

# Welcome to



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Dear delegates,

We would like to formally welcome you to the twelfth edition of the Marymount Model United Nations, better known as MMUN XII. It is an honor to have you be part of this amazing experience and we are delighted to accompany you by guiding you with our roles as presidents and crisis center.

We hope that in this committee you let your creativity run wild in order to find unique solutions to these topics. We want you to explore the limits of what you can do regarding the two topics we have prepared for you, but, we want to remind you that while you are free to pursue the different paths you can think of to get to any result, you also need to adapt these ideas to follow the Interpol guidelines. It is our goal to help you learn about the world in a fun yet academic way.

We've worked on this study guide to make it interesting and informative for all of you, and we encourage you to use it as a base for your research. This guide is designed to be a foundation but it shouldn't be your only source of information. We hope that after reading the guide you all follow up with more research of your own in order to gather all the information that you believe relevant and important for the debate.

As the presidents of this committee we want to motivate you to use this as a fun learning opportunity where you will be able to further develop your teamwork abilities and your ability to problem solve.

Lastly, we want to let you know that if any issues or questions arise don't hesitate to ask for our help. Our emails are always open since we want to be able to assist you with anything you might need.

Sincerely,  
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The International Criminal Police Organization is an intergovernmental organization that works with the national police of 194 countries who are included in this network. It is staffed by both police officers and some civilians who work under the Secretary General, (currently) Jürgen Stock, and the President of Interpol, (currently) Kim Yong Yang. This organization manages 19 police databases filled with information on criminals and crimes that are accessible through a secure network to all the member countries. Interpol targets worldwide crime, more specifically, cybercrime, organized crime and terrorism. Interpol's officers often work with the local police of the place they are investigating in order to help the investigation move along.

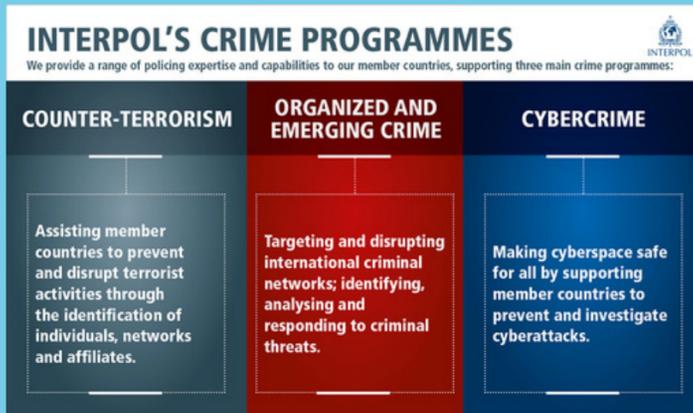


Image of Interpol's Crime Programmes. Interpol. (undated). [What is Interpol?] [Image] <https://www.interpol.int/en/Who-we-are/What-is-INTERPOL>

We want the delegates to take into consideration the guidelines that the Interpol follows in order to deal with both topics. It is important to understand the laws that the committee follows in order to reach viable solutions. We also hope that the delegates learn about how the international authorities work around them and how these topics affect your everyday life. This guide is designed to help you understand the basics of both topics so we encourage you to do your own complementary research. We wish for you to have fun while also remaining professional to make the debate interesting and informative to everybody.



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## TOPIC A

### Interpol's Most Wanted List: Samantha Lewthwaite

#### Al Qaeda:

It is a militant Islamist organization founded around the 1980s by Osama bin Laden. It's initial purpose was to support muslims during the Afghan War against the Soviet Union, but when the Soviets left the country in 1989, the group continued to work against what they believed to be corrupt Islamic regimes. The group was first sponsored by the Taliban and they established their headquarters in Afghanistan. With time, they merged with other islamic groups. Al-Qaeda has always been at conflict with the United States and has even declared "holy war" against them several times.

#### Interpol's Most Wanted List:

This list is compiled by all the worldwide runaway criminals who have been issued a Red Notice.

#### Jihadism:

It's a concept often associated with the term "holy war". It is a movement that many muslims follow because jihad signifies a "struggle" in order to reach a particular goal whether it is military, religious, spiritual, personal, or political. The most common form of jihadism known by muslims and non muslims is warfare; in which muslims feel as though they've been wronged by society and consider it their duty to get rid of this unjust violence against them with more violence of their own. It is very important to mention that there are many forms of jihadism and not all muslims take part in such violent actions.

#### Interpol's Red Notice:

"Red Notices are issued for fugitives wanted either for prosecution or to serve a sentence. A Red Notice is a request to law enforcement worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest a person pending extradition, surrender, or similar legal action." (Interpol)

# Introduction

## WANTED Red Notice

Present family name:  
Lewthwaite  
Forename: Samantha Louise  
Alias: The White Widow  
Sex: Female  
Date of birth: 05/12/1983 (37  
years old)  
Place of birth: United  
Kingdom  
Nationality: United Kingdom



### Charges:

- Possession of illicit explosives and conspiracy of an attack
- Alleged member of radical Islamic group Al-Shabaab
- Aiding former husband's Germaine Lindsey's suicide bombing
- Aiding to Al-Qaeda terrorist affairs

Interpol's Most Wanted List is a record of people that the international police have deemed as an international threat. In this case, that person is Samantha Louise Lewthwaite, also known as Sherafiyah and as the "White Widow", a particularly dangerous Islamic woman with ties to the terrorist groups Al-Shabaab and Al-Qaeda, who's Red Notice was issued in 2011.

Among all her nicknames, Lewthwaite has also been referred to as "The Mother of Terrorism" due to masterminding several terrorist plans. Her husband committed suicide in the 7/7 bombings, she led the Mombasa's bar grenade attack, and she's helped the terrorist group Al-Shabaab in their endeavours. Lewthwaite is notoriously smart since she managed to trick and beat the authorities several times and still evades capture till this day.

## Historical Context



Image of Samantha Lewthwaite. BBC. (3rd of February, 2014). [Samantha Lewthwaite: Whereabouts of Kenya attack suspect a mystery] [Image] <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-25990055>

Samantha Louise Lewthwaite was born in the United Kingdom to a Christian family. She went to college in order to study for a politics and religion degree but ended up dropping out. The girl was described to be sweet and shy and had the profile of a follower, not a leader. Although

she started her life as a Christian, she converted to Islam at one point in her life. Lewthwaite's parents, Andrew and Elizabeth Christine Lewthwaite, divorced in 1995 (when the girl was 12 years old), which deeply affected Samantha. The girl found solace in the company of her Muslim neighbours and this made her believe that this religion had a more functional family dynamic. When she was 17 years old, Lewthwaite converted to Islam against her parent's wishes. She adopted the name Sherafiyah to embrace her new identity yet she is most commonly known by her original name. In 2002, she married Germaine Lindsay, a man whom she had previously met in a "Stop the war" march, and her parents, still not accepting her conversion to Islam, refused to go to her wedding.

On the 7th of July 2005, a date known in history as the 7/7 bombings in London, Lindsay committed suicide on a train, bringing down 26 other civilians with him.

Research the 7/11 bombings and how it relates to Lewthwaite.



Samantha Lewthwaite and Germaine Lindsay plus their first child. The Cinemaholic. (August 6th, 2020). [Who is Germaine Lindsay, Samantha Lewthwaite's Ex-Husband?] [Image] <https://thecinemaholic.com/who-is-germaine-lindsay/>

At the time, Lewthwaite was pregnant with her second child, so this left her to fend for herself and her two children. When questioned about her husband's suicide, the widow answered "How these people could have turned him and poisoned his mind is dreadful," she told the Sun. "He was an innocent, naive and simple man. I suppose he must have been an ideal candidate." (BBC NEWS, 2013). The woman was then cleared of suspicion and placed under protective custody, however, new information came forward and it was confirmed that Lewthwaite had met with Mohammad Sidique Khan, the leader of the suicide bombers, a member of the terrorist group Al-Qaeda. This made the authorities believe that the woman had known about the bombings and had possibly cooperated in coordinating the whole ordeal.

After this event occurred, Lewthwaite published a story in which she defended her husband's actions by saying that he was merely pushed into doing this by extremists. However, the details of her story were contradictory with what Lindsay's family had stated about him. She created a different perspective to her dead husband that also gave her the spotlight as a victim, however, her in-laws considered her version to be suspicious and notified the police of her interesting publicity decision. What's even more confusing is that after the bombings, she fled and was rumored to

have been hiding in either Kenya or Somalia.

In 2009 Lewthwaite gave birth to her third child. The father of this child is unknown considering her previous husband died and there had been no confirmation of the widow being romantically involved with anyone at the time.

Look into Lewthwaite's relationship with her children.



Image of Samantha Lewthwaite. BBC. (3rd of February, 2014). [Samantha Lewthwaite: Whereabouts of Kenya attack suspect a mystery] [Image] <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-25990055>

It is also important to mention that the woman afterwards married Hassan Malim Ibraahim in 2014, a senior commander in the group Al-Shabaab.

In 2013 the Nairobi Westgate shopping mall attack made Kenyan authorities more aware of the possible threat Samantha Lewthwaite was proving to be. Although Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the attack and denied Lewthwaite's involvement, the police couldn't rule out the possibility of the widow's participation plus the fact that she was possibly residing in Kenya. This was also affected by information discovered in 2011, when the police were able to arrest Jermaine Grant, a Muslim man who had been charged with possession of explosives and who was conspiring to attack different parts of Mombasa during the holidays. When questioned, he revealed the leader behind this plan was Lewthwaite herself.

Research more about the 2012 Mombasa attack and the Nairobi Westgate Shopping Mall attack. What patterns can be found in behaviour by Al-Shabaab and Lewthwaite?

In 2014 it was rumored that Lewthwaite had been shot by a Russian sniper. She was believed dead but the Interpol did not believe this. They furthered the investigation and found several sightings of a woman who fit her description and determined the rumors to be fake. Samantha Lewthwaite appeared to be still on the run and highly dangerous.



Lewthwaite's fake passport. De wet, P. (September 27th of 2013). [Terror in Kenya: The 'White Widow' and the SA link] [Image] <https://ms.co.za/article/2013-09-27-00-terror-in-kenya-the-white-widow-and-the-sa-link/>

The widow was able to move around utilizing fake documents, which alerted the Kenyan police, especially after finding out the possible ties this woman had to previous incidents. In 2011 the local authorities issued a wanted notice for Lewthwaite for utilizing fake South African passports, and in 2012 the Interpol issued a Red Notice due to possession of explosives and conspiracy to attack Mombasa in December. However, this Red Notice does not cover all of Lewthwaite's deeds, and in fact all of the information in this guide has only recently been taken into consideration for the investigation. Even so, the Interpol has recognized Samantha Lewthwaite as an international threat that must be dealt with as soon as possible.

# Current Situation



The last known location of Samantha Lewthwaite was Kenya where she was mistaken as a teenage girl and allowed on a "school trip" to an undisclosed location. There have been no apparent moves made by the British woman, yet the Interpol knows that she has been aided by the groups Al-Shabaab and Al-Qaeda in order to travel discreetly. How influential is she in these groups if she has access to this much aid?

What kind of suspicious actions could Lewthwaite do that would allow the committee to find her location?

## Relevant Actors



### Al-Shabaab

An Islamic insurgent group created around the 2000s, residing mainly in Somalia, whose goal is to establish an Islamic state. In recent years an African Union military campaign has diminished the group's power significantly but they still have a lot of influence.

Research this group and the measures the African Union has taken against them for possible ideas in order to find their weak points to capture Samantha Lewthwaite who's currently under their protection.



Image of Jermaine Grant. CNN. (July 4th, 2013). [Kenya terror suspect had link to London bomber, UK intelligence report says] [Image] <https://edition.cnn.com/2013/07/03/world/africa/kenya-uk-terror-suspect/index.html>

### Jermaine Grant:

He was a Muslim man who was arrested by the Kenyan police in 2011 for possession of explosives and conspiring to attack different locations during the holidays. When he was on trial, he admitted that he was but an insignificant person and that the one who was funding him and his partners was Samantha Lewthwaite. He was one of the first to affirm that Lewthwaite was one of the "Big Fish" in the terrorist world.



Germaine Lindsay Picture. Wikipedia. (Undated). [Germaine Lindsey] [Picture] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germaine\\_Lindsay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germaine_Lindsay)

### Germaine Lindsay

Lewthwaite's first husband. He converted into Islam in 2000 and changed his name to Jamaal. He was influenced by several extremists in his life and was notorious in his interests for the religion. In June 7th of 2005 he committed suicide by blowing up a train in the event history calls the 7/7 bombings.

We encourage delegates to look for more information about him since it can provide more information on Samantha.



Image of Lewthwaite's 3 out of 4 children. Evans. R. (4th of October 2013). [The White Widow's 'Jihadi children': Secret diary of fugitive Briton reveals she is raising family to murder 'Islam's enemies'] [Picture] <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2444552/White-Widow-Samantha-Lewthwaite-raising-Jihadi-children-murder-Islams-enemies.html>

### Lewthwaite's four kids

Her two eldest children were fathered by Lindsay, the third child's father was unnamed in the birth certificate, and finally her fourth child was born from Samantha's alleged third relationship with Hassan Maalim Ibrahim. What's important to recognize about Lewthwaite's relationship with her kids is that thanks to information that the police managed to recover from her journal, it is certain that Samantha is raising them to join her cause. She is raising them as fighters utilizing her influence in Al-Shabaab. Aside from this, it is important to question how everything the children have lived through is affecting them.

How could her children impact the investigation?



### Hassan Maalim Ibrahim:

While there is not much information on who he is, it is known that he's Samantha Lewthwaite's third husband and the father of her fourth child. He is a senior commander in Al-Shabaab, which strengthens Lewthwaite's connection to the terrorist group.



The specific approaches will be decided by the delegates during the debate. They can use a motion to divide agenda but it is up to their own creativity to figure out how to capture Samantha Lewthwaite since we want to allow them to form the path that they consider best. It's important to note that, in order to decide how to approach this topic, further research other than this study guide is necessary.

During the committee, we encourage the delegates to make detailed directives that will allow the delegate of crisis to release updates about movements made by Lewthwaite, in order to aid the delegates with the investigation. However, the initial location will be revealed at the start of the debate.

If the committee is able to determine how influential and how powerful Lewthwaite's connections are, then figuring out strategies to counter this can be an easier process. So take this into account in order to find and capture her.

- Have there been sightings of Lewthwaite in your country? If so, then what can you do with that information?
- What resources can your country provide for the search of the notorious criminal?
- Does your country have interference with groups such as Al-Shabaab? How can that be an advantage or a disadvantage?
- How can your country's location help with the investigation?
- How can you use the resources available in order to possibly trap Lewthwaite?



We really recommend that you watch:

**N**etflix, 2020. *World's Most Wanted*. [video] Available at: [https://www.netflix.com/watch/81116097?trackId=14170289&tctx=2%2C1%2C4042d73b-da45-4778-a125-1a80bc27eced-23196289%2C17859efd-fea7-4d9a-a3ef-78b70c360884\\_12149611X3XX1634584260882%2C17859efd-fea7-4d9a-a3ef-78b70c360884\\_ROOT%2C](https://www.netflix.com/watch/81116097?trackId=14170289&tctx=2%2C1%2C4042d73b-da45-4778-a125-1a80bc27eced-23196289%2C17859efd-fea7-4d9a-a3ef-78b70c360884_12149611X3XX1634584260882%2C17859efd-fea7-4d9a-a3ef-78b70c360884_ROOT%2C) [Accessed 18 October 2021].

We also think you need to understand as much about Al-Shabaab as you can and how to get around their defenses to get to Lewthwaite:

- Felter, C., Masters, J. and Aly Sergie, M., 2021. *Al-Shabab*. [online] Council on Foreign Relations. Available at: <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/al-shabab> [Accessed 18 October 2021].
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# TOPIC B

## Operation: dismantling criminal gangs. Case of study: Mara Salvatrucha

**Criminal gang:** A group of three or more people that gather under a said identity in order to create fear or intimidation. They often engage in criminal activity as a group. They are also organized, meaning they can have a set modus operandi, rules, or techniques. (National Institute of Justice, 2011)

**Mara Salvatrucha:** A criminal gang, originated in the 1980s, residing originally from Los Angeles, but they now operate in Central America and some countries in Europe. It has drawn the attention of many agencies like the FBI and the DEA in the United States. They are characterized by their tattoos and moral policy based on revenge.

### Introduction

The Mara Salvatrucha is a criminal gang that has operated for about 40 years. Due to the imminent threat this gang proves to be, the mission of several governmental authorities has been to stop their operations in the countries that they are present in. Nevertheless, their aggressiveness and methods have made this difficult. They are characterized a very sanguinary group, their motto being “kill, rape, and control.”



Image of Mara Salvatruchas tattoos. (19th of April 2017). [MS-13 gang: The story behind one of the world's most brutal street gangs.] [Image] <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-39645640>

An example of the cruelty and relentlessness of the Mara Salvatruchas, is their judgement for someone to join their gang. They often recruited at-risk teenagers and in order for them to join they must endure a violent 13-second beating and committing a crime (often murder) for the gang. These two practices are called “jumped in” and “getting wet”.

The members are braden with large chest tattoos that bind them to the gang forever. Attempting to leave is often punishable by death. An example of their violence is a past case in which two members, Miguel Alvarez-Flores and Diego Hernandez-Rivera, kidnapped three girls in Houston, Texas, then they proceeded to hold them hostage and rape them and finally shot one in the head at the side of the road before they got caught by the authorities. These two men appeared to be remorseful of their acts, since they laughed and waved at the cameras while they were on trial.

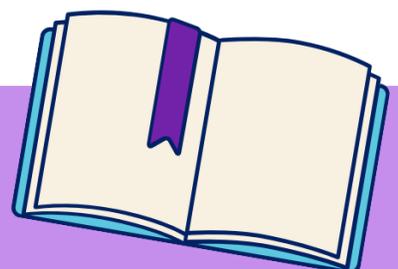
Recruitment in the gang is very important. As the gang is very aggressive, they often don't need new recruits. They are well organized and do not need extra people in their forces. Nevertheless, there comes times when people are needed, so they look for personas that have easy access to alcohol and drugs. Yet, the gang works in an infinite recruitment system. Gang members say that the gang is like a family, so they rely on a system that never ends. Also, many members join the gang because they are friends with like-minded individuals, or even gang members.

Intervention by the Interpol might be possible, especially in the countries where the gang is present. Interpol's extent in the mission will be determined only through time. But since this is a group that works in more than one country, and has ties to the Mexican mafia, Intervention by the international authorities is required in order to dismantle their organization.



Think about strategies the Interpol might refer to in these kinds of situations.

## Historical Context



Mara Salvatrucha, otherwise known as MS13 was established in Los Angeles around the 1980s. Originally, it was a gang that was set up to protect Salvadoran immigrants in Los Angeles that migrated into the area, especially latino neighborhoods in Los Angeles, California due to a civil war in El Salvador.

This civil war happened from 1969 to 1992, and it mainly occurred in the central area of the country. The two primary actors of this

conflict were the guerrilla group Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN) and the country's government, and it resulted with the death of around 75,000 Salvadorans.

Even though this conflict was internal, there were other international parties backing up different actors in this conflict. The FMLN was aided by the Cuban, Nicaraguan and Soviet

governments, and the Salvadoran government was massively aided by the United States. This era was very violent in the history of El Salvador, and thanks to the many conflicts that this country endured, many Salvodarns were forced to flee the country and had to seek asylum in places such as Los Angeles, where the Mara Salvatruchas were there to protect and recruit them.

Even if the gang initially had a “mildly harmless” beginning, with time it evolved into a more traditional criminal gang, characterized by violence and cruelty. It was mainly conformed by immigrants from Central America, including but not limited to El Salvador.

According to the FBI, the name actually came from the slang term Mara (gang) and Salvatrucha (from El Salvador). While trying to enter the United States as a gang, they confronted other gangs already established, especially mexicans. Yet, in the 1990s they formed an alliance with a Mexican gang, making them the biggest and most powerful gang in the Northern Hemisphere.

The situation posed a problem for the United States, as it meant that they had another relevant and dangerous gang that was a threat to their national security.



Why does the gang end up being created?

Research which are the main characters involved in the beginning of the gang.

## Current Situation



Nowadays, MS13 is located in countries like: Canada, Honduras, Mexico, United States, and some countries in Europe. According to reports from the FBI, they consist of 6,000 to 10,000 people in the gang in the United States alone. The number increased when being evaluated in the Central American area to 50,000 people.

The gang is taken as responsible for handling the micro traffic in the neighborhood they operate at. Nevertheless, there are cases of child trafficking and abuse, as well as actual drug trafficking, such as the example stated previously in the guide. There have also been cases in which they have hurt their own members due to reasons such as not following the gang guidelines. For example, two members were put in jail for the assassination of a fellow member who supposedly violated gang protocol.

The Salvadoran president Nayib Bukele has tried to keep them under control and he is currently engaging in negotiations with the gang that have reduced homicides but not drastically, and it raises questions from the citizens. However, even with this, their secretive nature plus their ability to get away with crimes, makes it difficult to have a leader as a target or to even begin to dismantle the organization. Essentially, there is no single leader. The gang manages to be run by several leaders that listen and work together, there are smaller leaders sharing power instead of having a big commander.

What does this imply for a gang?

They have currently earned the title as terrorists in some countries. This also raises awareness and different approaches into dealing with the gang. Sources strongly suggest that they have rocket launchers and homemade explosives. Hence, they have taken control of full neighbourhoods and made them their home. Invading such places to attack the gang can be very dangerous as many citizens live near these zones and can end up being injured by them or the interventionists.

As said before, the gang does not have a known leader. They seem to be distributed in the countries, and each operation follows one person. These members are the most looked for in the FBI as they are seen as the leaders. This includes persons like: Enrique Hernandez, Redy Ivan Jandres-Parada, Cesar Humberto Lopez-Larios, and Hugo Armando Quinteros-Mineros. These members are considered dangerous to society and remain armed nowadays. (Department of Justice, 2021). They are also charged with serious acusations like terrorism and drug trafficking. In recent years the FBI created a division that is dedicated to investigating and dismantling the criminal gang in the United States. There is not enough information to have concrete conclusions, but some recent ones done by the Department of Justice of the United States, have found that many of the leaders respond to someone in El Salvador. There is a person which is referred to as ranflero may be the highest power in the gang.

Sources like retired gangsters and others suggest that by having this structure, there will be more than one gang under the same name. There might be different ideals in the MS13 in El Salvador than in Los Angeles. This is why some explain that brutal murders are still visible in the northern part of the Los Angeles metropolitan area, like “the woods”-a space in the metropolitan area of the city.

It is difficult to know the modus operandi of this powerful gang. Yet, the evidence that is available indicates as previously mentioned. The income for the gang comes primarily from micro trafficking and other “little” jobs that they may be asked to do.

As many other gangs in the world, they have jobs that range from miro-trafficking to killing. They have the capabilities to provide those services to people from outside the gang, making them a very aggressive group that can kill on demand. These kinds of missions are called money making operations and include but are not limited to: Extortion, car theft and resale, prostitution, human trafficking, hitman for hire and arms trafficking. (Consult the guide to MS13 in the americas page 39 for more information). Most of these jobs that require assassination can be very expensive, and serve as income to the gang.

## Relevant actors



The countries involved in the MS 13 are all important, as they are affected by it. The most affected countries have been the United States and El Salvador, as they were the countries where the main operations of the gang were located. Other countries in central america like Mexico or Honduras have detected the presence of the gang, but mainly for the export of drugs. In these countries the situation has not reached the point that it has in El Salvador or the USA.

Some of the international businesses like drug trafficking are the ones that affect international countries the most. As the operations of the gang tend to be very central to their main locations in El Salvador and the United States for now. Nevertheless, the concern of the international community is the internationalization of this gang that is uprising very fast and becoming very dangerous.

Compare the presence of the gang in your country with others, and the influence that they have.



Image of Carlos Tiberio Valladares. (undated). [El Salvador's Gang Truce.] [Image] <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p011jxxy/p011jt71>

As for members of the gangs, we will not be using the real names of the gangsters. Yet, the committee will take into account the leaders of the gang such as Enrique Hernandez, Redy Ivan Jandres-Parada, Cesar Humberto Lopez-Larios, and Hugo Armando Quinteros-Mineros. Or also past leaders like José Luís Mendoza Figueroa, Élmér Canales Rivera and Eduardo Erazo Nolasco in order to identify specific members. And it will be the job of the countries present, especially the United States and El Salvador to apply certain policies and preventive measures that you will come up with, to eradicate this problem.

Investigate which people or kinds of people are important in the gang. Try to understand their way of thinking at a strategic level. How is the gang structured? Should we be aiming for the heads? Or everyone in the gang?

# APPROACHES

The specific approaches will be decided by the delegates during the debate. They can use a motion to divide the agenda, but it is up to their own creativity to figure out how to capture and seize the operations of the gang. The committee needs to think of a strategy to do this. During the days of the model, the committee will take actions through the crisis center and use of directives. We would like you to come up with innovative solutions and strategies. Think as a group, and try to overcome them. Remember, you will be working against the crisis center.

In order to help you see what's most important when dismantling this organization, we want to provide some questions that hopefully can help you divide the agenda or at least guide the debate in some way:

Is it better to go after the leaders? How would one do that?

Is it important to also promote ways in which people will stop joining these gangs?

Would it be more effective to use the members already in prison to find ways of dismantling the gang? How could you do that, still following Interpol guidelines?

We want you to use these questions, and ask some similar ones by yourself, in order to find the specific approaches you think are necessary to combat this issue. **Be creative and realistic.**

- What is the range of action of the Interpol in this matter?
- How can the Interpol intervene in the countries to stop the gang?
- Have the Mara Salvatruchas taken actions in your country?
- How can your country provide aid in dismantling this gang?
- What are the best strategies that can be implemented globally in order to dismantle not only this, but also other organized crime?



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