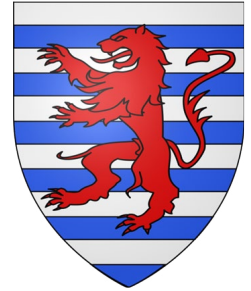


Foreign Ministry of Landesia

Background:

Landesia has an authoritarian government. It is an economic and political power in the region and a moderate influence on the world stage. It has a sophisticated and modern military force, including a substantial nuclear arsenal (approximately four hundred short and medium range delivery systems compared to the several thousand intercontinental ballistic missile systems of the United States).



Relations with the United States 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. In decades since, the Landesian National Party has consolidated its power by repressing dissent and limiting free speech. Today Landesia's relationship with the United States is tense, but pragmatic.

Aggravalia is closely tied to Landesia by virtue of culture, ethnicity, and substantial foreign aid. Landesia is in a difficult position as it supports the Aggravalian government's sovereignty and right to govern but does NOT want it to develop a nuclear weapon. Creating further complexity, due to their complicated shared history, the Landesian government cannot appear to side with the United States, as doing so would undermine the government's anti-western narrative.

Landesia believes that if the United States considered offering some confidence building measures, such as moving its military exercises to a less contentious area or setting up a system whereby international observers could witness these exercises, it might help de-escalate tension in the region.

Landesia, like the United States, is a party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Talks with the United States about nuclear security issues stalled a few years ago. As a precondition for resuming arms control talks with the United States, Landesia requires that Aggravalia receive substantial development assistance from Terranova in the form subsidies and lower tariffs on trade goods. In order to maintain flexibility, Landesia would like the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) or Professionals Engaged against Conflict Escalation (PEACE) to take the lead on all negotiations.

Country Profile:

- Geography: 5,697,077.76 sq. km. (3.54 million sq. mi.), slightly smaller than the United States

People:

- Current population: 4.32 million
- Population growth: 1.02% per year
- Government: Authoritarian

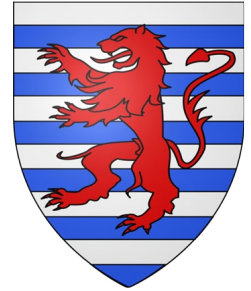
Economy:

- Gross domestic product (GDP): U.S. \$876.2 billion
- GDP per capita: U.S. \$4,847
- Primary industry: Forestry, agricultural products, mining, commerce, technology

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Military:

- 2016 Defense budget: U.S. \$146 billion
- Branches: Army, navy, air force
- Uniformed personnel: 1,300,000



Opening Statement: The First Secretary of Landesia has instructed your delegation to negotiate with all stakeholders. You know from your counterparts at the Foreign Ministry of Aggravalia that the Aggravalian delegation does not wish to negotiate directly with Terranova, the United States, or the IAEA, but wants to work closely with you. You are to take the following opening position:

- Landesia supports Aggravalia and affirms its right to territorial integrity and sovereignty.
- The United States and Terranova must stop threatening Aggravalia, particularly through their joint military exercises on the Aggravalian border.
- Landesia respects the International Atomic Energy Agency and Professionals Engaged against Conflict Escalation as partners in this process.