

# STUDY GUIDE



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## Mandate

### What is a Mandate?

A mandate of a committee is the scope in which it can function, that includes the scope of agenda a committee can discuss and the actions and solutions a committee can implement .

### Mandate of General Assembly 04

General assembly 04, also known as the Special politics and decolonization committee has a vast mandate. The mandate includes, but is not limited to :

- Peaceful use of outer space
- review of peacekeeping operations
- atomic radiation with regards to its effects etc.

### Introduction to the topic

Topic : Strategic diplomacy in solving the Red Sea crisis: towards a multilateral framework for sustaining Middle East stability.

The Red Sea crisis is a conflict that has caused major economic and political instability, not just in the surrounding region but its effects have been worldwide. This crisis has multiple parties involved in it because of reasons such as the safety of trade shipments that pass through the region.

The Red Sea is a major trade route. Since, ships that pass through the region is under constant threat, certain ships and organizations and certain parties have suffered major damage. While the other ships have chosen to send shipments through a different trade route. This has led to a major economic issue that must be addressed immediately.

Furthermore, the some parties that have been recognized in this conflict are : Houthi rebels, Israel, U.S.A., U.K., Palestine, Yemen and Egypt etc...

In the most recent incidents The Houthi rebels have gained a lot of attention with regard to this crisis, since they have been attacking ships and keeping the crew hostage. UN resolutions have urged the group to cease all attacks and release the crew that's been held hostage. Furthermore, UN resolutions have recognized the right of member states to protect their vessels from threats that violate navigation rights and freedom. UN resolutions have also condemned providing ammunition to Houthis.

## Key Areas of Debate

- **Resource Control and Access:** Debate over equitable utilization of Red Sea resources. Contention on navigation rights and control of key maritime chokepoints.
- **Regional Security Concerns:** Disagreements on defining and addressing security threats in the Red Sea region. Debates on the role of external actors in ensuring stability.
- **Historical Disputes and Territorial Claims:** Contentious issues regarding historical claims and borders in the Red Sea. Disputes over islands and maritime boundaries intensifying diplomatic tensions.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Discussions on sustainable practices to protect the Red Sea's ecosystem. Debates on the impact of regional activities on the environment and biodiversity.
- **Humanitarian Concerns:** Disagreements over addressing humanitarian crises arising from regional conflicts. Debates on the role of international organizations in providing aid and assistance.
- **Multilateral Framework Design:** Discussions on the structure and inclusivity of a multilateral approach. Debates on the involvement and responsibilities of key regional and global players.
- **Conflict Resolution Mechanisms:** Contention on the effectiveness of diplomatic mechanisms for resolving disputes. Debates on the role of mediation, arbitration, and international law in conflict resolution.
- **Economic Interests and Trade Routes:** Disputes over economic interests linked to Red Sea trade routes. Debates on fostering economic cooperation and development in the region.

- National Sovereignty vs. International Cooperation: Debates on balancing national sovereignty with the need for collaborative efforts. Contentious issues regarding intervention and sovereignty in the face of regional crises.
- Role of Non-State Actors: Discussions on the influence of non-state actors in the Red Sea crisis. Debates on managing and mitigating the impact of non-state entities on regional stability.

## Message from the Chairs to delegates

Dear Delegates,

The chairs of GA 04 expect quality debate that analyzes every part of the topic and expect the debate to be data driven too. All delegates are expected to be diplomatic and arrive with proper research. The chairs of GA 04 wish all the delegates all the best for this conference. Hope everyone enjoys the conference

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