



Boston University Academy Model United Nations Conference VII

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FJCC: Americas

Welcome to BUAMUN VII!

Hello Delegates,

My name is Sumedha Vemparala and I'll be your chair for this year's Joint Crisis: Future: The Americas. I am a junior at BU Academy, and have been doing Model UN for the past four years. My first year at BUAMUN, I worked as a crisis staffer, and last year I vice-chaired for the JCC: Crimean Conflict NATO committee. Outside of school, I am on the basketball team, MUN team, and science team. I also enjoy playing the violin in my free time. Your vice-chair this year will be Nikola Dobrev, who is in his second year with BUAMUN.

In committee, we will use a modified version of parliamentary procedure that excludes the speaker's list and involves a permanent moderated caucus (with the occasional un-moderated caucus). We will review this as well as all procedural matters for new delegates—and to refresh the minds of the old—at the beginning of committee. If you have any questions about committee, writing a position paper, or anything else, please feel free to email me. I am looking forward to meeting all of you at the conference!

Your Chair,

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Introduction to Committee:

JCC Future will feature the Americas, Asia, and Africa. This particular committee will represent the Americas. Each delegate will assume the position of high-ranking officials of each tribe in the American continent. Although debate will consist of cooperative discussion that leads to unified decisions, individual delegates will possess portfolio powers, which can independently move the simulation forward. Delegates should look to the end of the background guide for specific portfolio powers. In committee, if there are no procedural motions or points, rather than defaulting to a speaker's list, we will default to a moderated caucus. The actions of delegates will affect the entire JCC committee as a whole, which includes the delegates in the other committees. When formulating your crisis arc, have fun, and think creatively!

Position Papers Introduction:

All members of BUAMUN are required to submit a position paper to their respective chairs. Each position paper should provide a brief description of the delegate's position on the crisis in which they are participating. The chair of the committee will take into consideration a delegate's position paper when designating awards at the end of the conference. The position paper should be approximately 1-2 pages double spaced, and should include the delegate's position on each of the topics. Please write your position paper in first person, as if you are the person through whom you are speaking. If you wish to receive feedback/suggestions on your position papers (before committee), please send them to your chair at least one week before the conference, by January 25, and indicate that you wish to receive feedback. If you don't want feedback, make sure to send your position paper any time before the beginning of committee.

Heading for the Position Paper:

Delegate: Sumedha Vemparala
School: Boston University Academy
Committee: Future JCC: The Americas
Position: Emmanuel Archibald, Tribe Leader

Include your own name, school, committee, and position at the top left corner of your position paper.

Crisis Background

Timeline leading up to the year 2100:

2040: Elon Musk and Bill Gates have joined hands to create the company Datadomi, dedicated to the development of Artificial Intelligence. They envision that A.I. will reach intelligence that even humans are not capable of. At the same time, they are taking notice of the potential for A.I. turning against humans.

2055: The death of Elon Musk: On June 28th, 2055, Elon Musk is poisoned in Germany. The suspect of this crime is unknown.

2055: The death of Bill Gates: On December 20th, 2055, a worker at Datadomi finds Gates unresponsive in his room. Again, the suspect is unknown.

2055: Griffin Musk, Elon Musk's son, takes over Datadomi as its new leader. He begins relations with a robotics company in Germany.

2088: Complete power outage in Europe: There are no signals or communications in or out of Europe.

2089: UN forces begin to find survivors in Europe, and refugee centers are created around the world.

2090: Planes start to disappear around Germany.

2091: Many islands begin to submerge underwater, as sea levels rise.

2099: Google shuts down without explanation.

2100: Worldwide shutdown of electricity.

Following the aftermath of the Global shutdown, social order disappears and tribes replace countries. Immediately after the shutdown, there is a ~2 year period of violence, with a lack of moral law. People begin to group together based on their location. There are only three major known tribes known to inhabit earth currently.

Organization Background:

In the year 2100, there are three major American tribes - the Northern Tribe, the Central tribe, and the Southern tribe. Each tribe has its own trade that the members specialize in. The Northern Tribe puts an emphasis on hunting animals for their meat and furs, and farming cash crops such as cotton and tobacco. The harsh and extreme temperatures after the global catastrophe in the western hemisphere are what causes these methods of revenue to flourish. Since the Central Tribe is surrounded by Atlantic and Pacific oceans, most of its money is in the fishing business. Due to the vast and sprawling fields in the (previously) South American region, the Southern Tribe's main export is farming and mining.

Trade:

Since the Central Tribe's land is the only thing that connects the Northern Tribe and Southern Tribe, they are a huge influence in the trade that occurs between the three tribes. Over time, the conditions under which these items are traded, such as increase in taxes and traveling under unfavorable circumstances, leads to conflict between the tribes. The central government is corrupt and colluding with pirates to sell some of the goods to interested third parties from other continents. This issue has caused rifts and fights between the tribes.

Transportation and Technology:

As a result of the loss of electricity, the citizens had to resort to traveling in an old-fashioned way. Instead of using cars, buses, and other kinds of public transportation, everyone is now using bicycles, horses, or ship - depending on where they need to travel to. This change in use of transportation has caused the emission levels in the atmosphere to decrease, and we can now see a drastic improvement to the ozone layer. Loss of electricity results in the obsolete use of technology. Without technology, there was no way for people to survive against severe natural disasters and plagues, which deeply affected the population of the Western hemisphere.

Culture:

Considering the geographical placement of the tribes, the culture for each tribe varies greatly between them. There are many of the old religions like Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, etc. Along with those, there has been a rise of paganism and religions that the old Native American tribes used to follow. A vast majority of the tribe is settled, but there is one tribe that is in charge of all-things trade related. This tribe's head is also the Chief of Trade because they collect all of the items that can be traded with the other nations. Society is now in a trade-based economic status, so cash is rudimentary. Trading is the best way that anyone in the Western hemisphere can survive, so that is what they live on. Since most of the culturally different regions are still intact, they still celebrate the same holidays. Holidays that are celebrated worldwide and holidays exclusive to the different regions still exist.

Climate:

For the last 90 years, global warming and climate change caused various storms to ravage the earth, causing the water levels to rise from 0.36 inches per year to about two feet a year. The population of these places also drastically decreased. The population decreased to half of its size, which is about 722 billion people. There are 191 million people in North America, 326 million people in Central America, and 214 million people in South America.

Government:

These three tribes are essentially under one large government - the Head Council. The representatives from each tribe are the leaders, this council is established in hopes of preventing an enormous power struggle. The members of the council meet every six months to discuss the issues that each tribe faces and how it can be fixed.



Topic 1: Maintaining a Balance between the Three Tribes

Constitution:

1. No tribe can wage war on another, unless the tribe has committed an injustice.
2. The trade tariffs, taxes, and regulations are set unanimously by all three tribes. No one can increase or decrease those rates without a consensus between the tribes.

The Central tribe was put in charge of overseeing the trade rules and regulations between the North, the South, and other nations. There is a small amount of trade that is not regulated by the Central Tribe, but most of it is as the majority of ports are located in Central America and it is the bridge between land trade for the North and South. The government of the Central Tribe has been corrupted almost to the point of economic failure for other nations. They have been steadily increasing the taxes on the traded goods under the pretense that these raised taxes will be used to bolster the infrastructure of the western hemisphere and put into research facilities to try to get electricity back. On one hand, the re-development of this technology could be beneficial for not only the other tribes, but the whole world if it is not monopolized. However, over-taxation is a clear issue and it will eventually bring the other tribes to ruin as well as removing any benefit the Central Tribe receives from taxing the others. Along with this corruption, the Central Tribe is illegally exporting the trade items to Africa in exchange for guerilla armies supplied by the dictator of Africa in order for the Central Tribe to gain power over all three tribes that inhabit the Americas. Asia trades oil and gas for food and resources with both the Americas and Africa, thus allowing the African dictator to live more luxuriously as one of the only people with electricity in Africa. The Americas trades their food and resources for gas and oil to help fuel their research to get the electricity back up.

Of course, delegates are free to act as they please, but this committee should strive to have peaceful negotiations to come to a mutual decision. However, the crisis room will be open to any outcome, so delegates can come up with any crisis arc. Assume that the Northern Tribe and the Southern Tribe are on one side of the strife, while the Central Tribe and the African Tribe are on the opposing sides.

Topic 2: Technological Innovations for the Future

Before the tragic deaths of Bill Gates and Elon Musk, the world as a whole had been quickly developing technologically and a large focus of research was finding a way to incorporate artificial intelligence into daily life as well as in the army for a more efficient fighting force with less human casualties. As several catastrophic events hit around the world, technology was devastated, the use of electricity which caused the citizens to no longer rely on any gadgets that require electricity and energy to function. Infrastructure declined and it was very hard to uphold the foundations that societies had built. This world decline in technology made it hard to rebuild and re-use the technology that had been the norm years ago, and it cut the

progress on budding inventions for human kind. As well as overcoming tensions between world communities, the delegates in this committee should look to the future and find ways to restore electricity and some of the technology that the world had before.

Focus Questions:

1. How can the tension over the unfair taxation be overcome?
2. How will their future relationship be affected by the outcome of the present conflict?
3. If no peaceful solution is negotiated, what will each tribe resort to?
4. Depending on the position you're assigned, how would you better remedy the conflict?
5. How do the actions taken in this committee affect the other committees?



List of Positions:

The tribe leaders are also the tripartite governing force in the head council. They meet in a specific place in each tribe's region once a month to discuss any glaring issues, much like the former United Nations. Once you have received your positions, please email me to get a detailed description as to what your position entails.

Northern Tribe:

- **Tribe Leader:** Emmanuel Archibald
- **Tribe warlord:** Peter Highman
- **Chief of Fur and Cash Crops:** Divya Reddy
- **Scientist:** Deborah Bueller

Central Tribe:

- **Tribe Leader:** Christopher Hemans
- **Tribe warlord:** Garrett Santhers

Southern Tribe:

- **Tribe Leader:** Alexis Puthussery
- **Tribe warlord:** Yating Chen
- **Chief of Farming and Mining:** Courtney Lanningham
- **Scientist:** Trevone Smith
- Neutral Individuals:
 - Edward Witten
 - Martin Calvin
- Head Council (governing all 3 tribes):
 - Rep. of the Northern Tribe: Emmanuel Archibald
 - Rep. of the Central Tribe: Christopher hemans
 - Rep. of the Southern Tribe: Alexis Puthussery
- Treasurer:
 - Marin Craglin

