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Kingdom of Spain

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I. Background Information on Kingdom of Spain

Spain is a mediterranean country located in the extreme southwest of Europe which covers 505,990 km² of land. It covers roughly 85% of the Iberian Peninsula. The country is bordered by Portugal, France, Andorra. Also the country is bordered by Morocco at the Spanish coastal exclaves which are Spanish autonomous in Northern Africa, Ceuta and Melilla. Spain is ruled by the Constitutional monarchy which was established in 1978 with the change of constitution. Spain had a civil war between 1936 and 1939 which is called Guerra Civil Española. Spain has many natural resources such as iron, coal, copper, uranium, zinc, and mercury. With their own incomes and past colonies, Spain has the 19th biggest GDP.

II. Previous Attempts of Kingdom of Spain at Resolving the Issues

A. The question of illicit drug trafficking among Latin American cartels:

- Given Spain's importance as a consumer market for illicit drugs and as a supply channel feeding the broader European market, counter-narcotics cooperation between Spain and the United States has become more urgent in recent years. The US government, as well as the Spanish and global press, have highlighted multiple incidents of successful narcotics interdictions as a result of increased US-Spain counter-narcotics cooperation over the last five years.
- In 2019, Spanish police discovered a drug-filled semi-submersible that had crossed the Atlantic, which they had been hunting for almost a decade without result. According to an investigation by Spain's El País, the sailboat had carried three tons of cocaine over 9,000 kilometers along the Amazon river and across the ocean, but the crew was forced to abandon it near the coast of Galicia due to mechanical problems. This led task forces to comprehend different methods used by the cartels and provided necessary information for the further missions.
- A criminal organization responsible for cocaine trafficking from South America to Italy and Spain has been smashed by police officials from the Spanish National Police (Policia Nacional),



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the Argentine National Gendarmerie, the Italian Finance Corps, and Europol. This coordinated operation involving over 750 police officers resulted in the arrest of around 50 criminals.

B. The question of legislations for protecting the Amazon Forests in all borders/countries:

The delegation does not have previous attempts at solving the issue.

C. The question of the territorial conflict between Guatemala and Belize:

- Spain has historical affiliation regarding this conflict since both nations were past colonies of the Spanish Empire before they declared their own independence, however there aren't official statements made by the government.

III. Objectives, Aims and Possible Solutions Proposed by Kingdom of Spain On the Issues

A. The question of illicit drug trafficking among Latin American cartels:

- The drug traffic in Latin America is also bounded with the European cartels as well. So the member states should work together while they are doing incursion operations. Establishing a task force which will be created with the collaboration of the Union of South American Nations and INTERPOL can improve the cooperation between South American and European countries.
- In some states, there are many vague or insufficient regulations regarding drug trafficking. Member states can be persuaded to evaluate their legislations and adjust them in order to have more sufficient legislations. Even though it may seem like improving legislation will not make any difference, we should not forget that many drug cartels are able to get away with their actions because of the loopholes in laws.

B. The question of legislations for protecting the Amazon Forests in all borders/countries:

- Many environmental issues happen or expand due to the lack of education. Giving proper education to locals and employers who have professions regarding

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Amazon Forests and the area surrounding the forest. This education can be given from online platforms or face to face if the circumstances are appropriate. Also educating content can be posted on social media applications to reach out to more people.

- There are many non-governmental organizations which are working for protection of the Amazon forests such as Amazon Watch, Amazon Conservation Team, Amazon Conservation Association, and Rainforest Trust. An UN branch can be established to gather these organizations to give necessary funding and support from the UN and also improve the achievements these organizations have done.

C. The question of the territorial conflict between Guatemala and Belize:

- Since this issue is regarding two bordering member states and their disputes, Guatemala and Belize delegates should organize a bipartite meeting in which both sides state their own point and covenant under the UN to have a righteous environment.

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