**Honors Security and Development Memo (Due April 11th)**
The purpose of this memo is make you think clearly about the major development and security issues and challenges facing your country in preparation for the simulation.

Memos are designed to be brief and to the point. You will have to work carefully to summarize and provide details when needed. Your memo should be between 400 and 500 words. Please double-space your memo and provide a word count at the end, standard MLA format. Include at least 3 citations of quality sources in a works cited (can be below the rest of the memo; doesn’t have to be on a separate sheet).

Within the memo, you should address the following points:

**Development**:
- Current State of Economic Development in Your Country. How well-developed is your country right now? Be sure to cite specific facts and make comparisons to the rest of Africa and the world.
- Specific Development Challenges That Your Country Faces. What is unique about your country? Are there particular reasons that your country has had successes or failures in terms of economic development?
- What can your country offer to help other countries? One of the points of the African Union is that countries within Africa should work with each other to help each other.
- What kinds of development assistance would you like most to obtain during this simulation? Remember to think back to your own country/government’s interests. What would the rulers of your country want? (Note that this is not necessarily what is in the best interest of the people of the country!)

**Security**:
- Current State of Security in Your Country. What is the recent history of your country’s internal and international security? Have you been invaded or suffered revolts or civil wars recently? Is there an ongoing insurgency in your country? Remember to include both external (possible outside invasions or attacks) and internal.
- What are some potential future security problems in your country? Are there any opposition groups that might resort to rebellion? Think too if there are there any regional problems that your country may be drawn into. For instance, are your neighbors secure or are they suffering through wars?
- What does your country have to offer other countries? Remember again that using a country’s military is a very big deal no matter what kind of ruler you are. In what situations might your country be willing to deploy its military to help the AU and why? Be specific.

*Throughout this memo, think very carefully about what your country’s interests are, especially the interests of the rulers of the country (which, as stated before, may not always line up with those of the people). You may not be representing the most savory government, but you need to do your best to represent their views and not your own views.*
In addition to a printed copy, I will provide a Google Docs site to upload your completed paper to (also by the due date of April 11th in class). This will serve as a resource for the other countries to look at and learn from before and during the simulation.

The first topic of the simulation will be development, then we will address security as various security issues arise. Be prepared for anything.