

Professional Engaged Against Conflict Escalation (PEACE)

Background:

Professionals Engaged against Conflict Escalation (PEACE) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) with well-respected expertise in conflict mediation and resolution. In addition to former heads of state, members of PEACE include high profile, well-respected Nobel Prize winning physicists, doctors, and authors, including many American citizens. Many are both technical experts as well as opinion makers. Throughout its history, PEACE has helped to negotiate regional disarmament agreements from behind the scenes.



PEACE believes that the fundamental issue in this crisis is the ongoing territorial dispute between Aggravalia and Terranova, and it advocates working toward a resolution of this conflict through confidence-building measures in order to diminish Aggravalia's incentive to build a nuclear weapon.

Another tactic to de-escalate tension and facilitate cooperation is to improve trade and economic relations. Aggravalia has a functioning uranium mine and extensive reserves of this mineral. Its nuclear technology infrastructure, however, is quite weak. Renewable energy and economic experts argue that purchasing hydropower from Terranova would be a more efficient, effective way to meet the country's energy needs.

Aggravalia's refusal to allow IAEA inspectors into the Umgatu Nuclear Research and Development Center exacerbates international tension by creating the impression (rightly or wrongly) that Aggravalia wants to build a bomb. There is an Additional Protocol to the NPT designed to help the IAEA detect clandestine nuclear activities, and if Aggravalia agreed to accept this additional protocol, it would give the IAEA access to Aggravalia's mines. This could be an effective confidence building measure in a tense international situation.

Opening Statement: The Director of PEACE wants 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:

- Aggravalia and Terranova have legitimate disagreements over territory, but these concerns need to be resolved peacefully. Threats only escalate tension.
- As a signatory to the NPT and a member of the IAEA, Aggravalia has renounced nuclear weapons and agreed to inspections, and should honor its treaty commitments.
- Since Aggravalia's concern is for energy security and Terranova produces hydropower, one possible solution is for the two countries to work out a trade deal – hydropower in exchange for minerals.
- PEACE opposes nuclear proliferation in all forms, wherever it occurs. PEACE offers its good offices to help mediate this conflict.