

## **Recent World Crises Simulation**

### **Student Instructions**

You are members of a United Nations Commission seeking to find a workable political solution for a region that has experienced considerable warfare and violence. All sides are exhausted by the perpetual conflict and are seeking peace. Yet, they continue to distrust their neighbors and hold great animosity for the loss of many loved ones. They do not want to give up on the issues they fought for or their loved ones will have died in vain. Your job as a UN Commission is to determine which of the following options is the fairest to the parties concerned and the most viable for promoting long term peace in the area: remain part of the larger country, merge with the smaller country, become an autonomous region of either country or become an independent country. If either the autonomous region or the independent country option is chosen, then the most suitable political process/structure must be determined from the following list: majority rule, a required supermajority that protects the minority, equal representation for each group, a legislature with one assembly for each group or a shared executive with a division of power between the president and/or prime minister and/or cabinet positions.

### **Gamma Scenario**

Alpha once controlled all three areas but ethnic and religious differences have prompted independence efforts, including violent ones, which ultimately led to the formation of the independent country of Beta. However, the disposition of the third area, Gamma, is problematic as a result of both ethnic and religious animosities. Violence in recent years has rekindled old hatreds, solidified ethnic identities and prompted the emergence of fervent ethnic leaders who have thwarted political compromises. Yet all sides have been drained economically and exhausted emotionally by the continued destructive violence and are seeking a resolution to the conflict.

### **Gamma Situation 1**

Beta – 4.7 million population, Ethnic Makeup 78% Betas, 12% Alphas, 1% Gammas

Religious Makeup 77% Blue, 11% Green, 1.2% Yellow

Gamma – 3.4 million population, Ethnic Makeup 40% Alphas, 38% Gammas, 22% Betas

Religious Makeup 15% Blue, 31% Green, 40% Yellow

Alpha – 11.2 million population, Ethnic Makeup 63% Alphas, 14% Deltas, 6% Kappas

Religious Makeup 65% Green, 19% Yellow, 4% Blue