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Futuristic Security Council

Topic: Addressing the repercussions and health risks of the mass consumption of the Electra superdrug.

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I. Committee Background

The Security Council (SC) focuses on maintaining international peace and security, accomplishing this task by determining the existence of a possible act of aggression or threat to peace. When such risks are detected, the council must call upon the parties to settle their disputes in a peaceful manner, recommending methods of adjustment or settlement. In extreme cases, the council has the authority to impose sanctions or authorize the use of military action for the purpose of maintaining order. In addition, the SC is also involved in the recommendation of Secretary Generals to the General Assembly (GA) and in the election of the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) judges ("Charter of the United Nations", 2013).

The Security Council is one of the main 6 bodies of the United Nations ("Structure and Organization", 2013). It is made up of 5 permanent member states and ten non-permanent members. The five permanent members, also known as the P-5, are France, Iran, Russia, the Nordic Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. These states hold the power to veto any resolution they disagree with. The rest of the SC members are elected by the General Assembly and serve for two year terms. In the case that a non-member state holds a valuable and relevant position in the issue being discussed by the Council, the nation may participate in the discussion but cannot vote on a resolution. Non-member participation is decided and regulated by the member-states of the SC. According to the UN Charter, decisions made by the SC are binding and member-states of the UN must carry out the resolutions agreed upon ("The United Nations Security Council", 2013). Therefore, resolutions passed by committee are final. Finally, in order for a resolution to pass in the Security Council, at least 9 of the 15 members need to approve the proposal. The only exception to this rule is when a P-5 country vetoes the proposal, meaning it does not pass ("Charter of the United Nations", 2013).

II. Introduction and History of the Topic

Description and Definition of the Topic

After a long war between the United States of America and The Republic of China, the development of the pharmaceutical and medical industry in the European Union, and more particularly in the Nordic Union, a newly formed State, resulted in the creation of a superdrug that yielded humans the power of amortality. When the drug is consumed, humans are freed of any and all sicknesses and aging, and become vulnerable to fatal accidents. This superdrug was provided to all citizens of the Nordic Union as a public benefit, an exclusive benefit to the

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taxpayers of the unified states. In addition, the drug was traded with ease to the nations allied with the Nordic Union, including the United Kingdom and France.

When the drug was initially released, it was hailed as a historical breakthrough that would increase *homo sapien's* capabilities and take humanity another step further towards achieving prosperity. And although many criticised the fact that the drug lacked thorough testing and was too quickly massed produced, it seemed to be of great success in purely medical terms. However, as the economic, social, and political effects of the aforementioned events began to appear, the drug received massive backlash from countries and citizens from all around the globe. The formation of black markets in underdeveloped nations in America, Africa, and Asia were followed by massive protests who fought against “rampant inequality which can now manifest itself in more than economic means”. The vast majority of people were able to sympathize with the protests, raising concerns about biological and economic inequality, as well as aging populations that would take control over the economy.

Chronological History of the Topic

On April 16th, 2037, the USS Zumwalt of the United States Navy was shot down by a Chinese submarine. This catastrophic event was the result of a 20-year-long trade war between the two undisputed global superpowers. While the conflict had been majoritarially fought by both nations diplomats and politicians, the tensions had escalated once China had taken full control of the South China Sea, threatening some of the United State’s allied territories and interests. The United States chose, then, to increase its military presence in the South China Sea, and fear about a potential blockade drove the Chinese military to execute the attack. Although this event was overlooked by the United Nations and failed to receive sufficient international attention, it indicated the escalation of an ongoing conflict and it meant that the trade war showed no sign of stopping.

Meanwhile, the European Union was enjoying the benefits of its mature economic growth. Many of the developed nations of the Union had strengthened their ties and used their developed market for electrical and pharmaceutical products to gain the upper hand in the changing economy. The Union, and the Euro, were doing so good, in fact, that negotiations with Britain were on their way to allow them to rejoin the union, with the date set for January 1st, 2039. The same technological marvels that allowed humanity to overcome the threat of climate change, reducing the impact of natural disasters and global warming around the world, continued to place European powers in economic prosperity. In the year 2040, in the face of great stability and peace, countries Sweden, Norway, and Finland tried to pursue the Union to fund their endeavors in developing new technologies that would take health and medical services a step further. However, the Union refused their proposal citing ‘unchecked ambition with unlikely proposals’. Undeterred, the three countries banded together to found The Gilgamesh Project, a project that focused on the use of genetic/biomedical engineering and nanotechnology to yield humans the power of amortality. This meant that, if The Gilgamesh

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Project were to succeed, humans would no longer face death due to aging or illness, and would be vulnerable only to a fatal accident, such as a helicopter crash.

Concurrently, the EU's paradise was not mirrored by the economic scene in the Middle East. After the rapid discovery of many different efficient clean energy sources, as well as the replacement for different natural resource-based products, their petroleum-based economies suffered incalculably. Struggling to develop in a way similar to the European countries, they faced hyperinflation, huge amounts of debt, and scrambled for a solution to problems they had not at all prepared for. With Iran and Saudi Arabia taking the lead, the Middle Eastern Economic Conference (MEEC) took place in 2042, where over 20 Arab countries participated including, Iraq, Egypt, and Turkey. After having their first summit in the city of Mecca, they established a project called the 2060 vision, in which countries agreed to set aside their religious and political clashes and cooperate economically. The rhetoric at the summit revolved around pushing the middle east towards economic independence. The creation of new trade deals and research organizations were the essence of the project, intended to fuel economic growth and help them reach their goal of eradicating poverty by 2060.

By 2045, tensions between the United States and China had scaled up significantly, and the international community began to take notice. From skirmishes between the two nations naval fleets, to fighter jets being shot down in contested territories, the two countries continued to border on the brink of disaster. Most importantly, they had faced sluggish GDP growth because of their economic policies of "taxing the hell out of each other," in the words of Nadina Tolstoy, president of the International Monetary Fund. Meanwhile, the European Union, fearing that the US-China conflict would escalate to a greater degree, imposed heavily consequential trade tariffs on both the U.S and China. Many Middle Eastern countries quickly followed suit, as per the recommendation of the MEEC. These changes had massive influences on global trade, centering trade around the European Continent and the Middle East. However, the following years went by with relatively uneventful and unimportant changes to the situation, but slowly rising tensions in the US-China conflict and a slowly changing global economy.

Midway through the 21st Century, the conflict had yet to show signs of stopping, and many peaceful activists all around the globe began to urge the United Nations to step in. A strong supporter of this suggestion was the same group that was having historical breakthroughs in their healthcare and medical research program: Norway, Sweden, and Finland. However, the international community, taking in mind the conflict was being fought by two permanent members of the Security Council, and fearing the United Nations would do more harm than good, decided to abstain from intervening. Meanwhile, American Nations such as Mexico, Canada, and Brazil, having received collateral damage from the embargoes placed on the United States, also wished for the conflict to end as soon as possible.

2053 marked a critical milestone in The Gilgamesh Project's development. They launched an official announcement to present their development of different medical practices and treatments, including the use of nanotechnology and genetic engineering. Although they mentioned it was still under testing, the announcement that made the most noise throughout

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the EU and the medical industry was that of the Electra superdrug. As promised, it was being developed to yield the power of immortality to those who consumed it, effectively eradicating the process of aging. That same year, the three nations responsible for The Gilgamesh Project signed the Nordic Treaty which legalized the union of Sweden, Norway, and Finland, now officially known as the Nordic Union. With the US and China trade war in full swing, countries all around the globe barely recognized this monumental treaty that had just claimed to be close to eradicating some of humanity's greatest challenges. Not only this, but the three nations had joined to become a potential global superpower, as they were excelling economically, politically, and had formed a huge landmass.

In spite of the disappointing inaction on behalf of the United Nations the Nordic Union offered military assistance for a UN led coalition to help pay for what had been abolished by the ongoing US-China war. In addition, and to the surprise of many, Iran was offering assistance as well. As part of the MEEC, Middle Eastern countries had been urged to follow more diplomatic agendas and develop good relationships with western countries. So far, this had been a huge success for Iran, as they had developed a more stable economy based on international trade, which overshadowed their history of heavy embargoes and military threats. However, too concerned by the backlash that intervening could entail, the UN neglected their aid and persisted on staying away from the conflict.

Tragedy struck in April 17th of 2058, one day after the 20th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Zumwalt. China had dropped the first bomb of the war in DC's State Department building, killing US Secretary of State Nicholas Ridsdal and 58 other government officials. This sparked outrage amongst the United States and prompted an immediate response from the government in which they mentioned the planning of "brutal retaliation". After severe pressure on behalf of France, Russia, and the United Kingdom (three permanent members of the Security Council), the United Nations took the executive decision to dislodge the United States and China from their permanent seats in the Security Council due to their "thoroughly improper conduct that discords with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations," as stated by Alfonsin Bustinkie, Secretary General of the United Nations at the time. Rapid negotiations by many different member states including France, the United Kingdom, Russia, the Nordic Union, and Iran, began to put an end to the matter. Under the threat of an increment in tariffs and potential embargoes, and considering the political humiliation they had just faced, the U.S. and China agreed to begin negotiations. The remaining permanent members acknowledged the fine efforts that the Nordic Union and Iran were taking in order to prevent the expansion of the US-China conflicts and subsequently decided to grant them permanent seats that would otherwise be left vacant. This was to congratulate them on their efforts in pursuing global peace and security as well as an acknowledgment of their socio-political importance in their different continents. In 2061, the United States and China declared a ceasefire which left them facing crippled economies and isolation from the international community, all while Europe and the Middle East were prospering once again.

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Two years later, after the dust from the war began to settle, The Gilgamesh Project finally went public and was declared a public good in the Nordic Union. The Electra superdrug was released in the form of three serums, each one in a cylindrical glass tube. Once one was given the serum, they had to undergo a medical procedure that lasted three days. On each of the three days, one of the three serums, being Type A, Type B, and Type C, had to be administered in that order. After the completion of the procedure, the serum granted everything that the Nordic Unions state doctors had promised, the eradication of all ageing processes, the curing of all illnesses, and immunity to any virus. The superdrug was certainly very expensive, yet allies of the Nordic Union benefited from acquiring it at a lower price. Although Electra became an immediate success among these nations, it also sparked interest with other country's elites and consequently created a wave of black markets in other developing nations that ignored the strict regulations and precautions called for by the Nordic Union. A series of different socio-political events ensued the release of Electra, including mass protests, lawsuits, and bans, many of which tore the international community apart, with many nations unsure how to deal with this unanticipated miracle.

The Problem

The international community began to feel the negative effects of the Electra, once the protests grew in size and important political figures and powerful activists began to speak out against the superdrug. These protests expressed injustice towards the use of Electra because it was only distributed among countries associated with the Nordic Union despite it providing great health benefits to all that consumed it. Activists deemed the mass production and exclusive distribution of the drug a selfish act. In spite of the commotion that these revolts are causing, Nordic citizens are taking advantage of their superior state of mind and illegally selling the Electra all around the world. Considering the superdrug's high demand, the prices listed for it are astronomically high, yet elites are willing to take part of the crime in exchange for the power of morality and the health benefits received by the drug.

In addition to the public shame and backlash that the Nordic Union faced after the release of the drug. Many in the medical industry also expressed concern over the lack of testing and common procedural steps that were taken by the executive members of the Gilgamesh Project before the superdrug was released. These left many wondering about the potential negative effects that the drug could have because of the dangerous substances that the drug is made of and the limited amount of time that biomedical engineers had to study its ramifications. When dealing with the situation, the Nordic Union has publicly stated that they took all measures to make sure that the superdrug was ready for consumption before they released it publically. When addressing the protests and mass revolts, they claimed that the superdrug was not being exported throughout the entire globe because of safety reasons. However, those who maintained that this was an 'elitist' move by part of the Nordic Union, shamed the president of the Nordic Union, Tiago Göransson, for his immature response; as he cited the Peter Parker Principle: "With great power comes great responsibility."

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III. Key Players and Points of View

Nordic Union

At the beginning of the US-China conflict, the nations of Sweden, Norway, and Finland were still independent member states of the United Nations. However, their shared interests allowed them to develop ties in order to push their interests into the European Union's agenda. These ties developed to a greater extent in the year 2040, when The Gilgamesh Project began. In addition to their developments in the health and medicare industries, they became some of the most powerful economies in the entire EU. This was mostly to their ability to maintain steady economic growth throughout the 2025 financial crisis, and then beginning the 2030's with a massive economic boom. This increased their responsibility as a global leader, both economically and politically.

However, as the shared interests between the countries grew even bigger, and they shared similar social, political, and economic goals, they chose to band together to increase their influence and potential around the globe. This came with the signing of the Nordic Union, which was signed in a convention in the city of Stockholm, which would soon become the capital of the Nordic Union. Through this agreement, the three nations became one, under the same constitution and governmental body.

Their increased economic, military, and diplomatic power situated them as key players in both the EU and the UN. Eventually, after they were very persistent, determined, and helpful with the UN's post-war peacekeeping efforts, they were granted a permanent membership in the UN's security council. While they maintained a very open position when it came to diplomacy, their main allies consisted of France and the United Kingdom. These ties were strengthened once the Nordic Union released the Electra Serum, and their advanced free trade policies with their allies allowed them to import the medicine at a very low price. Other countries did not receive the same treatment, and were quick to argue against that.

All in all, with the instability caused by the discovery of this drug, the Nordic Union has maintained its position. That, although they are willing to mass produce the drug for their citizens, they fear that taking it to a larger scale would bring incalculable consequences among the global community. Therefore, they have limited the trade of the drug with great care, ignoring the backlash they have faced.

European Countries

After the Nordic Union proved to be the new global superpower European countries pledged their allegiance to them. The announcement of the Gilgamesh project sparked considerable interest among European powers. The United Kingdom and France took the lead supporting the Nordic Union in order to gain an exclusive trading deal for Electra. Despite the entire world erupting in protests they continue to validate the Nordic Union's position. Considering, the access they have to Electra both the UK and France are unwilling to risk their economic deal by investigating/supporting the international community's concerns.

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Iran

After the Middle Eastern petroleum-based economies suffered greatly, Iran rose as the leader among the disorder. As hyperinflation and debt sprawled across the Middle East, countries searched for a way to endure through the hard times. At the Middle Eastern Economic Conference (MEEC) Iran advocated for cooperation and union demonstrating a changed and strong resolve. As they gained international recognition as a reformed influential country, they have challenged the Nordic Union's medical creation. After witnessing protests erupting in African and American countries, they have openly stated their concerns seeing as the existence of Electra is having world wide effects. Iran is firmly against the Nordic Union and by association the European Union for their elitist and exclusive access to Electra. They have continually demanded that the Nordic Union address the accusations that the Gilgamesh project is negatively affecting its users. Not to mention the fact that black markets have arisen everywhere as a result of the drug. Iran stands with the support of the entire Middle East questioning the truthfulness of the Nordic Union, demanding both answers and access to the drug.

African Continent

While the entire globe continued to prosper and develop economically, the African continent continued to struggle combating poverty and unemployment. Although they were unaffected by the war, small and disperse political and social disputes persisted among African continents, hindering their growth. In the midst of the Electra dispute, complex black markets developed in many of the more developed African Nations, including Nigeria and South Africa. Alas, this led to the unconformities and anti European sentiment that spread around the entire globe. The first protest was seen in South Africa, two years after the public release of the Electra superdrug. Over 3 million people took to the streets calling for the ban of the drug in the name of humanity. The main argument against the drug, which resonated with people who have been historically marginalized, was that the drug would increase the degree of inequality—already rampant in Africa—beyond economic means, giving humans the power of gods. Many African governments and political figures adopted the same arguments against the Nordic Union. After this, a wave of protests far greater than the Arab Spring exploded all around Africa, and many countries sympathized with their plight, pushing the Nordic Union to ban the drug.

American Allies

The aftermath of the 2025 financial crisis sparked the recession of US neighboring countries such as Mexico and Canada. Since then, these countries have struggled to maintain control over their governments considering the scarcity of economic development that they are undergoing. Not to mention, the US-China conflict brought forth embargoes against them on behalf of most of the international community, consequently aggravating the economies of their neighbors that heavily relied on them. The United States and China's eviction from the Security

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Council left many countries feeling hesitant of their severe dependency on such troubled countries thus, stimulating the 2065 Trade Halt. This was a catastrophic year in which most trade deals with both the United States and China were officially withdrawn, leaving vulnerable countries suffering from the lack of resources. Activists in all of these countries are initiating protests and riots against the infringement of the right to health. These citizens find it unlawful that the Electra has the power to cure any and all diseases, yet people are still suffering from their consequences.

IV. Current Status

After the disastrous US-China conflict ended, the Nordic Union and Iran rose as the new global powers. Those that relied heavily on the economic success of the United States and China continue to look for new, economically stable allies. Despite Iran and the Nordic Union displaying similar acts of global leadership the release of the Gilgamesh project has brought enormous attention to the north. The health benefits that Electra bring has protected it from the negative allegations raised by activists and developing countries. However, the European Union, headed by France and the United Kingdom, is defending the Gilgamesh project assuring the public that their citizens consuming Electra have felt none of the ostensible ill effects.

Currently, the world is split between countries that have exclusive access to Electra and those that request the Nordic Union to share. Despite the proclamations advertising the discovery of Electra as the wonder drug, the allegations made against it arises doubt in some members of the international community. Iran, for example, has continuously asked the Nordic Union to demonstrate that no ill effects arise when consuming Electra. They also believe that if all countries had access to it, those that suffered greatly after the war would stabilize. Considering the Nordic Union has made no move to export Electra across the globe, protests and black market trades continue to grow.

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