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Threat Assessment

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### Western Europe: November 2020

1. On the 11th of November, Western European countries were beginning to be hit by a second wave of COVID-19. Preparations and lockdowns have begun in France and other countries have begun to prepare humanitarian aid and economic stimuli for citizens. The virus has continued to surge, mainly in the UK, Italy, and France. Death and economic issues will certainly arise from this and there must be a protection plan in place to ensure the safety of our citizens and the economy of the country.

Estimated Cost (minimum):

250k- Humanitarian Aid \*per country\*

250k- General Aid \*per country\*

2. First female president elected in Moldova by a large majority, she wants to get away from Russian ties and move towards EU ties. Moldova is the poorest country in Europe and is struggling with COVID. Thousands of citizens have come back from other countries and can not find jobs. We must help this country get back on its feet and push for the new president. Her counterparts in congress are very pro-Russia so it will be hard to get legislation pass and to cut ties with Russia.

Estimated Cost:

250k- Humanitarian Aid

100k- Public Diplomacy

3. France legislation in the works that will have disastrous effects on the freedom of speech and freedom of the press. The bill makes it illegal to photograph officers for “malicious purposes” due to France being victims of terrorist attacks. The bill claims that this undermines the security of the country. This bill must not be passed because it is a major threat on the freedom and the democracy of the country. The law is much too broad and can result in completely politicizing the press.

Estimated Cost: 100k Public Diplomacy