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# ***INVITATION LETTER***

*Welcome to the IX edition of the United Nations Model of Colegio Calasanz La Esmeralda Escolapias 2026 and to the English Commission.*

*It is a pleasure for us to have you participate in this commission. We anticipate that this model will be an enriching experience for all the participating delegates, as it is an opportunity to improve their communication, investigation and problem solving skills. We hope that this experience will enrich your academic journey, and that it can also be an opportunity to be receptive and meet new people, as well as to challenge yourselves.*

*With the development of this commission we expect each delegate to give their point of view on the problem, as we believe each delegate's point of view is valuable. In addition, we hope it is a space that each delegate can take advantage of to try new things and to develop their abilities. We hope you can feel motivated and there is no pressure as we understand that each delegate has their own process.*

*We encourage each delegate to communicate any inquiry and to keep in mind that they can rely on the commission's chair to develop a successful debate.*

*Finally, we thank the interest and participation in the commission and in the CCEMUN IX.*

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## ***TOPIC: Stranger Things: Child experimentation and the Upside Down as a mirror of humanity.***

*This year the English Commission will discuss the American TV show, “Stranger Things”. This show is classified as a sci-fi/horror series, set in the time period of the 80’s alongside the ongoing Cold War (1947-1991), taking place in the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana, where a young boy disappears in strange conditions and a powerful girl is introduced; leading to the discovery of secret government experiments and the introduction of strange supernatural forces. With each character's views on the problem, they try to find a way to solve it; having a heavy plot line centered on the cold war as well as a plot line on how to stop the Upside Down. Taking this into account, the proposed approaches for the commission are:*

- *1st Approach:* Can it be considered ethical the child experimentation presented on behalf of the protection of the American people taking into account the context of the cold war?
- *2nd Approach:* Can the Upside Down be contemplated as a manifestation of human ambition bearing in mind the goal of the MKUltra experiments?

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***1st Approach: Can it be considered ethical the child experimentation presented on behalf of the protection of the American people taking into account the context of the Cold War?***

The Cold War developed between the Soviet Union (now Russia) and The US, with their ideologies, Communism and Capitalism respectively, fighting to spread all over the world; in consequence, each nation started a race on military development. Taking this into account the TV show presents this conflict with a new perspective on military development, the MKUltra programme on children. The experiment's goal is to unlock the human mind for it to be capable of new abilities in order for the test subjects to become spies for the government of The US and be used as a weapon against the Soviet Union, in favor of the American people and their well-being against the soviet threat.

So on the first day of debate, the delegates will analyze and question if the reasons behind the project are legitimate and can be an excuse for the suffering of the children considering the historical context; exploring topics like children kidnapping, torturing, families that suffer mental distress as a consequence, the benefits that could come from the project in order to protect the nation, and the indirect victims of the project; with the perspective of the victims of the experiments, the people in charge of the experiments and the Soviet perspective; with the goal of reaching an agreement between all perspectives to decide if the experiments should continue in favor of the American people or if the experiments should stop and shouldn't have been done on the first place due to the implications it carries.



## ***2nd Approach: Can the Upside Down be contemplated as a manifestation of human ambition bearing in mind the goal of the MKUltra experiments?***

*In the series the Upside Down is presented as our world, but as a more sinister, corrupted and evil version of it, and as a consequence of human actions. It can be symbolically interpreted as manifestation of humanity's ambition due to it being created as a result of the desire to be superior than another nation even at the cost of surpassing human rights, reaching the limits of human morality and dehumanizing the individuals involved in the project, who aren't treated like humans, only as weapons. As a result, the whole world was put in danger; making us question whether the Upside Down was truly any different from our world but rather a mirror of the consequences of our own actions.*

*So on the second day of debate, the delegates will discuss if the human ambition, involving the goal of the programme, was the reason behind the creation of the Upside Down and by consequence the real villain of the series. Analyzing how easily human rights can be violated with the support of people in power; discussing topics like morality, the limits that science can reach, if it is right to affect a minority to protect the majority and questioning the morals that each character has and the society as a whole; with the goal of analyzing the Upside Down beyond the surface and using it as a tool to question the societies moral and how pushing scientific progress without limits can lead to the loss of control.*

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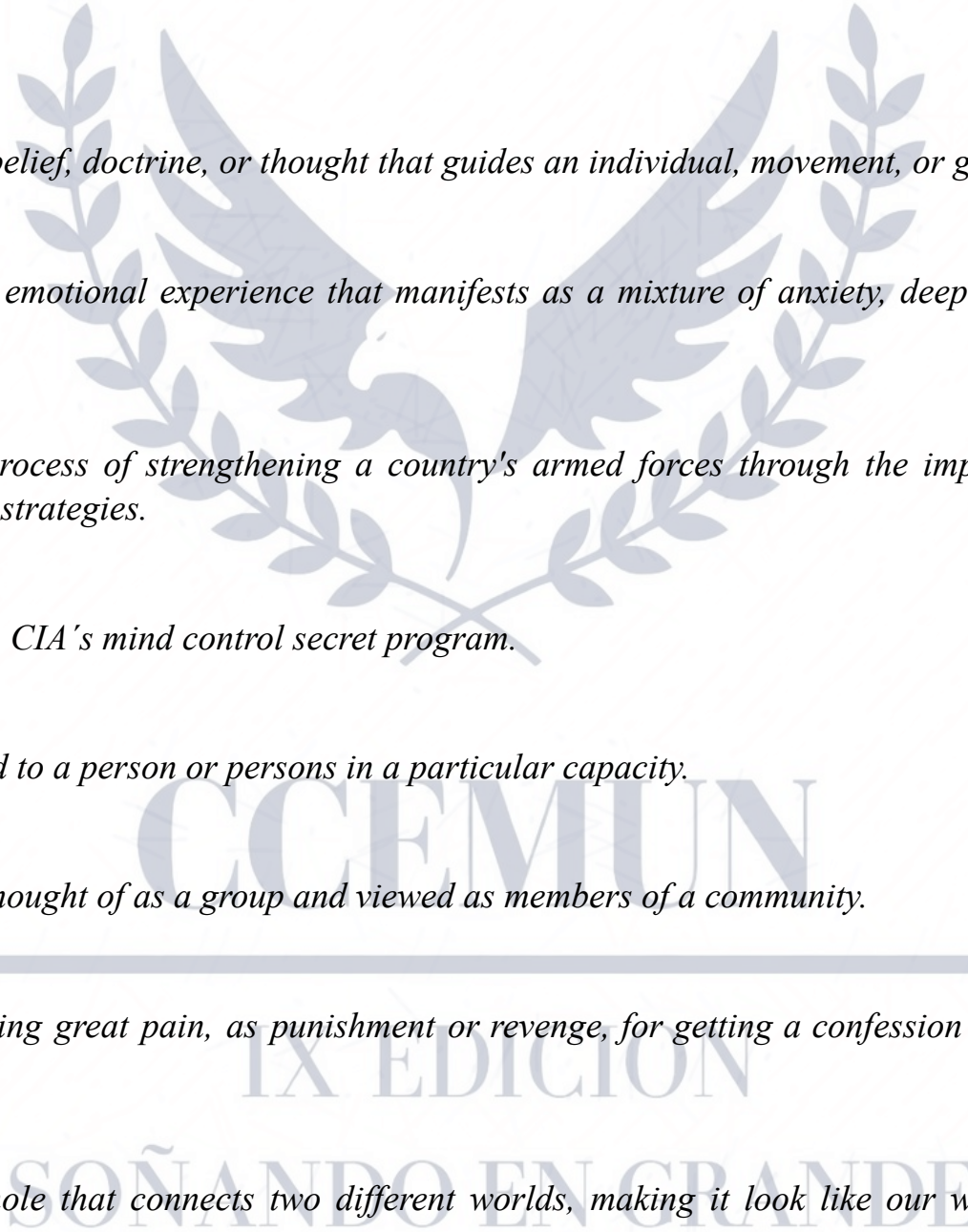
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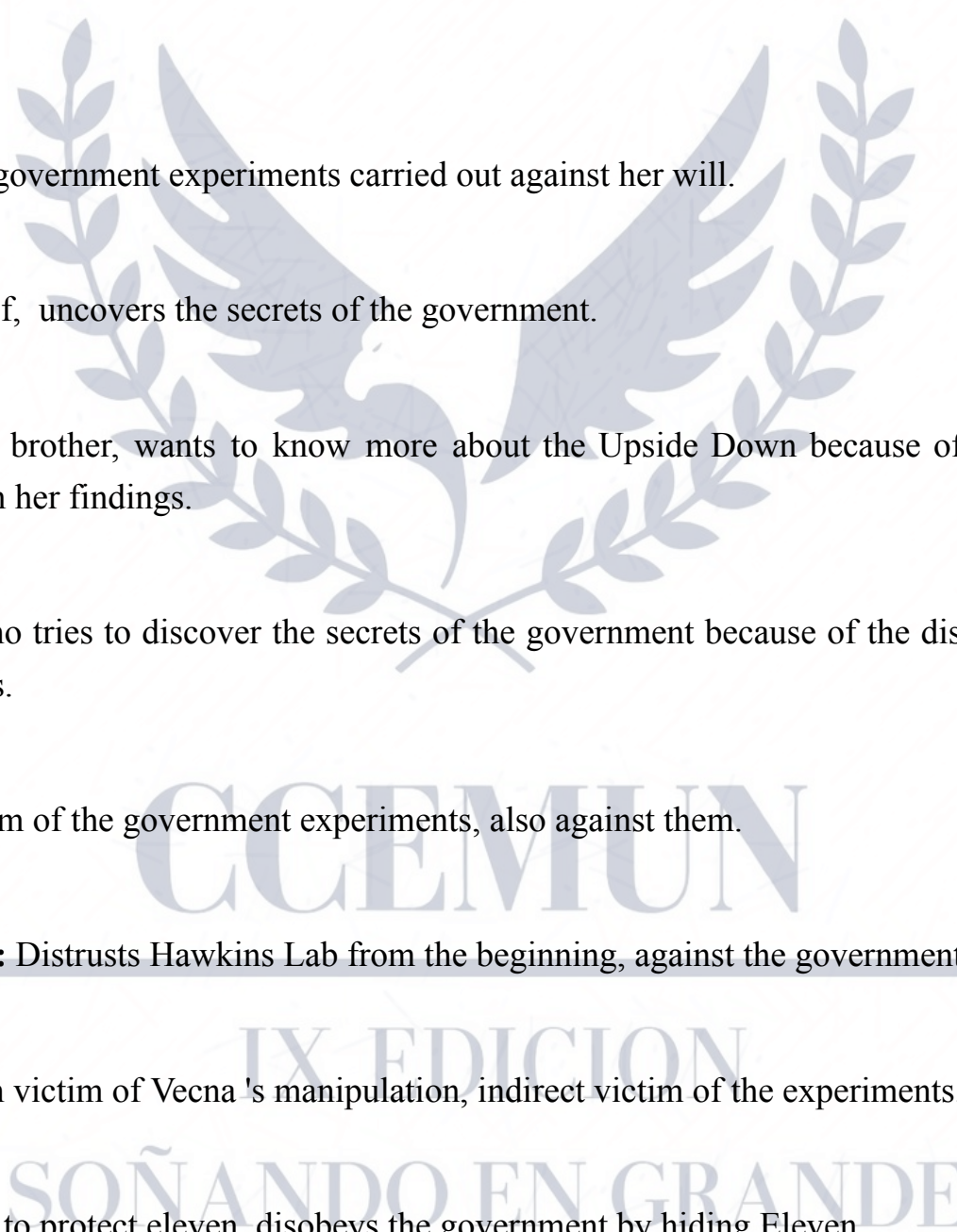
## **GLOSSARY:**

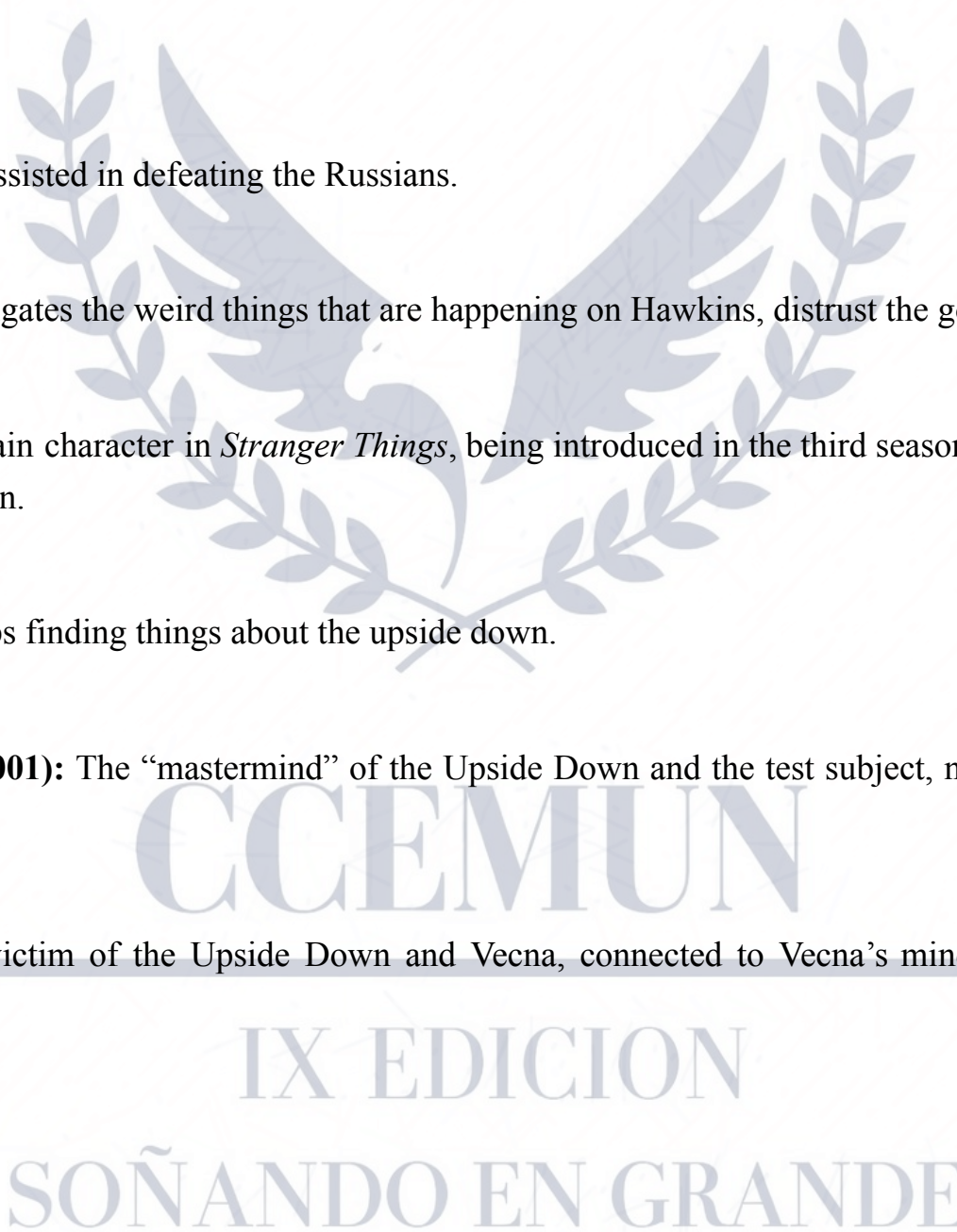
1. *Ambition: An earnest desire for some type of achievement or distinction, such as power, honor, fame, or wealth, and the willingness to strive for its attainment.*
  2. *Capitalism: An economic system in which investment in and ownership of the means of production and distribution are privately or corporately owned.*
  3. *Kidnap: To carry off a person by force or trickery, especially for use as a hostage or to get money.*
  4. *Cold War: Intense political or military rivalry between nations just short of armed fighting.*
  5. *Communism: A theory or system of social organization based on the holding of all property in common, with ownership by the state.*
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6. *Corrupt: Guilty of dishonest practices.*
  7. *Ethic: All the moral principles or values that are held by a culture, group, or individual, including concepts of right and wrong and rules of conduct.*

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8. *Ideologies: The body of belief, doctrine, or thought that guides an individual, movement, or group-*
9. *Mental distress: Intense emotional experience that manifests as a mixture of anxiety, deep discomfort, and psychological tension.*
10. *Military development: Process of strengthening a country's armed forces through the improvement of weapons, defense systems, technology, and strategies.*
11. *MKUltra project: Illegal CIA's mind control secret program.*
12. *Power: Authority granted to a person or persons in a particular capacity.*
13. *Society: Human beings thought of as a group and viewed as members of a community.*
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14. *Torture: The act of causing great pain, as punishment or revenge, for getting a confession or information, or for cruelty's sake.*
15. *Upside Down: A wormhole that connects two different worlds, making it look like our world but a more macabre and sinister version.*

## ***CHARACTERS:***

1. **Colonel Jack Sullivan:** Is a recurring antagonist in the fourth and fifth seasons of *Stranger Things*. He is a high-ranking career officer in the US Army Criminal Investigation Command who believes he can stop the evil in Hawkins once and for all.
  2. **Dr. Alexei:** Russian scientist involved in the reopening of the portal.
  3. **Dra. Kay:** Is a main character and antagonist in the fifth season of *Stranger Things*. She is a high-ranking career officer in the US Army, a government scientist and the leader of the 'Wolf Pack'.
  4. **Dr. Martin Brenner:** Leader in charge of the experiments done on the Hawkins Lab.
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5. **Dr. Samuel Owens:** Scientist who tries to fix the done mistakes of the lab, also helps by teaching Eleven how to recover her powers.
  6. **Dustin Henderson:** Discovers important things about the Upside Down.

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7. **Eleven (011):** Victim of government experiments carried out against her will.
  8. **Jim Hopper:** Police chief, uncovers the secrets of the government.
  9. **Jonathan Byers:** Will's brother, wants to know more about the Upside Down because of the disappearance of his little brother, supports Joyce in her findings.
  10. **Joyce Byers:** Mother who tries to discover the secrets of the government because of the disappearance of her son, indirect victim of the experiments.
  11. **Kali Prasad (008):** Victim of the government experiments, also against them.
  12. **Lucas Charles Sinclair:** Distrusts Hawkins Lab from the beginning, against the government experiments.
  13. **Maxine Mayfield:** Main victim of Vecna's manipulation, indirect victim of the experiments.
  14. **Michael Wheeler:** First to protect eleven, disobeys the government by hiding Eleven.

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15. **Murray Bauman:** He assisted in defeating the Russians.
16. **Nancy Wheeler:** Investigates the weird things that are happening on Hawkins, distrust the government.
17. **Robin Buckley:** Is a main character in *Stranger Things*, being introduced in the third season. She is the co-worker and best friend of Steve Harrington.
18. **Steve Harrington:** Helps finding things about the upside down.
19. **Vecna (Henry Creel - 001):** The “mastermind” of the Upside Down and the test subject, number one, also a victim of the experiments.
20. **William Byers:** First victim of the Upside Down and Vecna, connected to Vecna’s mind and an indirect victim of the experiments.

## ***ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS:***

- 1. As the chair, we will always be available to guide the process of preparation for the debate.*
  - 2. The use of electronic devices is only allowed for academic purposes.*
  - 3. The use of parliamentary language is mandatory.*
  - 4. It is suggested that the documents consulted for the investigation are in English.*
  - 5. Make correct use of points and motions.*
  - 6. The use of AI is not allowed for the investigation nor the duration of the debate.*
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- 7. Make sure to keep order within the debate and to follow the given instructions.*
  - 8. Remember to provide the opening speech and portfolios in time.*
  - 9. Remember that each delegate's participation is crucial for an optimal development of the debate.*

## ***GUIDING QUESTIONS:***

- 1. Can experimentation on children be justified in the name of the security of the American people during the Cold War?*
- 2. Is it morally right to sacrifice the well-being of a minority to protect the majority? Where do limits lie?*
- 3. What role did human ambition and the desire for political and military excellence play in the creation of the project and its results?*
- 4. Is it just a single person's fault that the upside down was opened or is it the result of a society that chases dominance over others rather than equality?*
- 5. How is it possible that human rights can be violated by the people in power if it's supposed that these rights apply to everyone with no exception?*
- 6. What is the limit that science can reach in the name of innovation, protection and improvement for the human species? Do these limits justify human suffering?*
- 7. Can the Upside Down be interpreted as a symbol of the consequences of scientific progress without ethical limits? Why?*
- 8. Who are truly responsible for the damage caused? the scientists, the government or the historical context that allowed it?*

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