

## CRISIS COMMITTEE APPLICATION QUESTIONS 2014

### 2050 National Security Council

#### 1. What is your past Model UN experience?

I am currently a sophomore, and I have been participating in Model UN since the beginning of my freshman year. I have been on a range of committees including a UN General Assembly and continual crisis committees. Last year, I went to three competitive conferences: SUSMUN, BosMUN, and CMUNC. And I will attend VAMUN this year before PMUNC. I greatly enjoy doing Model UN, and I anticipate I will continue to do Model UN through my senior year of high school and into college. In particular, I enjoy continual crisis committees because of the fast-moving and exciting topics as well as the crises that develop.

#### 2. What do you think will cause the next major global conflict?

I believe that the next major conflict will arise from built-up tension between the United States and the Russian Federation. Russia's annexation of Crimea has contributed to conflict in Ukraine, which is backed by the European Union. Additionally, Russia has adopted an opposing view on other international crises including the Syrian Civil War. The United States has played a significant role in placing the sanctions that Russia is currently under. And Russia is obviously displeased by these. The last time that the United States and Russia had relations as poor as they are now was when Russia was still the USSR. I believe that there is a chance that these situations and tensions will only get worse, and could lead to the next global conflict if they continue to worsen over a long period of time.

#### 3. What is your favorite utopian future and why?

My favorite utopian future is one that consists of a futuristic world with no conflict. The world would be united under one country and one flag, and everyone would have a place to live and a place to sleep. Unfortunately, this will never occur; there really is not such thing as a utopian future. Even in stories, every society is flawed. In this world, a utopia will never exist; there is too much national, ethnic, and religious tension to overcome. And there are not enough resources, inadequate distribution of resources, not enough space to provide for everyone, and there will always be somewhere with conflict.

#### 4. What is your favorite dystopian future and why?

Although I do not like to imagine dystopian futures, I prefer dystopian futures that still have centers of civilizations that are not oppressive. I prefer these because they still contain hope for the future. Instead of a future devastated by natural disaster or nuclear war in which the only direction is down, I prefer to imagine one that still contains some areas that are not completely destroyed or ruined.

5. Is it easier to imagine the end of the world or the end of capitalism? Briefly imagine one of them.

For me, it is easier to imagine the end of the world. We came closest to the end of the world at the height of the Cold War, with the United States and the Soviet Union threatening nuclear attacks on each other, which would have caused an apocalyptic end to most of life on earth. Capitalism is an idea and form of economy that is used in most places on earth today. Other economic systems, such as Communism, are impractical. Communism is really unable to function efficiently, as it goes against human nature while capitalism takes advantage of human nature. Environmental disaster or nuclear annihilation will bring the earth to an end before capitalism is replaced.

6. Where will you be in 2050?

In 2050, I will be 52 years old. I hope that I will be in the middle of a successful life including a profession that I enjoy, a loving family, and a stable country and world. I will be living in a country with a market economy and a republican government. Advances in technology will allow for global warming to cease and energy sources that are clean and sustainable. Additionally, hopefully insurgency and terrorism will be less damaging, and places like Darfur, Somalia, and much of the Middle East will become more stable with stronger governments. Hopefully, medicine will be better, and health care will extend to more people. Also, ideally, food production will increase, and the rising populations will have more access to healthier foods as well as sterile water. Hopefully, 2050 will be a better place for many, and I will be successful and happy.