

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

COUNTRY PORTFOLIO ITEMS

The following are some basic items which will be included in your country case study NOTEBOOK. Each section should include a summary of main points and government policies. Do not hesitate to consult with us as much as possible about the availability of information and data. Presentation will be in a VERY large (4-5 inch) three ring binder with tabs denoting each major section. You do not have to limit yourself to this list if there are other items you think are important. Significant analysis is needed!! Additionally, include relevant academic and news articles.

You will use this as the foundation for representing your county at the American MUN.

I. HISTORY:

II. GEOGRAPGY:

Area

Border states

Climate

Major rivers/mountains/physical features

III. SOCIETY / PEOPLE:

Population

Rural/urban ratio

Major cities/capital

Infant mortality rate

discussion of health/medical care available

Caloric intakes

Literacy rates

Discussion of welfare policies

Rights for women/minorities

Annual population growth rates

Ethnic breakdowns

Life expectancy at birth/age 5

Doctors/physicians

Heath indicators

Education policy

Religions

Discussion of "quality of life"

IV. DOMESTIC GOVERNMENT / POLITICS:

Type, independence date

Structure

Political parties, suffrage

Discussion of most recent changes in power / power shifts

Discussion of the **three basic questions**, especially "who has power?"

Rights/freedoms such as speech, press, demonstrations, etc...; think in terms of structures capable of handling articulated interests.

Constitution

Head of government, head of state

V. FOREIGN POLICY: Relationship to International Community

- IGO memberships
- UN activities
- Influence of international regimes
- International "penetration/influence"
- "Position in global community/economy"
- Treaties
- Alliances
- **UN Participation**
- Role of military:
 - Expenditures
 - Use of
 - How sophisticated
 - Military versus social expenditures

VI. ECONOMY:

- Primary indicators:

Employment rates	Inflation rates
Per capita income	GNP
Currency	Imports / Export
Balance of Trade	Balance of Payments
- Primary commodities/"industries?" - the "foundation" of the economy; ie - agriculture, value added activity, etc...
- Foreign debt and the way in which the country is "making payments"
- **Distribution of scarce resources**; a discussion of how the "spoils of the economy are distributed" or effect the average inhabitant of the country;
- Discussion of "**THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN THE ECONOMY**"
 - What is the nexus between the government and the economy?
 - This should certainly relate to the above discussion of political power.
- Influence of foreign investment / MNCs

VII. DEVELOPMENT:

- A discussion of the social, political and economic development which has or has not occurred; a nexus of the three

VIII. RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS: