Country Research

Full name of the country

Name of Committee

I. Identity

A. Geography

1. Population
2. Surface area
    a. Population density
3. Capital
    a. Population of capital
    b. Population density of capital
4. Breakdown of population by age group
5. Location
    a. Continent
    b. Landlocked?
        i. Neighboring oceans
    c. Neighboring countries
6. Terrain
    a. Climate
    b. Relief
    c. Effects of climate and relief

B. History and Political Life

1. Independent?
    a. Since when
2. Former colony?
    a. When?
    b. Of what country?
3. Foreign governments that have claimed control over the country
4. Current political regime
    a. Stable?
        i. Evidence
    b. Head of State
        i. since when
    c. Head of Government
        i. since when
5. Main events of the past 20 years

C. Cultural Aspects

1. Official languages
2. Ethnic Groups
    a. Percentages
    b. Tensions
3. Religions
    a. Percentages
    b. Tensions
4. How have religion and ethnicity been affected by the economy?
5. How have religion and ethnicity been affected by culture?
6. How have religion and ethnicity affected the culture/society?

D. Economic Aspects

1. GNI
2. Dependency
3. Debt
4. Trade
    a. Imports:

        i. From where, balance
    b. Exports
        i. To where, balance
5. Resources
    a. Energy
    b. Mines
    c. Agriculture
    d. Fishing
    e. Industry
    f. Services (trade, transport, tourism)
6. MEDC/Emerging/LEDC
    a. Why?
7. Major Economic Organizations (NAFTA, MERCOSUR, EU, etc…)

II. International Position

A. Defense

1. Military Independence
    a. How/Why?
2. Military Alliances
    a. List
3. Major Military Treaties
    a. List and Explain
4. Nuclear Weapons
    a. Number in stockpile
    b. Capabilities
    c. Past programs

B. Influential Position

1. Member of UN since when?
2. Member of Security Council
    a. When?
3. Member of your committee in the UN
    a. When?
4. Member of international organizations
    a. Which and When
5. Relationship with bordering countries

C. Issues

1. List current domestic/international issues that the country is dealing with
    a. Explain