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TOPIC: TACKLING ORGANIZED CRIME



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## CHAIR LETTER

Dear delegates,

We are so excited to meet you all in the upcoming AtidMUN 2025!

We are looking forward to hearing your speeches, your debates, your ideas, your crazy plans, your conversations during UnMods, and most of all to your interesting lives during ice breakers.

This year's INTERPOL committee will be AtidMUN's special committee, so please look at the special ROPs section and read the study guide thoroughly. The topics, as you're about to see, aren't regular. All of them are scenarios designed to test your ability to both focus on a specific matter and still see the bigger problem within. You will be required to try and solve all issues at the same time.

Each topic (unless stated otherwise) consists of both an active and a passive part. In order to solve the issue, you will need to address both in the final resolution.

The way we compiled the committee will allow each delegate to express their own ideas and implement a lot of aspects into the resolution. As a representative, you can pull, pick, and choose focus for each of the topics, to try and influence the room.

This committee is incredibly special to us and we had a wonderful time building it. We hope you enjoy it as much as we will.

We cannot wait for the upcoming conference, and we hope to see you all in the INTERPOL committee, AtidMUN 2025.

Sincerely,

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE

The International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO-INTERPOL, or more commonly, INTERPOL) is the foremost recognized international organization for facilitating police cooperation and global security. INTERPOL holds the largest criminal database in the world, used by most law agencies to collect and compare data about crimes and their perpetrators.

Contrary to popular belief, for the most part INTERPOL is not supranational in power, meaning it **does not** have the power to supersede or interfere with a sovereign power nor limit their rights for police activities. Rather, the organization is a network of law enforcement agencies from each of the member countries (of which there are 196), working to plan and cooperate on operations relating to crime. INTERPOL also, quite importantly, sets resolutions on how to handle specific crime related topics, upon which other countries can act.

In this MUN committee, the main topic of “organized crime” will be divided into three subtopics: drug trafficking; financial crime; and gang wars. Each subtopic is a “case file” or scenario of sorts, meaning it describes a real life application of itself somewhere on earth, and is treated like a case file INTERPOL would receive. Thus, a subtopic has both an operative/active part (the fictional scenario) and a passive part (the subtopic as a concept, similar to a regular MUN committee).

It is up to you, the delegates, to come up with a solution to both the active and passive halves of each subtopic, and eventually, create three resolutions each solving both parts. (Note that for the financial crime subtopic, while a case file will be described, no active solution will be needed for the resolution; only a passive one).

Please make sure to read the AtidMUN XI Rules of Procedure for more information on the special rules of the INTERPOL committee.



## TACKLING ORGANIZED CRIME

### *DRUG TRAFFICKING: MARITIME DRUG SMUGGLING*

#### CASE FILE: 'NDRANGHETA COCAINE SMUGGLING

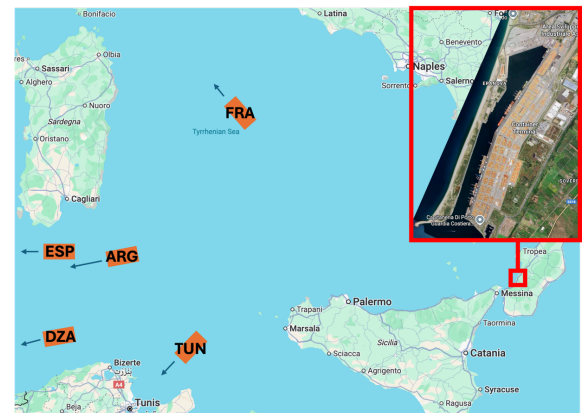
INTERPOL, in coordination with the Albanian police forces, has been tracking a major cocaine trafficking route originating from Albania. Intelligence suggests that narcotics are being smuggled across the Ionian Sea and offloaded in Calabria, Italy, where they enter the logistical network of the 'Ndrangheta' mafia, operating through the city of Gioia Tauro - one of Europe's busiest and most corrupt maritime hubs.

We now know that for years, this Albania-Italy-Atlantic drug corridor has functioned undetected, with shipments quietly feeding the wider European narcotics market. Following months of surveillance and intelligence gathering, authorities finally have an opportunity to dismantle the network.

However, time is critical. Five cargo vessels have departed Porto di Gioia Tauro, each bound westward on different routes across the Mediterranean. Intelligence has not been able to pinpoint which ones are carrying the major cocaine shipments, nor have they been able to identify which docked ships are carrying.

Maritime cocaine smuggling is a tricky industry as it continues to evolve with smugglers continuing to find new ways to hide cocaine. Popular ways to conceal drugs include hiding them in goods like sugar, flour, or coffee; inside the machinery of the ship like oil tanks or engines; or in secret compartments specially built into the ship. Not locating could mean the drug route stays intact, and by the time these ships reach port, they could have disposed of the drugs.

In this subtopic of the INTERPOL committee, the operative section will concern solving the 'Ndrangheta case file. The passive section will pertain to the issue of **maritime drug trafficking**.





## *FINANCIAL CRIME: LARGE-SCALE, INTERNATIONAL MONEY-LAUNDERING*

### CASE FILE: THE YAKUZA

For decades, Japan's Yakuza syndicate has maintained one of the most complex and resilient criminal financial networks in the world. Though open street violence has declined, their economic reach has expanded, and became deeply embedded in the global economy through shell corporations, crypto-financial crime, and money laundering.

The recent leak of bank data from several high-tech Asian island nations uncovered a web of transactions linked to a Yakuza conglomerate. Billions of yen have been funneled through seemingly legitimate corporate fronts - small, cheap fashion companies, construction firms, art auctions, film production houses, and more - before being reinvested into the legal economy across Japan and Hong Kong, which serve as bases of operations. The laundered money is then used to fund all other illegitimate Yakuza activities. Their increasing involvement in cryptocurrency-based laundering has rendered traditional tracking techniques nearly obsolete, which further complicated unraveling this plot.

Now that this far-reaching plot has been uncovered and handled, the world turns to INTERPOL to come up with a resolution for dealing with these types of situations. Thus, in this subtopic, the passive section will pertain to solving **large-scale, border-crossing money laundering**.

Remember, in this subtopic's resolution, no operative part will be needed.



## *GANG WARS: GANG WARS IN POPULATED CIVILIAN AREAS*

### CASE FILE: NORTH CHICAGO'S IRVING PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

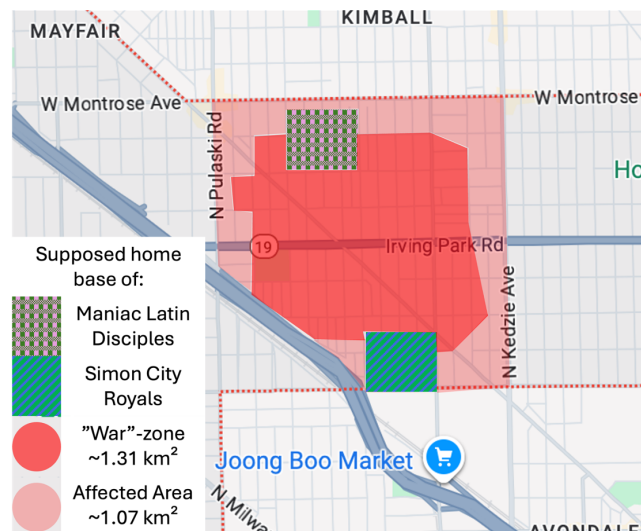
Everything has come to a head after a few years of exacerbated gang activity in the Irving Park neighborhood of North Chicago, leading to sleepless nights filled with gunshots in the darkness. The police have been investigating, trying to pin evidence on the medium- to high-level members of the Simon City Royals and their rivals, the Maniac Latin Disciples. The former is occupying south Irving Park while the latter is in north Irving Park. However, the current escalation has made this neighborhood into a war zone.

Both gangs have recently advanced outside their main hub of operations on the opposite outskirts of the district, and have begun an all out active and physical gang war in the heart of the region. Their dispute had catastrophized, and now active shooters are in the streets, fighting for control of the territory.

The police have gathered enough evidence from surveillance and security cameras to put these gang members behind bars, and maybe even reach their crime bosses. The problem is, the neighborhood is practically cut off. Members from both gangs are hiding in houses, the streets are empty from gunfire occurring every few hours. Practically anyone who would walk out in the open would get shot from several directions. The situation has become dire, and the police are requesting INTERPOL's aid in coming up with a plan of action and freeing Irving Park.

The affected area of Irving Park is between N. Kedzie Ave and N. Pulaski Rd from east to west, and between W. Addison St and W. Montrose Ave from north to south. Take notice of the provided map for further information.

In this subtopic of the INTERPOL committee, the operative section will pertain to solving the aforementioned case file. The passive section will pertain to the issue of **gang wars in populated civilian areas** as a global general.





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