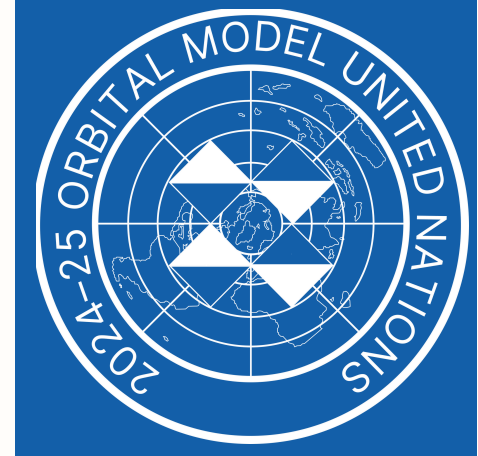# NUCLEAR ENERGY

Should countries be allowed to develop nuclear energy independently, or should it be a globally regulated resource under the UN's control?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY:

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Nuclear energy is the energy released from nuclear fission (split elements) or nuclear fusion (combining elements). It is also an important source of low-carbon emission energy, providing around 10% of global electricity generation. Nuclear energy is crucial for sustainable development. While nuclear energy is a renewable and efficient source of energy, chances of developing nuclear weapons could increase if a country has high technological advancement in nuclear energy. This could draw concerns for countries that value global safety.

RUN DOWN OF THE DEBATES:

The speeches fall under into main 3 ideas, Pro-sovereignty; the delegates believe that it is the fundamental right for countries to develop and research nuclear energy. The other idea is Pro-Regulation; they believe that too little regulation/monitoring could cause nuclear weapon Proliferation, causing safety concerns. Lastly, some delegates did not give a clear answer regarding the topic, they advocate some regulation but supported some freedom to the country.

In the opening speech, almost all the nations stressed that nuclear energy is an important part of energy source for their country.Countries like Belgium, France, USA, South Korea and south Africa stressed that they are anti-nuclear weapon, and they support global regulation. Countries like Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Japan, Russia, Slovakia, United Arab Emirates supported self determination of developing nuclear energy, proposed that UN intervention should be limited.The second session started with delegates presenting their resolutions by giving a speech that lasted 2 minutes long.

ICE BREAKER:

The delegates played a game where all the delegates were divided into 3 teams, each team had to choose someone who acted, and all the rest of the team could guess what they were mimicking. The person who acts switches after one answer is guessed.

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