GUIDE FOR BACKGROUND GUIDES

The ***Background Guides*** are centered around "Guiding Questions," which are designed to inspire research and dialogue by pointing toward aspects of the topic that interest the delegate personally.

Delegates are not expected to answer every question; instead, to choose those that inspire, as focused pursuit will build the specific expertise needed for the subtopic negotiations.

MAIN SECTIONS

- **Introductory Paragraph and Objectives**: A brief history and current context of the topic. It also lists the specific objectives for the committee on the topic.
- **Introduction to the Topic**: The core concepts and foundational information needed to understand the issues being discussed.
- **Background**: The historical context of the topic. It outlines past actions and efforts made to address its challenges.
- **Current Challenges**: The most urgent and ongoing issues presently surrounding the topic. Delegates may choose to focus on one or several of these specific problems.
- **Solutions**: Guides to develop potential global solutions to the topic's challenges. All proposed solutions must align with the assigned country's official position.
- **UN Resolutions**: This lists the most relevant past United Nations resolutions related to the topic.
- **Adolescent Reflection**: Questions to explore how the topic personally impacts the delegate and what actions the delegate can take to address the issues it presents.

ELEMENTS

- **Key Terms**: These are essential concepts that unlock a basic understanding of the topic. Knowing these terms provides access to the core information needed.
- **Guiding Questions**: These questions are designed to inspire deeper investigation and exploration. They are found throughout each section of the Background Guide.

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- **Country Focus**: This element directs to the specific country's perspective and experiences with the topic. Compiling these answers will clarify the country's position and priorities.
- **Resources**: The ***Background Guides*** use only United Nations resources to align with the international community's perspective. Delegates will need to find supplementary resources to continue their exploration of the topics.
- **Annotated Resource to Aid Comprehension**: An annotated article example is provided to aid understanding; it includes outline questions, and a glossary.

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