**Diplomatic Note**

**United States of America’s Draft Program of Work for UN Security Council April 16-19, 2021**

Dear UN Security Council colleagues,

The Permanent Mission of the United States to the Model UN of the Far West presents its compliments to all of the Security Council members. As president of the UN Security Council for the duration of the 70th session of Model United Nations of the Far West, the United States has the honor to preside over the Council’s discussion and set the Council’s agenda for tackling the most pressing threats to international peace and security.

Our draft Program of Work for the Model UN Security Council is below for your consideration. It is our hope that the draft agenda will be adopted by consensus upon the opening meeting.

The United States is deeply concerned with the recent outbreaks of violence in Burma and Ethiopia, and believes the UN Security Council must consider actions to restore peace and mediate these conflicts. The Russian Federation’s recent build up of forces on the Ukrainian border is a worrisome escalation that could result in military confrontation; therefore, it is urgent that the Council meet to find ways of reducing tensions and preventing Russia from further military intervention. Finally, the United States is determined to adopt a mandate renewal resolution of UN Security Council resolution 2533 that will keep the vital humanitarian aid flowing to millions of Syrian civilians in Syria before the mandate expires on Sunday, April 18.

**Friday, April 16** Opening Plenary

**Saturday, April 17** Burma

Ukraine

**Sunday, April 18** Syria (Humanitarian; mandate renewal of resolution 2165)

 Ethiopia

**Monday, April 19** Closing Plenary

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Erin + Grace

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**Security Council Documents to Help You Prepare**

**Burma:**

* Security Council Presidential Statement on 10 March, 2021 (S/PRST/2021/5)
	+ <https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/10/world/myanmar-un-security-council-intl-latam/index.html>
* Security Council Press Statement on 4 February, 2021 (SC/14430)

**Ukraine:**

* Security Council Briefing on Situation in Ukraine from 11 February, 2021
* Security Council Presidential Statement on Ukraine from 6 June, 2018

**Syria:**

* Read up on recent Meetings on Political and Humanitarian Situation in Syria (monthly meetings)
* UNSCR 2165
* Security General Report from 24 February, 2021 (S/2021/160)

**Ethiopia:**

* CFR Article from 10 February, 2021 (<https://www.cfr.org/in-brief/conflict-ethiopias-tigray-region-what-know>)
* Monthly Updates on Tigray situation (Starting Dec. 2020)