

## U.S. Department of State (DOS)

### Background:

The State Department 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; by issuing passports and providing emergency assistance to U.S. citizens abroad; by negotiating treaties to reduce nuclear weapons and equipping countries to respond to their own security challenges; by helping countries with health, food and humanitarian crises; by promoting stability, peace and human rights; and by increasing understanding of American society and values.



The State Department is alarmed by Aggravalia's pattern of recent behavior, including denying IAEA access to a nuclear research center, intelligence reports about testing bomb detonators, and threats to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. With the cooperation of countries in the region, the United States is determined to prevent Aggravalia from obtaining a nuclear weapon. Even the perception that Aggravalia is developing a nuclear weapon is leading to destabilizing effects in the region.

The United States considers the region surrounding Aggravalia and Terranova to be of strategic importance and therefore of special concern. Stability in this region is important to U.S. interests because American non-governmental organizations support civil society groups in both countries. That said, U.S. relations with Terranova are warm, while relations with Aggravalia have been cooling for some time. Although the United States has great respect for the ancient Aggravalian culture, Washington is critical of Aggravalia's authoritarian regime, human rights record, and aggressive rhetoric. The Department's overriding concern, however, is that Aggravalia could acquire a nuclear weapon.

The United States takes no position on the territorial dispute between Aggravalia and Terranova, but strongly supports formal talks among all parties to reduce tension and find permanent solutions that increase prosperity for all nations in the region. The State Department believes that Terranova is rich in hydropower that Aggravalia could use in place of nuclear power. In turn, Aggravalia could offer Terranova silver and cobalt, which are abundant natural resources in Aggravalian mines. The United States regularly conducts annual joint military exercises with Terranova to demonstrate its support for a struggling democracy that feels threatened by an aggressive neighbor.

U.S. relations with Landesia are strained. Several decades ago (prior to Landesia becoming a nuclear power), United States intelligence services supported the overthrow of a democratically- elected Landesian government. Since that time, successive Landesian governments have consolidated power by repressing dissent and limiting free speech. Despite their ideological differences, both the United States and Landesia share the common goal of preventing Aggravalia from developing nuclear weapons. It is important to the Department that U.S. involvement not be seen by the international community as promoting its own agenda, but rather that the focus remain on the danger of Aggravalian nuclear ambitions.

The United States appreciates the technical expertise of the IAEA and the networking capacity of PEACE and notes that American citizens make up and contribute to both of these groups. The United States hopes that these organizations will help persuade Aggravalia to give up any aspiration to develop nuclear weapons.

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### Budget Profile:

- 2016 U.S. Federal Budget (estimated): \$16.5 trillion
- 2016 Foreign affairs budget: \$27.7 billion (0.17% of total federal budget)
- 2016 International assistance programs: \$14.8 billion (0.09% of total federal budget)
- 2016 Defense budget: \$534 billion (3.24% of total federal budget)



**Opening Statement:** The U.S. Secretary of State has instructed your delegation to negotiate with all stakeholders, although you may find that some of the other groups do not want to negotiate with each other. You are to take the following opening position:

- The United States' overarching concerns are international peace and security. The U.S. respects Aggravalian sovereignty, but urges Aggravalia to remain in the NPT to maintain regional and global stability.
- Aggravalian tests of bomb detonators are threatening to international peace and security. The United States calls upon Aggravalia to honor its treaty commitments by allowing the IAEA to inspect the nuclear research center.
- The United States will stand by its commitments to Terranova.
- The United States supports formal talks between Aggravalia and Terranova to resolve their territorial disputes and would support the development of confidence building measures.