Recommended Sources for Research

For Country Research

- 1. The CIA World Fact Book https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html
- 2. The USA State Department Bilateral Relations Fact Sheets http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/
- 3. BBC News Country Profiles http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm
- 4. New York Times has a *Times Topics: Find News by Country section* Accessible via their world section http://www.nytimes.com/topic/destination/north-korea substitute country name wanted for north-korea in link and access NY Times articles about country selected.
- 5. Go to http://gadebate.un.org/ and you can access the most recent opening statements by UN member states for the 68 Session. This September/October, the 71st Session will be made available. Here you can download these statements.

For Issue Research

- 1. United Nations website home page at www.un.org. For issues, go to their 1) Key Issues section or 2) Issues and Campaigns section which has many links such as 'Global Issues' http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/. There are various links available there where you can access reliable sources of information connected to the UN such as the World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), UN Women, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), and many others.
- 2. UN Security Council documents and reports are available at http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/
- 3. The International Crisis Group, http://www.crisisgroup.org/, provides many documents on numerous issues related mainly to international peace and security. Their reports usually offer recommendations to all sides involved in an issue
- 4. For Human Rights information, access the UN Human Rights Council and its Office of the High Commissioner at http://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/hrc/pages/hrcindex.aspx, Human Rights Watch, www.hrw.org, or Amnesty International, http://www.amnesty.org/
- 5. Transparency International, http://www.transparency.org/, deals with corruption issues.
- 6. Many magazines and newspapers provide a wealth of interesting articles and documents. Several worthy of mention as The Economist, http://www.economist.com/, Le Monde Diplomatique English Edition, http://www.economist.com/, The New York Times or The Guardian.
- 7. Country organization websites such as the European Union, http://europa.eu/index_en.htm, or the Organization of American States, http://www.oas.org, can prove useful.
- 8. There are many sites which provide documents on issues. Try some such as Global Issues, http://www.globalissues.org/ or Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), www.sipri.org, which is recommended for disarmament issues, especially its yearbook.
- 9. Check out some research sites such as http://www.globalissues.org/ or http://foreignpolicy.com/.