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**JCC – Israeli War Cabinet – Introductory
Letter and Procedural Guide**

THE
ISRAELI
WAR CABINET



Letter from the Executive Board



Greetings members,

Welcome to the Israeli Cabinet at TAFSMUN 2016. This committee is one of the most exciting historic cabinets that can be simulated. The importance of the situation at the time is emphasized by the fact that its repercussions are felt even today in the Middle East. Given how crucial this cabinet has been in shaping the history of the Middle East, we would expect you to approach it with a similar seriousness.

One of the most important aspects with any historic committee is to grasp the geopolitical trends of the time. The situation in the Middle East through the late 60s and early 70s was very different than it is today. Maps in this period looked very different than they do today. To be an active contributor to this committee, these differences in sentiment, foreign relations, populist narrative and political trends need to be understood. We would suggest reading a book, watching a relevant documentary or even reading a research paper on the topic to grasp these concepts.

Another crucial component of any Cabinet is portfolio representation. We will be judging you a little differently on the same in this committee. We would want you to represent policy like the men you are representing did. All of the members of this Cabinet have been extremely crucial and even controversial in shaping Israeli history. Each of them were adequately vocal about their opinions regarding the situation. We would like you to make an effort to understand their lines of argumentation and logic regarding the same. Do keep in mind the portfolio you represent. We expect all members to be the final authority on their portfolio.

This committee is a meeting of the political, bureaucratic and military top brass of Israel. Please remember that this committee will not plan or execute micro level action. An expectation that several members usually have is to plan various military operations and execute the same on a micro level. However, that isn't your expertise. You are policy makers. You will be responsible for giving all aspects of the Israeli establishment a direction in which to act. Whether it is terms of engagement for the military or propaganda strategy for the government, these macro level decisions are your purview. Please keep in mind this vital point while researching.

Another aspect we expect you to be prepared to discuss is the long term solution to the situation. The Israeli government faced several imperative questions at the time regarding the actions they were going to be taking. We expect you to answer these questions before deciding upon a course of action for the situation. Any action taken during the war will have long term repercussions for the entire region and we expect you to have the foresight to gauge these repercussions before taking any action.



On a more informal note, this committee will not be like most crisis committees you have been a part of. The frequency of updates presented to you will be slightly low as we expect an in depth analysis of each update. The updates will be realistic in nature. We would emphasize on policy formation in all aspects of governance, administration and military affairs. This will require extensive research on existing Israeli policies and we expect you to do the same.

Lastly, following this letter is a procedural guide to explain the functioning of the committee to you. Please remember that this procedure is not set in stone. This is merely a default template provided by us and we welcome suggestions regarding the same in committee. The emphasis will be on ensuring that you are comfortable with procedure so that maximum content can be entertained in committee.

Please feel free to write to us at the e-mail ID mentioned below in case of any queries.

Good luck for your preparation

Regards

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Rules of Procedure

Following are the Rules of Procedure:

1. The **session will start by opening statements** from all members in the order of their roll call. Opening statements do not have a time cap. If the member is open to questions from the committee, 3 questions shall be entertained from members in the committee. The opening statements can be used to address the various questions that need to be put forth for discussion.
2. The **opening statements will be followed by open debate**. Open debate involves two formats, namely Moderated and Un-moderated. Moderated debate is a form of debate where the Board moderates debate and chooses members when their placards are raised. A Moderated debate can be of two forms: open or concentrated.
3. By default, **the committee will progress into an open moderated debate after the opening statements**. An open moderated debate has no specific topic and has a time limit set to 60 seconds with no questions being entertained.
4. At any point, when a member is recognized in an open moderated debate, **he or she may choose to raise a motion for either a concentrated moderated debate or an un-moderated debate**.
 - a. **A Concentrated Moderate Debate** will be on a specific topic that may be proposed by the member raising the motion. It will also have a total time limit not exceeding 30 minutes and per speaker's time not exceeding 120 seconds which may also be proposed by the member raising the motion. Every motion will be put to vote as and when it is raised, with a simple majority required for it to pass.
 - b. **An Un-moderated Debate** is similar to an un-moderated caucus and may be used for formation of consensus on topics or the formulation of documentation.
5. **Points of Order** may be raised in committee only for procedural inconsistencies to the Board, or factual inaccuracies to other members.



Forms of Documentation

1. **Directive**: This form of documentation can be used in committee to take short term directed measures. Any member can put a directive on the floor. A directive shall have "Directive" written on the top and is merely a short actionable statement. A directive is to be proposed for only a particular agency/ department. A directive will require a substantive majority (2/3rds of committee strength) to pass. A directive never goes on record and is strictly confidential.
2. **Plan of Action**: A plan of action is a directed plan coordinating efforts of various government agencies/ departments to achieve a set goal. It may be proposed by any member and requires unanimity in committee to pass. This document is also strictly confidential.
3. **White Paper**: A White paper is a policy document used to define policy of a country for a particular aspect. This outlines the objectives and processes that a country wants to incorporate. It has no particular format. It merely has policy decisions that the government has taken for future use.
4. **Crisis Notes**: These are external communications addressed by the delegates. A delegate can address a crisis note to the entire lexicon of crisis characters: every individual and entity that exists outside the committee room. The format for a crisis note is unfixed, the only guidelines are that it must be realistically presented, and that you write "Crisis Note" on the top of the sheet. For example, if a delegate is addressing the President of the USA, formal wording can be expected. Once the note is prepared, it is to be sent to the EB and we shall respond with a simulated response from the addressed entity. Crisis notes can be used for a variety of ends, and we encourage you to be creative in their use.

The President holds the authority to veto a Directive or Plan of Action

