

World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

Jr. Model United Nations - Student Diplomat Program

Country Profile Worksheet

Country

Student

School

Instructions:

Complete the Country Profile worksheet to learn more about your assigned Model UN country! Some information can be found using the CIA World Factbook: <u>https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/</u>, however, you may need to do some of your own research. Make sure to use good sources of information!

Country Overview

- 1. Full name of country: *Example: Egypt's full name is The Arab Republic of Egypt.*
- 2. Location List continent, region, bordering countries, bodies of water, and any other interesting features:
- 3. What is your country's capital city?
- 4. What is your country's largest city? Are there other important cities in your country that you should note?

People

- 1. Official language(s):
- 2. Other languages spoken:
- 3. Population:
- 4. % of Population Residing in Urban Areas:
- 5. Major ethnic group(s):
- 6. Major Religions (*give percentages*): ______ %; _____%; _____%; _____%; _____%

Education

- 1. At what age do children begin school?
- 2. How many years, on average, do children attend school?
- 3. Is education free and/or a requirement of all citizens? If so, up to what level of education is free and/or required (ex. primary, secondary, or higher education)?
- 4. What percent of the population is literate? Literacy is defined as the ability to read and write.

5. Describe one interesting fact that you have learned about education in this country:

<u>Health</u>

- How long do people live, on average, in your country? Women: Men: This is called "life expectancy."
- 2. What is your country's birth rate? Birth rate is defined as the number of child births per 1,000 women:
- 3. What is your country's maternal mortality rate (MMR)? This is defined as the number of maternal (female) deaths per 100,000 births:
- 4. What is your country's infant mortality rate (IMR)? The IMR is defined as the number of infants dying before a year of age divided by the number of births that year.
- 5. Does your country provide its citizens with free healthcare? If not, what does the healthcare system look like in your country?
- 6. What are the major infectious diseases in your country?

Government

- 1. What form of government does your country have?
- 2. Research and define this form of government:
- 3. Who is the current leader of your country?
- 4. What is their official title?
- 5. How are they elected, appointed, and/or chosen?
- 6. What is the name of your country's legislative body? Example: The United States' legislative body consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- 7. What types of beliefs (political, religious or other) influence your country's government?
- 8. Which are some major domestic issues within your country? *Domestic issues are issues that directly affect the people of your country.*

Economy

- 1. Define **GDP**: G______ D_____ P_____
- 2. What is your country's GDP?
- 3. How does it compare to other countries' GDPs in the region? In the rest of the world?
- 4. What is your country's growth rate? Growth rate is defined as the change in population overtime.
- 5. Define **export**:
- 6. Define **import**:
- 7. List your country's major exports:
- 8. List your country's major imports:
- 9. Define the term trading partner:
- 10. Who are your country's major trading partners?
- 11. What percentage of your country's citizens live at or below the poverty line?
- 12. Is there a high level of inequality in your country (socially and/or economically)?
- 13. Write a brief description of the current economic conditions in your country:

Environment

- 1. Describe your country's climate:
- 2. What are some of the major environmental problems that your country faces?
- 3. What solutions has your country implemented or proposed to address environmental issues?
- 4. What are your country's most important natural resources?
- 5. What are your country's main energy sources?
- 6. Does your country rely on renewable energy sources like solar, wind, or hydro power? Or does it rely on fossil fuels like oil and natural gas?

<u>Culture</u>

*Note, while there are often common cultural elements across a whole country, some countries have many different cultures within their borders. If your country has a population with a lot of varying cultural attitudes, beliefs, and traditions, then answer the following questions accordingly.

- Based on your research, what are some of the most important cultural factors regarding your country?
 Examples might be greetings, manners, values, roles, beliefs, behaviors, etc.
- 2. What are some major cultural holidays, events, and/or traditions in your country?
- 3. Is there traditional attire for your country? Do people still tend to dress in this attire?
- 4. Does gender play a major role in your country's culture? If so, explain how.
- 5. What are some of the major foods eaten in your country? Are there staple foods? Foods reserved for special occasions or that have great cultural significance?

<u>History</u>

- 1. When was your country (with its current government) officially founded?
- 2. Define the term **ally**:
- 3. Who are your country's historic allies? Why?
- 4. Who are your country's historic enemies? Why?
- 5. Was your country ever subjected to colonial rule? If so, by what country? What year did your country become independent?
- 6. Did your country ever colonize another country? If so, which country (ies)? For how long?
- 7. What are some major events in your country's history? Why are they important?

United Nations & Other International Organizations

- 1. When did your country become a member of the UN?
- 2. Who is your country's current Ambassador to the UN?
- 3. Does your country currently owe any payments/dues to the UN?

- 4. Has the UN ever intervened in a conflict involving your country? If yes, where and how?
- 5. How does your country contribute to UN peacekeeping?
- 6. Has the UN ever cited your country for human rights violations? If yes, when and why?
- 7. Does your country belong to any intergovernmental organizations outside of the U.N. system such as the North Atlantic Trade Organization (NATO) or the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?
- 8. Does your country belong to any regional organizations such as the European Union (EU), the African Union (AU) or the Organization of American States (OAS)?
- 9. Does your country belong to any trade organizations or agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) or the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)?

<u>Activity</u>

Draw or paste a picture of your country's flag: