Middle East Nuclear Arms Control Regime Simulation Conference

** Conference Rules and Procedures **

Directions: All participants are required to read the following rules and procedures, your country summary, and the backgrounder. Additional research is recommended. Please meet with your team to devise your negotiation plan as soon as possible. Additional country summaries and bibliographic resources are available at
http://slramirez.github.io/idp.html.

Objective

Your task at the conference is to negotiate and draft any of the following with any of the other represented countries as opportunities arise and your country sees fit:
- a treaty
- an agreement
- a declaration of principles
- a set of confidence building measures

to establish an MENWFZ or MEWMDFZ or to pave the road for future negotiations. Any drafted agreements will be submitted in paper or by email at the end of the conference.

The following states will be represented: Israel, Iran, Egypt, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Libya, U.S., Russia, and China.

Rules for Diplomacy

Your goal is to simulate your country as closely as possible to what might occur in reality. There are two main rules.
1. You are to be guided by the same incentives of the country you represent.
2. You must follow the same rules that countries follow internationally. If your state does not diplomatically recognize another state, then you cannot directly engage each other. A detailed list of formal diplomatic relations and alliances is included in each country's summary. States without shared diplomatic recognition require a third party (usually another country) to act as a mediator.

You and your team will be able to use any and all of the following forms of diplomacy:

A) **Public media** messages will be announced to all attendees. To do this, your country will need to type a script of an announcement and submit it for approval in real-time during the conference (in a designated spot to speak to the moderator on the diplomacy forum webpage). The conference facilitator will immediately approve (or not approve) of the message: messages must be appropriate and professional. Approved messages will be announced by facilitators (the *News*) or by your team (please indicate your choice when requesting an announcement).
B) **Secret diplomatic cables** to communicate with countries that you diplomatically recognize. To do this, you will be able to "instantly private message" another recognized country on the diplomacy forum webpage. Note: Only you, the other country and the moderator will be able to see this.
C) **Mediators** can be requested formally through public media messages or through a secret diplomatic cable (if you recognize that mediator). Potential mediators can also request to mediate through public or secret messages.
D) **Face-to-face talks** can be arranged or requested formally through public announcements, or informally, you can make diplomatic visits to meet with state representatives while there (by walking over). You may arrange for broad talks with many or all states present, or arrange for narrow talks with a few or just one state.

With your teammates, you can split up and try to accomplish more than one goal at the same time.

Know Your Country

Get to know the country you represent, and do your best to internalize your country's incentives. Your country summary will give you a good start: it uses political science data and research on key factors such as past stances on the MENWFZ, nuclear weapons, capabilities, trade, alliances, and domestic constraints.

This should provide most of the basic information. Of course, there are numerous considerations including regional instability from the Arab Spring, regional conflict, and global politics. You are welcome to conduct additional research to familiarize yourself with your state's history, the regional history, your state's policies on nuclear weapons and energy, and any relevant cooperation or conflicts, etc. Additional information can be found on the project webpage.

Pre-Conference

You will be randomly assigned to represent one country at the talks along with a team of students. Each team is <u>required</u> to submit **two short papers** (a white paper and an opening statement) to conference facilitators prior to the conference. Please meet with your team as soon as possible to devise and agree on a strategy to pursue.

Then, complete the **online pre-simulation survey** on your own (a link to the survey is found on the project webpage).

The **white paper** is a *private* overview of your country's strategies and position entering into negotiations [about 2-3 pages]. Be sure to include what your state hopes to accomplish, your desired best outcome, the outcome that you would minimally accept, your state's ideal strategy or options, any bottom line negotiating positions (things that you will not budge on), and what must be included in an outcome in order for your state to support it. This information ***will not be shared*** with other teams.

The **opening statement** should clearly state your country's *public* negotiating position [about 2-3 pages]. Be sure to include your state's position on a MENWFZ, what your state would like to accomplish, and any additional information you want all participants to know prior to entering negotiations. The opening statement will be made public prior to the start of the conference:
- opening statements will be posted on the diplomacy forums for reference,
- countries can each briefly summarize their own key points at the start of the conference,
- and copies of opening statements will be distributed at the start of the conference.

Please complete the **pre-simulation survey** (on your own) before the day of the conference.   The link to this survey is found on the project webpage.

Day of the Conference

Please bring:
- your student photo ID,
- a laptop that can connect wirelessly to the Internet (optional, but strongly recommended).

Thank you!