**Country:** France

**Committee:** GA4: Special Political and Decolonization Committee

**Agenda Item:** Effects of Foreign Companies on the Economies and Politics of Central American Nations

France, as the French Republic, is a country located primarily in Western Europe, including overseas regions and territories in the Americas and the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans, which gives it one of the largest discontigous exclusive economic zones in the World. The country has a total area of 643,801 km2, sharing borderlines with Belgium in its north, Monaco, Spain and Andorra in its South, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland and Italy in its east. Its current population is 67,97 million with a literacy rate of 99%. France’s main source of income is mostly the services sector, which accounts for about two-thirds of the GDP. The country’s current president is Emmanuel Macron with the elections that are held in April 2022.

Due to its geographical and geopolitical spot on the map, Central America has been playing a significant role in foreign companies’ activities. In the past few decades, the involvement of foreign countries increased about 55.2% from how it has been. While the companies play a crucial role in driving the economic growth, creating labor opportunities and fostering trade relations in the region, especially with the well-developed countries, it also becomes necessary to address the fair competition, political interference, sustainability, and the disordered situation as a whole. This can contribute to the present situation of Central American countries by adding to their economic growth, access to resources and the commercial expansion in the area.

France maintained a significant interest in Central America, particularly in the late 19th and the early 20th centuries. Our involvement in the region has changed over the years positively from a colonial ambition to an economic interest and a cultural exchange. The cultural and educational ties and the diplomatic relations with the area is still ongoing to actively contribute to Central America. However, the balance between the companies and the local countries should be preserved to not damage the countries’ own economy and employment. For that purpose, a joint legislative proposal of law should be created which will be decided upon the members of the UN, including the borders of foreign companies’ conducts, the standards of the employment scopes and investments. France will remain actively seized upon this matter to minimize the cons of the companies’ on Central America, and increase its pros.

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