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## Delegate Country Research

Needless to say, preparing for a Model United Nations (MUN) takes both time and efforts. In light of this fact, we have some pointers for participants to aid in alleviating some of the burden of preparation. Learning about the country a delegate is going to represent is critical in portraying an accurate role at the MUN. Delegates should keep in mind a number of questions when preparing and researching their country.

Here are some examples:

- What type of government does the country presently have?
- What type of ideologies influence the country (political, religious, and other)?
- Which countries share a border with the border?
- What is your country's statistics in a number of areas (GDP, infant mortality, literacy, etc).
- Does your country belong to any intergovernmental organizations outside the UN, such as OPEC, ILO, etc.?

## Recommendations:

Find your country's permanent mission to the United Nations. You can also call the mission directly to ask questions.

<http://www.un.org/en/members/>

Find your country's voting records and read speeches on the UN Bibliographic Information System.

<http://unbisnet.un.org/>

Use the CIA World Factbook to get a general overview of the country and the figures and statistics you'll need to make decisions.

Check news and media on recent developments in your country, especially in regards to the Agenda.

Finally, another good source is the US State department background notes on the country.

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>



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