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ADDRESSING THE GALACTIC EMPIRE'S USE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Galactic Delegates,

Welcome to the 6th Annual United Nations Crisis Committee at NIRAMUN 2019! Through the Alliance Council to Restore the Republic, you will have the opportunity to serve in the best interest of your planet to resolve the tyrannical rule of the Galactic Empire. My name is Janay Joseph and I am a sophomore pursuing a double major in History and International Studies. Over the years, Model United Nations has taught me about the complex situations that impact billions of people worldwide, and the ways that people have come together to solve them diplomatically. Placing the lightsaber battles, feats of force-wielding, and spaceships aside, it was not until recently that I began to link the diplomatic efforts of the waning Republic and Rebel Alliance to stop the Galactic Empire. I hope this will be a fun simulation that will encourage you to see the complexities of diplomacy through a fictional setting. If you have any questions about the background guide, conducting research, or the conference in general, we are just one email away. See you soon, and remember, the force will be with you, always.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE

The Alliance Council to Restore the Republic, the Rebel Alliance, originated through an organized movement as a response to the growing influence of the Galactic Empire¹. In the seventeenth year since the formation of the Empire, Senator Mon Mothma established the Rebel Alliance as a force of resistance against the Imperial regime and encouraged member states to cooperate in order to restore peace, unity, and security throughout the galaxy.

The Rebel Alliance has two divisions which include the Alliance Civil Government, and the Alliance Military.²³ In acting as a proponent of resistance against the Galactic Empire, the Alliance Civil Government has the ability to: (i) resolve disputes between member states; (ii) order military actions against Imperial forces, including establishing new military bases across the galaxy and the outer rim; and (iii) recruit new Member States to join the committee. The Council also has the authority to implement economic sanctions, travel bans, conduct trials for inter-galactic crimes, and conduct diplomatic missions.

The Alliance Cabinet, a division of the Civil Government, is led by the Chancellor and administered by six ministers of: (i) finance; (ii) industry; (iii) education; (iv) state; (v) supply; and (vi) war.⁴⁵ The primary objective of the Alliance to Restore the Republic is to implement comprehensive solutions to weaken the rule of the Galactic Empire, while uniting members and encouraging them to launch insurgencies against the Empire, thus restoring the Galactic Republic in the best interests of the galaxy.

Crisis Disclaimer: The committee may feature a crisis along with information updates regarding the situation. Your role as a member of this committee is to propose and draft a Committee Directive to resolve the issue that best reflects the interests of the planet you are representing.

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INTRODUCTION

Since the formation of the Galactic Empire seventeen years prior, it has become a formidable force, altering the balance of power within the galaxy. This was rooted in the ongoing conflict between force-sensitive individuals, the Jedi and the Sith, a conflict many generations in the making. The bloodshed has resulted in the displacement of people ranging from indigenous groups to entire planets at the cost of millions of innocent lives. The Galactic Empire has threatened the galactic unity and stability that existed for a millennium or more under the Republic. The Council has since adopted the *Declaration of the Rebel Alliance* to coordinate a strategic resistance against the Galactic Empire.

¹ "Alliance to Restore the Republic." Wookieepedia.

https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Alliance_to_Restore_the_Republic.

² "Alliance Civil Government." Wookieepedia. https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Alliance_Civil_Government.

³ "Star Wars: The Rebel Files", https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Alliance_Military

⁴ "Chancellor (Rebel Alliance)." Wookieepedia. [https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Chancellor_\(Rebel_Alliance\)](https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Chancellor_(Rebel_Alliance)).

⁵ "Alliance Cabinet." Wookieepedia. https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Alliance_Cabinet.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY

Seventeen years ago, the *Galactic Republic and the Confederacy of Independent Systems* ("CIS") entered the final stages of their inter-galactic conflict, known as the Clone Wars. The Galactic Senate continued to grant Senator Sheev Palpatine emergency powers to bring the deadly conflict to a speedy conclusion⁶. Unbeknownst to other members of the Senate, Palpatine was a practitioner of the dark side of the force, a Dark Lord of the Sith, known to a few as Darth Sidious. With new sources of power and legitimized by the unsuspecting Senate, Palpatine accused senior leaders of the Republic Military and members of the Jedi Order as traitors. As a result, he commanded his apprentice, Darth Vader, to eliminate members of the *Separatist Council*, deactivate the droid army, and implement the purge of the Jedi, regardless of age.

At the conclusion of the Clone Wars, Chancellor Palpatine declared himself Emperor, reformed the Galactic Republic as the Galactic Empire, and eradicated the *Jedi Order*. Leaders of the Order included Masters: Mace Windu; Yoda; and Obi-Wan Kenobi, all of whom are presumed dead. Palpatine then ordered the *Imperial Intelligence* to arrest any individuals he deemed a political rival to the Empire.⁷ Senators Mon Mothma of Chandrila and Bail Organa of Alderaan maintained their memberships in the Imperial Senate while simultaneously monitoring separatist movements throughout the galaxy.

CURRENT SITUATION

The galaxy is on the brink of a civil war. Since the beginning of time, the Imperial's use of propaganda, militaristic aggression, and the enabling of mass killings of the opposition led by Darth Vader has been proven effective in legitimizing the power of the Imperial Forces. The ruthless actions of the Empire have cost millions of innocent lives and millions more to be displaced and forced to relocate to the outer rim territories.

Alliance Intelligence reports that the Imperial Forces have launched a project to build a superweapon, beyond the likes of anything the universe has ever seen. The lead scientist, Galen Erso, is reported to have been involved in the secret project since it began shortly after the formation of the Empire. The Empire has also taken an interest in collecting *Kyber* crystals, a mineral traditionally used by the first force-sensitive individuals, to construct ancient weapons called lightsabers. These lightsabers generate energy that has been used by both Jedi and Sith to power individual weapons. *Alliance Intelligence* reported that the exact number of *Kyber* crystals within the Empire's arsenal is unknown. These minerals, however, appear to play an essential role in powering the superweapon.

⁶ Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith

⁷ "Declaration of the Rebel Alliance." Wookieepedia. https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Declaration_of_the_Rebel_Alliance

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ALLIANCE COUNCIL

After peaceful protesters were slaughtered by the Empire during the Gorman Massacre, Mothma condemned the actions of the Emperor and resigned from her position in the Galactic Senate⁸. Mothma then wrote the *Declaration of the Rebel Alliance* and later formed the Alliance to Restore the Republic to unite fringe resistance groups, including the: Phoenix Cell; Massassi Group; and the Lothal Spectres. In addition, the Council has approved several military base construction projects on allied planets and aided smaller rebel groups across the galaxy.

MEMBER PLANETS

(i) **ALDERAAN**

- Is the presumed leader of the rebellion against the Sith
- Began a rebellion of their own led by the Organa (Bail)
- Has been against the rule of the Empire since the very beginning
- Once organized a council to help refugees affected by the Clone Wars⁹

(ii) **CORUSCANT**

- Previously the headquarters of the Galactic Senate (or the Old Senate) before the Galactic Empire took power
- Mainly provided defense to all of the star systems involved in the Senate
- Acts as a mediator during the negotiations
- Currently a civil war going on the planet as its citizens have separatist sympathies¹⁰

(iii) **DANTOOINE**

- Currently the alliance regional headquarters and operations sector¹¹

(iv) **ENDOR**

- Sometime during the reign of the Galactic Empire, the Empire established an outpost on the moon that included a shield generator complex to protect the incomplete second Death Star in orbit of the moon.
- The moon was later the site of the monumental Battle of Endor that saw combat between the Alliance to Restore the Republic and its Ewok allies against Imperial forces who were attempting to protect the shield generator and prevent the Alliance from destroying its superweapon in orbit.¹²

⁸ "Ghorman Massacre." Wookieepedia. https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Ghorman_Massacre

⁹ "Alderaan." Wookieepedia. <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Alderaan>

¹⁰ "Coruscant." Wookieepedia. <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Coruscant>

¹¹ "Dantooine." Wookieepedia. <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Dantooine>

¹² "Endor." Wookieepedia. <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Endor>

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(v) JEDAH

- A planet largely filled with indigenous groups
- Has an abundance of Kyber Crystal resources (which are heavily extracted and sought out by the Imperials to build their superweapon)
- Worried that the Galactic Empire may take any opportunity to limit their resources since they house the origins of the Jedi
- Other planets disregard their warnings except Alderaan and Naboo¹³

(vi) KUAT

- Famous for its massive shipyards and shipbuilding economy
- Fell under the rule of both the Rebel Alliance and the Imperials
- Somewhat neutral to the situation although an ally to the Galactic Empire diplomatically
- Looking to move away from the Empire, and their loyalty to the council comes into question
- Receives large financial returns from the Galactic Empire's military bases on their planet¹⁴

(vii) NABOO

- A prestigious planet ran by the Amidala royal family before the Sith took power
- Demilitarized by the Galactic Empire¹⁵

(viii) TATOOINE

- Believed to be hiding two of the last Jedi, Obi-Wan and Luke Skywalker
- A desert planet that has little to no resources except a thriving business selling scrap metal
- Overrun by corruption including an organized crime ring ran by Jabba the Hutt and controlled by Mercenaries including the infamous Boba Fett
- Sought out by the Galactic Empire for construction of new military bases¹⁶

(ix) YAVIN 4

- A moon of Yavin
- Houses several temples and a peace-loving people
- In a strategic location for attacking one of the Galactic Empire's massive bases
- Has no history of use of aggressive force

¹³ "Jedah." Wookieepedia. <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Jedah>

¹⁴ "Kuat." Wookieepedia. <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Kuat>

¹⁵ "Naboo." Wookieepedia. <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Naboo>

¹⁶ "Tatooine." Wookieepedia. <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Tatooine> ¹⁷

"Yavin 4." Wookieepedia. https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Yavin_4.

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FOCUS QUESTIONS

- Is the Galactic Empire a viable threat to the galaxy?
- How is your planet impacted by the occupation of the Galactic Empire?
- How would you utilize your planet's connections, resources, and powers to support the committee and its objectives?
- How should the committee continue to establish a resistance network against the Empire?
- How should the committee aid the intergalactic refugees that have been impacted by the Empire's rule?
- Should the committee seek out force-sensitive individuals and re-establish the Jedi Order to balance the Emperor's allegiance to the ways of the Sith?
- How would the committee limit the Galactic Empire's use of these superweapons?

FURTHER RESEARCH

References are allowed from the Star Wars Wiki page, literature from the "Recommended Reading" section, feature films, and television shows are listed below:

- Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace
- Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones
- Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith
- Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
- Star Wars IV: A New Hope
- Star Wars: The Clone Wars
- Star Wars: Rebels

Note: Any literature/ media from extended canon, including "Legends", will not be valid. While conducting research for your planet using the wiki, make sure that the "Canon" tab is selected.

Recommended Reading

- Star Wars: The Rebel Files by Daniel Wallace
- Catalyst: A Rogue One Novel by James Luceno