

**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)