

# New York City Invitational 25 Finals Scenario (Pt 2)



With Russia’s “special military operation” present in southern Sweden, the United States must consider further action.

This Congress will weigh a response in one of two forms: economically or militarily.

In the second half of this final round, students will be asked to **advocate for 1 piece of legislation over the other as the United States’ response to the situation in Sweden**. The legislation can be found in the following pages of this document.

The Presiding Officer will not call for “affirmative” or “negative” speakers, but rather just “speakers”. Speakers will then support either “A Bill to Sanction Countries Purchasing Russian Oil” or “A Resolution to Invoke NATO Article 5 in Support of Sweden”

In ballots, judges will mark “affirmative” for every speech. Judges should consider the comparison of both options in a competitor’s speech, not just advocacy for one solution.

Competitors should reference memos 1 through 5 and the previous legislation from part 1 of the final round. Judges should consider this.

When the previous question is called, the Presiding Officer will call for votes in favor of “A Bill to Sanction Countries Purchasing Russian Oil”, then in favor of “A Resolution to Invoke NATO Article 5 in Support of Sweden”. The standard voting procedure (majority) will determine which plan the United States Congress will present to the President.

# **A Bill to Sanction Countries Purchasing Russian Oil**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States seeks to counter Russian aggression in Ukraine and the Baltic region; and

**SECTION 2.** Russia's continued aggression in Ukraine and increased military patrols from Kaliningrad, stemming from its reliance on oil exports to fund its aggressive actions threaten global stability.

**SECTION 3.** The United States shall impose secondary sanctions by imposing financial penalties and trade restrictions on any nation or entity importing Russian crude oil or refined petroleum products.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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# **A Resolution to Invoke NATO Article 5 in Support of Sweden**

**WHEREAS,** the United States is committed to the defense of NATO allies, including Sweden, against threats to collective security; and

**WHEREAS,** Russia has accused Sweden of sabotaging the Nord Stream pipeline and is escalating military forces in Kaliningrad, posing a direct threat to Sweden; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** The United States shall invoke Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty to support Sweden, to include:

- 1) **Article 5 Declaration:** Direct the President to formally invoke Article 5, recognizing Russia's actions as a potential armed attack on Sweden, and mobilize NATO forces for collective defense.
- 2) **Military Support:** Authorize the deployment of U.S. naval, air, and cyber defense assets to the Baltic Sea, in coordination with NATO, to deter Russian aggression from Kaliningrad, with \$300 million allocated for operational costs.

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