

<b>BAR Scale (Water Event Intensity Scale)</b>	
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-7	<b>Formal Declaration of War</b>
-6	<b>Extensive War Acts causing deaths, dislocation, or high strategic cost:</b> Use of nuclear weapons; full scale air, naval, or land battles; invasion of territory; occupation of territory; massive bombing of civilian areas; capturing of soldiers in battle; large scale bombing of military installations; chemical or biological warfare.
-5	<b>Small scale military acts:</b> Limited air, sea, or border skirmishes; border police acts; annexing territory already occupied; seizing material of target country; imposing blockades; assassinating leaders of target country; material support of subversive activities against target country.
-4	<b>Political-military hostile actions:</b> Inciting riots or rebellions (training or financial aid for rebellions); encouraging guerilla activities against target country; limited and sporadic terrorist actions; kidnapping or torturing foreign citizens or prisoners of war; giving sanctuary to terrorists; breaking diplomatic relations; attacking diplomats or embassies; expelling military advisors; executing alleged spies; nationalizing companies without compensation.
-3	<b>Diplomatic-economic hostile actions:</b> Increasing troop mobilization; boycotts; imposing economic sanctions; hindering movement on land, waterways, or in the air; embargoing goods; refusing mutual trade rights; closing borders and blocking free communication; manipulating trade or currency to cause economic problems; halting aid; granting sanctuary to opposition leaders; mobilizing hostile demonstrations against target country; refusing to support foreign military allies; recalling ambassador for emergency consultations regarding target country; refusing visas to other nationals or restricting movement in country; expelling or arresting nationals or press; spying on foreign government officials; terminating major agreements. <i>Unilateral construction of water projects against another country's protests; reducing flow of water to another country, abrogation of a water agreement.</i>
-2	<b>Strong verbal expressions displaying hostility in interaction:</b> Warning retaliation for acts; making threatening demands and accusations; condemning strongly specific actions or policies; denouncing leaders, system, or ideology; postponing heads of state visits; refusing participation in meetings or summits; leveling strong propaganda attacks; denying support; blocking or vetoing policy or proposals in the UN or other international bodies. <i>Official interactions only.</i>
-1	<b>Mild verbal expressions displaying discord in interaction:</b> Low key objection to policies or behavior; communicating dissatisfaction through third party; failing to reach an agreement; refusing protest note; denying accusations; objecting to explanation of goals, position, etc.; requesting change in policy. <i>Both unofficial and official, including diplomatic notes of protest.</i>
0	<b>Neutral or non-significant acts for the inter-nation situation:</b> Rhetorical policy statements; non-consequential news items; non-governmental visitors; indifference statements; compensating for nationalized enterprises or private property; no comment statements.

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1	<b>Minor official exchanges, talks or policy expressions--mild verbal support:</b> Meeting of high officials; conferring on problems of mutual interest; visit by lower officials for talks; issuing joint communiques; appointing ambassadors; announcing cease-fires; non-governmental exchanges; proposing talks; public non-governmental support of regime; exchanging prisoners of war; requesting support for policy; stating or explaining policy.
2	<b>Official verbal support of goals, values, or regime:</b> Official support of policy; raising legation to embassy; reaffirming friendship; asking for help against third party; apologizing for unfavorable actions or statements; allowing entry of press correspondents; thanking or asking for aid; resuming broken diplomatic or other relations.
3	<b>Cultural or scientific agreement or support (non-strategic):</b> Starting diplomatic relations; establishing technological or scientific communication; proposing or offering economic or military aid; recognizing government; visit by head of state; opening borders; conducting or enacting friendship agreements; conducting cultural or academic agreements or exchanges. <i>Agreements to set up cooperative working groups.</i>
4	<b>Non-military economic, technological, or industrial agreement:</b> Making economic loans, grants; agreeing to economic pacts; giving industrial, cultural, or educational assistance; conducting trade agreements or granting most favored nation status; establishing common transportation or communication networks; selling industrial-technological surplus supplies; providing technical expertise; ceasing economic restrictions; repaying debts; selling non-military goods; giving disaster relief. <i>Legal, cooperative actions between nations that are not treaties; cooperative projects for watershed management, irrigation, poverty-alleviation.</i>
5	<b>Military economic or strategic support:</b> Selling nuclear power plants or materials; providing air, naval, or land facilities for bases; giving technical or advisory military assistance; granting military aid; sharing highly advanced technology; intervening with military support at request of government; concluding military agreements; training military personnel; joint programs and plans to initiate and pursue disarmament.
6	<b>International Freshwater Treaty; Major strategic alliance (regional or international):</b> Fighting a war jointly; establishing a joint military command or alliance; conducting joint military maneuvers; establishing economic common market; joining or organizing international alliances; establishing joint program to raise the global quality of life.
7	<b>Voluntary unification into one nation:</b> Merging voluntarily into one nation (state); forming one nation with one legally binding government.