we have attempted to make it as comprehensive as possible, covering various angles and viewpoints so that you have a good idea about the concepts associated with the agenda. We cannot stress enough that you need to pursue your own sources, especially because the study guides will not cover your individual foreign policies and foreign policy compliance is very important to us. It is very likely that we, in our limited knowledge, have also omitted some crucial insights, perspectives or initiatives that are really effective or could be implemented later on.
- 2) Some of the readings in this guide may be outdated in terms of their information, but the idea is to derive the main arguments and the spirit of certain policies from it. It would really help if you would familiarize yourselves with related facets of the agenda and the overarching theme that goes with it.
- 3) We are following the Security Council procedure in the committee, which looks for consensus-building rather than conflicting and adverse debate. Please base your research on this basis. Oftentimes, delegates may simply pursue research whose approach is more aggressive and accusatory. We would discourage this greatly. Please concentrate on concerns where all states may find common ground.

4) The sources used in this study guide is all open-source and we are providing the links in the bibliography. The reason we chose not to write it ourselves was because we wanted to avoid a certain bias which may be evident in the language that it is being written in. We have tried instead to bring a certain balance in the way we assign you readings, but then again, there may be a chance that it may be seen as favouring any one side. We would like to assure you that it is not done by intention, but merely the constraints of time and sources. Also, please note the additional sources at the end in the “Suggested Reading” section to increase the depth and breadth of your knowledge in the agenda.

Read widely and extensively. Be aware of your foreign and domestic policies. We wish you all the best and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have doubts or even if you just want to have a casual chat about the agenda. The President can be reached at ashwathkomath.pmun@gmail.com

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President

Security Council

Instructions to all Member State Representatives

- We abide by the letter and spirit of UN4MUN as a procedure, which emphasizes utmost respect between delegates, conference officials, organizing committee members and the like. Any disrespect or the lack of diplomatic courtesy will have unwanted consequences. You are bound by a certain code of conduct and you are expected to abide by behaviour that is befitting the status of a diplomat.

- The focus is on building consensus and debates here mean healthy discussions. This is not a forum for shouting matches. Your oratory prowess, while commendable, means little to us if it is going to be used for no good purpose.
- Always keep in mind that it is a cumulative assessment of all the skills of the delegates such as foreign policy, research, diplomacy and the like. Try to maintain a healthy balance between all these skills than putting your bet on getting just one right.
- Procedure will be explained in great detail before we begin committee. Especially if you are first-timers, do not worry about making mistakes in procedure. Procedure can always be corrected and explained and we would be happy to do so. We will also adopt methods which are used in real-world diplomacy.
- Depending on the size of the committee, there may be recognition issues, which is to say that it is likely that you may not be recognized to speak as often as you like. The Bureau has to take into account a lot of factors when it comes to recognition. We mention this because it may seem unfair, but it is merely by circumstance and not by intention. Kindly do not hold it against us.
- Read widely and diligently. There exists enough literature out there that will help you and would make your research very productive. Please do not stick merely to the study guide. The study guide was built to be a framework at best. It is up to you to develop it further and tailor it according to your own needs as far as your own state is concerned.
- Be punctual.
- Your job as a diplomat is to convince the committee of your proposals, not the bureau. The bureau (to the furthest possible extent) acts as a mere moderator and facilitator. Focus your efforts in trying to convince your fellow member state representatives than the chairperson.
- The diplomatic chits are sacrosanct and protected by codes of diplomatic conduct. Such communication between states are not subject to scrutiny by the bureau, the secretariat or by the International Press without the express consent of the delegation(s) that are party to the communication. This rule may not apply to cases of sexual harassment. Chits will neither be marked, nor sent through the bureau.

The rules established here are non-negotiable. Entry to the committee would imply that you have read and understood the rules established through this document.

Structure

Day 1 (Friday, December 17, 2021) – *Preparatory Meeting* (Explanation of procedure, sub-agenda setting, decisions on time allotments)

Day 2 and 3 (Saturday-Sunday, 18-19 December 2021) – *Security Council Meeting*.

Themes to be discussed

- Changing trends of terrorism and counter-terrorism including discussion on threats emanating from specific violent extremist groups.
- Emerging concerns of intersection between asylum-seeking and terrorism
- Radicalization and de-radicalization
- Terrorism financing
- Foreign Terrorist Fighters
- Capacity building in Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)
- Violent Extremism and the future of the State

Reading List

Essential Reading

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on terrorism, counterterrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE)

<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/ctc/sites/www.un.org.securitycouncil.ctc/files/files/documents/2021/Jun/cted-paper-the-impact-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-on-counter-terror-0.pdf>

Update on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on terrorism, counterterrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE) -

https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/ctc/sites/www.un.org.securitycouncil.ctc/files/files/documents/2021/Jun/cted_covid_paper_15june2021_1.pdf

Suggested Reading

Counter Terrorist Trends and Analysis -

<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CTTA-April-2020.pdf>

Recent Online Resources for the Analysis of Terrorism and Related Subjects -

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/binaries/content/assets/customsites/perspectives-on-terrorism/2021/issue-4/jongman.pdf>

Preventing violent extremism during and after the COVID-19 pandemic -

https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2020/04/28/preventing-violent-extremism-during-and-after-the-covid-19-pandemic/?preview_id=802429

Contending with ISIS in the Time of Coronavirus -

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/global/contending-isis-time-coronavirus>

Soufan Centre Resources - <https://thesoufancenter.org/research/>