

**Nation Guide**

**Nation Guide (Checklist): Getting to know the basics of the country you represent**

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| Official country name |   |
| Government system |   |
| Head of state |   |
| Official language(s) |   |
| Allies/blocs |   |
| Major religions |   |
| Major cities |   |
| Climate |   |
| Ports/waterways |   |
| Infrastructure status |   |
| Population |   |
| UN dues payment status |   |
| Environmental stance; e.g. problems, innovations |   |
| Standard of living /UNDP annual report) |   |
| Development status |   |
| UN Peacekeeping role (Blue Helmets) |   |
| Has the UN ever had to intervene in any conflict involving this nation? If so, where and what were the circumstances? |   |
| Has the UN ever cited this country for Human Rights violations? If so, what were the circumstances? |   |
| What are the four problems/threats that currently seem to affect this nation? |   |
| Ethnic/ cultural issues |   |
| Refugee problems |   |
| Trade blocs/associations |   |
| Balance of payment/trade |   |
| Military organization |   |
| Military expenditure (% spent on defense) |   |
| Major weapons, arsenal, nuclear capabilities etc |   |
| % of GNP spent on Overseas Development Aid |   |
| Economic system |   |
| Major exports/imports |   |
| Major trade partners |   |
| IMF, WB, GATT positions (debtor or donor nation) |   |
| Agricultural products |   |
| Industries |   |
| National resources |   |
| Energy resources (type and origin) |   |
| Major conflicts past and present |   |
| Date admitted to the UN |   |

Based on your research, what do you feel is at the heart of this nation’s identity?

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Try to find at least one recent article that is about or makes reference to this nation (preferably from the last two weeks)