

Country-Specific Background

Use:

- The CIA World Factbook
- The BBC's Country Profiles

Include:

- Allies and enemies
- Cultural information
- Trading Partners
- Your country's geographic location, esp. its proximity to the nation in question
- Any voting blocs, economic blocs, or regional blocs, your nation is a part of

- a usually temporary grouping within a legislature, made up of diverse countries acting together for a common interest or purpose

Background of the Topic

Find 15-20 significant facts relating to the topic, why this is an important issue (statistics causes and effects, etc.):

Sites that you may consider using:

- Google News
- The Council on Foreign Relations ([cfr.org](http://www.cfr.org)), especially their "Backgrounders" WARNING! The CFR's recommendations to fix the problem might not be in accordance with your nation's policy.
- The International Security Network ([isn.ethz.ch](http://www.isn.ethz.ch))
- [un.org](http://www.un.org), look for possible missions, "In Focus" section of the site
- Global Policy Forum ([globalpolicy.org](http://www.globalpolicy.org)), including links at the bottom of sites under <http://www.globalpolicy.org/security-council/index-of-countries-on-the-security-council-agenda.html>

UN Actions and Precedents

What has the UN or International Community done in the past to address this problem? Have similar situations arisen in other countries or parts of the world? How were these problems addressed? (Look for past resolutions, Treaties, Missions, Conventions, Etc)

Sites that you may consider using:

- un.org, "Documents" on the right side of the page
- securitycouncilreport.org

Include:

- Conventions
- Treaties
- UN Missions
- Resolutions
- Secretary General Reports
- Press Releases

Find 10-15 previous UN actions / precedents related to the topic:

Country Responses to UN Actions

Sites that you may consider using:

- <http://www.un.org/en/members/index.shtml>
- Your nation's foreign affairs web page or state department
- Your nation's permanent mission to the UN
- Google: your country + topic
- Google: number of relevant resolution + "brief"
- Statements from national leaders or the UN ambassador from your nation.
- News - bbc.co.uk & reuters.com

Find 7 – 10 Policy Statements