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Dear Delegates,

Greetings and warm welcome to the United Nations Security Council.

We the Executive board are committed to facilitating productive and engaging discussions on our FUTURISTIC TIMELINE as attached in this Background Guide.

As we delve into this committee, we see the hypotheticals of what the current day world conflicts may spiral into in the future. We require contemplation on how to solve these various global issues in the least destructive yet profitable manner possible. Each country will be able to formulate their own stances and follow the same. Do keep in mind that, NONE OF THE REAL WORLD EVENTS outside of the timeline presented by the EB apply to this committee and we will strictly be adhering to the same.

It is also essential each delegate is prepared on the legality and the history of each of these conflicts and is aided in a manner to best represent their country. Its very important to know the application of the UN Charter, especially Chapter VI and VII.

Be prepared and thorough in your research on both your country and others countries. Feel free to reach out the organising committee if you have any doubts to be cleared.

Wishing you all the best in your preparations,

Chairperson: Hariroopan Mathan

Vice Chairperson: Prisha Prem

Director: Armaan

Timeline:

October 7th 2023

Hamas launches a surprise attack from the Gaza strip into the Gaza envelope of southern Israel, causing 1175 casualties; being the first of many attacks in the ongoing conflict between Hamas and Israel.

On the morning of October 7, Hamas-led Palestinian armed groups carried out numerous coordinated attacks including on civilian residential communities and social events and on Israeli military bases in the area of southern Israel bordering the Gaza Strip; these attacks initiated the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. Khaled Mashal lauded the Hamas attack, calling it legitimate resistance to Israeli occupation. He said, "We know very well the consequences of our operation on Oct. 7", emphasizing that Palestinian lives must be sacrificed in the quest for liberation.

"Citizens of Israel, we are at war. Not an operation, not a round [of fighting,] at war! This morning Hamas initiated a murderous surprise attack against the state of Israel and its citizens," Netanyahu said in his filmed statement which was released a few hours after the start of the attacks in Gaza.

The U.S. had warned the Israeli Government of an oncoming attack from Hamas, as well as Egypt who had warned Israel about the attacks on Gaza multiple times yet Netanyahu chose to ignore it, labeling the "warnings" as fake news. Israel faced continued criticism from internal and external sources on its lack of organization and response to the attacks.

October 10th 2023

Biden releases a statement on his stance regarding the attacks on October 7th.

On Oct. 10, Biden publicly denounced Hamas for its Oct. 7 attack, which left 1,200 people dead in Israel. Biden called the attack "sheer evil" and "sickening."

October 17th 2023

Innocent refugees in a Gaza City hospital parking lot faced an explosion killing and injuring innocent Palestinians.

On 17 October 2023, an explosion took place in the parking lot of the courtyard of al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City during the Israel–Hamas war, resulting in a large number of displaced Palestinians seeking shelter there being killed or injured.

The cause of the explosion is contested. Israel, the United States, France, the United Kingdom, and Canada said that their intelligence sources indicate the cause of the explosion was a failed rocket launch from within Gaza by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ). Hamas and PIJ stated the explosion was caused by an Israeli airstrike.

October 19th 2023

Israel lifts the blockade on Gaza allowing resources and material from Egypt into Gaza through the Rafah crossing.

After receiving pressure from the U.S. President Joe Biden, Gallant changed his position of a complete blockade, and a deal was made on 19 October for Israel and Egypt to allow aid into Gaza.

On the evening of 27 October 2023, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) launched a large-scale invasion inside the Gaza Strip, as part of the 2023 Israel– Hamas war, with the stated goal of destroying Hamas and overthrowing the organization's governance of the Gaza Strip.

November 7, 2023:

Chinese Military Drills: China conducts extensive military exercises near Taiwan, including live-fire drills, escalating tensions in the Taiwan Strait, and drawing sharp responses from Taiwan and its allies.

December 15, 2023:

Iran Nuclear Tensions: The IAEA reports that Iran has significantly increased its stockpile of enriched uranium, sparking renewed concerns about potential nuclear proliferation and calls for diplomatic negotiations to address the issue.

2024

January 10, 2024:

Russian Political Crackdown: The Russian government intensifies its crackdown on political dissent, arresting numerous opposition figures and activists ahead of the upcoming presidential election.

February 25, 2024:

South China Sea Incident: A near-collision between Chinese and Philippine naval vessels in the South China Sea raises tensions over disputed maritime territories and prompts calls for international mediation.

March 20, 2024:

Syria Conflict Escalation: Heavy fighting breaks out in Syria's Idlib province as government forces and rebel groups clash, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis and displacing thousands of civilians.

April 18, 2024:

Israel-Palestine Violence: A major clash occurs in East Jerusalem during a religious holiday, resulting in multiple casualties and increasing international calls for de-escalation and dialogue.

May 10, 2024:

Sudan Conflict Intensifies: Renewed fighting between rival factions in Sudan leads to significant casualties and displacement, prompting international efforts to broker a ceasefire and provide humanitarian aid.

June 12, 2024:

North Korea Missile Launch: North Korea conducts another missile test, firing a long-range missile into the Sea of Japan and prompting condemnation from neighboring countries and the international community.

August 12, 2024:

NATO-Russia Relations: A NATO military exercise in Eastern Europe prompts a major Russian military response, including the mobilization of troops and the deployment of advanced weaponry. The situation leads to a standoff and urgent diplomatic efforts to de-escalate the conflict.

September 10, 2024:

Disinformation Campaigns: Evidence surfaces of a coordinated disinformation campaign targeting elections in several democratic countries, leading to investigations and efforts to counter foreign interference.

October 15, 2024:

Initial Cyber-Attack: A sophisticated cyber-attack targets India's power grid, causing temporary blackouts in major cities like Mumbai and Delhi. The Indian government attributes the attack to Canadian-based hacker groups with suspected state support.

October 20, 2024:

Retaliatory Measures: India launches a counter-cyber operation aimed at Canadian financial institutions, resulting in temporary disruptions in online banking services and stock exchanges in Toronto and Vancouver. The Canadian government denies involvement in the initial attack and condemns India's retaliation.

November 1, 2024:

Public Announcement: Both governments publicly accuse each other of state-sponsored cyber warfare. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs issues a travel advisory for Indian citizens in Canada, citing security concerns.

November 3, 2024:

Israel-Palestine Conflict: Renewed violence breaks out in Gaza following an Israeli airstrike in response to rocket fire, leading to international condemnation and calls for a ceasefire.

November 10, 2024:

Increased Cybersecurity: Both countries implement heightened cybersecurity measures. India forms a dedicated task force to protect critical infrastructure, while Canada enlists international cybersecurity firms to bolster its defenses.

November 25, 2024:

Escalation in Attacks: Another wave of cyber-attacks hits India's transportation sector, disrupting railway and airline operations. Canada experiences a similar attack on its healthcare system, leading to delays in hospital services and patient care.

December 5, 2024:

International Mediation: The United Nations calls for an emergency meeting to address the escalating cyber conflict. Both countries agree to attend but continue to blame each other for the ongoing attacks.

December 15, 2024:

Global Security Alliances: A major international security summit addresses rising global tensions and strengthens alliances and cooperative security measures.

December 20, 2024:

Temporary Ceasefire: Under pressure from the international community, India and Canada agreed to a temporary ceasefire in cyber operations. A joint investigation team, including experts from neutral countries, is established to trace the origins of the attacks.

2025

January 5, 2025:

Preliminary Findings: The joint investigation team released a preliminary report indicating that non-state actors may have exploited the existing tensions between India and Canada. Both governments agree to cooperate in tracking down and prosecuting these groups.

January 15, 2025:

Resolution Efforts: Diplomatic channels are reopened, and high-level talks are scheduled to resolve the broader conflict. Cybersecurity experts from both nations begin working together to prevent future attacks and improve mutual cyber defenses.

February 25, 2025:

Middle East Stability: An escalation in hostilities between rival factions in Syria leads to increased international involvement and efforts to broker a peace agreement.

March 15, 2025:

South China Sea Disputes: A confrontation occurs between Chinese and Philippine naval forces near the disputed Spratly Islands. The incident involved the ramming of a Philippine vessel and the detention of its crew by Chinese authorities, leading to international condemnation and calls for peaceful resolution of territorial disputes.

April 5, 2025:

Israel-Palestine Conflict: A significant peace summit is held in Geneva, aiming to address long-standing issues and negotiate a lasting peace agreement between Israel and Palestine.

May 12, 2025:

Global Migration Crisis: A significant increase in refugees from conflict zones in the Middle East and Africa creates a humanitarian crisis, prompting calls for international cooperation and aid.

July 30, 2025:

Nuclear Non-Proliferation: An international treaty aimed at preventing the spread of Nuclear weapons is signed by several major powers, marking a significant step towards global disarmament.

August 15, 2025:

Israel-Palestine Conflict: A temporary ceasefire is brokered following intense international mediation, providing a brief respite from ongoing hostilities in Gaza and the West Bank.

November 28, 2025:

Middle East Peace Efforts: Renewed diplomatic efforts and peace talks in the Middle East aim to resolve ongoing conflicts and stabilize the region.

December 22, 2025:

Global Security Framework: A new international framework for cooperative security and conflict resolution is proposed to address emerging threats and improve global stability.