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**International Criminal Court: Kim Jong-un**

Hello, delegates! My name is Alex Kim and I will be your head chair for this year's conference at Mission Viejo High School. This is my third year of being in Model United Nations. Outside of MUN, I'm involved in IB, CSF, Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, a recycling club, and a videogame club that I started. I also like to volunteer at math classes and at the Discovery Cube in Santa Ana. During my free time, I enjoy being with my friends, playing videogames, and listening to music. I look forward to meeting you all in committee and hearing your ideas!

**For this committee, you will be writing Preliminary Opinions. Please make sure that your conclusion on this topic is not biased and is only based on your own research on the topic. Each preliminary opinion should include a background of the case, the defendant's position, the plaintiff's position, your preliminary ruling, and any other questions that you might possibly have for the witness. In addition, please make sure that your preliminary ruling takes into consideration international law and treaties that pertain to this case. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email [mvhsmunicc@gmail.com](mailto:mvhsmunicc@gmail.com).**

**I. Background**

**Note: This is not a REAL case of the ICC, treat this case as if it was REAL. When writing resolutions, you may consider the variety of possible rulings, but be sure to present your own ideas. We will be presenting you with new witnesses and the case may take a turn away from the expected. YOU have the power to decide how this case proceeds.**

Kim Jong-un was born on January 8th, 1984 and is the current supreme leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. In 2010, he was declared to be the heir of Kim Jong-il, the previous North Korean leader. After Kim Jong-il died from a heart attack on December 2011, Kim Jong-un succeeded his father and became the supreme leader despite little military or leadership experience.

Ever since the beginning of his rule, Kim Jong-un and other senior officials have committed numerous crimes against humanity, such as murder, abduction, enslavement, torture, imprisonment, rape, persecution, and starvation. The denial of basic human rights is an atrocious crime that North Korean leaders should be held accountable for. Many North Korean citizens lack basic necessities, such as food, while being forced to work like slaves. Those that oppose the ruling regime are placed into political prison camps and tortured.

Technically, the war in Korea is still ongoing since no peace treaty was ever signed to end the war. As a result, North Korean leaders have chosen to allocate resources towards improving the military, despite the internal suffering. In recent years, North Korea has amplified its aggression towards the outside world by testing missiles and nuclear weapons along with launching satellites into space.



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## **II. Plaintiff**

Kim Jong-un should be found guilty of the charges he is accused of because the crimes committed were due to his actions and therefore he must be held responsible for the suffering of innocent civilians. He has been denying his people basic human rights while focusing on launching satellites and testing weapons to improve the military. Additionally, Kim Jong-un has made the government more corrupt by immediately eliminating any opposition through torture or execution.

## **III. Defense**

A lot of activity within North Korea is kept in secrecy, so there may be a lack of evidence that directly connects Kim Jong-un with the crimes he is accused of. While there may be indications that he is tied to certain crimes, there is simply not enough evidence to accurately say that he is involved with certain crimes like murder and abduction. Additionally, North Korea is still technically at war with South Korea, which could explain why the country has been investing heavily on military advancements.

## **IV. Guiding Questions and Points**

- Does the ICC have enough evidence to prove Kim Jong-un is responsible for the crimes against humanity that he is accused of?
- Should the amount of crimes he is being charged for be reduced or increased?
- How does the fact that North Korea is still in a state of war factor into this case?

Be ready to interact with other delegates and try to avoid bias

### **Possible Witnesses**

**Note – Not all of these witnesses are real. These witnesses are relevant to the case, but may or may not exist in real life. More witnesses will be interviewed in committee.**

- Kim Jung-un
- Government/Military officials
- Family members
- Citizens of North Korea



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