# Crisis Committees

**WPCP MUN** 

# What are crisis committees?

- Dynamic simulations:
  - Cabinets-JCCs
  - NATO, UNSC
  - Olympic Committees, First Ladies, etc.

### The Flow of Debate

- Moderated and unmoderated caucuses
- Overt and covert actions
  - inside and outside committee workings
- Constant switches b/w debate and crises

# **Position Papers**

- Typical style with first person pronouns + bias
- 2. (1) Overview + thesis
  - (2) History of issue
  - (3) Evaluation of past actions
  - (4) Desired outcome + tactics for achieving it
  - (5) Restatement of thesis + plan of action

#### Parli Pro Tricks

- Round robins
- Straw polls
- Gentlemen's caucuses
- No Speaker's List or agenda

#### **Actions**

- 1. Directives
- 2. Communiques
- 3. Press Releases
- 4. Personal Action/Communication
  - → Crisis Notes

#### Crisis Notes———Personal Action

• Be specific!

To my Personal Assistant,

It has come to my attention that the Russian Minister of Education may secretly be conspiring with the US to launch missiles at the soldiers bordering the Black Sea. Please hire an assassin to facilitate the elimination of this man. Purposely use all-American weapons, and make sure all money transfers are done in person, by cash. Please burn this note after reading it.

Sincerely,

The Russian Minister of Finance

#### **Directives:**

- Mini-resolutions that can be written with or without clause form that take direct action
  - o EX:
    - The Russian Cabinet:
      - 1. Mobilizes and deploys 5,000 troops to the Russian border with the Black Sea;
      - 2. <u>Sends</u> 10 fully-armed drones to monitor actions of NATO and US warships on the Black Sea.

# Communiques

- Official communication with other nations, programs, or world leaders.
  - o EX:
    - To the Russian Cabinet:

The United States would like to express its concern over the recent militarization of troops along the border with the Black Sea in response to NATO's actions. We remind you that we will be taking direct action if there is to be further escalation of the conflict.

#### **Press Releases**

 Notify citizens and the international community of recent developments.

#### EX:

Russia would like to send its condolences to the many people and their families in Ukraine who so tragically lost their lives during the separatist uprising, and further denies each and every claim to their involvement in the horrific event.

#### **GOALS**

- Further debate with each speech
- Stay true to your character
- Integrate the "front room" and the "back room"
- Collaboration
- Notes!