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Introductions

Hi delegates, my name is Maya Shokati and I am so excited to be your head chair! I am currently a junior at Mission Viejo High School, and this is my third year being a part of the MUN program here at Mission. During my free time, I love to bake or binge New Girl. I am very excited to meet you all and even though this conference is going to be far from ordinary, I hope it becomes a memorable experience for you all.

Hi everyone, my name is Aidan Levy and I am your vice chair. I'm also a junior at MVHS and in my third year in the program. In my free time I will hike, read, or do English homework. I do a lot of crisis committees, so I'm really excited to be able to chair one. Have a fun time, and make sure to win for us!

I. Background

The continuing conflict between Israel and Palestine is a present pressing issue in our world. Dating back to the mid 20th century, 1948, this dispute broke out due to the Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs both wanting to control the same land. The Israel-Palestine conflict is an outcome of the 1940s issue where the Jews started to migrate out of Europe to escape persecution due to the Holocaust which persecuted and murdered about six million Jews. They had the intent to declare the Ottoman Empire their native land but this caused much commotion since the Arab Muslims withstood and resisted as they said this land to be theirs. Many neighboring countries such as; Lebanon,



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Jordan, and Egypt are greatly involved in the conflict since many of the Arab Muslims have been driven out of the land due to the horrible humanitarian crisis. The United States is also directly involved since they support Israel unconditionally. The United States sends military grade weapons and financial aid to Israel. The crisis between Israel and Palestine has required a great deal of humanitarian attention as both sides have committed morally and ethically questionable acts.

II. UN Involvement

The United Nations became involved after World War II, as they tried to create a country for the Jewish population that was and is still dispersed across the world. They created the United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine, a complicated plan to separate what was historically Palestine into two separate countries, Israel and Palestine. It was not a simple separation, and the two countries would be very intertwined. This was passed in UN General Resolution 181 (II).

This resolution was intended to satisfy both the Palestinian nationalists, and the Jewish nationalists called Zionists. The Israeli nation accepted this plan, while the Palestinians rejected it because they said that it violated their self-determination by taking away a part of their country for nothing. A civil war broke out, and the United Nations was only involved later in determining peace agreements.

On a global scale, the United Nations has become more involved in the dispute as tensions have rose since the initial settlement in 1948. The United Nations is involved, in part, because of the UN has a duty to maintain international peace and security. Because



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of the humanitarian outcries from Israelis and Palestinians alike, the United Nations has become a provider for aid. The United Nations has also become prominent as a mitigator between the two nations. In key conflicts, such as the Six-Day War, the UN was instrumental in setting down legislation that would be instrumental in establishing future peace accords.

III. Possible Solutions

Due to this committee being a crisis committee, the objective of this committee will be to obtain more land than Palestine by the end of the day. The territory you will be fighting for is the original territory of Palestine prior to 1947. With this in mind, gear your solutions to figuring out strategic vantage points such as cities or resource centers. Consider how to mobilize your forces the most effectively to flush out the Palestinian forces. Pay close attention to the assets being supplied to you and use them wisely. Lastly, focus on how to outwit the opposing force and deal with any possible setbacks.

IV. Guiding Questions

- How many and what type of assets does each side have at its disposal?
- Which cities/resource centers are more important to take control of?
- Who are the allies of each respective side and how will they contribute to the war?



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- How sparingly should resources be utilized?
- What responses should each country make in response to the opposition's actions?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of each side?

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