HMDC Presents...

Bloc Map: Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)

Topic: Corporations, Surveillance, Privacy, and Accountability

Companies collect huge amounts of data about people. In September 2024 world leaders adopted a Global Digital Compact to guide digital cooperation and close digital divides. Countries agree privacy matters but disagree about how strict the rules on companies should be.

THE MAIN GROUPS (BLOCS)

A bloc is a group of countries that often vote together. Rows that start with "Check:" mean our sources do not name the members, so research them yourself.

Group	Who is in it	What they want	Source
European Union	European Union member states.	Data protection is a fundamental right under EU law, enforced through the GDPR.	European Commission
Developing countries (Group of 77 and China)	A large group of developing countries.	Close digital divides between countries, and remove obstacles to getting digital technology.	Group of 77 and China
Global Digital Compact supporters	World leaders adopted the Compact at the Summit of the Future on September 22, 2024.	A roadmap for global digital cooperation.	UN Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology
Light-rules group	Check: which countries in your committee prefer few rules on technology companies.	Let companies grow and innovate with fewer limits.	UN Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology

FINDING YOUR ALLIES

1.	If your country is in the EU, the GDPR gives you a ready model to propose.
2.	If your country is a developing country, start with the Group of 77 and China.
3.	Every country can build on the Global Digital Compact, because world leaders adopted it.

THREE COMPROMISE IDEAS

A compromise gives each side something it wants. Try one of these in an unmoderated caucus.

1.	Set basic privacy rules everywhere, and let each country add stronger ones.
2.	Make companies tell people clearly what data they collect and let people delete it.
3.	Help developing countries build data protection offices with training and funding.

YOUR NOTES

My country's bloc: _____ My first ally: _____

SOURCES

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Positions change. Before the conference, read your own country's newest statement on this topic.