



Chad Position Paper

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I. Background Information on Country

Chad, officially the Republic of Chad, is a landlocked country located in Central Africa. It is bordered by Libya to the north, Sudan to the east, the Central African Republic to the south, Cameroon to the southwest, Nigeria to the southwest, and Niger to the West. Chad is home to 19 million people, of which 1.6 million live in the capital and largest city of N'Djamena. With a total area of around 1,300,000 km², Chad is the fifth-largest country in Africa and the twentieth largest nation by area. Chad's legislature included multiple parties, but real power rested with Idriss Déby's ruling Patriotic Salvation Movement, and his rule was widely seen as authoritarian. After Déby was killed by FACT rebels in 2021, his son Mahamat Déby took control through a Transitional Military Council and dissolved the National Assembly. The Republic of Chad is relevant to the issues of APQMA since Chad shares a land border with Niger and common security challenges around Lake Chad. In contrast, Chad has no direct geographic connection to the Democratic Republic of the Congo or Rwanda, though it shall be noted that Chad was allied with the Congolese government fighting against Uganda, Rwanda and the various rebel groups they have supported throughout the war.

II. Past Achievements and Attempts of Country/Organization on the Issues

A. Avoiding escalation and civilian harm in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda:

- Chad has joined regional discussions and initiatives addressing Great Lakes security (which includes Rwanda and the DRC) and has engaged in diplomatic meetings intended to reduce tensions rather than inflame them. Regional organizations (AU/ECCAS) have been a primary channel for Chad's engagement.

B. Managing the peaceful transition to democracy for Niger's Syndicate Regime:

- The Republic of Chad does not have any direct efforts in the issue.
- Even though the Republic of Chad isn't directly involved, its efforts towards counterterrorism on the Niger–Chad–Nigeria border directly supports Niger's internal stability.

C. Combating the proliferation of foreign mercenaries and private military companies in conflict zones:

- Chad has ratified the Organization of African Unity Convention for the Elimination of Mercenarism



in Africa.

- In August 2024, a Chadian court sentenced 11 men to 20-year prison terms for being “mercenaries” in relation to an attempted coup in Equatorial Guinea.

III. Objectives, Aims and Possible Solutions Proposed by Country/Organization on the Issues

A. Avoiding escalation and civilian harm in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda:

- Chad aims to be a mediator between DRC and Rwanda to prevent the further escalation of the issue.
- Chad prioritizes the well-being and safety of civilians affected by the conflict by improving the refugee and asylum seeker systems.
- Chad encourages diplomatic meetings with all parties affected in order to reduce tensions.

B. Managing the peaceful transition to democracy for Niger's Syndicate Regime:

- Chad offers to host or facilitate dialogue between the military regime and civil society.
- Chad encourages working with ECOWAS and the African Union to promote elections and political stability.

C. Combating the proliferation of foreign mercenaries and private military companies in conflict zones:

- Chad encourages strengthening border controls to prevent illegal entry of foreign fighters.
- Supporting UN and AU regulations on private military companies.

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