

Foreign Ministry of Terranova

Background:

Terranova is a democratic state that was a former colony of Landesia. Terranova is alarmed by Aggravalia's threat to produce nuclear weapons and regards the IAEA and the United States as essential partners in preventing proliferation. Terranova does not have nuclear weapons, and it does not share Aggravalia's perception of the NPT's "double standard" on nuclear weapons. For historical reasons, Terranova is grateful for its security relationship with the United States and generally suspicious of any initiatives proposed by the Landesian government.



Over the course of 107 years of Landesian colonization (taught in Terranovan history classes as the "Century of Humiliation"), Terranovan's mineral resources were mined almost to depletion; few mineral deposits remain. After a bloody war of independence, Terranova is now politically and militarily aligned with the United States, but remains hostile to and fearful of nearby Landesia.

While its abundant water resources provide much of Terranova's energy, the country's economy could benefit from improved trade relations with Aggravalia. Terranova's emerging technology sector has begun developing cellphone and mobile computing designs in partnership with the United States and requires rare-earth elements, elements found in abundance in Aggravalia. However, Terranova does not want to trade with Aggravalia, believing that its government is unstable and corrupt.

Terranova has long been concerned by Aggravalia's close connections to Landesia. Landesia sides with Aggravalia in the ongoing territorial dispute and in border skirmishes over Erewhon, a mountainous, sparsely populated region between the two countries that is rich in natural resources. Erewhon also contains the mountain lakes that provide the water for Terranova's abundant hydropower system. This industry has been supported by extensive foreign assistance aid from the United States.

Country Profile:

- Geography: 390,437 sq. km. (150,749 sq. mi.), slightly larger than Montana
- Terrain: Desert, savanna, mountain, and jungle
- Climate: Mostly wetlands with more rain in the coastal jungles and mountains

People:

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

Economy:

- 2016 National budget: U.S. \$1.2 trillion.
- GDP per capita: U.S. \$1,071
- Primary industry: Hydropower, agricultural products, mining, commerce

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Military:

- 2016 Defense budget: \$24 billion (2% of total national budget)
- Branches: Air force, army, navy
- Uniformed personnel: 130,000 (3% of total population)



Opening Statement:

The Prime Minister of Terranova had instructed your delegation not to negotiate directly with Landesia or Aggravalia. You may negotiate with them, however, through the United States, PEACE and the IAEA. You are to take the following opening position:

- Terranova is alarmed by Aggravalia's threatening actions which include testing bomb detonators, denying the IAEA access to nuclear facilities, and engaging in aggressive rhetoric in the media.
- Terranova has a right to live in peace and does not trust Landesia to be a neutral party in these negotiations.
- Terranova appreciates the security assistance of the United States. Any resolution of grievances with Aggravalia would need to be brokered and monitored by the international community (i.e. not by Landesia alone).
- Aggravalia should abide by the terms of the NPT. Terranova does not need or want to trade with Aggravalia.