HMDC Presents...

Bloc Map: Special Session of the General Assembly

Topic: State Sovereignty and Intervention

Sovereignty means each country rules itself. The UN Charter says the UN should not intervene in matters within a country's domestic jurisdiction, except for Security Council enforcement measures. In 2005 all world leaders also agreed to the responsibility to protect people from the worst forms of violence.

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
Sovereignty-first group	Countries that stress UN Charter Article 2(7).	Outside countries stay out of a country's internal affairs.	United Nations
Responsibility-to-protect group	All heads of state and government adopted this principle in the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document.	Act when people face the worst violence and persecution.	UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect
African Union approach	African Union members, through its Constitutive Act.	No interference by one member in another, but the Union may intervene for war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity.	African Union
Security Council-first group	Check: which countries in your committee say only the Security Council may approve the use of force.	Any intervention must be approved by the Security Council.	United Nations

FINDING YOUR ALLIES

1.	If your country worries about outside pressure, start with countries that stress Article 2(7).
2.	If your country supports protecting civilians, the responsibility to protect gives you many partners.
3.	If your country is in Africa, the African Union model can be a bridge between the two sides.

THREE COMPROMISE IDEAS

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

1.	Help weak governments first with training and money before anyone talks about military action.
2.	Use regional groups, like the African Union, to lead, with UN support.
3.	Require clear proof and a vote before any intervention, and set an end date.

YOUR NOTES

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

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