

Security Position Statement

Australia

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Australia 's Stance on the South China Sea

Australia is extremely invested in the issue of the South China Sea. Australia has economic ties in the region, as the South China Sea issue affects Australia's freedom of navigation and trade. Australia has geopolitical ties as well, due to the United States interest in maintaining rule-based order in the region. Australia has regularly conducted naval presence patrols, as well as other types of patrols and surveillance, in the area since 1980, in order to diplomatically promote freedom of trade and navigation.

Australia 's Stance on the Western Sahara

Australia and the UN, in response to the issue in the Western Sahara, formed MINURSO (Mission des Nations Unies pour un Referendum au Sahara Occidental). MINURSO is the Mission of the United Nations for a Referendum in the Western Sahara. The Mission of Australia and the UN, through MINURSO is to allow the Saharawi people to determine their own future and to free them from the oppression of Morocco

Australia 's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

Australia has made a country wide counter terrorism plan that includes disrupting social media recruiting. Australia, like most countries, condemns all terrorism and extremist action. Australia has set up a hotline to call if one sees suspicious activity on the internet.

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Azerbaijan

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Azerbaijan's Stance on the South China Sea

We simply believe that no country should have too much control over it. To fix the conflict, an equal amount of territory around their land should be given to the countries quarreling over it.

Azerbaijan's Stance on the Western Sahara

We recognize the Sahrawi Republic and believe Morocco should grant autonomy to them to encourage peace and advance economic freedom regionally.

Azerbaijan's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

We believe that to prevent youth from being lured by terrorist we must first understand the triggers and catalysts for extremism. We believe some of these are: a lack of opportunities, racism, and foreign military occupation. Striving to enable youth to become productive, we hosted the first ever Global Forum on Youth Policies in 2014, partnering with UNESCO, UNDP, and other organizations.

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Security Position Statement

France

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School: Lakeshore High School

France's Stance on the South China Sea

We believe that the EU should establish regular patrols in the south china sea, establishing a clear and present force to deter any potential incursions. If we do not stop this now, we fear that we may face similar trouble in the Mediterranean and arctic seas. We already have periodic presence and patrols set up in the sea, but urge fellow EU members to help us establish a constant presence, because we need to defend the freedom of the seas at all costs.

France's Stance on the Western Sahara

In regards to the situation in western Sahara, we here in France are in absolute support of morocco and its actions. We have served as the main trade partners and economic backers of morocco for some time, and have provided some limited military assistance to the country. We will not hesitate to use our veto power to protect and support our partners in morocco, and we refuse to accept any resolutions that are biased against them.

France's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

We in France have a strong history of dealing with Islamic Terror attacks. Over the past 5 years we have experienced 3 devastating terror attacks carried out by Islamic extremists. We believe in using any method necessary to suppress the online social media presence of organizations like ISIS. Islamic Terrorism is the greatest threat to the modern world, and we believe that the suppression of jihadist thinking is necessary to establish a safe and secure world.

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Security Position Statement

Ghana

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School: Mandeville High School

Ghana's Stance on the South China Sea

Ghana is in Western Africa, so we do not see the territory disputes in South China Sea as a major problem to our government. We do see this problem growing larger in South Asia and would support an agreement to make peace. China is a large trading partner with Ghana making them vital to our economy so it would be in our best interests to maintain a healthy relationship with them. We see that many countries in the South China Sea are worried about China's conquest for land so we would support a peace treaty or an agreement between China and countries in the South China Sea.

Ghana's Stance on the Western Sahara

Ghana and Morocco have had close relations since 1961 the combined efforts of these two countries played a major part in the formation of the African Union (AU). Also we have close social and economic ties. Although Morocco and Ghana do have close ties, Ghana currently recognizes Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) as an independent nation which conflicts with the position of Morocco. The (SADR) was also admitted into the African Union causing Morocco to leave the (AU). The relations of Ghana and Morocco have deteriorated to the point where each country has closed the embassies in each others countries.

Ghana's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

In Western Africa there is a large concern for terrorism along the coast. Ghana is mostly Christian and with the increasing number of terrorist attacks something needs to be done to combat the rising problem. Also we believe that ISIS may be sending troops over to West Africa. We would be in full proposition to a resolution combating ISIS and other terrorists groups recruiting by means of social media.

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Security Position Statement

Guatemala

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Guatemala's Stance on the South China Sea

Guatemala has no hardline stance against any one country involved in the South China Sea crisis. However, we do stand to protect the freedoms of the sea worldwide. To this end we stand by our allies, such as the US, and will follow their lead on the issue. We also look to help protect the interests of other small countries in the world trade sphere.

Guatemala's Stance on the Western Sahara

Guatemala supports change for the Western Sahara, so long as everyone agrees to it. Essentially, we, as a country, abstain from the issue unless a consensus may be reached. We support self determination for all peoples, and look towards developing a successful plan that every country can easily agree to, without having to sacrifice their security.

Guatemala's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

Guatemala currently has no active procedures or policy in place to combat global terrorism through social media, even though it has faced situations involving terrorism and uprisings through the use of social media in the past.

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Security Position Statement

Luxembourg

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School: Captain Shreve High School

Luxembourg's Stance on the South China Sea

While one of Europe's smallest countries, Luxembourg tries to play the role of a mediator and defender of agreements and treaties. Luxembourg has a relatively small military and no nuclear capabilities, which leads it to take more peaceful and diplomatic approach to issues and conflicts. This is especially true for those treaties put forth by the European Union (EU), as Luxembourg is one of its founding members. Luxembourg supports the EU's declaration for all parties involved to peacefully solve this dispute and to follow past declarations released by the EU, such as the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea. This declaration, which many parties involved agreed to, states that this dispute will be handled peacefully with regard to the surrounding area and environment. In addition, Luxembourg has not released an official statement offering support for one party or the other, and would support any resolution to dissolve tensions in the region. Any move to bring about peace in this region would be supported by Luxembourg.

Luxembourg's Stance on the Western Sahara

Although Morocco may have annexed Western Sahara in 1975, the disputes that have erupted in the region since that year speak volumes about the relationship between the Moroccan government and the native Saharawi people. In the past, Luxembourg has always advocated for peace, and will continue to uphold that policy when dealing with Western Sahara. A peaceful resolution must be created, whether it is a referendum or a ceasefire between the two parties. The fact that 47 member countries of the United Nations recognize Western Sahara as autonomous shows the support that is already present for this emerging nation. Furthermore, the Polisario Front's views align with those of Luxembourg. The Front's denouncing of violence and terrorism shows that they are looking to resolve this conflict peacefully. Luxembourg believes that measures need to be taken quickly in order to prevent the existing violence from growing and other countries from joining. Luxembourg looks to support any peaceful resolutions to this issue.

Luxembourg's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

Global terrorism through social media is a very pressing issue that has no one solution. Although the spread of terroristic messages and propaganda is nearly impossible to stop completely, measures need to be taken to contain these harmful messages. Luxembourg will take an aggressive stance against terrorism in social media because it threatens the safety of people across the world. Luxembourg believes in resolutions that do not impede on the freedom of speech (for example, google redirecting searches to ISIS related sites). Europol (European Union Law Enforcement Agency) is another great organization that helps to rid the internet of these harmful messages. As a member of the EU Luxembourg helps to fund this initiative and believes it is a step in the right direction. Luxembourg would also support a resolution to stop people from going and physically joining ISIS and other terrorist organizations, which is a goal of terrorist social media. Terrorism is a major obstacle in the way of world peace and Luxembourg is in full proposition of anything that works against this threat to the world.

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Security Position Statement

Pakistan

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Pakistan's Stance on the South China Sea

Pakistan firmly supports China in their issues within the South China Sea. As a neighbor and sincere ally of China, Pakistan has a strong background in regional economic development, energy up-scaling as well as peace in East Asia. Moreover, Pakistan would like to support an overall development of South Asia when compared with other continents of the globe in order to develop the human resource on global Human Development Index (HDI). In a Chinese propaganda video, Pakistan's ambassador in China, Masood Khalid, expressed his and his country's support of China in their conflicts over land in the South China Sea.

Pakistan's Stance on the Western Sahara

Pakistan and Morocco are aligned together against the Polisario Front, a Sahrawi rebel national liberation movement aiming to end Moroccan presence in the Western Sahara. Pakistan and Morocco enjoy friendly relationship based on deep religious and great human values commonly shared by both countries. These relations have grown to a large extent in recent years and thousands of Pakistanis visit Morocco annually. The Western Sahara War was an armed struggle between the Sahrawi indigenous Polisario Front and Morocco between 1975 and 1991, being the most significant phase of the Western Sahara conflict.

Pakistan's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

The ISIS group is increasing its presence in Pakistan, recruiting Uzbek terrorists, attracting disgruntled Taliban fighters and partnering with one of Pakistan's most violent sectarian groups, according to police officers, Taliban officials and analysts. The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has been taking action against pages on social media and online videos posted by terrorist groups. There are approximately 60 banned organizations in Pakistan, according to the National Internal Security Policy (NISP) document. However, even with Pakistan's attempts to stop online recruiting for terrorism, online government policy will be severely crippled without corresponding or supporting action in the offline world.

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Security Position Statement

Peoples Republic of China

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School: Catholic High School

Peoples Republic of China's Stance on the South China Sea

China believes in the continued economic growth as South East Asia. In order for Asia as a whole to continue its economic development, we believe that the time has come for the United States to withdraw its heavy military presence in the region. In addition, China has historically valid claims to many areas in the the South China Sea. During the Han dynasty to the European Colonization during the Quing dynasty, China patrolled and protected these waters. It was during the age of European colonialism when this power structure was wrongfully dismantled. We believe that in the modern era, it is right and proper for Asian countries, especially China, to determine their own future without the heavy handed influence of Western powers. This process of returning sovereignty to Asia begins by decreasing the imperial American influence in the South China Sea. The South China Sea should be controlled by the nations that border it. We are interested in working with all nations involved to find a peaceful solution to this problem.

Peoples Republic of China's Stance on the Western Sahara

China has a strategic partnership with Morocco. We do not support the establishment of Western Sahara because we believe Western Sahara is historically, culturally, and economically a key part of Morocco. The economic developmental opportunity present in a united Morocco is tremendous. We believe that economic opportunity and development is more important than disunion, chaos, and civil war. China wants to work with other nations to ensure war does not occur and a strong, united, and economically prosperous Morocco can be established.

Peoples Republic of China's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

China restricts the access terrorist have to Chinese media. Global terrorism is harmful not just to trade and culture, but to the future of our children. We continue to stand firm against it and the threats it presents. As such we have strict restrictions on internet access that successfully prevents terrorist from radicalizing and recruiting young Chinese citizens. China does not tolerate terrorism of any kind and wants to work with our global colleagues to prevent terrorism from entering our borders or those of any other nation. China additionally is willing to invest heavily into the economy of many terrorist ridden nations in order to prevent continued spread.

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Security Position Statement

Republic of Korea

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School: Captain Shreve High School

Republic of Korea's Stance on the South China Sea

South Korea believes the South China Sea issue can be solved in a peaceful manner. We do not have a preference of who eventually claims the sea but we do hope to continue using the waterways for trade. We are also interested in creating a diplomatic relationship with whomever is awarded the territory. South Korea also believes in keeping the free trade relationships between the current feuding countries. Although we have one of our longest standing allies, the United States, on our side not every Asian country is with us. China feels they have a right to the territory and they have to support of one of our enemies, North Korea. Therefore we are stuck between a rock and a hard place between our two allies, the US and China. We however if it comes to the issue of war over the territory would most likely side with the US.

Republic of Korea's Stance on the Western Sahara

On the issue of Western Sahara, the Republic of Korea believes the country should be a free country. We believe the indigenous people have a right to their country. We are willing to provide aid to those affected by this 40-year conflict. We feel a connection to the impoverished country as we were just as bad 50 years ago. It is our responsibility as a commercial nation to use our power for good. We feel it is in the best interest of everyone involved to try and resolve this so everyone comes out happy. We wish to pursue future trade agreements with the Western Sahara area. We hope to eventually become allies. We plan to address these issues at the next UN meet.

Republic of Korea's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

Korea's stance on global terrorism as a whole is full against it. We do not support it in anyway. We are in constant threat from ISS and from north Korea, because we are allies the United States. After the attacks in Paris, leader President Park Geun-hye expressed her deep condolences for France. A few days later she put in place a higher level security procedure to prevent terrorist.

On the stance of recruiting terrorist through social media the republic of Korea will not stand for it. We could implicate a program to where user on the internet will see warning and what not to do to get pulled into the sites. We are in threat of this happening to are people for we have that fast internet in the world and a larger amount of people use the internet everyday in their life in Korea.

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Security Position Statement

Russia

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School: Haynes Academy

Russia's Stance on the South China Sea

Russia opposes involvement of third-party countries in regard to the South China Sea. Only countries that are directly involved and near the South China Sea have a territorial advantage over the South China Sea. China should have control over the South China Sea and should exercise their control. We are in a partnership with China to have an advantage over the South China Sea over any other countries across the world.

Russia's Stance on the Western Sahara

Russia desires to take an active role in establishing a peaceful environment in the Western Sahara. We are interested in a peaceful and diplomatic agreement between the Moroccan Government and the native Sahrawi people. We do not wish for the emergence of armed confrontation that could jeopardize our balanced relations with both Algeria and Morocco.

Russia's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

Russia believes that global terrorism poses a threat to the Russian citizens. We encourage the specific education of ISIS to our citizens through brochures handed out to parents. We specifically warn our citizens on the dangers of global terrorism and not to be persuaded by their social media recruitment tactics. Russia is willing to work with other National Superpowers such as the United States to put an end to the recruitment of global terrorism through social media.

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Security Position Statement

Rwanda

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School: McKinley High School

Rwanda's Stance on the South China Sea

Rwanda does not feel as though either of the sides of the conflict is correct. We understand China's desire to expand their territory. However, we also understand many other countries that want to keep as much as possible of the seas as neutral territory. The most important thing to Rwanda is that this conflict is resolved peacefully and fairly. There is no benefit in international conflict over some area of water. We believe the best way to resolve it peacefully is for a mutual compromise.

Rwanda's Stance on the Western Sahara

The conflict in the Western Sahara is a very pressing issue to our country as it greatly affects us as a nation. Since we are near the conflict we feel the repercussions of this fight. In this conflict we stand strongly with the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and their stance as an independent nation. We feel as though Morocco has no claim to this land. The people within this area have spoken and decided to revolt against their unfair ruler and it is important that the United Nations recognize their right for independence.

Rwanda's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

Rwanda believes that terrorism is a very pressing issue that has a massive impact on the world. We also believe a main way to combat it is to stop the recruitment of them. It is also understood that these terrorist groups use social media as a main way to recruit people. We feel as though it must be countered in whatever way possible. We would be willing to take whatever steps necessary to counter the terrorist recruitment.

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Security Position Statement

Togo

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Togo's Stance on the South China Sea

Togo supports countries in the region to strengthen mutual trust and cooperation, and the only way to resolve the South China Sea issue fairly is through direct dialogue and negotiation. Togo's position also accords with international law and practice.

Togo's Stance on the Western Sahara

Togo shows unwavering support of Morocco concerning the Western Sahara issue. They also stress that Togo wishes to benefit from the Moroccan expertise in the different sectors, notably infrastructure, health, energy, education and agriculture.

Togo's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

Togo looks down upon all terrorist activities, and often supports countries that set initiatives to end all aspects of terrorism.

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Security Position Statement

United Kingdom

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United Kingdom's Stance on the South China Sea

The United Kingdom recognizes the international laws set out by the United Nation Convention on the Law of the Sea, and exerts its right to innocent passage for Royal Navy warships. The exercise of the right of innocent passage requires neither prior authorization nor authorization from the coastal State. Royal Navy ships will also exercise full freedom of navigation while operating in the Exclusive Economic Zone of a coastal State and will respect safety zones around artificial land and structures. The UK remains concerned about any unilateral actions in the South China Sea, such as large scale land reclamation, that change the facts on the ground, and raise tensions. The UK would engage in any multilateral discussion of the South China Sea along similar lines.

United Kingdom's Stance on the Western Sahara

The British Government holds that the status of Western Sahara as undetermined. We support the efforts of the United Nations to create a long-lasting and agreeable solution that will provide self-determination to the people of Western Sahara.

United Kingdom's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

Preventing radicalization is among the key aspects of the United Kingdom's domestic and international terrorism policy. We do not believe it is possible to resolve the threats we face simply by arresting and prosecuting more people. The United Kingdom's counter-terrorism policy, CONTEST, which consists of Prevent, addresses radicalization to all forms of terrorism. We remain committed to protecting the freedom of speech which many of those same extremists set out to undermine. But preventing radicalization must mean challenging extremist ideas that are conducive to terrorism and also part of a terrorist narrative. The challenge may mean simply ensuring that extremist ideas are subject to open debate, but where people seek to enter our country from overseas to engage in activity in support of extremist as well as terrorist groups we will also use the Home Office's powers to exclude them. Overall, our policy depends on a successful integration strategy, which establishes a stronger sense of common ground and shared values, which enables participation and the empowerment of all communities and which also provides social mobility.

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Security Position Statement

United States of America

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School: Mandeville High School

United States of America's Stance on the South China Sea

The USA has a major interest in preventing any one of the various disputes in the South China Sea from escalating militarily. The United States and China have continually conflicted over the right of our military vessels to operate in China's two-hundred-mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ), and China's developing capabilities could potentially deny access to our naval presence in the western Pacific, a critical area of trade for us. Given the growing importance of our relationship with China and to the global economy, the U.S. is open to resolutions that will prevent an escalation of conflict in the South China Sea.

United States of America's Stance on the Western Sahara

As of 2015, the official United States stance on this issue, according to the U.S. Department of State, reaffirms a commitment to a peaceful, sustainable, mutually agreed-upon solution to the Western Sahara question. The United States' policy toward the Western Sahara has remained consistent for many years. The United States has made clear that Morocco's autonomy plan is serious, realistic, and credible, and that it represents a potential approach that could satisfy the aspirations of the people in the Western Sahara to run their own affairs in peace and dignity. The United States supports the negotiations carried out by the United Nations, including the work of the UN Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General Ambassador Christopher Ross, and urges the parties to work toward a just, lasting, and mutually agreed political solution. The United States also supports the role of the UN Mission for the Referendum on Western Sahara (MINURSO).

United States of America's Stance on global terrorism recruiting through social media

It is well known that social media is a critical tool that terror groups such as ISIL can exploit. The FBI is partnering with the US Department of Homeland Security to utilize all lawful investigative techniques and methods to combat the threat these individuals may pose to our security. The FBI continues to pursue increased efficiencies and information sharing processes as well as pursue technological and other methods to help stay ahead of threats to the United States.

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