

Committee: Extraterrestrial Defence Force (UNEDF)

Topic: Extraterrestrial Signal



Theme of AUSMUN 2024

The theme for this year's AUSMUN is "Forging Tomorrow with Yesterday's Lessons". Dating back to 500 BC, great minds such as Confucius have spread this ideal: "Study the past, if you would divine the future". During a typical Model United Nations conference, delegates are expected to learn from their country's past and, in many cases, actively rewrite it. Historical knowledge when used effectively can lead to informed decisions; by reflecting on what has and has not worked in the past, collectively we are able to gain perspective on current and future policy. We encourage delegates to keep this ideal in mind while wrestling with the nuances and complications inherent in the ideas of modern day problems.

AUSMUN is committed to actively serving its community and combating pressing issues. As we continue to expand in numbers, we further seek to expand our positive impact on the world around us. We are proud to announce that we have partnered with Dress for Success, a non-profit organization that enables women to become economically independent by offering professional clothing, a network of support, and the resources necessary for both personal and professional growth. By participating in AUSMUN 2024, in addition to debating "model" policy, you are actively bettering society and changing the world.

The 2024 AUSMUN board is honored to host all delegates for our largest conference yet. We cannot wait to see what delegates bring forward to each committee in their efforts to embody values of collaboration and this year's theme. Looking twenty twenty-forward to seeing you!

Rationale

This unprecedented scenario will certainly shape humanity for the next millennia. An international consensus for the appropriate response to the alien signal is paramount to the continued success of the human species. Without an aligned statement from the superpowers of the world, riots and misinformation are certain to spread. Furthermore, if the source of the signal is proven to be hostile, a unified front is necessary for the survival of humanity as their technological capabilities dwarf our own. Our species is at a crossroads; it is the duty of world leaders to ensure that we follow the right path.

Background of the Issue

Tonight at 3:28 a.m. GMT, all international telescopes approximately below the 30th parallel south turned towards the Crux constellation. The telescopes then independently tuned to 35 GHz and started intercepting an unidentified signal [Signal 1.1]. All evidence supports the hypothesis that this is the first sign of life outside of Earth, and judging from the encoded properties of the signals, researchers believe that the information is not intended for humanity. Five minutes later, a shorter and much stronger signal [Signal 2.1] was intercepted at 3:33 a.m. GMT. The minimal shift in power between the signals dictates that the source of the signals is moving toward Earth at 17% of the speed of light and will arrive within one day. News of the signal has not yet been released to the general populace, but the U.N. Department of Public Information estimates 1-2 hours until the information is public.

This information has come at an unfortunate time as U.N. intelligence agents have received word of a religious uprising throughout the globe. Under the guidance of their leader, David Miscavige, Scientologists have spontaneously abandoned all obligations and traveled to the remote deserts of New Mexico. Informants believe they are waiting for something, but information beyond that is not yet available. Additionally, Catholic masses have had a noticeable increase in attendance contrasting the previous decades of steady decline. Although our researchers speculate there is a connection between the sudden rise in religious fervor and the signal received last night, there is no direct evidence to support this hypothesis.

Current Situation

All attempts at decoding only left the following message:

Unknown Signal #1.1:

[Lhawoa lnalwna pda lhwjap bkn kqn ykiejc. Sa iqop
becdp pda wlao bkn sdwp eo necdpbqhhu kqno.]

Unknown Signal #2.1:

[Will be provided at the start of the conference.]

We have reason to suspect that our communication has been compromised and that clues to deciphering the signals may be included in this report.

Directive

Although unprecedented, delegates must consider their stance towards rapid foreign threats and decide their response accordingly. There is no knowledge of the potential weapons the aliens possess nor their intentions. Limited time is available, as the signal is only growing in power. Delegates must address the situation and come up with an appropriate response to both the public and to the source. This crisis is rapidly developing and circumstances are certain to shift. This means that delegates are encouraged to think on their feet, and quickly compose solutions. It should be emphasized that the immediate goals of delegates can be decided by the individual, but collaboration, as always, is key. After all, humanity doesn't know much about this species or its true intentions.

Delegates must consider the following in their response:

- 1) Should humanity respond diplomatically or violently to the alien signal?
- 2) How will delegates take advantage of this massive change? Will a global superpower be formed?
- 3) How will delegates present the information to the public?
- 4) Is the perceived existence of alien life significant?

Delegations:

1. Abdel Fattah el-Sisi- Egyptian President

The president of Egypt is well known for his authoritarian style of leadership.

Where many critics of his presidency were shut down swiftly, under his rule many

political rivals were also killed. He's also known for human rights abuses. Sisi's policy in Egypt is very polarizing for many citizens. Many criticize the political methods he uses, while others applaud his aims at creating economic stability.

[Abdel Fattah al-Sisi | Biography, President, & Egypt | Britannica](#)

[Egypt's Sisi: Authoritarian leader with penchant for bridges | Reuters](#)

2. Abdelmadjid Tebboune- Algerian president

Although built upon the principles of freedom and democracy, Algeria is known as one of the worst countries in terms of human rights. The position is cemented by how the Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune banned all marches and rallies amid COVID-19, causing significant outrage from the people. After a three day conference with Putin in 2023, the possibilities of an Algerian-Russian alliance is extremely high.

[Algerians Question President for Calling an Early Election](#)

[Urged to run for a second term](#)

3. Abdul Latif Rashid- Iraq president

As a chartered engineer, it is certain Rashid will approach the crisis with an analytical approach. He has routinely over exaggerated the truth, claiming that the invasion of Iraq was necessary for the betterment of the country, even as evidence supports the contrary. He has a history of corruption, an attribute likely to continue throughout the conference.

[Iraqi President Says Country Now Peaceful](#)

[Who is Iraq's new president?](#)

4. Andrés Manuel López Obrador- President of Mexico

Elected in 2018, Andrés Manuel López Obrador sees the sovereignty of Mexico as his top priority. After receiving the alien signal, he would most likely respond with a team of scientists to analyze the message, and he would focus on protecting his country's interests by holding an important seat in UN discussions.

[Andrés Manuel López Obrador](#)

[AMLO, Mexico's departing president](#)

5. Anthony Albanese- Australian prime minister

In 2019 Anthony Albanese became the Australian prime minister of the Australian Labor Party. Albanese has a progressive view, believing in full green energy, and advocating for women's rights. Overall, Albanese is well-liked for his pragmatic and logical approach to any problems that Australia faces.

[Anthony Albanese](#)

[What to Know About Anthony Albanese | TIME](#)

6. Bongbong Marcos- Philippines president

Considered “The Donald Trump of the Philippines,” Bongbong Marcos is a spontaneous and controversial leader. His father, Ferdinand Marcos, ruled as a dictator for twenty years until losing power in the EDSA revolution. During this time, Bongbong pleaded with his father to attack and bomb a location with hundreds of civilians. He is considered conservative, and his foreign policy can be described as standoffish.

[President Bongbong Marcos | Official Website](#)

[Ferdinand \('Bongbong'\) Marcos, Jr.](#)

7. Bernard Arnault- Founder and CEO of LVMH

French billionaire Bernard Arnault is known as the richest man in the world. He started his takeover of luxury products with his company Louis Vuitton Moet Hennesy, a mother company for many other luxury goods companies. Publicly, Arnault is viewed as a visionary leader and a symbol of French entrepreneurship. His philopatric donations contribute to the diverse culture of France, but many people wonder if being a billionaire is inherently unethical.

[Who Is Bernard Arnault? The LVMH founder is the richest man in the world](#)

[The Mastermind Behind Luxury Fashion Brands](#)

8. David Miscavige- Scientologist leader

David Miscavige joined the church of Scientology in the 1980's following the original leader, Ron Hubbard's, death. He stayed committed and eventually became leader in the late 1980's. As leader, he looked to expand the religion and established several additional churches in new areas. However, he wasn't loved by all of his followers and was accused of emotional and physical abuse by members. Additionally, he used intimidation tactics to maintain his rule, leading to many questions of his authority and controversial takes on his actions.

[David Miscavige's Personal Website](#)

[David Miscavige: An Overview From The Scientology Website](#)

9. Dabbah- Libyan President

Dabbah is the Prime minister of Libya and has been known to be involved in corruption and money laundering. He is looking to gain as much as he can for himself and his country during this conference. Consider the political and economical state of Libya and understand that it's in the delegate's best interest to stay out of conflict with other countries.

[Abdul Hamid Dbeibah: Who is Libya's new prime minister?](#)

[Libya's Dbeibah: The Ambitious Politician](#)

10. Droupadi Murmu- President of India

The president of India, Draupadi Murmu, is the first tribal president of India and is not surprisingly a strong advocate for tribal women's rights. She is a strong advocate for Education reforms and human rights. As a trailblazer and strong leader in the fight for women's rights, she is highly regarded among many of India's population and is a constant role model for many marginalized people.

[Profile | President of India](#)

[Transcript of Weekly Media Briefing by the Official Spokesperson](#)

11. Elon Musk- CEO of Tesla Motors

Elon Musk is known as an extremely wealthy businessman who founded his electrical car company, Tesla, in 2003 as an upcoming entrepreneur. The company quickly gained widespread popularity, bringing wealth beyond imagination to Elon Musk. He used this to develop his other companies: SpaceX and “The Boring Company”. He is

known especially for his success in the space industry and owned the first private organization to launch a human in space. His technological expertise, his contributions to space exploration, and his stance as a public figure give him a crucial position.

[Elon Musk's Public Opinion on Alien Life on Earth](#)

[Elon Musk Says He is an Alien](#)

12. Emmanuel Macron- President of France

Emmanuel Macron holds the safety of France dearly as he was elected as the president of France in 2017 and re-elected as president in 2022. He has attempted to increase France's economy and reduce its dependence on China and the United States, urging the country to re-industrialize. Macron has made bold claims warning against the U.S.'s and China's protectionism and urges other countries to follow France's lead.

[Emmanuel Macron Vows to Promote French Economy](#)

[Macron Wants to Be Europe's De-Facto Leader on Foreign Policy. Is It Working?](#)

13. Fumio Kishida- Prime Minister of Japan

Going into office, Kishida adopted a policy firmly against the existence of nuclear weapons on a global scale while simultaneously promoting a shift in Japanese Foreign relations. This shift comprised of a stronger voice in international affairs, such as condemning the actions of Russia in Ukraine and the persecution of Uyghurs in China. Kishida might need to shift his views throughout the conference for the betterment of humanity.

[Japan's Foreign Policy Direction under Kishida](#)

[As Kishida takes center stage, Japan's diplomacy enters a new phase](#)

14. Hibatullah Akhundzada- The Supreme Leader of Afghanistan

Afghan leader Hibatullah Akhundzada has very hardline Islamic ideologies: adhering strictly to traditional Islam principles and believing in the concept of Jihad. He also has a history of human rights abuses, including women's rights abuses and the targeting of civilians, in association with the Taliban. Afghanistan also has a great resistance to foreign occupants.

[Afghanistan's Taliban Ruler Faces Rare Internal Criticism](#)

[Taliban supreme leader's existence remains a mystery](#)

15. Joe Biden- President of the United States of America

While being an advocate for diplomacy and peaceful solutions to conflicts, throughout his time in government, Biden still supported the use of military force under certain situations. He supported military action such as the intervention in Kosovo and a direct U.S. response to the 9/11 attacks. With his political opposition frequently highlighting his age, Biden must prove to others he is still capable of handling this crisis.

[1999: NATO Bombing of Serbia and Montenegro](#)

[President Biden commemorates 9/11 anniversary with service](#)

16. Justin Trudeau- Prime Minister of Canada

Trudeau's foreign policy has been primarily opposed to direct military action. In 2025, he announced a withdrawal of Canadian fighter aircrafts from Syria, and the

country itself has routinely announced commitments to peacekeeping throughout the globe. Trudeau is certainly in a position to be a key negotiator in this stressful time given Canada's position of being relatively impartial.

[Justin Trudeau - Prime Minister of Canada](#)

[Justin Trudeau Is No Match for a Polarized World](#)

17. Keir Starmer- Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Leading his party to a landslide win in the General Election, Starmer put an end to 15 years of conservative ruling in the United Kingdom. Starmer supports Ukraine in defending Russia and Israel against Hamas. He has elected to increase military spending to 2.5% of GDP and has made efforts to combat human right violations in China.

[CBS- Who is Britain's new Prime Minister Keir Starmer](#)

[AP News- Keir Starmer becomes UK prime minister](#)

18. Kim Jong-Un- Supreme Leader of North Korea

Kim Jong Un rose to power in 2011 when he inherited his father's position as the Supreme Leader of North Korea. He is known as an all-encompassing leader who suppresses his population in order to maintain power. Additionally, he is known for excessively monitoring his people. During his time as leader, he facilitated the production of several nuclear missiles in an attempt to gain international influence. In the past decade, he's used his nuclear power as an excuse for his actions to raise tensions.

[Kim Jong-Un | Facts, Biography, & Nuclear Program](#)

[North Korea Foreign Policy Under the Three Kims](#)

19. Llyod Austin- United States Secretary of Defense

As the secretary of defense during the Biden administration, Llyod Austin has a very democratic view of the world. Austin is very well versed in wartime strategies and diplomatic relations. He's well known for being a proponent of strong alliances around the world. His position will certainly be vital to the conference as a whole.

[Lloyd J. Austin III U.S. Department of Defense Page](#)

[Who's Who in Defense: Lloyd Austin](#)

20. Mark Zuckerberg- Facebook's Owner

Mark Zuckerberg was an accomplished computer scientist studying at Harvard University. He developed "Facebook", a social networking website. This led to his extreme success and fame. Following his developments in social media, he began research in other software applications. This led to his invention of assets such as WhatsApp, Instagram, and Oculus VR. His knowledge in technology and his influence over the economy makes him vital to this conference.

[Mark Zuckerberg | Biography & Facts | Britannica Money](#)

[The Rise of Techno-authoritarianism - The Atlantic](#)

21. Miguel Díaz-Canel- First Secretary of PCC

As the first non-Castro leader, Canel's political career has proved critical to the country's future. His administration is extremely anti-capitalist, even supporting the

Russian invasion of Ukraine. In comparison to the Cuban populus, Canel is considered liberal, supporting LGBTQ rights at a time it's considered radical.

[First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba](#)

[Biography and Facts](#)

22. Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir- Sudan president

As the president of Sudan, Ahmad al-Bashir would take a strategic approach.

Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir would respond to the alien signal with an assessment of the threat, diplomatic engagement, and national security measures. He would use his intelligence apparatus and military to gather information and develop a response strategy.

[Omar al-Bashir | Biography & Facts | Britannica](#)

[Enough 101: Who is Omar al-Bashir?](#)

23. Olaf Scholz- Chancellor of Germany

Olaf Scholz, the Chancellor of Germany, would approach the incoming signal by cooperating with other diplomats, inducting scientific research, and implementing technological measures to stay prepared. Olaf Scholz would ensure that Germany's interests are represented in the debate. The German government has no official public policy for an extraterrestrial encounter. This crisis will force the Government to rapidly develop a solution.

[Olaf Scholz | Facts, Biography, Cabinet, & Chancellor of Germany | Britannica](#)

[A More Strategic German Foreign Policy?](#)

24. Pope Francis- The Pope

The first pope from the Americas, Pope Francis is the head of the catholic church. He speaks on social justice and the preservation of our earth. He gets a lot of backlash from more conservative Catholics because of his left-leaning ideologies, such as divorce, homosexuality, and the role of women in the church. He is a public religious figure transcending international borders

[Pope Francis says he would baptise aliens: 'Who are we to close doors?' | The Independent](#)

[Francis | Biography, Pope, Laudato Si', Roman Catholic Church, & Facts | Britannica](#)

25. Salman- King of Saudi Arabia

The King of Saudi Arabia has been in power since 2015 and has made significant changes to the countries diplomatic policies. During the beginning of his reign, he streamlined government bureaucracy and created a coalition of ten Sunni-Islamic countries. He has lots of power in the Middle East and is known for his decisive leadership.

[King Salman bin Abdulaziz | The Embassy of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia](#)

[Mohammed bin Salman | Biography, Saudi Arabia, Father, & Mother | Britannica](#)

26. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan- president of the United Arab Emirates

In addition to being the president of the UAE, Sheikh Modamed Bin Zayed is also Ruler of Abu Dhabi. He is often considered an Authoritarian leader of the capitalist Abu

Dhabi government. He is known for his policy of economic liberalization within the UAE and would certainly prioritize monetary gain over many other options.

[Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan infographic/UAE assessment](#)

[Foreign Policy | UAE Embassy in Washington, DC](#)

27. Vladimir Putin- President of Russia

Vladimir Putin became the Prime Minister of Russia in 1999 and became President of Russia in 2000. He's known for his intense grip on the country and served two consecutive terms as president, stepping down to become Prime Minister in 2012. Later, he ran for President again and won. In modern times, Putin is known for his facilitation of the invasion of Ukraine in February of 2022 and the brutal conditions he has imposed upon the people.

[Vladimir Putin | Biography, KGB, Political Career, & Facts | Britannica](#)

[The Ideology of Putinism: Is It Sustainable?](#)

28. Warren Buffet- CEO of Berkshire Hathaway

Warren Buffet is an extraordinary stock investor who gained traction in 1950. He emphasized value investment and became the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway. He mainly focuses on public infrastructure such as public transportation, parks, roads, and customer goods. He is included in this conference because of his impressive knowledge of the economy and potential to suggest solutions to counteract the invaders.

[Overview of Warren Buffett](#)

[How Warren Buffett Came to Refuse Progressive Orthodoxy](#)

29. Xi Jinping- President of the People's Republic of China

Leader of the CCP Xi Jinping assumed office in 2013 and is known for having a strong grasp on his country. He started his presidency with anti-corruption polices which deemed political rivals and enemies disloyal. He believes in a rejuvenated China, prioritizing economic growth, and stability. Xi Jinping is also known to have an authoritarian rule over his country, controlling the spread of information in China, cracking down on dissent throughout China, and using surveillance technologies.

[Overview of Xi Jinping](#)

[Growth and Corruption in China](#)

30. Yoon Suk Yeol- President of South Korea

As President of South Korea, Yeol has emphasized international relations among Indo-Pacific countries. His belief of a rule-based relationship bringing benefit to all Indo-Pacific countries will prove significant as countries form new relationships throughout the conference.

[Introducing the Indo-Pacific Strategy](#)

[South Korea as a global pivotal state - Brookings Institution](#)

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