CRISIS COMMITTEE APPLICATION QUESTIONS 2014

Israel-Hamas-Fatah Joint Crisis Committee

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

This year will my fourth year participating in Model United Nations, as well as it being my second year captaining my school’s Model UN team. For the past three years I have attended BOSMUN, XI, XII, and XIII. Last year was by far my most remarkable. I took on the role of David Levy an ambassador of Israel working in the PLO-Israel Historical JCC. As a result of my hard work and persistence while is session, my committee elected me, along with two other cabinet members, to peace negotiations with the PLO. The negotiations went as planned and the two states found great mutualism in our ideas and requests. After the success of our committee, I feel as though I would have an unfair advantage moving into your conference as Israel. Thus, I request to be place with either Hamas or Fatah, whichever you see fit.

1. ***What do you believe are the three most important issues related to developing a final framework agreement between Israel and Palestine?***

In my personal opinion, the long-lasting feud existing within the Middle-East is a direct derivative of stubbornness, obduracy, and a few extremist views from all parties. Unfortunately, many of these extremist base their beliefs solely upon religion, an undebatable topic. I have come to the conclusion that peace in the Middle-East can only be attained in the form of a two-state arrangement. An idea which is great in theory but once in committee it’s a whole new beast to conquer due to the need to find mutualism in border assignments. Palestine will not settle until they are recognized as a self-governing, sovereign nation. Israel has an unrealistic sense of entitlement and self-obsession. The only way to allow the Middle-East to prosper is for them to get over themselves. Along with the Israelis, the Palestinians must end their so-called “imminent threat of war”. This is no easy task as it will require great cooperation from both sides. It is a task which has been introduced many times before but never enacted.

1. ***How does the unification of Fatah and Hamas affect negotiations between Israel and Palestine?***

For the time being, this unification of Hams and Fatah has suspended all trade between the PLO and Israel. Israelis refuse to trade with this new unified state. This unification, however, is a great stride towards peace and due to their pigheadedness; Israel refuses to accept such strides in the Middle-East.

1. ***Please discuss some of the potential outcomes of negotiations between Israel and Palestine, and the costs/benefits of each scenario.***

The only realistic elucidation for this conflict is a two-state solution. This would mean each group of people would have their own citizenship. However, I believe that Israel, for the things they endured during WWII and the fact Jews had settled the “Holy Land” first, they should remain in control of all religious and sacred sites within their borders. In order for Palestinians to have access to said sights, they must attain dual citizenship. This is something the Palestinian should sacrifice for all they are getting, in a peaceful way. With this dual citizenship, Israelis must recognize them as a sovereign people and allow free reign within their borders, when following the same guidelines as the citizens, of course. The only penalty of crossing borders into the “Holy Land” should be deportation back to their state. As for the borders; they should be they demarcations set during the 1949 Armistice Agreements. There is no major cost aside from citizenships and moving Israelis back to their former borders, where they belong. This is not only a realistic idea but an ideal solution for both sides.

1. ***How can Israel balance its stated desire to be formally recognized by the international community as a “Jewish state” with its constitutional commitment to democracy? How does this impact the negotiations process?***

If Israel wishes to continue being recognized as a democratic, Jewish state, they must follow the guidelines for which democracy was set. They need to give all involved the same rights. If they continue to favor the Jews in their so-called “democratic” community, they will be known to the UN as a biased municipal. If they wish to continue their favoritism, then war shall be imminent and almost a requirement so subdue them.