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SUBJECT: Simulation Policy Memo

Background:

Ottania is the most populous, diverse, and economically advanced nation in the world. Despite political conflict periodically over the last several decades, our unified nation sought to be a safe-haven for Kyaperan immigrants. Additionally, we sought strategic partnerships with our allies to best support a promising future for immigrants and enforced respect for international standards of human rights.

Economic & Labor Policies:

Our nation is aging, and we project a skilled and unskilled labor shortage in the near future. However, our citizens have a natural skepticism of immigrants given our storied history. Increasing our GDP increases jobs, economic freedom, and improves overall quality of life. GDP was a priority for Ottania because of the compounding effect it has over time. We enacted the following key economic/labor policies:

- Hiring tests -- ensure preservation of Ottanian jobs.
- No-wait work permits (all classifications)- allow new immigrants the opportunity to work as soon as they reach Ottania.
- Extensive vocational training (all; with mentorship for refugees) -- train immigrants to fill open jobs in the workforce.
- We evolved the following economic/labor policies throughout the last six years:
 - Ample \$500 loans (all)- allow for autonomy of money in addition to wages earned.
 - 20% wage subsidies -- support Ottanian business owners in employing immigrants.

Health & Human Services Policies:

Healthcare and fulfillment of basic human needs is a human right. As a government, it is our obligation to provide this to our people. As a nation that does not offer birthright citizenship, every human on our soil deserves the assurance of having their basic needs met. Assuring basic needs allows immigrants to focus less on finding shelter and more time on finding a job and being a “value-added” to the community. A few policies we enacted from the beginning were:

- Family reunification (all classifications) -- we believe family separation policies are not only unethical, but immoral. In addition to maintaining a “no wait” policy since the beginning, we fought for this right in other nations.
- High housing assistance (refugees) -- as the bulk of our immigrant influx, we wanted to assure refugees, many of whom come with nothing, are adequately supported with a minimum quality of life.

- Extensive language training (all) -- our citizens feel comfortable when newcomers are able to understand them at face value. In this spirit, we assured all immigrants were provided extensive language training.
- Full access to education with welcome classes (all) -- our nation's goal is to be a home for immigrants. We welcome our immigrants in with open arms, and our educational support reflects our sentiment.
- Full access to healthcare (all) -- access to healthcare is a basic human right. As humans, our immigrants were provided with the same quality of healthcare as any other Ottanian would. Additionally, we maintained additional treatment for victims of political violence for all refugees.

Over time, Ottania re-evaluated a few key policies, including:

- Medium housing assistance (Asylum, subsidiary, and humanitarian protection statuses) -- we scaled this policy back over time to cut costs, but avoided other methods of housing because of the autonomy and psychological freedom a housing allowance has for immigrants compared to other policies
- Low cash assistance (all) -- we scaled back our cash assistance over time because our employment rate was increasing over the course of time. As immigrants' capacity to earn money for themselves increased, their reliance on government support decreased, and was adjusted accordingly.

Home Policies:

As a large nation welcoming immigrants, we sought to eliminate any and every obstacle to access citizenship. Some major policies enacted and maintained are:

- Open borders -- despite immense pressure from Durrit, we maintained open borders and ultimately convinced them to do the same. We did not want any human to be trapped in any nation, especially one they did not want to call home.
- Very accepting vetting -- we believe immigrants who are victims of political injustice have a lot to offer. We sought to welcome in all immigrants, seeking a 1% denial policy from day one. Even immigrants coming to us with unsavory intentions are people we want to welcome in and support with treatment and reconciliation
- Usual enforcement of registration- we do not want to keep tabs on our new residents; however, we want to be able to identify them and how best to support them when needed.
- 3 years until permanent residency (all) -- In an effort to make Ottania home to immigrants, we sought very progressive residency policies to create a feeling of safety and support.

We evolved the following policy over time:

- Allow asylees to leave county -- this policy evolved significantly over time. We originally wanted to preserve our workforce of new immigrants, but realized that it was better humanitarian practice to allow them to come and go as they please

International Relations:

Ottania's Role in the Altrippa Treaty Group (ATG) Delegation: Ottania's delegate (hereafter "President"), worked with the representatives of other member nations to implement a standard policy to manage the Kyaperan immigrant crisis. Each member country was obligated to maintain ATG's standard when drafting their internal policies. In the first year, the ATG nations agreed to enact the following policies:

- Three month waiting process for the asylum application process
- Do not detain asylum seekers
- Accepting vetting process (5% denied)
- Asylees cannot leave the country
- Reception Center housing
- No wait for family unification

The member nations decided to make full healthcare access a standard, a year after the original policies were enacted. However, after a few years, ATG decided to rescind this standard as other countries were economically unable to maintain such services. At the urging of the President, the other policy areas were designated as "no recommendation." The rationale for this decision was to allow full autonomy for member nations to meet the immigrant crisis based on their own economic feasibility.

The aid was not utilized to the fullest extent. In the outset, Ottania decided to offer foreign aid to other nations, in exchange for a more progressive set of ATG standards (the reason for the decision on making full healthcare access a standard). Urrm was the recipient of most of the ATG aid distributed -- with full support from Ottania and our need for the potential labor force -- due to their proximity to the Kyaperan crisis. Durrit received a small amount of ATG aid to offset their economic troubles. Ottania agreed with this decision to avoid another potential immigration issue from our closest neighbor. Despite having the authority, the ATG did not sanction any nations.

Ongoing Implementation:

Moving forward, we are working with lower levels of government to make sure everyone in the government and people in all parts of the nation support their new neighbors. Although we incurred debt, we believe this is an investment in our future as a new Ottania. We are wanting to refine policies already in action and find new ways to continue our mission to make Ottania home for everyone. Together, we make hopes possible!