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GIOBAIEC 2 Expanding the curricular space

GlobalEd 2 Delegates Make Progress on Negotiations

Tips for Delegates!

Delegates – when preparing for conferences, be sure to review the conference agenda posted by Simcon before starting the conference. The agenda is posted on the ICONS website several days before the schedule conference.

If you miss a conference you can review the transcript of what countries said in response to the agenda questions. This is a good way to decide who you should send a proposal to for feedback.

Remember to write like a diplomat and use appropriate language AND stay in the character of you assigned country.

Simcon will remind you to stay in character and to use diplomatic language or you may receive a sanction.

When negotiating with other countries, be sure to consider what they need for the agreement, as well as what you want. It should be beneficial for both sides



Bangladesh Signs International Agreement to Produce Fresh Water

The Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (DWASA) has signed an agreement recently with a South Korean company to implement a project to produce 150 million liters of water per day. The proposed project, to be implemented at a cost of 5.21 billion Taka, aims at resolving the water crisis in Dhaka Bangladesh by 2021. The Korean firm will meet 70 per cent of the total project cost and the rest will come from public funds and DWASA.

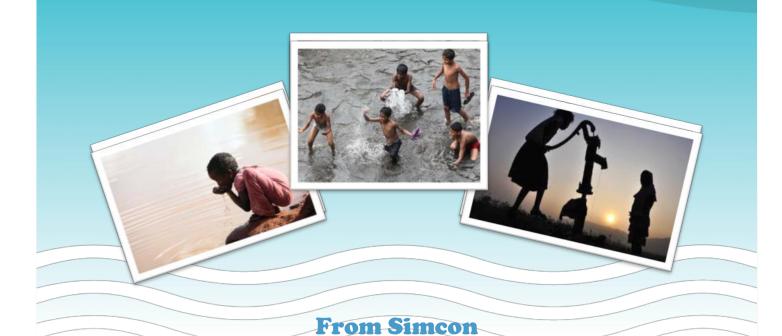
Weekly Schedule

Last Week
Negotiations
continue.
Conferences held on
Economics and
Environment issue
areas.

This Week
Negotiations
continue.
Conferences
Nov. 5th Health
Nov. 6th Human
Rights

Next Week
Negotiations
continue.
Conference Nov. 13th
Environment. Issue
area.

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The first two conferences – Human Rights and Health – went well this week. *Thank* you to all the countries that participated!

To Blue Country Delegates

Transcripts of all <u>completed</u> conferences are available for review, located under the Conferences tab within the ICON system. The transcripts can be copied to a word document for reading and printing.

Good job of increasing the number of messages being sent to other countries!

Remember, all messages should exhibit diplomatic professional language and **CER** (Claim-Evidence-Reasoning) writing structure. Refer to the student website (www.globaled2.com) for any questions you may have about structure and content.

To prepare for conferences, determine your country's issue-area responses to the conference's agenda questions, and review the opening statements from other countries to identify commonality (shared interests and similar proposals).

Keep up the good work! Simcon GE2 NEWSLETTER ISSUE 7

Stories from Around the World This Week

United States:

Earth Quakes and Fracking

In the past few years, earthquakes in Oklahoma have been on the mysterious rise—the state has had more earthquakes than even California. Why? One big fat finger has been pointed at fracking, in which toxic wastewater is injected into wells that can leak and lubricate faults. We clearly need a better solution for this wastewater, and that solution may involve satellite dishes! Epiphany Solar Water Systems in Pennsylvania has taken three ordinary 8-foot satellite dishes and covered them in a shiny reflective coating. If you're thinking these silvery contraptions look like solar dishes, you're exactly right. They harvest solar energy that is used to heat up wastewater. The water that evaporates off is pure, and you're left with a bunch of solid salts instead of toxic brine. There are still plenty of challenges to making frack water treatment solutions commercially viable, but this is a great start! Look for more on the impact of fracking and the associated waste water issues.

http://gizmodo.com/satellite-dishes-can-turn-toxic-waste-from-fracking-int-1651380272

China & Iran:

China's defense minister met with Iran's navy commander in the latest sign of warming ties between their two militaries following their first joint naval drills in the Persian Gulf last month. Chang Wanquan told visiting Iranian Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayvari that China hopes for "further cooperation and the uninterrupted development of ties between the two militaries." China has been building closer ties with the militaries of U.S. rivals, such as Russia to help counter American naval dominance in the Asia-Pacific region. China and Iran also maintain close economic links, although Beijing has joined international efforts to get Iran to cooperate with the global community over its nuclear programs. Although China strays from the notion of setting up permanent overseas bases, even an occasional presence in the Persian Gulf — where the U.S. Navy maintains a permanent presence advances Beijing's goal of operating a true "blue water" navy, able to operate far from China's shores. The Chinese navy has taken part in regular antipiracy patrols off the coast of Somalia since late 2008, a move seen as vastly improving its long-range capabilities while helping protect its vital ocean links to Middle Eastern energy supplies.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/china-iran-defense-officials-pledge-closer-ties/2014/10/23/a3dc80f6-5a95-11e4-9d6c-756a229d8b18_story.html