Preparations for the Mediterranean exercise, 2017 (November 14 & 16)

For the Mediterranean exercise, you have been delegated to represent a nation at a Mediterranean Pollution Conference. You will need to know basic with basic facts about (1) the “common pool” problems of the Mediterranean, and (2) your country and its interests.

On Tuesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 16, you will put this information to work as a representative of your nation at a conference on mitigating the collective pollution problems of the Mediterranean. Each country should begin with a 1 to 2 minute informal statement of the nation’s standpoint and its priorities, and its priorities for the Mediterranean. Then you negotiate the priorities you will address collectively and consensus solutions to the collective problems of the Mediterranean. You should pay particular attention to current pollution problems and the increased pressures that coastal area development will cause. Remember that you are representing the nation and its people. The representative of the United Nations (UNEP) will try to keep things on track but will not make substantive decisions. You country delegates have to find common ground among the standpoints represented.

The quiz on April covers your country as well as State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment, pp. 26-28, 37-69 (you will find the other material in this report to be interesting). For the quiz on November 14, you need to know some things about your assigned country. Here is a link the CIA Factbook (https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/), where you will be expected to gather basic, very recent data about your country. You will need to know the following information for your country: (1) Population, (2) GDP per capita, (3) Natural Resources (4) Land Use and (5) Environment - Current Issues (3, 4 &5) are under "Geography".

This information about the Mediterranean's problems and your country is fair game for the quiz. Also remember that participation in this exercise is an important part of your participation grade. Here are the countries you represent at the talks. You should be faithful to their interests and likely positions during the negotiations.

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GRADING THE EXERCISE:
A = Clear, specific protocol with timetables and targets; new international institution to monitor implementation of the agreement; specific financial commitments
B = Convention that outlines a broad, general set of goals with an additional meeting to draft a protocol schedules; participants largely agree on agenda and facts
C = Additional meeting scheduled; agreement on substantive agenda and many facts
D = Some agreement on agenda, facts
F = No agreement
F- = War breaks out

(Group performance will not affect individual final course grades – but participation will)