

Regional Conflict Management: Activity Three

ACTIVITY CARD

The two world wars demonstrated that regional conflicts can quickly erupt into wide-spread, global hostilities. With the development and increasing availability of weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, biological and chemical), there is an increased need for the international community to take an active role in the prevention, containment, and resolution of regional conflicts. Whether through the use of **alliances**, **international organizations**, **treaties** or **agreements**, the nations of the world must join together to address the causes and effects of regional conflicts if they are to ensure their own national security as well as international security.

As a group, discuss the questions below so that you become knowledgeable about your country's position on regional conflict management. Use your *World Problems Scenario* as a resource. In addition, investigate the websites that have been provided in both the international security section on regional conflict management and the beginning of the country profiles section:

1. What is/are the purpose(s) of any alliances to which the country you represent belongs? How do these alliances impact the security of your country as well as international security?
2. How has the country you represent participated in international organizations to increase national and international security? Where, how and why have these international organizations attempted to manage regional conflicts?
3. How has the country you represented attempted to use treaties and agreements to prevent, contain, and/or resolve regional conflicts and increase national and international security?
4. Identify key regional conflict management problems and challenges that do or do not exist in your country. Prioritize the existing problems and challenges in terms of seriousness and immediacy regarding the need for attention.
5. Define the goals your country has in dealing with the key regional conflict management problems and challenges that you have prioritized. Prioritize your goals for dealing with your country's international security issues.
6. Identify strategies for achieving the goals your group has prioritized. Identify the strategies that your country could implement at both the national and international levels to address these regional conflict management issues. Remember, your strategies must realistically reflect and address the way you have prioritized your goals in your country.

Task: Design a visual that has four distinct sections: 1) A summary of the regional conflict management situation(s) in which your country is involved and the policy approaches that have been used; 2) A prioritized list of the key regional conflict management problems and challenges for your country; 3) A prioritized list of the goals your country has for dealing with the impact of regional conflict management on its nation; and, 4) The national and international plans and strategies you have for achieving you goals for dealing with regional conflicts in which your country is involved. Present your visual to the class with the kind of depth and breadth explanations that will thoroughly teach your fellow delegates about the issue of regional conflict management.

TASK EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Visual includes four distinct sections and makes use of color, symbols, maps, timelines, charts, graphs, or other visual techniques that help to convey information.**
- **Visual includes a summary of key points on the current regional conflict situation in your country and summarizes the policy approaches your country has used in dealing with managing regional conflicts.**
- **Visual includes a prioritized list of the key regional conflict problems and challenges your country faces.**
- **Visual includes a prioritized list of the goals your country has for dealing with its management of regional conflicts.**
- **Visual includes the national and international plans your group has for achieving your country's regional conflict management goals.**
- **Presentation teaches the class about the issue of regional conflicts in your country.**