Outline for Final Paper – INDC

**The purpose of the document:** a short and precise formulation of up to two pages, including the background and explanations of a recommendation for the decision-maker (the prime minister / foreign minister or another relevant government authority) on a political-diplomatic issue; as well as another page of graphic aids if they are relevant (map, trade charts, short biography and a picture of a leader.)

**Subject:** You may choose any dilemma that requires Israel to make decisions regarding aspects of its political positions - as opposed to aspects that can be dealt with using the militarily or aspects from a clear economic policy. Please be careful **not** to choose the core issues, which we all know, are on the political agenda - the Palestinian complex, the Iranian nuclear issue ... - It is important that the paper reflects the study of a new, and preferably an interesting issue.

**The proposed format for the paper itself** (formulas as illustrations of fictitious cases are presented in parentheses):

1. Presenting the main points of the dilemma (e.g., whether to recognize the unilateral declaration of Independence of Upper Fredonia) and the bottom line regarding the recommendation for action (our recommendation - yes, but not among the first, and only on the condition that it commits to establish its embassy in Jerusalem…)
2. Background: Who are the involved sides, history, geography, and legal aspects (for example, years of struggle by the Fredonian Underground Organization, on the basis of ethnic, religious and political differences, against the oppressive regime of the state of Lemuria – which held a harsh anti-Israeli approach and assisted our enemies for years; the secret contacts in the past with the Fredonian leadership, a variety of opinions in the international arena regarding the legitimacy of the move and of any unilateral declaration - UDI - in general (.
3. Presenting fundamental considerations of Israel (E.g., relations with Lemuria, emphasis on the security threat; possible disagreements with the US and other allies on the issue; expected responses in the regional system, economic considerations - trade potential; Jewish community?)
4. Detailing the options for action E.g., immediate recognition; rejection of the request outright; conditional consent and a long timetable) and detailing the considerations for and against each of the options.
5. A vote on the chosen course of action - including a short explanation, and an operative recommendation on ways to implement it (e.g., conveying a message to the separatist leader through a reliable Jewish organization that supported him in his struggle).

**Aids:** As mentioned, use maps when relevant, a brief explanation of geographical, historical, and / or legal issues, as well as a political biography and a picture of a leader if the course of action requires direct contact with him.

**Sources:** Unlike a real policy paper (which is expected to rely on written and oral input from the relevant bodies dealing with the subject), please specify several sources - preferably current articles, not just "wiki" (and try to write analytically, not like you would a journalistic report.) It is important to rely on more than one writer, and it is desirable to illustrate the ability to critically examine a variety of opinions.