

## POSITION

You are the Foreign Minister of Lauze's recently elected centre-left government. While the previous government's investment in science and technology contributed to the development of the first quantum computer worldwide that could claim quantum supremacy, your coalition does not intend to increase investments. Your current priorities are not in quantum but in addressing systemic issues like growing inequalities and armed conflicts with neighbouring nations over the access and control of hydropower facilities at the border.

## CONFLICT

### **Potential conflict with nation of Bria:**

You have a general political mistrust in the government of Bria, particularly in light of a disputed border region between the two countries that has great hydropower capacity; this has resulted in a few military skirmishes. You have interest in securing access to helium, which in its liquid form is critical for cooling quantum computing systems. Helium is among Bria's natural resources.

### **Domestic conflict with Betude Corp and Lauze National University:**

You have less of a national interest in funding or prioritizing the advancement of scientific R&D.