



**No Borders MUN**

# **Background Guide**

## **Crisis 1**

### **1 | Life Without the Avengers**

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## Committee Introduction

In this committee, members will be actively engaged in the discussions on measures that should be taken in order to successfully survive life without the Avengers amidst varying degrees of challenges and dangers posed from time to time.

A crisis committee in Model United Nations is a unique committee that is set apart from the General Assembly, both in terms of the Rules of Procedure and the pace of the committee. Unlike a typical General Assembly where multiple events are dealt with, Crisis usually focuses on a single major issue. The issues dealt in crisis committees range widely from historical to fictional, and futuristic events. Past crisis committees have involved the Spanish Flu, The Jurassic World, World War II, the U.S. election, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, and more. As coming up with prompt decisions after crisis updates is crucial, crisis committees are known for their fast-paced progression.

Another significant difference between crisis committees and general committees lies in the presence of directives. In place of resolutions, directives-- public and private-- address actions that the committee is willing to take, either on a group or individual scale. Each member of the committee is expected to be knowledgeable about their personal abilities and circumstances that would help the committee progress towards achieving its goals, so that quality directives could be passed.

## Agenda Introduction

The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is at imminent risk of peril. Scarlet Witch has successfully used her reality warping powers to eliminate all powers that exist on Earth 200000. In the event that is widely known as "The Extinction" has presented a significant issue at hand: how to adapt to life without the Avengers. 70% of the population has been wiped out, as all people with superpower genes - regardless of whether the genes are dominant or recessive - were exterminated. Only a handful of superheroes remain, however their powers were taken from them. The removal of the Infinity Stones has made this event irreversible.

The timeline will follow the events of Earth 199999 (MCU) all the way up to the events of Avengers: Endgame. In contrast to the events of the movie, in the final fight scene Thanos is convinced into halting his revenge. Thanos has decided to pursue the long-term goal of benefiting the universe in a different method, as erasing half of the population has only resulted in dissent. This means that Iron Man did not have to use the Infinity Stones during that event.

The Avengers and various other superpower entities have been essential to various key aspects of life such as but not limited to upholding the law and competing with other civilizations. The remnants of Earth have to find long-term solutions to resume all aspects of daily life peacefully. The planet Earth and all of its inhabitants themselves are at risk with various other civilizations such as the Kree Empire.

## Letter from the Chairs

Hello Delegates!

We are excited to introduce you to NBMUN 2022's Crisis Committee, where we will grapple with intergalactic bureaucracy, adopt the roles of courageous superhumans, and work together to build a stable MCU without The Avengers. We are made up of a multinational reel of chairs: Crisis Director Yoonseo (Bennie) Ko, Head Chair Hiroki Kurata, Deputy Chair Nandini Bhaktal and Associate Chair Chiedza Banga. As the very nature of NBMUN is rooted in internationalism and global cooperation, we hope to include many perspectives, solutions and crises which not only affect the Marvel Cinematic Universe, but can also be well suited for the problems faced in our modern world.

All of us have had ample experience in chairing across a variety of agendas, ranging from finding solutions for human trafficking to exploring the mystical world of Harry Potter. We hope to navigate MCU in a way which is engaging, analytical, but most importantly – fun! The essence of crisis is for us to be light on our feet whilst considering the universal consequences of our actions. Therefore, we hope that all delegates are able to come out feeling like they have learnt how to deal with global affairs under pressure, as - although less fantastically - all UN delegates have to deal with the same thing. The world is ever-changing, which we hope to reflect through interesting private and public directives alongside enthralling crisis updates.

With that being said, we as chairs have every intention to make this experience as interesting as possible, and we will continuously work in tandem with both you all and the secretariats to truly put the “super” in superhero. We ask for your flexibility, energy, and effort as we dive into the post-avengers universe.

Feel free to email us for any questions, further information or help with anything!  
Good luck for NBMUN 2022!

Sincerely,

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## Key Terms

### **Avengers**

Earth's biggest superhero organization with the objective of defending the world from any threat beyond conventional peacekeeping forces such as infantry and police.

### **The Extinction**

Catastrophic event caused by Scarlet Witch that resulted in 70% of the population being wiped out (super powers)

### **Celestials**

Powerful cosmic beings that have been responsible for creating universes. They visit planets to judge, experiment, and observe the life forms on those planets

### **Kree Empire**

Authoritarian state that governs through constant wars and propaganda. An empire infamous for its savage wars with the Skrull Empire. It is one of the current major superpowers conquering the remnants of various civilizations.

### **Shi'Ar**

Vast intergalactic empire that rules over a million worlds. It is an aggressively expansionist empire and one of the current major superpowers conquering the remnants of various civilizations.

### **Supernatural Civil War**

The civil war set before the Extinction that resulted in half of Africa being wiped out as various superhumans fought over control.

## Historical Background

The catalyst for the events of the “Extinction” begins in the events of the final battle between the Avengers and Thanos. As Thanos begins to realize the flaws of his theory that wiping half off the universe will fix various problems, he decides against annihilating Earth. Therefore, Thanos and the Black Order decide to retreat into deep space in order to find methods of saving the universe.

Five years later, after Galactus and the other Celestials went on a rampage across the universe, Thanos finally came to his conclusion. In order to stop the impending end of the universe, superhumans as a whole need to be eradicated. Their heaven defying powers have caused significantly more harm than good.

One year later, Scarlet Witch decides to team up with Thanos after the Avengers end up destroying half of Africa during a mass scale civil war later known as the “Supernatural Civil War”. Upon realizing the amounts of destruction caused by the superhumans, Scarlet Witch utilizes her reality warping powers in order to begin the calamitous event later named the “Extinction.” To completely remove all traces of superhumans, Scarlet Witch uses her powers to kill all living beings with superpowers, regardless of whether their genes are recessive or dominant. This results in 70% of the universe being wiped out. The superheroes who originally did not have any superpowers did survive.

Mass scale chaos occurs across the universe as various civilizations are toppled and total anarchy begins. In the midst of innerfighting, the Kree Empire and the Shi’Ar Empire have become dominant forces gobbling up the remnants of once glorious civilizations. These unprecedented levels of destruction along with the absence of the Avengers puts planet Earth in a critical situation.

## Current State of Affairs

As of Earth 199999, the earth is in complete disrepair. Countries have become hard to define, and borders are constantly under dispute between the few people which remain. In an effort to hasten intercontinental negotiations, a head of each continent has been delegated to deal with all the international affairs of the given landmass. This has caused massive uproar and an increase in insurgency groups within the southern hemisphere.

The representatives have a hard time agreeing with one another on how to handle the current issues at hand due to cultural differences, varying beliefs in superpowers, and continuous public outcry. As a result, no major conference up until this point has been called with all delegates present. It was only after the introduction of the few remaining superheroes that the representatives of each continent finally agreed to meet in this conference.

Thanos and Scarlet Witch now present a constant, imminent threat to the earth. Skepticism has taken over as each continent fears that they will be Thanos's next victim. As a result, traveling and all other forms of globalization: trade, alliances, and humanitarian efforts included, have screeched to a halt, and citizens carry lethal weapons in an attempt to protect themselves.

The current world is in a state of stagnancy. There is no development in any sector of humanity, nor any efforts to do so, as the global isolationist movement has seen all countries prioritize homeland defense over all else. After the Supernatural Civil War destroyed a large section of Africa, all national leaders have a harsh opinion of superhumans, regardless of the otherwise supportive general public.

## Stances of Parties

### Iron Man

Over the course of the Avengers' history, Iron Man has played a major role in how superheroes interacted with the human world. As a result, he became well known amongst global leaders, and is a primary negotiator during this conference. He holds tremendous influence, and has built rapport with each individual continent. Iron Man seeks to rebuild the reputation of superheroes, with aims to work together with other representatives to begin aiming for global unity.

### Black Widow

Black Widow has been a significant contributor to the Avengers' efforts, but not many people know about her accomplishments. As the de facto spy of the Avengers she is someone who works from the background, while maintaining her shrewd negotiation skills. Although a prominent figure, her stance is covered in ambiguity as she is one to not reveal her true feelings. Therefore, the delegate wishing to represent Black Widow should keep in mind to maintain a neutral stance while striving to what's what the delegate believes is Black Widow's goals.

### Nick Fury

Nick Fury is the former head of SHIELD, and is the current national head of security of the United States. Therefore Nick prioritizes his nation's interest, and is trying to regain the US's former glory. Despite previously being the biggest superpower by far, as the country that contributed the most to the fight against the rebellious superhumans, the US's economic and military force has tremendously declined. Nick and the rest of the American government is attempting to regain their influence akin to their previous head of Security Council position. As such, Nick will be trying to sneakily implement solutions that benefit the US and give them advantages.

### War Machine

War Machine is a big patriot and the US's leading officer. Therefore, his policies reflect those of his government. War Machine is highly respected by everyone as one of the leaders in the fight against superhumans. Since he was in the fight however, he is on the side of strict law enforcement in order to prevent future mass catastrophes.

### T'Challa

Hailing from Wakanda himself, T'Challa is largely sentimental towards the mass ruin which has occurred in Africa as a result of Thanos's actions. As a result, he has made many efforts to mobilize and defend what is left of Africa through continental initiatives and frequent inter-SHIELD meetings. As he has access to the powerful Vibranium stored in Wakanda, T'Challa seeks to use this alongside Africa's natural resources in order to restore



the continent. His views are isolationist in nature, and although he is sympathetic to other region's struggles, his main priorities lie in Wakandan and greater-African concerns.

### **Scarlet Witch**

The destruction during the Supernatural Civil War prompts the Scarlet Witch (or Wanda Maximoff) to join Thanos. She believes that superhumans caused significant damage to the universe and will eventually result in a multiversal extinction. Scarlet Witch believes that humanity needs to focus on international cooperation in order to prepare for potential invasions from outer space. Something to consider is that Scarlet Witch is still very young and is not the most experienced politician.

### **Hawkeye**

Hawkeye is a devoted father and family man. His priorities are his family members, especially his daughter, so he will do everything he can to benefit them. As a former Avenger, Hawkeye is also avidly on the side of looser law enforcement laws, as he saw how strict law enforcement combined with centralized governments resulted in the Supernatural Civil War and the original Civil War (from the movie Captain America: Civil War).

### **Thanos**

Thanos halted his revenge, because he realized that erasing half of the universe would not solve the underlying issues resulting from superhumans. The Supernatural Civil War reaffirmed his hypothesis that superhumans were a significant danger to society. Now, Thanos is attempting to lower the influence of superheroes (the ones that survived didn't have any inherent powers) and suppress them even more. By doing so, Thanos ultimately wants to make a utopian democratic society.

### **Representative of Africa**

Due to the damages endured by Africa over the course of the Supernatural Civil War, the Representative sought assistance from other continents in an attempt to recover economically. As Africa did not receive any form of multinational humanitarian aid, the continent has transitioned into a self-supplying, isolationist landmass. Historical distrust between the Representative of Africa and the Representative of Europe further strained relations, and many of Europe's continental demands remain unheard by the Representative of Africa. The Representative seeks to rebuild Africa's power, but does not intend to do so through exports, rather through the rich natural resources that lie within the continent.

### **Representative of Europe**

The representative of Europe still holds a significant role in democratic relations in the world, much like permanent seats in the UN thousands of years ago did. Their landmass is small, and while the Representative of Europe typically holds influence over other countries, there has been great resistance regarding trade and reconciliation. The

representative of Europe seeks to rekindle former alliances and form agreements with superheroes in an attempt to compensate for their lack of resources in comparison to other continents.

### **Representative of North America**

Alongside being the homebase for the avengers prior to the extinction, North America has vested interest in all matters which are discussed in this conference. Regardless, as a call for a new world order has threatened the very balance of North America's socioeconomic standing, the Representative seeks to quickly form friendlier relationships with other continents, especially as political relations continue to increase between North and South America. It is important to mention that most country representatives are somewhat hesitant to form stronger political ties with America due to these reasons.

### **Representative of South America**

South America narrowly avoided total military and economic collapse as a result of the Supernatural Civil War, however the country's inability to export cacao and coffee to Africa have severely hampered the economy. Furthermore, the severance of a bilateral military agreement between South America and Africa following the events has left the continent largely undefended. The Representative of South America therefore adopts a hardlined stance against all SHIELD members, as well as condemning American support of superheroes following the extinction. Imperial tensions between North and South America alongside the breakdown of relations with Africa has left South America with two alliance options: Oceania and Asia.

### **Representative of Asia**

Prior to the extinction, many Asian countries had been developing exponentially, allowing for Asia to have one of the more stable economies amongst the other continents. In order to prevent a dip in developmental progress, The Representative of Asia is a somewhat neutral figure, often choosing to adopt a mediator-like role amongst the continents. Due to the concerns of supernatural involvement in Africa, however, Asia still remains relatively hesitant to engage wholly with members of the SHIELD, and will not specifically seek superhero alliances politically.

### **Representative of Oceania**

Due to the geographical distance and lack of major social consequences after the Extinction, the Representative of Oceania has adopted a true-neutral approach to the current state of affairs. Regardless, Oceania historically allied with North America and Europe, allowing for a more positive view of the SHIELD members. However, in the state of global mania caused by the extinction, many have protested against state bodies, and a few revolutionaries have won, causing a political divide between the government and the people. As a result, The Representative of Oceania is in no state to provide major military,

economic, or humanitarian support to any other continent, but has a somewhat lenient perspective towards both SHIELD-sympathizers and hardliners.

### **President Matthew Ellis**

As the President of the United States, Matthew Ellis's main concerns lie in US security, and under his approval, the country has shifted to a military economy. He is supportive of all SHIELD members, and aims for continued positive relations between the United States and the greater galaxy, but prioritizes US security both economically and militarily. As such, he agrees with most of the Representative of North America's stances, shying away from any potential calls for global cooperation which would jeopardize said security.

### **Maria Hill**

Maria Hill has many of the same patriotic ideals as President Matthew Ellis, but due to her previous role as the Deputy Director of SHIELD, she also has a highly positive perspective of all SHIELD members and sympathizers. As a result, she does not view the Asian and South American representatives favorably. Maria Hill also has a volatile relationship with the Representative of Africa, viewing his hardlined approach to continental security as draconian and overly isolationist. It can be said that Maria Hill is an extremely opinionated delegate, but she aims for a bureaucratic discussion nonetheless.

### **Soren (Skrull)**

Soren is a powerful political figure who prioritizes the wellbeing of earth after the extinction on all fronts. She views SHIELD members and all superheroes as powerful yet dangerous, and aims to protect humanity from a potential second extinction, or any other supernatural events which risk global population. Soren's main priority lies in humanitarian directives, which can help rebuild the medical, societal, and economic state of states which suffered the most as a result of the Extinction.

### **Gamora**

Gamora, a former member of Guardians of the Galaxy, seeks global unification and galactical peace. As such, Gamora aims to find ways to reestablish SHIELD power, whilst also making sure to address the concerns of many member states who have sustained damage as a result of the extinction. Her goals lie in inter-species aid, health crisis mitigation, and the organization of meetings and agreements which benefit all parties involved. Although this may not always be possible, her goal remains the same throughout the entire conference.

## Possible Solutions

### **Solution #1**

To first address the issue at hand, delegates should confront the root cause of the population decline; the Scarlet Witch. To ensure that the Scarlet Witch does not cause any more harm, delegates could propose a convention, treaty, or agreement with her. Delegates should focus on changing the Scarlet Witch's current mindset on the issue, and assist her in realizing that because the Avengers destroyed half of Africa, she doesn't need to release her wrath upon innocent human beings. She should also be made to realize that Thanos is still a threat to the Earth, and associating with him will only bring more turmoil to all of humanity.

### **Solution #2**

Another possible solution is the creation of a coalition of all existing governments, including Wakanda. This coalition could primarily function to assist all nations while they adapt to the reduced population. For instance, they could ensure that each country significantly develops their economic sectors. With the drastic population decrease, many industries and sectors will not be able to function properly with the lost workforce. It could also serve as a platform to discuss global and intergalactic issues and conflict, while also stockpiling and developing military resources and creating an army for Earth itself, for protection from invasions and attacks from extra-terrestrial beings. However, the purpose of this coalition is completely left up to the delegates.

## Questions to Consider

1. What measures can be taken by the committee to relieve the tensions between continents, to ensure that they can collaborate effectively to recover from the Extinction?
2. How will Earth's intergalactic relations with empire's such as the Kree and Shi'ar be affected by the Extinction?
3. What approaches are necessary to bolster Earth's defense against intergalactic threats?
4. How will members of the committee grapple with their differing opinions on SHIELD?

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