



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
*of Philadelphia*



# JR. MODEL UNITED NATIONS CULTURAL DIPLOMACY CONFERENCE

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In partnership with:

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# WHAT IS CULTURE?



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**“Way of life” shared by a group of people (food, language, beliefs, etc)**



# **WHAT IS DIPLOMACY?**



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**Solving problems and  
building relationships  
between people and  
countries**



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**Building relationships by  
understanding another  
group's "way of life"**



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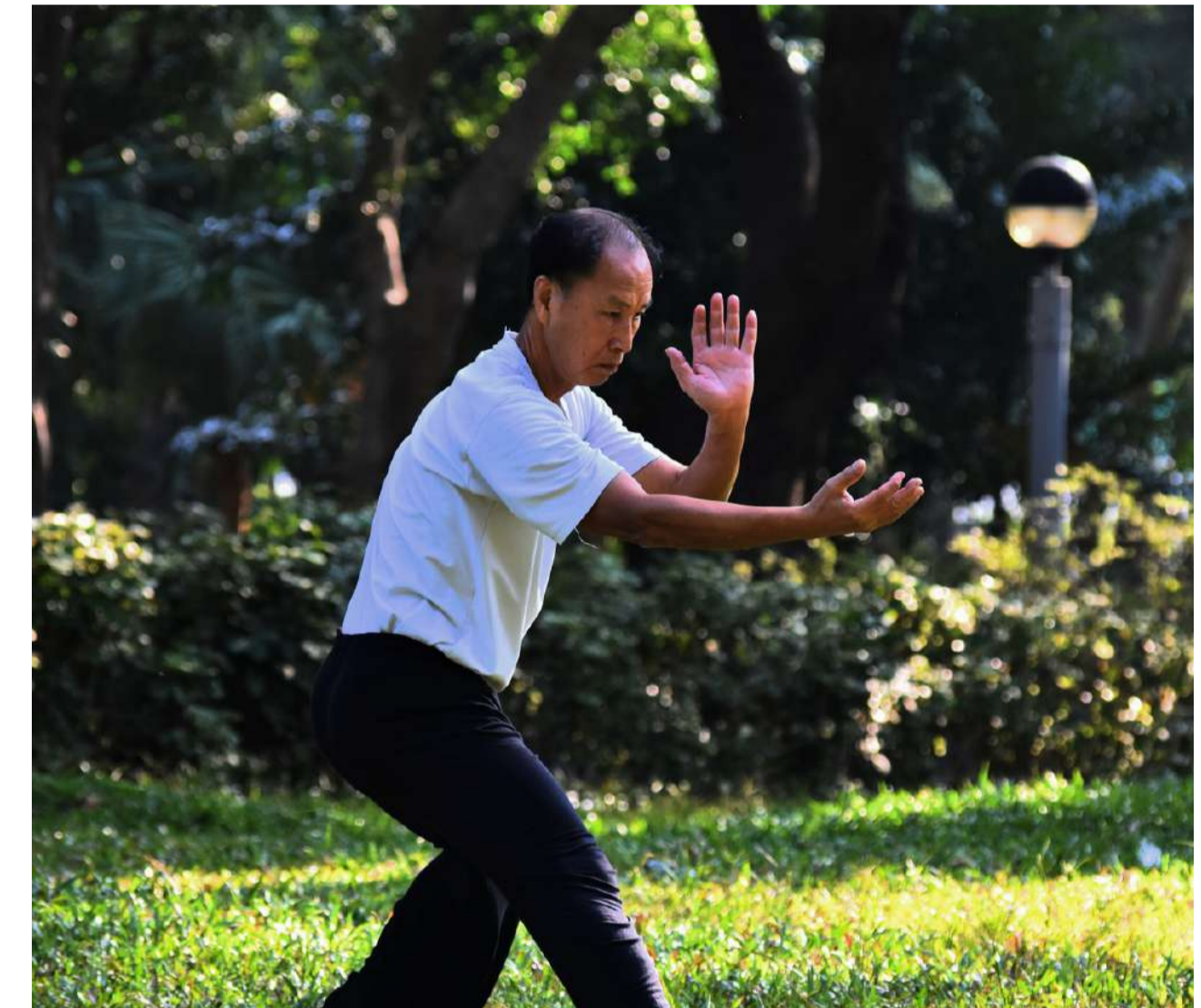
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**China**

# MY EXPERIENCES WITH NEW CULTURES...





San Diego, United States

# WHAT IS CULTURE?

- Beliefs, values, traditions
- Affects how we act and think
- Learned & shared by groups
- Unconscious (you may not think about it)
- We belong to many different cultures!



# EVERYONE HAS A CULTURE – EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT



Flamenco Dancers

Malindi, Kenya

Share your answers with someone sitting next to you



# **THE CULTURAL ICEBERG**

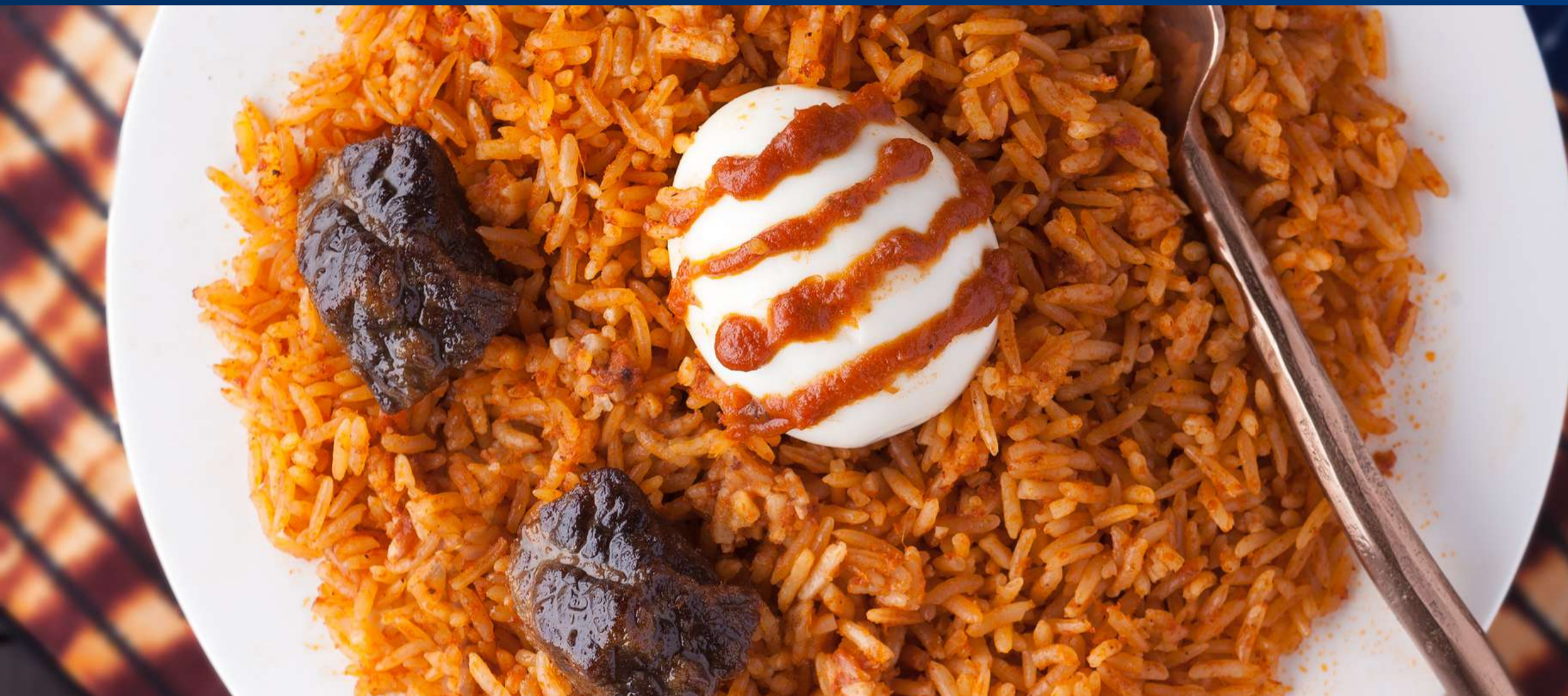
# The Cultural Iceberg



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- What parts of culture can we see?
- What parts of culture can we not see?

# WHAT DO THESE CULTURES VIEW AS IMPORTANT?



Entree from Ghana



West Java, Indonesia

West Africa: groups of people eat food from the same dish

Indonesia: first day of school spent getting to know other students

# WHAT DO THESE CULTURES VIEW AS IMPORTANT?



Japan: students take off  
“outside shoes” in school



Finland: students play outside  
for 15 minutes every hour

**What is happening in this photo?**

**Who are these people?**

**How might this represent cultural diplomacy?**



Photo: ABC News

## Formal Diplomats:

- Represent their country around the world
- Build relationships between countries
- Solve problems between countries



# WHO IS A DIPLOMAT?

- Solving problems
- Building relationships
- Understanding others
- Learning about different people, cultures & points of view



## **WHAT IS EVERYDAY DIPLOMACY?**



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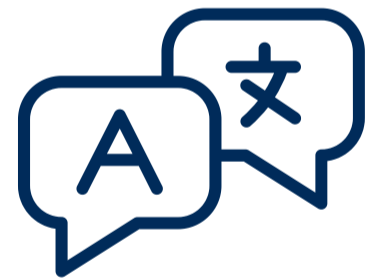
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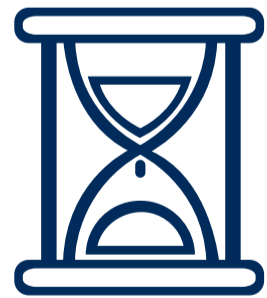
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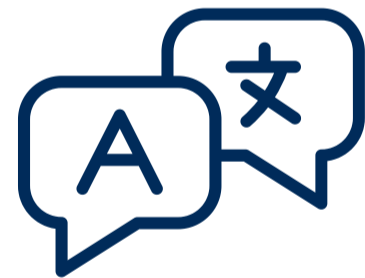
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Cultural Understanding



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A photograph of three diplomats in a meeting. A woman with blonde hair is on the left, a woman with dark hair is in the center, and a man with a beard is on the right. They are all dressed in professional attire. An American flag is visible in the background.

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# **WHERE CAN WE FIND DIPLOMACY AND DIPLOMATS?**

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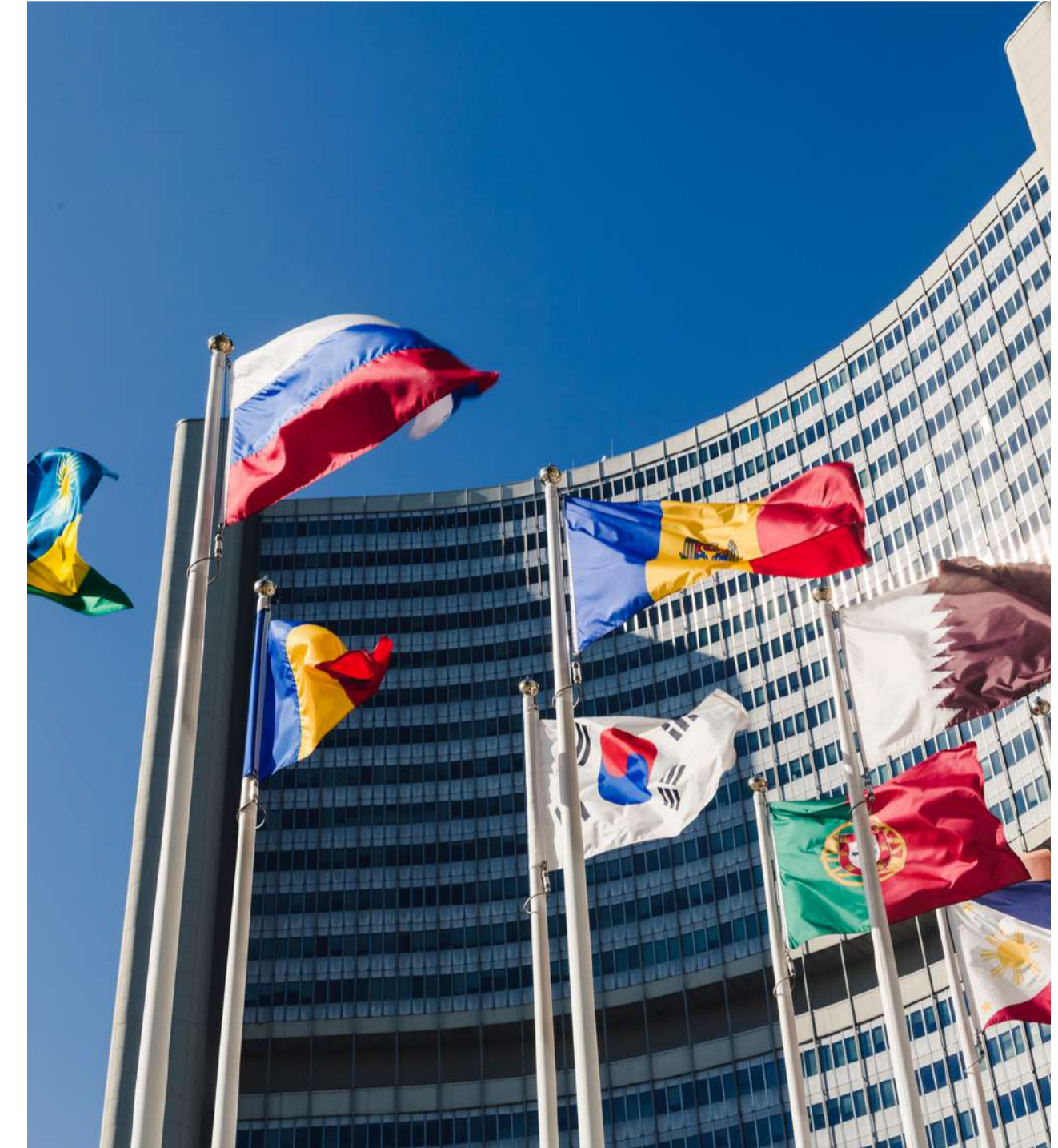
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International Organizations



# THE UNITED NATIONS

Founded in 1945 to:

- Work for world peace
- Protect human rights
- Help countries work together to solve global problems

- Role play UN General Assembly
- Represent your assigned country as a diplomat
- Use diplomacy debate ideas & find solutions to your assigned topic
- Maybe win an award!



# YOUR ROLE

Model UN Student Diplomats

# NEXT STEPS





# RESEARCH WITH YOUR PARTNER

Your Assigned Country & Topic

- Become an expert on your assigned country!
- Read Briefing Paper and answer Questions
- **Briefing Papers available by February 16**



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- Learn about your assigned topic
- Practice parliamentary procedure and resolution writing
- Practice diplomacy and public speaking with delegates from other schools
- **Wear your diplomat badge!**



# ATTEND

Jr. Model UN Prep Conference



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Write a resolution about:

- Your global problem
- 3 solutions your country supports

**Due Date: Friday, April 12**



# WRITE

**Resolution (Required)**



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# WRITE

Position Paper (Optional)

Write a 1 or 2 page paper about:

- Your country & its history
- Why your assigned topic matters to your country
- What your country thinks the UN should do

**Due Date: Friday, April 19**



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# RECORD

Opening Speech (Optional)

Record a short video about:

- Why your assigned topic matters to your country
- What your country thinks the UN should do

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# **ATTEND**

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**QUESTIONS?**





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