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Addressing the issue of international terrorism following the events of 9/11 in 2001

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International terrorism is any violent or criminal act committed by individuals or a group of people who are associated with, designated foreign terrorist organizations or nations. An example of an international terrorist group would be 'Al Qaeda' founded by Osama bin Laden in the late 1980s. Osama bin Laden was a violent terrorist that killed thousands of innocent men, women and children before his death in 2011. On September 11th, 2001 Osama bin Laden and his terrorist group 'Al Qaeda' formed one of the biggest terrorist attacks known by man kind called the 'September 11 attacks' or (9-11). This terrorist act included a series of commercial airline hijackings and suicide attacks committed by 19 militants, part of Al Qaeda, on American soil and it remains the deadliest terrorist attack in U.S history. The attacks were targeted at New York City and Washington D.C., where 2 planes hit the 2 twin towers in New York killing approximately 2750 people, a plane was flown into the pentagon (Main U.S. government headquarters) killing many passengers and finally a plane was aimed at the White House although the passengers boarding the plane allegedly retaliated against the terrorists and the plane ended up crashing in Pennsylvania killing 40 people. All 19 terrorist died intentionally for this act of terrorism hence, they were called suicide attacks. This tragic event triggered an enormous U.S. effort to combat terrorism and in 2011 Osama bin Laden was located and killed.

Today, 9/11 has reshaped the way we think of war and peace. After the event of 9/11, the US has been defensive and alert about any terrorist threats. Some people may argue that this led the US to justify unlawful interventions in the middle east. 9/11 has also made the lives of Muslims living in the US much harder. AL Qaeda mainly operated from Afghanistan, it began as a logistic network to support Muslims fighting against the soviet union during the afghan war. When the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989, the organization dispersed and was based in Sudan for a short period of time in the early 1990s, and eventually the Al Qaeda headquarters was reestablished in Afghanistan in 1996 under the power of the Taliban Militia.

As a delegate you are required to go back to the year of the terrorist attack being 2001: You are tasked with creating a resolution that aims to implement preplanned protocols to prevent any future terrorist attack, and capture different terrorist groups that threaten the wellbeing of other people around the world. You must also find the most efficient way to deliver justice. Remember you are in the year 2001, not in 2022, this topic requires you to go back in time.

Sample Clause: **As the delegate of the United States (As an example) - you are not permitted to use this clause in debate**

1. Strongly urges the launch of a new UN security council sub committee called the Antiterrorism committee (ATC) that aims to combat the issue of terrorism around the world and aid in the efforts of catching all members associated with 'Al Qaeda'
 - a) The subcommittee would target different terrorist groups around the world that aren't being addressed
 - i) different governmental organizations would investigate different international terrorist groups to prevent future deadly events with the financial and military aid provided by the US.
 - b) The subcommittee would launch a global investigation on all members of Al Qaeda focusing on the founder 'Osama bin Laden'
 - i) The investigation would be run mainly by the US with compliance and support of other countries
2. All countries will provide internal information and border access to help in locating Osama bin Laden without any restrictions.
 - a) Countries refusing to cooperate will be marked as nations that are involved in the attack therefore necessary military precautions would be acted upon.

Note: Making your clauses more detailed, allows the clause to be stronger and more effective. (Prevents the extent in which other delegates can object about your clause)

Useful Sources:

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