WPCP MUN Resolution Writing Practice

Instructions: The following paragraph describes the positions of a bloc of countries, and the contents of a resolution they are putting together. Use the information in the paragraph to complete the resolution that is partially written below. Begin by filling out the sponsors and signatories, then complete the resolution and answer the questions that follow on the back of the sheet.

Russia and China have been writing a resolution about the importance of national sovereignty concerning international involvement in "domestic" conflicts. Syria, North Korea, and Iran have expressed their support for the resolution. France does not explicitly support the resolution, but wants to see it read before committee. The bloc wants to begin by recognizing the importance of national sovereignty and acknowledging the fact that international involvement does not always have good consequences for the concerned nation (note: for extra credit, make an incisive reference to US involvement in Iraq). In the main section of the resolution, the bloc wants to request that the international community respect each member state's national sovereignty, encourage countries considering international involvement to first get express permission from the concerned sovereign state, and express its sympathy for domestic victims of violence propagated by international coalition forces.

Resolution 1A

Sponsors: Russia, CHINA

Signatories: SYRIA, IRAN, NORTH KOREA, FRANCE

The First Committee on Disarmament and International Security (DISEC),

Recognizing the importance of national sovereignty,

Acknowledging THE FACT THAT INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT DOES NOT HAVE GOOD CONSEQUENCES FOR THE CONCERNED NATION (COUGH: VIETNAM),

- 1. Requests that the international community respects each member state's national sovereignty;
- 2. Encourages COUNTRIES CONSIDERING INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT TO FIRST OBTAIN EXPRESS CONSENT FROM THE CONCERNED SOVEREIGN STATE;
- 3. Expresses SYMPATHY FOR DOMESTIC VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE PROPAGATED BY INTERNATIONAL COALITION FORCES.

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Additional Questions:

Instructions: Fill in the blanks below with the appropriate vocabulary term.

- 1. The entire bloc agrees to strike the second operative clause. The should use a **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** to do so.
 - 1.1. Russia and China want to strike the first pre-ambulatory clause, but Iran and Syria adamantly disagree. Russia and China can use a **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** to strike the clause without the others' consent.
- 2. The United States and the United Kingdom think that they have the support of the majority of the committee in their opinion that the first operative clause should be stricken. Russia and China refuse to strike the clause. The US and the UK can use an UNFRIENDLY AMENDMENT to strike the clause without the sponsors' consent.
 - 2.1. The proponents of the amendment will need support of **ONE FIFTH** of the committee to introduce their amendment and the support of **TWO THIRDS** of the committee to actually amend the resolution (depends on conference)

Extra Credit:

Instructions: Make an acrostic poem for the words "WPCP MUN" using the names of UN Member States in the body of your acrostic poem. The first two letters have been pre-filled for you. You may not use any Member State name more than once.

W: (Fun Fact: no UN Member States that start with the letter "W")

P: Pakistan

C: CUBA

P: POLAND

M: MOROCCO

U: UNITED STATES

N: NIGERIA