

## U.S. Department of State

### Background:

The U.S. Department of State leads the United States in its relationships with foreign governments, international organizations, and the people of other countries. It aims to promote the security, prosperity, and interests of the American people around the world. It does so by creating American jobs through support for open markets for U.S. companies; issuing passports and providing emergency assistance to U.S. citizens abroad; negotiating treaties and equipping countries to respond to their own security challenges; helping countries with health, food, and humanitarian crises; promoting stability, peace, and human rights; and increasing understanding of American society and values.



The Department of State is taking a cautious role in the fight against the Ebola outbreak. U.S. officials are concerned with the disorderly response to Ebola in Farfelu and the consequences it can have on the American staff at the U.S. Embassy, Doctors Without Borders, and the World Health Organization (WHO). The American public holds a widespread fear Ebola could spread to the United States and directly threaten their national security. However, the Department is limited in their response options because of a strained relationship with Farfelu and its tribal citizens.

With the cooperation of the countries in the region, the State Department will put pressure on Anyep and Farfelu to restructure their National Ebola Response Centers (NERC). However, the Department is wary of overstepping boundaries in the region.

### Opening Position:

The U.S. Secretary of State has instructed your delegation to negotiate with all stakeholders, although you may find that some stakeholders may not want to negotiate with one another. You are to take the following opening positions:

- Your overarching concerns are international peace and security, to which the Ebola outbreak is a threat. You respect the sovereignty of Farfelu and Anyep. However, urge them to reorganize their NERCs structures to be more effective.
- You will call upon all stakeholders to increase their social mobilization campaigns to end public misconceptions about Ebola, but you will also reaffirm interest in keeping local traditions, as long as they are not conducive to the spread of the disease.
- You will support formal engagement at NERC meetings to ensure there is a proper response strategy in each country and you will provide as many resources as possible to stakeholders as long as they are engaged in effective response practices.