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Dear delegates,

It is the pleasure of the dais to welcome you to the Joint Crisis Committee 2016! For the past several months we have been working hard to bring future delegates a fun and exciting crisis simulation. While JCC is a high level committee, beginners and veterans alike who are enthusiastic about the topic can find success in this committee.

The Joint Crisis Committee is unique in its unpredictable nature and in the freedom it gives you as the delegates to be creative and innovative. Rather than relying on lengthy resolutions, delegates will be taking action through directives. We encourage delegates to adapt their typical MUN mindset to the fast paced nature of JCC, making decisions quickly and really stepping into the role they received.

We began our work in April, and all we have left to do now is guide you through the committee, but your work has just begun. We hope that you will take what we have created in this background guide and find inspiration. The driving force to any JCC is the delegates, and everything you do in committee will directly affect what happens next. We hope you will take this opportunity to make our committee exciting, fun, and professional (to a certain extent). This committee is for you. Finally, we would all just like to say thank you. Because of you, we are able to spend time doing what we love with creative and inspirational people. You are the reason we do what we do. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us with any questions you may have, we are here to help!

Best of luck,

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COMMITTEE INTRO

Are you a daring delegate ready for a mind-bending, fast-paced debate? The Joint Crisis Committee is a challenging, out-of-the-box MUN experience, where the circumstances are ever changing and where you never know who can be trusted. The longstanding MUN values of diplomacy and collaboration are replaced with international espionage, aggressive debates, and evolving circumstances. Feud with your friends and keep your enemies close in a world where literally anything can happen.

JCC, unlike a traditional MUN committee, consists of two independently running blocs whose opposing views and goals create a heated debate. Instead of resolutions, delegates will pass public or private directives with the power to immediately affect the nature of the perpetual crisis at hand. From recovering from a World War to tensions between Arctic territories, the stakes are high as you and your fellow bloc members are here to avert the crisis. If the bloc is to achieve their desired goals, all delegates are expected to think rapidly, act decisively, and resolve crises using imaginative solutions.

As a continuous crisis, JCC is intended for delegates who are prepared to think on their feet, participate in a high level of debate, and keep in mind who the real enemy is.

CRISIS INTRODUCTION

In 2043, nearly a century after the conclusion of WW2, the period of relative international peace sustained by the United Nations eventually ceases as the overdue Third World War wreaks havoc upon the entire globe. Although the war ultimately concludes with the signing of the Equatorial Treaty of 2049, the effects of the devastating nuclear combat substantially changed the environmental and political landscape of the entire world. Even more devastating than predicted, the combined outcomes of both the war and prior events included a massive resource depletion, substantial population loss, the disbandment of the United Nations, and the division of the world into two superpowers: the Southern Union of Democratic Nations (SUDN) and the nation of the United Eurasian Dominions (UED).

Recognizing their mistakes, the remaining nations once again decided to bring themselves to a state of relative peace and neutrality. Yet, in 2058, after almost a decade of recovery, an Antarctic expedition of UED scientists lead to a shocking discovery: that 90% of the planet's freshwater and the majority of oil and natural gas reserves lay underneath Antarctica. Although this revelation possesses the ability to save the globe from its depletion of natural resources, in reality it has begun to create a deeper divide between the two blocs. With SUDN arguing that their territorial claims and proximity gives them full-rights to the region and with UED counter-arguing under the basis of making the discovery, the tensions buried a decade ago start to ignite once again. Now both superpowers commence the planning of their course of action, each deciding that they'll do whatever it takes to secure the Antarctic resources for themselves and emerge as the most powerful bloc.

HISTORY

As Samuel P Huntington asserts the differences between cultures as true causes of the world unrest, the tension in the globe never truly ceased and the brittle peace was in a great danger in sinking. Despite the strong critiques, the extreme Islamic forces in Middle East became stronger. In 2021, a jihadist organization within Saudi Arabia overthrew the Saudi monarchy and nationalized Saudi Oil production. Compounding this issue, due to the incompetence of the Russian kleptocracy, the Ruble collapsed. At the same time the Venezuelan economy collapsed due to mass inflation under the rule of Maduro. As the second largest trade partner, China couldn't help but its domestic economy was impacted by it. These pressures on the oil market created a great panic among investors, causing the Energy Market Crash of 2022. A global economic depression was unleashed.

Although the United States was able to recover through the depression in the course of just 7 years, largely due to the election of a new president, most countries were not as fortunate, particularly China and South Korea. In 2029, a series of cyclones and other ocean-related disasters struck coastal economic powerhouses (totaling 60%

of the respective national economies) in China and South Korea. Half of the Japan was extremely damaged, so Japan had to heavily rely on support of the United States and gradually lost its competitiveness in the globe. The resulting damage compounded the economic damage inflicted on most part of East Asia, except North Korea due to its special geographical location.

Entering the 2030s, North Korean scientists developed a force-field technology capable of deflecting and neutering both incoming projectiles and radiation, thereby making North Korea secure from nuclear weapon attacks. With this new safeguard protecting the nation from any nuclear backlash, the North Korean government realized it was the perfect time to spread the communism around the world, so they began waging war and offensive attacks on neighboring countries, which they immediately took advantage of.

On February 3rd, 2031, North Korea launched a formal invasion on South Korea. South Korea found themselves unable to retaliate because of the force fields, which not only envelope North Korea but also their military bases within South Korea. North Korea easily and rapidly invaded South Korea, having complete control of the Korean Peninsula by the end of February. The world eventually failed to stop North Korea's invasion: the UN's economic sanction was ignored as usual, the Security Council couldn't pass useful resolution under China and Russia's intervention, and US was in a dilemma about whether to take a risk under threat from North Korea's force-field. While the rest of the world was watching, North Korea already controlled the whole situation and replaced the South Korean government. The two nations then officially united under the North Korean regime, becoming a new nation known by the name of the Socialist Republic of Korea (SRK). The SRK adopted a communist form of government ruled by the corrupt and power-hungry dictator Kim Sun Il.

Following the creation of this new nation, Kim Sun Il issued a statement to the UN and the rest of the world that it would refrain from using nuclear weapons on the Western world, as long as they stayed out of its affairs in taking over its neighboring countries and regions. Already dealing with the effects of the global depression and frightened of being a target of the SRK's new military technology, the world wearily accepted this appeasement agreement at that moment.

Because of the strong military technology, SRK began to covet abundant natural resources in its neighbor. The SRK funded and supported a faction within China to stage a coup against their government in 2033. Although the rebellion was ultimately a failure, it succeeded in causing enough chaos within the country to allow the SRK to begin its planned invasion. Although the SRK was substantially smaller in both geographical size and numbers, its military strength coupled with China's weakness from both the natural disasters of 2029 and the recent insurgence made it possible for the SRK to completely take over the massive country by the end of 2034.

On April 4th, 2035, Cyclone Josephine, a massive tropical cyclone, formed off the coast of French Guiana and Brazil, resulting in devastating destruction. Furthermore,

the widespread torrential rains brought along with Cyclone Josephine caused the Amazon River to flood into its tributaries, consequently triggering massive landslides and debris flows. Around the same time of this natural disaster, a new fatal virus, known as the Piranha Virus, began to spread at alarming rates throughout the continent of South America, taking millions of lives along with it.

A year later, a vaccination for the Piranha Virus was fortunately discovered by a Brazilian scientist and administered for free throughout the continent. However, by that time, the damage on South America was too formidable to ignore, between population loss from the virus, infrastructure destruction by the cyclone, weak economic conditions, and years of ineffective governments. On November 10th, 2036, after a continental convention, the nations of South America made the collective decision to merge together into 3 distinct nations - countries from Peru east to French Guiana becoming New Peru, countries from Bolivia south to the southern tip of the continent becoming New Argentina, and Brazil remaining itself - all of which became controlled under new democratic governments.

In 2037, after approximately five years of continued invasion, the SRK had control over much of Southeast Asia. Deciding that the situation had gone too far to be ignored anymore, the United Nations hosted a meeting on May 5th, 2037, between all the countries that were not under the SRK's control, in order to discuss the best course of action. Although there was universal disapproval of the SRK and their recent invasion through Asia, the SRK's advanced military capabilities intimidated most countries away from devoting their resources to an effort of stopping the SRK's advancements.

Yet, France remained strong on their will to put an end to the SRK's reign of terror. Worried that appeasement will bring disastrous effects in the future, similar to as it did in World War II, they attempt to use the UN meeting to persuade other nations to unite together and fight. Yet, by the end of the conference, the only countries willing to make an effort out are Germany and the United Kingdom. The three countries strategized and decided to attack the SRK secretly, within a month or two, hoping to catch it off guard. But their plan was leaked and Kim Sun II was absolutely enraged to hear about the three nations' betrayal of the appeasement agreement. Deciding to put an end to the attack before it can begin, the SRK launched a large portion of their nuclear stock to completely destroy all three countries and make an example of the SRK's military strength.

The rest of the world was too fear to do anything about the attack on France, Germany, and the United Kingdom. Furthermore, many countries were too busy dealing with the economic and political effects of losing such important allies. For example, with the loss of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth consequently fell apart in 2039 and many of its previous member nations, such as South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia, turned to explore new forms of government for stronger and more effective military power. With this preoccupation, the SRK was able to continue

their invasions of neighboring countries. By 2040, the SRK had control over the majority of Southeast Asia and Russia. Now ruling over nearly the entirety of the Asian continent and Russia, the potential threat of SRK continuing on to world domination was looming.

But in 2041, two technological advancements were made. First, on January 26th, a South African spy discovered the secret behind the the SRK's force-field technology and was able to mimic it to develop it on their own. Then, on June 17th, an Italian invented a type of thermonuclear weapon with the ability to penetrate force-fields sufficiently enough to create pocket of entries. Finally having the technology to rival the SRK, the rest of the world came together for another UN conference on August 21st, 2041. By the end of the conference, the United States, Mexico, South America, South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia all came together and formed an alliance known as the United Powers. And while other nations remained afraid of participating in war, they still aided by donating a substantial amount money and weapons to the United Powers.

Worried of making any haste mistakes, the United Powers decided to remain patient and take time to secretly prepare for war. Over the next two years, they drafted and trained millions of their citizens, developed their force field and thermonuclear weapons even further, and debated the best possible war strategies. While the United Powers were plotting, the SRK were able to invade Eastern Europe, expanding its power.

On October 9th, 2043, the United Powers formally declared war on the SRK, commencing a large-scale thermonuclear attack on the SRK force fields across Eurasia. The United States hit at East Asia, Australia attacked at South and South-East Asia, and South America went along with the European states left, hitting at West Asia and the Middle East. Furthermore, the United Powers sent various aircrafts at all directions converging at Central Asia and China, extensively bombing the central fields to create pockets of entry from the air. The central fields proved too sturdy for the thermonuclear strikes to breach, but the other fields were breached.

The SRK attempted to retaliate by sending its nuclear weapons to obliterate member states of the United Powers in an operation largely modeled after the attack on the UK, France, and Germany. However, the United Power force fields successfully withstood the attacks of the SRK. The SRK panicked, while the United Powers completed the breaches on the fields protecting the borders of the SRK, countless domestic rebellions bothered SRK's governing. The United Powers flooded the SRK with automated fighter vehicles and drones along with large contingents of human and automated fighters.

The USA sent their automated troops up East Asia, having breached East Asian force-fields. The SRK successfully managed to fend off initial incursions, leading to a naval war in the East Asian sea. The SRK contemplated an attack on the Western United States, intending to target the US and Mexico. Top military strategists covertly

are drawn from across the SRK to determine a bomb type capable of breaching the US force fields and delivering enough destruction to devastate the US and Mexico. Meanwhile, SRK managed to use a electrical disruptor mechanism to send “shock waves” which disrupt the electromagnetic fields which the automated troops sent from Australia, South Africa, and South America along the Southern and Western borders of the SRK rely on. These disruptions managed to hold the tide of the United Power advance, allowing the SRK to buy time.

The SRK convened a team of military scientists to figure out how the United Powers managed to breach their force fields. First, the SRK replicated the central fields and ships them to the border to replace the breached force fields. Then, the SRK scientists discovered a potential weakness within the fields, which are exploited by military engineers to create a thermonuclear weapon similar to the one pioneered by the Italians. This allowed for them to breach the United Powers’ force fields.

The SRK used these thermonuclear weapons to attack New Zealand, which was enveloped with a relatively weak field. This evoked consternation among the United Powers, who were forced to scale back their incursions on Eurasia to strengthen their force fields. The SRK pushed a policy of total war, mobilizing their population and recoured towards the sole goal of the preservation of the state, called the “homeland.” This greatly strained the SRK’s recourses and economy.

In 2048, the SRK government finally managed to create a means by which to devastate a part of the United States. SRK scientists created a nuclear weapon which not only destroys over 500 square miles of land, but was also specifically designed to produce massive terrestrial vibrations, resulting a quasi-earthquake. The SRK decided to attack Los Angeles using this weapon, intending to cause a sufficient amount of damage and fear to force the United Powers to surrender the war. They successfully launched this bomb on September 23rd, 2048, however, the power of the weapon proved to far surpass their initial expectation.

The devastation created by the bombs earthquake was unprecedented. It began by activating the San Andreas Fault line at Desert Hot Springs in California, causing a century over-due 9.4 magnitude earthquake. Destruction increased with two aftershocks one of 8.7 magnitude and the other was 9.3. Subsequently, this activated the Cascadia Subduction Zone which initiated a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and two more 8.6 aftershocks. The earthquakes and aftershocks triggered tsunamis off the coast of San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. In addition, unreleased pressure dispersed through the Pacific and North American plate crossing the country. Major cities and heavily-populated areas were damaged by this disastrous earthquake, included Phoenix, Dallas, Indianapolis, Detroit, Washington D.C. and New York City, which led to the complete failure of the nation’s electrical grid and the infrastructure across the country. In addition, the aftershocks impacted the North end of Mexico, destroying the majority of its infrastructure and resulting in a refugee crisis in South Mexico. Moreover, due to lack of resources, the population began to significantly

dwindle and the remaining survivors were instead transported to Australia and South America. Those several events, frequently called the “Chain Reaction”, eventually led to the obliteration of the previously prosperous region of United States and Mexico.

When word of the disaster reached the SRK, the already decent anti-war sentiment in the SRK rose at a significant rate. While the high taxes, death toll, large amount of drafting, and damage of infrastructure built up public frustration and domestic unrest, the guilt of destroying the United States and Mexico became another cause of the turning point in the SRK public support of the war. The Purple Doves, a rebellion group originating in Beijing, began releasing propaganda at alarming rates throughout the SRK urging the public to go against both the war and their government, playing on the existing anger of the citizens. Within a month, hundreds of demonstrations, occasionally violent, broke out in nearly every single major city, demanding an end to the war with the United Powers.

Occupied by dealing with the war, Kim Sun II overlooked the rebellion and attempted to resolve the situation by issuing a statement declaring all anti-war discussion as treason and grounds for incarceration. The Purple Doves, infuriated with Kim Sun II’s statement, decided to organize a coup d’etat to finally overthrow the corrupt government. On the night of December 29th, 2048, tens of thousands of armed citizens stormed the capital, leading to the bloodiest rebellion in the history of the SRK, with thousands of casualties on both sides. Due to the weakness of the government from the war, as well as the surprise of the attack, the Purple Doves were ultimately successful in taking power, declaring their founder and leader, Jiang Li, as the interim ruler of the SRK.

As the first action in her new position, Jiang immediately went into negotiations with the leaders of the United Powers. After the 6-day Sydney Conference of 2049, named after the city it took place in, the Equatorial Treaty of 2049 was signed by all participating parties. The terms of the treaty called for an end to the war and the disarming of both sides’ nuclear weapons. The SRK was able to remain intact, however it instead became a new super-nation known as the United Eurasian Dominions (UED), under the condition that it formed a more fair and balanced government to rule over the area. On the opposite end of the globe, the remaining nations of the United Powers - Brazil, New Peru, New Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa - agreed to form an alliance known as the Southern Union of Democratic Nations (SUDN), which would be overlooked by an international regulatory government with representatives from all member countries. Lastly, to avoid a similar WW3 situation from arising in the future, the treaty called for complete political independence of each bloc. This declared that, other than some commerce between corporations operating in the private sector and occasional communication, the two sides would remain nearly completely isolated from one another. Thus, this treaty marked the end of the weakened United Nations and essentially divided the majority of the world into two superpower blocs.

TIMELINE

DECADE	MAJOR EVENTS
2020s	<p>2021: Overthrowing of Saudi monarchy and nationalization of Saudi Oil production</p> <p>2022: Energy Market Crash leading to global economic depression</p> <p>2029: US recovers, while natural disasters further weaken China and South Korea</p>
2030s	<p>2030: North Korea develops force-field technology</p> <p>2031: North Korea invades South Korea, creating the communist SRK</p> <p>2034: SRK completely takes over a weakened China</p> <p>2035: Both Cyclone Josephine and the Piranha Virus attack South America</p> <p>2036: South American countries merge together into three distinct nations (New Peru, New Argentina, and Brazil)</p> <p>2037: SRK controls much of Southeast Asia; Unsuccessful UN conference; SRK destroys France, UK, and Germany before they can attack</p>

	2039: Commonwealth falls apart causing previous member nations to experiment with new governments
2040s	<p>2040: SRK controls the remainder of Southeast Asia and Russia; Threat of SRK world domination looms</p> <p>2041: South Africa mimics force-field technology; Italy invents thermonuclear weapons; UN conference leads to the creation of the United Powers</p> <p>2043: SRK gains control of parts of Northeast Europe; The United Powers declares war on the SRK</p> <p>2048: The "Chain Reaction" destroys US and Mexico; Purple Doves lead a rebellion to overthrow the SRK government, making Jiang Li interim ruler</p> <p>2049: Sydney Conference leads to the signing of the Equatorial Treaty; SUDN and the UED are both formed</p>

CURRENT SITUATION

The year is 2058. Nearly a decade has passed since World War 3 ended with the signing of the Equatorial Treaty of 2049. Following the treaty's terms, particularly the passage declaring each bloc's political independence, the world has been able to reach a state of relative peace and neutrality.

Yet, despite the lack of war, both the UED and SUDN are experiencing extreme difficulty maintaining domestic prosperity. Massive resource depletion, particularly of fossil fuels, and contamination of major water supplies from the war are becoming increasingly problematic for both sides. While water purification techniques and sustainable sources of energy are in application, their limited capabilities are slowing down both bloc's growth and, often times, leaving those with lower amounts of income forced to drink unclean water or to go without electricity for weeks.

However, on April 23rd, 2058, on an expedition to Antarctica, a team of UED scientists made the shocking discovery that approximately 90% of the planet's existing freshwater and the majority of oil and gas reserves lay on that continent. Seeing an opportunity to save their nation, the UED government quickly begins to send additional scientists, construction workers, and materials to begin the building of rigs in order to extract these resources in secrecy.

About a month into construction, SUDN learns about the secret operation after one of their boats encounters a UED cargo ship sailing on the Indian Ocean. SUDN is infuriated by both the fact that the UED decided to keep this discovery a secret and that they were operating in Antarctica, which due to proximity SUDN believed they had sole rights over. With each side desperately needing the resources to aid their people and to raise themselves to prosperity, coupled up with the dispute over whether SUDN's territorial claims should take priority over UED's discovery rights, the tensions buried years ago begin to resurface once again.

Although remaining cautious to ideally avoid a war as disastrous as the last, each bloc quickly decides that they need to act immediately to secure the freshwater and oil in Antarctica for themselves. They assemble their respective governments to discuss the most appropriate plan of action that will secure their position as the dominant superpower.

SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT

THE SOUTHERN UNION OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONS (SUDN)

The Southern Union of Democratic Nations is an alliance between 6 distinct democratic countries - Australia, Brazil, New Argentina, New Peru, New Zealand, and South Africa - officially formed as a result of the Equatorial Treaty of 2049.

Modeling after the 3 branch government system used by the United States, each nation has its own executive, legislative, and judicial branch. In the three South American nations, the executive branch comprises of two equal co-premiers, one oriented towards more domestic affairs and the other towards foreign affairs. In the other three member countries - New Zealand, South Africa, and Australia - the executive branch includes solely one president who has complete freedom in choosing his/her cabinet's positions and the people to fill them. Regarding the legislative branch, each country has a law making entity known as the Grand Assembly with 100-250 members representing all regions of their respective nation. Lastly, the judicial branch consists of a court hierarchy system mirroring that of the United States, ultimately leading to the national High Courts with 7 Judges each.

Overlooking SUDN as a whole is the International Regulatory Government (IRG). Leading that body is the Executive Board of 7 members, each responsible for their

respective political aspect: Head of Finance and Commerce, Head of Media Relations, Head of Public Health and Safety, Head of Natural Resources, Head of Infrastructure and Transportation, Head of Science and Technology, and Head of Defense. At the top-ranking position of the IRG is the Supreme Director, holding the ability to veto any unjust laws or decisions of the rest of the government. All of these positions within the IRG are filled by representatives from all the six nations through an election process with any SUDN citizen over 16 years old eligible to vote in. The IRG holds the responsibility of maintaining the protection, unity, and advancement of the entire SUDN alliance as a whole. In the process of achieving those goals, it has the authority to interfere with the domestic politics of any of its member nations when necessary.

THE UNITED EURASIAN DOMINIONS (UED)

The United Eurasian Dominions (UED) is a super-nation spanning over the continents of Europe and Asia. Although united as a result of the SRK invasion in the first half of the twenty-first century, through the Purple Dove Rebellion and the Equatorial Treaty of 2049, the previously corrupt authoritarian and militaristic government has been completely eradicated. The new government is officially a monarchy, yet the current queen is essentially a figurehead for the bureaucratic agencies and regional governments that hold the majority of the power of the nation.

The bureaucratic agencies are departments within the federal government overlooking specific responsibilities, such as the Department of Propaganda or the Department of Foreign Affairs, each of which are headed by a minister. These departments are the backbone of the entire federal government, with their positions being filled by top ranking college graduates from the numerous UED universities.

In addition to a federal government, the regional governments carry a large amount of power as well. Each of the five dominions, or territories, of the UED - Sladonia, Votskojek, Kyrat, Fe'ausi, Molvanîa - is ruled over by their own elected governor. Furthermore, although the exact details vary tremendously from dominion to dominion, each has some form of a legislative body with the authority to make territory-specific statutes under the conditions that they don't directly contradict national law.

Lastly, while currently dormant and small, the UED has formed three branches of the military - the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force - as a defensive precaution. Each of which are headed by a chief, responsible for the strategy and development of their respective branch.

BLOC POSITIONS

THE SOUTHERN UNION OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONS (SUDN)

- New Peru Co-Premier (Domestic Affairs)
- New Peru Co-Premier (Foreign Affairs)
- New Argentina Co-Premier (Domestic Affairs)
- New Argentina Co-Premier (Foreign Affairs)
- Brazil Co-Premier (Domestic Affairs)
- Brazil Co-Premier (Foreign Affairs)
- President of New Zealand
- President of Australia
- President of South Africa
- Head of Finance and Commerce
- Head of Media Relations
- Head of Public Health and Safety
- Head of Natural Resources
- Head of Infrastructure and Transportation
- Head of Science and Technology
- Head of Defense
- CEO of HorsePower Energy Inc. (Energy Company)
- CEO of Ironsmith Enterprises (Aircraft, Automobile, and Construction Conglomerate)
- CEO of Igloo Tech (Technology and Communications Company)
- Director of ACE (Association of Covert Espionage)

THE UNITED EURASIAN DOMINIONS (UED)

- Governor of Sladonia

- Governor of Votskojek
- Governor of Kyrat
- Governor of Fe'ausi
- Governor of Molvania
- Minister of Treasury
- Minister of Propaganda
- Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Minister of Infrastructure
- Minister of Environmental Preservation
- Minister of Food and Health
- Minister of Espionage
- Minister of Justice
- Minister of Energy
- Minister of Science and Technology
- Minister of Education
- Chief of the Army
- Chief of the Navy
- Chief of the Air Force
- CEO of TikTok Tech (Electronics and Communications Company)

ADDITIONAL BLOCS

CANADA

Fed up with war, discrimination, and corrupt governments, Canada decided to completely isolate itself from the world in 2039, building a grand wall around its borders. Since then, Canada has been able to create a nearly-utopian society and develop technology decades more advanced than that of either SUDN or the UED. Although historically cautious and closed off to any form of foreign relations, the recent election of a new Prime Minister could potentially cause Canada to open itself to the world once again.

AFRICAN NATIONS

After years and years of drought and wars throughout the 2030s, particularly in the North and Central regions, the African nations were substantially weakened. In the two decades since, they decided to rebuild their countries and even tackled major problems of famine and violence by signing peace treaties with one another and using their top scientists to create hybrid crops that grow even with limited amounts of water. Although their current societies aren't nearly as advanced as those of SUDN or the UED, their pacifism, exporting of natural resources to both blocs, and lack of reliance on energy have allowed them to become stable nations.

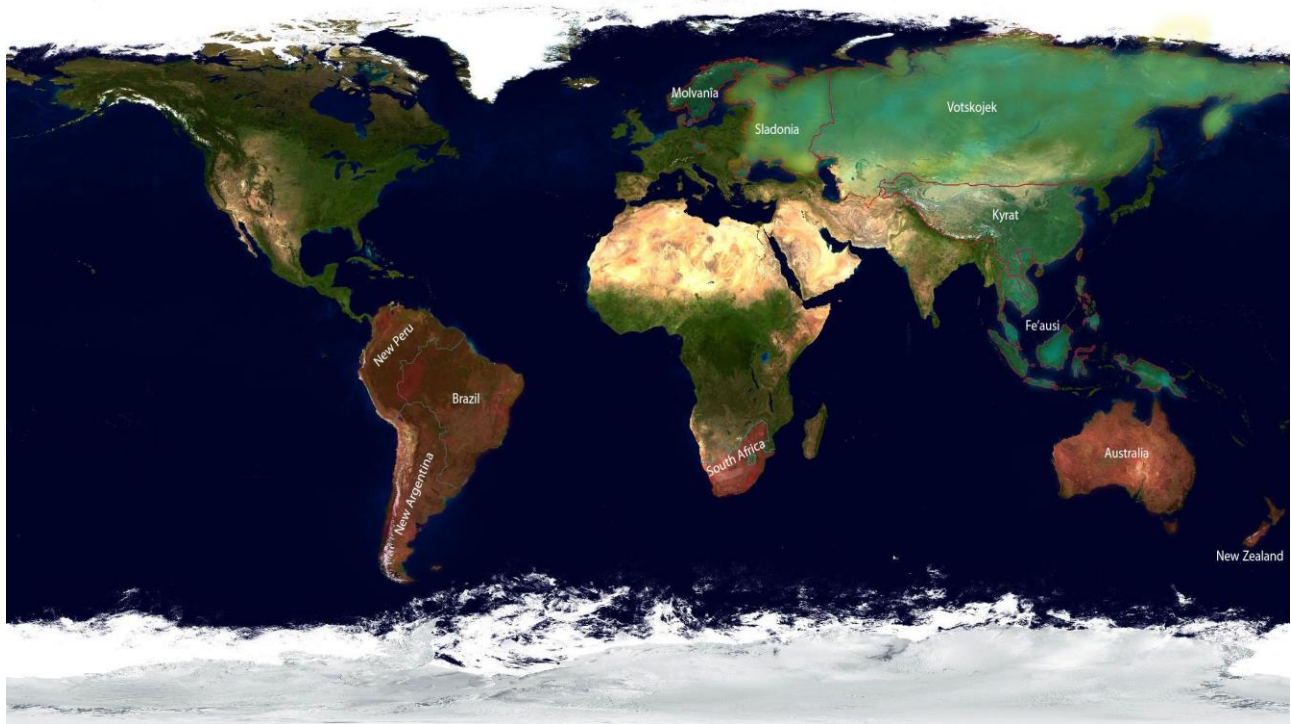
CARIBBEAN/CENTRAL AMERICA

Through a series of corrupt politicians and the strengthening of the drug trade in these regions throughout the 2040s, the countries of both the Caribbean and Central America have been exploited. New drug cartels and gangs spread throughout, and in turn the crime rate rose exponentially. In recent years, New Peru has opened its doors to any refugees wishing to escape their previously dangerous lives, however fleeing their countries is an incredibly difficult and risky journey that not everyone survives through. Nearly all the countries have massive stockpiles of firearms and other weapons, yet fortunately, their disorganization and incoherence limits the threat they pose to the rest of the world.

MEXICO/USA

When these two nations' were destroyed by the disaster of 2048, the survivors were taken in as refugees by SUDN and the region was presumed uninhabited. However, now there is speculation that a group of underground anarchists are living somewhere in the area. Additionally, it is rumored that they have found and taken possession of arms and some nuclear weapons that were left behind at one of the United State's abandoned military base. Although none of these rumors have been verified as true yet, both bloc's governments are beginning to take interest in the existence of these anarchists.

WORLD MAP



GUIDING QUESTIONS

- Through what methods should your bloc obtain these resources?
- How will your bloc position contribute to the process of obtaining these resources?
- How will obtaining these resources affect your bloc?
- How will your bloc obtaining these resources affect the rest of the world?
- What is the effect of the gaining of the resources on your bloc position specifically?
- How dependent upon these resources is the survival of your bloc?