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## **Topic 1: Access to Education for Women and Girls:**

Background: Namibia is under a patriarchy that makes it harder for women to get the education that they deserve. Often, they have to walk long distances to get to school, sometimes without shoes. Women will drop out of school to take care of their sick parents or to get married. We have programs like FAWENA (Forum for African Women Educationalists in Namibia) that help bring a safe education for Women into Namibia. Namibia has made great strides to have better gender equality. Their constitution uses gender neutral language throughout. In 1992 Namibia signed a convention of the "Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against women"

**Position:** Namibia believes that education is one of the most important aspects of life. Everyone, no matter your gender, deserves an education. Namibia has done great things towards the advancement of women's education, and wishes to do the same for all of Africa. In some African countries, it is harder for women to get an education than it is in others, and this is unacceptable.

What I plan to do in committee: The delegate from Namibia will team up with other like minded delegates to write a paper on how to fix the issue of education for women. If there are other papers similar to ours Namibia would like to be a sponsor of the paper, if it lines up with our views.

## <u>Topic 2: Foreign Direct Investment in Africa</u>

**Background:** Resources like diamonds, uranium, zinc, copper, and oil attract the majority of FDI. Our government favors partnerships between local and foreign companies. Namibia was ranked 108 in the Doing Business 2016 ranking of the world bank, which is towards the middle in the world, and among the top of the Sub-Saharan African countries.

<u>Position:</u> We would like to get all African countries more FDI's. We need to find new ways to do this. We need to get every country together so that Africa can become more economically involved.

What I plan to do in committee: Namibia will sponsor papers that involve the advancement of Sub-Saharan African countries economy. We will be prepared to help with resources and money if it comes to that.

## <u>Topic 3: Promoting Integrity and Transparency in Democratically Elected</u> <u>Governments</u>

**Background:** Namibia is a semi-presidential representative democratic republic, where the president is the head of state and the head of government.

<u>Position:</u> Namibia believes that transparency in government isn't important. We should not spend our time on this. We have bigger fish to fry.

What I plan to do in committee: We will try to get the topic away from this. I will sponsor papers about not dealing with this issue. I will do everything in my power to not have this brought up.

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