

## Foreign Ministry of Malil

The country of Malil is approximately the same geographic size as the United States. It has a large army and an authoritarian (strong single party) government. Malil has a significant influence in the region surrounding Budan and Gilbia and wields economic and political power worldwide. Budan has been in Malil's orbit (influence) for many years and receives consistent foreign aid from the Malilian government. Malil does not give high priority to religious freedom or to the rights of minorities, and contributes minimally to refugee assistance worldwide. Budan and Malil are strong allies and have worked together on many issues. Malil supports Budan's national integrity, sovereignty, and right to decide what is best for its people.

### Opening Position

Malil will support Budan, affirm its desire to resolve this issue and emphasize the right of all nations to internal integrity and sovereignty. Malil will criticize the United States for trying to make the region a conflict zone and meddle in the internal affairs of foreign countries.

The possibility of relocating a number of Rubits to Malil is an option for your Ministry, but high ethnic tensions could consequently undermine your own national stability if too many refugees are brought in. Currently, Malil questions the refugee status of the Rubits and considers them economic migrants seeking better lives in another country rather than as victims fleeing persecution. Malil, like the United States, is a member of the United Nations and a permanent member of the UN Security Council. The two countries are usually on opposite sides of any given issue. It is often in the best interest of Malil to offer support and economic aid to Budan if needed given the historic partnership the two countries have enjoyed.

### Negotiation Strategy

- How can you minimize the influence of the United States in the region while simultaneously preserving your own?
- What are the objectives of the other stakeholders? How can you use those objectives to achieve your own goals? Can you resolve the crisis at hand while minimizing your own contribution?
- If your nation's funds and supplies are distributed to Rubits in Gilbia, who or what organizations will ensure those resources are being distributed properly?
- Your ultimate priority is preserving stability in the region with minimal involvement. However, as a last resort, your government has authorized you to (1) offer economic assistance to Budan so they may address this issue on their border and (2) accept a limited number of Rubits into Malil on the condition that the Budanese delegation defers to your leadership in shaping any final agreement



### FAST FACTS

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member of the **UN Security Council**

Form of government:

**Autocracy**