

Iran NPT Diplomatic Simulation Introduction

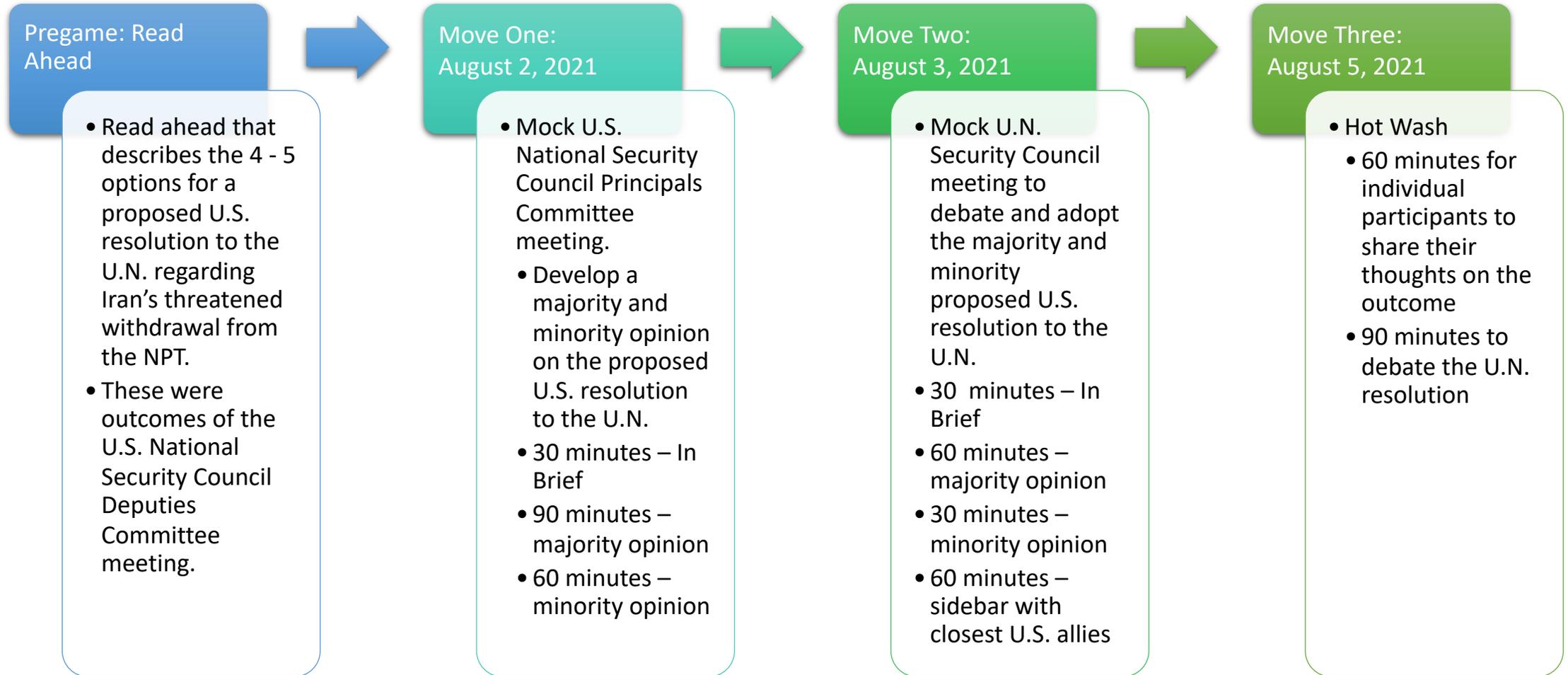
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Simulation Design



Plenary 1: NSC Meeting (Monday)

- 3 hours
 - 30 minutes, in brief
 - 90 minutes, NSC meeting that writes a U.N. Resolution (majority view)
 - 60 minutes, NSC meeting writes minority view U.N. Resolution
- Input several 'strawman' options, only required to start conversation
- NSC debates and drafts a majority and minority opinion U.N. Resolution
 - Need someone to capture 'text' on a share screen slide
 - There will be two representing a majority and minority opinion
- U.N. Resolutions are the input into Plenary 2

Officials invited to Biden Administration NSC Meeting

- The NSC is chaired by the President: Henry Sokolski
- Vice President – Patrick Clawson
- Secretary of State – Victor Gilinsky
- Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs - ElSayed Ghannam
- Secretary of the Treasury – Andrea Stricker
- Secretary of Defense – Chris Ford
- Secretary of Energy – Greg Jones
- Attorney General – Jessica Steffens
- Secretary of Homeland Security – Moon Sulfab
- Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations – Nobuyasu Abe
- Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development – Mark Holt
- Chief of Staff to the President – Efraim Inbar
- Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs – Rob Hunter
- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – Ian Merritt
- Director of National Intelligence - John Lauder
- Head of Central Command – Griffin Cannon
- National Intelligence Officer for the Middle East – John Spacapan

Intelligence briefing to the NSC Principals meeting

- As we briefed each of you in **late July**, U.S. intelligence agencies intercepted communications between senior Iranian officials and Iran's Supreme Leader suggesting that Iran would finally follow through on its repeated threats to leave the NPT unless its right to enrichment and reprocessing is recognized and all economic sanctions are lifted.
- The communications indicate that Iranian leadership is disappointed that the United States has done nothing to stop Israeli acts of war against Iran's peaceful nuclear program, and that Washington appears to be lending intelligence to Israel in support to these illegal acts of war.

Intelligence reveals Iran's Supreme Leader has decided to build a nuclear bomb

- On **Tuesday, July 27th**, U.S. intelligence agencies received information suggesting that in response to various pleadings, the Supreme Leader had decided Iran's best option now was to build a nuclear bomb.
- In conversations with our Israeli intelligence counterparts on **Wednesday, July 28th**, the Israelis shared photographic evidence that Iran is manufacturing nuclear implosion devices. U.S. intelligence agencies previously determined that Iran assembled and tested a device without highly enriched uranium (HEU).

The Israelis requested U.S. support for a military strike against Iran

- On **Friday, July 30th**, the Israelis approached Secretary Blinken with their photographic evidence, and asked that the United States support a major Israeli strike against Iran's implosion device plant by providing Israeli strike aircraft with US air refueling.
 - The Secretary refused, stating that the U.S. would follow the rule of law and take diplomatic action first.
- On **Saturday, July 31st** the Israelis then leaked their photographic evidence to *The New York Times*, which ran the story with pictures late on afternoon of **Sunday, August 1st**.

President Biden believes Iran is violating the NPT – Iran denies this claim

- This morning, **August 2nd, at 10 am EDT**, President Biden held a press conference and publicly stated that after conferring with the U.S. intelligence community, it was his belief that Iran is clearly in violation of the NPT.
- Within minutes of the conclusion of the President's press conference, an Iranian foreign ministry press spokesman rejected the President's accusation that Iran had violated the NPT, claimed the Israeli photos were fakes, and began the clock on withdrawing from the NPT.
 - The spokesman noted that the clock would continue to run until the White House promised to block further Israeli military strikes against Iran and recognized Iran's entire nuclear program was purely peaceful.

President Biden calls on the NSC to draft a U.S. Resolution to the U.N. Security Council

- President Biden immediately asked his NSC advisor to hold a snap deputies meeting to develop alternative policy responses and asked that a follow-on NSC principals meeting be held early this evening to decide between these options and to draft a U.S. resolution to the United Nations Security Council
- After the snap deputies meeting but before this evening's principals meeting, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution calling on the Biden Administration to take immediate action to enforce the NPT.
- The NSC Deputies met earlier today, and drafted three options.

Option I: US-led NPT “enforcement action”

- Have Biden announce Iran is in violation of the NPT
- Have the U.S. consult with P-5 plus one on their willingness to support economic sanctions and/or military action to strike the plant.
- Also consult with Abraham Accord nations to see how many might support economic sanctions and/or military action to strike the plant.
- Announce U.S. (and like-minded states, if any) will sanction all Iranian oil exports and take military action alone and/or with others to eliminate the plant within 72 hours unless:
 - The U.N. Security Council agrees to demand Iran cease work on implosion devices, let U.N. inspectors in within 24 hours to conduct comprehensive, intrusive inspections of suspect Iranian nuclear sites to verify Iranian and Israeli claims, and freeze the clock regarding their withdrawal. The U.N. Security Council should also demand Iran declare its commitment to the NPT and intention to comply with all its provisions.
 - The U.N. resolution embargos all Iranian energy exports until it is determined that any and all suspect activity has ceased.
 - The U.N. Security Council should also make it clear that if Iran fails to comply with the demands of the U.N. resolution, the Security Council may invoke Chapter 7 and authorize the use of military force.

Option II: Work with Russia, China and the EU to get Iran to immediately resume participation in the JCPOA

- Use the existing JCPOA mechanisms to authorize increased inspections, and authorize members to implement snap-back sanctions as they see fit.
- Promise to lift sanctions gradually pending determination of Israeli and American claims that Iran is engaged in activities that violate the NPT.

Option III. Work cooperatively with the EU and key Pacific allies

- Coordinate and draft a UNSC resolution prohibiting purchase of Iranian oil and other critical goods and banning key financial transactions, to pass if Iran follows through on threats to withdraw from the NPT and refuses to allow IAEA inspectors immediately to validate Israeli photos.
- Develop a menu of options to inflict economic pain for each escalatory step – Iran would understand each step will be strongly countered and would be forewarned.
- Coordinate with E3 the above if Russia and China will not pass a UNSCR – violations then become subject to secondary sanctions.
- Call on like-minded states to propose a tighter definition of what should be considered peaceful and permissible under the NPT that the U.N. could adopt pending an NPT Review Conference that would reinterpret Articles I, II, III, and IV.

Template for U.S. Resolution to the U.N.

- WHEREAS, Iran has taken unjustified steps toward withdrawal from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (the “NPT”) and is in violation of its obligations under the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (the “JCPOA”),
- WHEREAS, there is clear and unequivocal evidence that Iran is preparing nuclear implosion devices capable of receiving weapons-grade nuclear material,
- WHEREAS, Iran likely has, or is about to have, access to weapons-grade nuclear material, and
- WHEREAS, halting such actions, including withdrawal from the NPT and violations of the JCPOA, is imperative to assure international peace and security,
- NOW, THEREFORE, it is
- RESOLVED, that the Security Council calls upon Iran ...
- FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Security Council calls upon all Member ...