The 6th Houssam Hariri High School Model United Nations Conference
Futuristic Security Council

Topic: Countering the Islamic State’s expansion and its effect on world energy, economy, environment, and refugee situation
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I. Description of the committee:

“Virulent pandemics are spreading, narco-trafficking and border violence are proliferating, environmental agreements and climate stability are deteriorating, nuclear technological capabilities are uncontrollably expanding and the terror is unyielding.” This is what humanity is going to suffer from in 2036, “Chaos and Devastation” …

The United Nations Security Council is now consisting of P-5, C-5, and O-5 blocks. The O-5 now has the right to overrule the power of Vito. In the past five years, as nuclear weaponry has massively proliferated, the NPT (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty) was neglected and annulled, hence leading to an unrestricted possession of nuclear weaponry by not solely countries, but even organizations and terrorists. Despite the struggles the UN has endured throughout the last decade, the UN Security Council remains devoted to rectify the world and bring back security, stability and peace.

II. A. Introduction (Historical background, importance, setting, involved parties)

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, also known as ISIS, assumed power in the Middle East amid Syrian and Iraqi political, economic and military turmoil. Directing their threats towards the United States of America and Great Britain, they commenced by beheading multiple American journalists and a British aid worker in 2012-2014. In the coming 20 years later, the world has changed a lot. Unfortunately, as the Islamic state was once reportedly seen to be on gradual demise, it has yet found a way to ignite feuds between the Iraqi and Turkish armies and the Kurdish Peshmerga and Syrian Liberal forces, hence spreading strife among those who were on the verge of defeating it. In short, the IS has succeeded in pushing forth again its control over several Middle Eastern countries. In 2024, the kingdom of Jordan, Egypt and the Gulf states realized the fierce urgency of launching war against the expanding Islamic State, yet due to a failed weapon deal and an underestimation of power, the Islamic State managed to conquer the rest of the Middle Eastern peninsula. Seizing control of all the Middle East disregarding Israel, ISIS had no other choice left but to behead all groups going against them and destroy all religious and cultural sites that don’t serve their rituals. Global trade routes have been barricaded and natural resources have been seized. The latter has majorly affected the major industrial states.

Once more, refugees have over flooded the Middle Eastern borders with many seeking refuge in Turkey and Europe via the Mediterranean. After establishing its own secret intelligence agency, the Islamic State was found in 2025 seeking cooperation with Pakistani, Libyan, and Afghani Sunni tribes to prepare for a military coup in order to expand their control, to multiply their resources and to take a step closer towards attacking Iran. The Pakistani, Libyan and Afghani authorities have assured the international community of the presence of IS forced and branches within their territories.

On a positive note, in 2032, and after 16 years of research and hundreds of billions of dollars invested, NASA was finally able to safely deliver the first shipment of a new energy resource discovered on Mars.
It is the delegate’s role to find a suitable solution that suits all countries present in the FSC whether to solve the refugee over flood, the economic fall down, the energy crisis, the cultural demise, or the termination of ISIS once and for all.

B. Countries Background:

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1. China
It is the year 2036, and communism is stronger than ever before in the Asian giant. Fearing the rise of civil strife among its population, the Tibetan revolution and the expansion of terrorism and extremism as a gateway for the domination of capitalism in its territories, the Chinese government has tied the grip further on its civil, military and political community to avoid falling in the devastating cycle of demise and terror the Middle East has slipped in. The government has demanded Chinese media to breed the population with concepts of triumph, prosperity and superiority. The latter tactics are what keep their community secure and immune to terrorism and foreign domination.

2. France
On 7 January, 2015, Charlie Hebdo weekly newspaper was attacked by 2 armed men and resulted in 11 deaths and 11 injuries. The men identified themselves as part of the Islamic terrorist Qaeda group in Yemen. Couple of months later on November 15th another horrific attack took place in the Stade De France which was followed by shootings and suicide bombings in cafés and restaurants nearby marking that another dark day in the history of France. The third major IS attack was in the coastal city of Nice on 14th of July 2016 where a 19-ton cargo was deliberately driven into a huge crowd raising the number of fatalities to 86 and that of injuries to 434. The driver was reported to be a Tunisian French resident who was later shot by French policemen. In short, the French national security has been for so long penetrated by French and European nationals themselves. However, the situation started to change as soon as Marie Le Pen won the French elections on April 2017. Under the two term presidency of Le Pin, security was tightened, border control was strengthened and intelligence agencies were given the green light to investigate with their suspects. In effort to boost the economy, Marie Le Pin restored the Frnc currency, liberating France from sinking the economies of Greece and the Balkan area. In her last years in office, Le Pin decided to take a hiatus from the EU but not to exit it fully. Despite taking a break from the EU, Marie's cabinet has agreed to financially aid Germany in dealing with the refugee crisis. To secure its position as an international power and inspired by the British Commonwealth Union, Marie Le Pin initiates "l'Alliance des Pays Francophones" in effort to guarantee trade, a free market, a joint military force and access to energy resources. Amid the fight over Earth's limited resources and a growing Russian threat, President Le Pin invested heavily in the enhancement of the French military program. To avoid the rise of terrorism, France has hence been strengthening ties with Great Britain and Germany and been calling them to intervene militarily in the Middle East. By 2025 France started its purchase of gas from Russia and invests in NASA’s Mars project.

France enters 2033 with an eye towards greater involvement in international affairs, preferably as a mediator, but also as a military power if circumstances require such action.
L'Alliance des Pays Francophones is an alliance similar to the British Common Wealth. It is constituted of several nations such as: Sierra Leon, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, French Guiana, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and many more...

3. Russia
Under Vladimir Putin, Russia succeeds in maintaining its position as one of the world’s most powerful nations. Thanks to its energy independency and vast amount of gas, the Russian economy is still at its epitome. With trade partners fighting over gas deals with Russia, the latter is now a decisive party in international negotiations and forums. In 2029, Russia alongside Iran supported Lebanese defensive forces. After the fall of Syria under the Islamic State forces, Russia has lost interest in the Middle East and stands unaffected by the crisis.

4. United Kingdom
After Brexit, the UK is no longer obligated to work according to the Dublin regulations and treaty…The wall it built in 2016 managed to prevent masses of refugees from reaching its shorelines. Despite that, it comes as the most generous contributor to the UNHCR.
Brexit marked the beginning of a new prosperous era for Great Britain. British Prime Minister, Theresa May, who assumed power after the Britain’s exist from the EU, has successfully led the nation from a state of a shocking political transmission and economic fall down in 2016 to a state of an opulent financial comfort and political union. By reviving, empowering and developing the British Common Wealth, Theresa May succeeded in strengthening trade, political and military ties between Britain and a multiple of its previous colonies. By doing so, Theresa May has earned herself the title of the UK’s best Prime minister with her party constantly winning every election.
In 2021, the economic, political and social situation in the UK ameliorated, hence pushing the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island to rank as the most peaceful and stable nation worldwide.
In 2024, The UK integrated eco-friendly methods of energy and cooperating with NASA to help bring more of that resource.

5. United States
The United States of America drastically changes as soon as Donald Trump ensures the Nov,2016 elections. Devoted to fulfill his promises, Trump heavily invested in the US military program. As a capitalist himself, he strengthened capitalism in the country, thus attracting more businessmen into the country and more assets into banks. In his first address as US president to the General Assembly, Donald Trump declared the US's intention to reduce the enormous amount of monetary resources the U.S. donates each year. In short, America has become stronger and richer than ever.
Under the presidency of Donald Trump, the United States of America witnessed one of the largest migration acts in history, as 20% of the American population was deported to Mexico among others who willingly moved to Canada. The wall between the U.S. and Mexico was finally built in 2017 and after long months of negotiations and several threats delivered by both parties, a compromise was made between the latter to divide the expenses of the wall's construction 50-50.
By 2019, amid growing tensions between Middle Eastern armed fractions and a rising series of terrorist attacks in the Gulf region, Donald Trump calls back the American
army from Qatar and declares America's non-intervention policy in the Middle East in effort to secure the lives of the American forces overseas and he votes of their families back home. His latter decision rendered him the vast support of the American families whose sons and relatives serve in the American army and in the year of 2020, Trump gets reelected. As time passes, the Middle East, which America heavily depends on its oil, continues to fall in turmoil. In 2024, following the collapse of the Gulf region and the beginning of a worldwide energy crisis, Trump addresses congress and the American population calling them to give him 2 extra years in office as he vows to lift the US once more to a state of bliss, comfort and power. Trump turns to South America for oil, but luckily in 2025, Libya, fearing the expansion of the IS in North America, calls for the intervention and settlement of American forces in the country in exchange for vast amounts of oil and resources. Trump considers the offer especially after South America has been reluctant to supply the U.S. with oil. By 2026, major American businessmen were exposed in worldwide media for purchasing oil from the IS in the black market. What was more shocking was that these businessmen were selling oil to national American oil companies, and thus to the American government. However, at the United Nations, the U.S. has completely denied its knowledge of the affiliation with the terrorist group. Despite the weak international position, the U.S. has taken under the presidency of Trump, the international community cannot afford losing the US's major economic and military strength in its fight for global peace and order.

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6. Germany
As a result of her refugee policies, Angela Merkel’s party fails to win the 2020 election to Julian Hitler, a descendant of the famous Adolf Hitler. Julian realizes Hitler’s mistakes and doesn't fall in the errors of his ancestor. Inheriting his acute intelligence and around the clock diligence, he seeks reforms in Germany and the EU. As France and Great Britain left the EU, Germany unexpectedly did not. Instead, Germany takes control of the EU, counters corruption, wasteful programs and bureaucracy and heavily invests in Europe's diverse regions. Seeking self-sufficiency, Germany profited from the European Natural and Human resources, the metals and wood of Scandinavia, the gas of Ukraine and Romania, the agricultural richness and the growing worker's population of the Balkan. Thus, under the rule of Julian Hitler, Europe transforms from merely a union into a sovereign nation composed of 26 partially autonomous states all responding to Berlin. Chancellor Julian Hitler realizes the importance of holding a dual position with Russia from one side and France from the other. With the benevolent financial support of France, the 2016 refugee crisis was unraveled, as refugees were admitted settlement Europe's southern tips only. In effort to secure energy, in 2024 Julian signs a 10-year Russian gas agreement worth billions of Euros. Though Julian is not quite friendly with Putin, Le Pin or May, he realizes that Germany cannot stand alone with the West's donations and Russia's gas. Like his ancestor, Julian Hitler invests in military programs, focusing however, on joint European offensive and defensive mechanisms. Though Julian has mentioned his willingness to invest in eco-friendly energy, still not much has been done by his Cabinet to initiate actions.
7. Japan
Artificial Intelligence was a key factor on which Japan depended toSurviving the economic and energy crash of 2024. The technological advances achieved by Japanese researchers, programmers and inventors astonished the world. In a blink of an eye, Japan was easily able to compete with the French, German, British and American technological industry and to dominate over the international technological market as its products were thus imported by 2/3 of the world’s nations. Even the Middle Eastern State of the Free Crescent had equipped itself with Japanese produced defense and offensive mechanisms against the Islamic State. Though Japan possessed the needed technology and the sufficient amount of resources to fight the Islamic State, its international response to this dilemma was squarely limited to financial and technological assistance.

8. Iran
Tightening the grip against terrorism and Sunni groups in the country was the only way Iran could avert the risks of political unrest in the country. Sharing borders with Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Iran has been on a full state of alert and has been preparing for its war against the IS. After the 2024 Arab defeat against the IS, Iran has been fortifying what's left of Lebanon and Syria in cooperation with Russia. However, fortunately to Iran, the 2024 energy crisis served as a boost for the Iranian gas based economy which has reached its epitome in 2036. Moreover, being energy sufficient in times where the world suffers from resource deficiency, Iran has held the high card in its second nuclear talks with the U.S and the UN and is expected in 2037 to possess nuclear weapons. In short, Iran is the arched enemy of the IS and Israel, two powerful states present in the Middle East with the aim of seeing it fall. Though Iran is bent towards intervening and fighting the IS, it has not shown much of willingness in international forums to aid France in its campaign in the Middle East. Perhaps Iran is taken with its own fight back home, or it seeks to intervene alone in order to secure the Middle Eastern resources for itself and sustain the monopoly of resources for 20 more years.

9. Mexico
Ever since being deported from the US, Mexicans sought retribution from the United States of America. However, the situation back in Mexico didn't enable them to do so, for the heavy flow of Hispanics into the country has paralyzed its market and economy. Vast unemployment, poverty, wide spreading pandemics, a monopoly of basic life resources were all resultant of the Mexican overpopulation. The governmental corruption was unprecedented in Mexico with the corruption index rising to at least 70%. For the past year, Mexicans have been on the streets, forming clans and militias against the government which went on selling national assets and oil mines to the US to pay off its growing debt and inflation.
10. Turkey
Ever since the Turkish giant has decided to intervene in Syria in 2016 to fight back IS and Kurdish forces, it has been marked as a potential threat and an inevitable target to both militias. Several acts of terrorism have been executed by IS in Turkey, targeting to hit the country at its heart, Istanbul. As a result, tourism in Turkey has fallen by 90%, eliminating one of the country's basic economic sectors. Prior to 2024, Turkey has been receiving monetary aid and oil supply from several Gulf states, but after the 2024 crisis and the Gulf collapse, Turkey was left with no option than to use its natural and monetary reserves especially after Iran refused to sell it oil and gas. For the past 20 years, Turkey has been the recipient of the largest relief and aid packages from its international partners and the UN. Being the last line of defense in the Middle East, before reaching Europe, Turkey has been receiving vast amounts of financial and military support from Berlin, Paris and London. In 2026, the Security Council has also ordered the mobilization of UN peacekeeping troops to the Turkish-European Frontline in effort to protect Istanbul and Europe which were majorly targeted. In short, once more in its history, Turkey has been known as the "dying sick old man", but this time, it is counting on the international community's nourishment to rise again.

11. South Africa
Even though the majority of the world’s countries witnessed a drastic increase in its population, South Africa’s population inversely decreased by 26% in the past 20 years. This has given South Africa international significance and attention as it withholds the sufficient potential to help out the international community in facing and resolving the overpopulation crisis. Due to the shortage in the South African labor force, the agricultural sector has witnessed a gradual demise. Nonetheless, as the demand on foreign imports drastically reduced, the South African economy maintained its stability. After the discovery of a sufficient amount of oil that fulfills its needs for the upcoming 5 years, South Africa is considered as a state with great capabilities and thus has a “say” in the issues the world is currently facing. Being situated in the unstable African continent, South Africa has been a host for African refugees for so long, and thus cannot host more. South Africa stands as a neutral party advocating for peace, justice and security.

12. Switzerland
The EU under German rule is relatively at its epitome in comparison to the political and military turmoil in the world, yet Switzerland is shockingly not. The country’s initiative to host refugees has costed the European country a lot. As the number of refugees mounted in Switzerland, exceeding the Swiss population itself, the Swiss government found itself assigning more funds to refugee protection and assistance than to its own population. While the EU has focused on rebuilding its own economy and importing less from non-EU nations, Switzerland, thus suffered a lot, witnessed a huge economic decrease as a result of its limited local market and started using its monetary reserves to avoid the collapse of its economy. Germany has been helping Switzerland financially in order to allure the state to enter the German ruled EU, yet the Swiss parliament is still not fully convinced. At the UN, Switzerland advocated for solidarity, financial assistance and the use of Eco-friendly methods of energy.
13. India
As result of its blooming film-making industry, its great touristic sights and seasonal carnivals, India swiftly became the most visited country by 2028 and the residence of most of the world’s celebrities. Hence, in addition to its prosperous agriculture and industry and its opulent natural and human resources, India has succeeded in developing its economic and military capabilities, rendering it more importance in international summits and forums. Developing eco-friendly energy and returning to Iran and Russia for gas have been sufficient to secure energy resources and fulfill demands. However, slipping back into the cycles of terror and degradation is no more than 500 km away where the country shares a wide border with Pakistan, one of the IS’s most recent targets. As the Indian government fears the rise of a Muslim extremist group in the country, it has taken special care of Muslim Indians and welcomed a decent number of Muslim refugees as well. The Indian Prime Minister, a descendent of the Great “Mahatma Ghandi” and grandson of “Tushar Arun Ghandi, the Goodwill Ambassador, sees the cooperation and solidarity between the Indian population and the world as the key to purify the latter from its major dilemmas. Find of what it has accomplished domestically, the Indian cabinet has been deliberating over whether India would adopt a non-intervention policy or not. Questions on whether to intervene against the IS or watch the world do so have been continuously echoed in national courts and assemblies. The issue of taking in more refugees is also on the Indian Cabinet's agenda, as Prime Minister Ghandi has went on hunger strikes after he had not been able to convince the parliament of his proposal.

14. Canada
After what the Canadian Minister, Justin Tardeau, did in June 2016, Canada has always been considered as a safe haven for Muslims and refugees fleeing the IS threat. Tardeau has remained in office since 2016 and has been able to provide aid, shelter, medicine and education to the asylum seekers. Canada has maintained its position as a country with great political and social vision and an innovational industry. Being one of the top gas producers worldwide, Canada has been able to secure its population's and industry's growing demands of energy resources. Canada, a supporter of peace and justice in the world has been eager to rectify the political turmoil and instability in the Middle East with the cooperation of its allies and the UN.

15. Greenland
As global warming saw the end of all the ice in Greenland, the ironic name has finally lived up to its standards. With the development of agriculture and industry in the country, the discovery of metals, minerals and oil, and with the flow of workers, migrants and students to Greenland and its distant geographic location from the political, economic and social instability in the world, Greenland was able to gain its independence from the Danish Crown while maintaining a state of neutrality in international forums and conferences. The Federal Republic of Greenland aims to remain secure and neutral, but not neglected. This is why and in effort to profit from its vast land area, the Federal Republic agreed to host Muslim refugees and to guarantee them the adequate resources and protection to start a new peaceful life there. Though Berlin has repeatedly invited Greenland to join the European Union, Greenland remains convinced that neutrality is a key factor for its prosperity.
Observer State

16. The State of the Free Crescent
The State of the Free Crescent is a newly established state. Its formation was announced in 2024, as a resistive movement towards the IS in order to take back the Middle East. Being composed of scattered coastal cities and few zones in the Middle Eastern Arabia desert, the state of the Free Crescent is always on high alert and immensely populated. Fearing maltreatment on the hands of the ruthless IS forces, the Middle Easterners evacuated either to the Mediterranean shorelines or to the desolated Arabia desert. The state of the Free Crescent is highly overmanned but atrociously unarmed. As a result of the terrible living conditions in the Middle East, the State of the Free Crescent squarely depends on international finicky assistance and previous Arab investments abroad. To the Global community, the latter state serves as a future platform for Middle Easterners to launch their attacks on the IS and regain their land. Though its economy is unstable and its militias aren’t well armed, their ability and willingness to combat, fight and sacrifice themselves for the sake of their liberty and security renders them the international community’s recognition, attention and assistance. For so long, the state of the Free Crescent has asked the world’s wealthiest and strongest nations to deliver weaponry and financial supply to launch, while promising back a share of the land and its resources once it is liberated. It is important to note that the state of the Free Crescent is an observer state and not a member state in the Security Council.

The International Fact Book:

The International Fact book is a simple and summarized delineation of the major facts the world has witnessed in the 20 years separating 2016 and 2036. The IFB is where the delegate’s creativity is needed the most. During the process of formulating the IFB, delegates have the opportunity to formulate their own original facts about their respective countries into group facts ratified by the council during the conference processions.

Delegates are not required to prepare any facts before coming to the conference, as sufficient time will be dedicated for the IFB. However, delegates are expected to have all the information they need regarding their countries with them during the conference. It is also important to note that the facts suggested by the delegates must be approved by the President and/or Chairs.

P.S.
It is okay to prepare facts before coming to the conference, yet delegates cannot depend on these facts prior to the conference sessions, as they may not be approved by the council and dais.
III. Sample Subtopics
The following subtopic formulated by the dais of FSC could favorably entertain the following Subtopics

Subtopic:

- Energy crisis
- Refugee overflow
- The military intervention under The Responsibility to Protect*

*Every sovereign nation is responsible for protecting its own citizens from mass atrocities. Should a nation fail to protect its citizens from mass killings, either intentionally or due to inability, it is the internationally community’s responsibility to protect the citizens being affected. These principles, which were agreed upon by the United States and other nations and ratified by the United Nations, are known as the Responsibility to Protect (or R2P) Doctrine.

For years, the clash between the US and Russia has revolved around “the Responsibility to Protect”. As Russia and China believe that R2P is a violation of the sovereignty of a nation, and thus encourage the adoption of the non-interference policy in the national affairs of a member state, the United States and the EU believe that it is their right and responsibility to interfere in the domestic affairs of any nation in effort to protect innocent populations. However, are the latter really doing so to protect civilians or to guarantee the fulfillment of their interests in a certain region?! Such a question is what sprouts dispute between these major super powers.

IV. Hints and Tips

A. Make sure that:
- You do not depend only on the provided country background, research further and utilize your own creativity to guide you to more valid information. Think for example, what countries would second an interference in the Middle East; what country is benefiting the most from the 2036 crisis
- You are well-informed of the status and position of other countries
- THINK about certain facts to be added in the IFB
- You don’t act contrary to the diplomatic code of the conference and the nature of your position character
- Feel free to contact the president at any time to facilitate delegates inquiries.
V. Countries Represented

A. From Africa:
   • South Africa

B. From Asia
   • China
   • India
   • Iran
   • Japan
   • The State of the Free Crescent

C. From Europe
   • Russia
   • France
   • Germany
   • United Kingdom
   • Greenland
   • Switzerland
   • Turkey

D. From North / South America
   • USA
   • Canada
   • Mexico
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