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Topic #2: Combatting AI-Generated Disinformation

I. Background Information

The prevalence of artificial intelligence and its applications has provided many benefits when it comes to developing research and ideas. Unfortunately, it has also brought the downside of generating massive amounts of fake news and disinformation.

Across the world, people are proceeding to utilize artificial intelligence to extend the ability to misinform online to extensive amounts. Through AI, the ability to upload mass amounts of information based on anyone's desires has cluttered up many spaces of the internet. There are many ways to combat this such as teaching technological literacy about what is true or not, as well as developing technology that can detect this disinformation to delete.

II. UN Approach to Issue

In accordance with ensuring online information's integrity, the UN is wholly against the proliferation of Al-generated disinformation. Past resolutions over A.I. in this matter have concluded with an agreement for ethical guidelines that outline the intellectual integrity of information that can be produced through artificial intelligence.

The Advisory Body on AI and Global Communications would assert in 2024 the importance of regulations, and most nations agree with this stance. Even with this statement, many instances of disinformation resulting from artificial intelligence exist, whether it be deepfakes or fake news. Even with plans to educate the public on false information and use technology to reduce such instances, it would take time and persistence to make a difference in the information landscape.

With many nations interested in Al's benefits, understanding its downsides could be a very important aspect of future advances. With elections and citizens being vulnerable to false influence, a valid stance supporting the integrity of news is essential to the United Nations General Assembly.

III. Questions for Delegates to Consider

1. How is your nation and/or bloc using A.I. and its generative information uses?

2. Have your nation's elections, citizens, or information sources been impacted by

A.I. generated disinformation? How?

3. What steps have your nation taken to combat such disinformation?

IV. Sources

- UN-Based Sources:
 - Incorporating the UN Values: Artificial Intelligence and Information Integrity for the SDGs | United Nations University
 - How the UN is combating disinformation in the age of AI
 - How the UN is combating disinformation in the age of AI | Global Stage
- Other Sources:
 - Generative AI is the ultimate disinformation amplifier
 - How AI-generated disinformation might impact this year's elections and how journalists should report on it | Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism
 - Election disinformation takes a big leap with AI being used to deceive worldwide