



Letter from the Executive Board

Greetings delegates,

Welcome to the STAR WARS Committee. In a galaxy far, far away, choices have consequences, alliances are ever-shifting, and power is always up for grabs. This background guide is your launchpad into the vast universe of Star Wars diplomacy, strategy, and crisis resolution. It is meant to brief you on the universe, characters, and central conflict, but should not limit your preparation—rather, use it as a stepping stone to dive deeper into the lore and politics of the galaxy.

As members of this unique committee, we expect you to embody your assigned characters—from Jedi Masters and Sith Lords to bounty hunters and senators. Debate with passion, deliberate with logic, and defend your galaxy's fate with honor.

This committee will operate in the Continuous Crisis format, meaning dynamic updates will be introduced, and you must adapt your strategy in real-time. This is not a typical MUN committee. Here, moral absolutes blur, and the classic dichotomy of good vs. evil dissolves into shades of gray. Creativity and adaptability will be your strongest weapons.

You are encouraged to step beyond canon if it helps build a compelling and plausible narrative—just remain true to your character's essence. Push the boundaries of diplomacy, test your negotiation skills, and immerse yourself in the ever-changing galactic crisis we've crafted.

Remember: the Force will be with you... but only if you master it.

Warm regards

Sensitivity Statement

This committee will challenge delegates to engage with intense topics drawn from the lore of Star Wars, which often mirrors real-world issues like authoritarianism, military occupation, oppression, and war crimes. These themes are fictional but can reflect sensitive real-world dynamics.

Delegates are expected to approach all discussions with empathy, maturity, and professionalism. Discrimination, hate speech, or targeted disrespect of any kind—whether in-character or out-of-character—will not be tolerated. This is a space for inclusive, dynamic, and creative diplomacy. If you feel uncomfortable at any time, please speak with the dais.

We encourage thoughtful engagement and collaboration. Let this be a space where all voices are heard, and galactic politics are reimaged through diplomacy and respect.

Laws for the Committee

1. The ultimate power resides in the Force, binding all life across the galaxy. No being, Jedi or Sith, can fully defy the will of the Force, although many attempt to interpret its guidance through visions and skills.
2. The galaxy thrives on a delicate balance between the Light and Dark sides, peace and conflict, life and death. Both Jedi and Sith must tread carefully to maintain this equilibrium, ensuring their actions do not tip it too drastically.
3. The Jedi Council holds the highest position of power in terms of moral and societal guidance, followed by the Sith Lords in their quest for control. Both respect each other's presence as powerful wielders of the Force, despite their conflicting philosophies.

4. Force-sensitive beings who do not align strictly with either the Jedi or Sith are regarded as neutral and independent, respected for their unique perspectives and potential to influence outcomes across the galaxy.

Historical Background

The Star Wars saga is set in a sprawling galaxy that houses diverse planets and species, centered around the mystical Force, a binding energy field. The universe is primarily divided between two factions: the Jedi and the Sith, who represent the Light and Dark sides of the Force, respectively.

The Galactic Republic Era: For thousands of years, the Galactic Republic was a democratic with the Jedi Order as peacekeepers. They wielded lightsabers and embraced the Light side of the Force, valuing justice, peace, and harmony. Under this governance, the galaxy thrived in relative peace but was marred by corruption over time.

The Clone Wars: A significant conflict erupted between the Republic and the Confederacy of Independent Systems, led by Count Dooku. These wars were orchestrated by the Sith Lord Darth Sidious, who controlled both sides as part of a broader scheme to dismantle the Republic.

Rise of the Galactic Empire: As the war ended, Supreme Chancellor Palpatine (Darth Sidious) declared himself Emperor, transforming the Republic into the tyrannical Galactic Empire. With Order 66 executed, the Jedi Order was nearly exterminated, and the Sith dominated, led by Emperor Palpatine and his apprentice, Darth Vader.

The Rebel Alliance: Amidst the Empire's oppressive rule, the Rebel Alliance emerged, vowing to restore freedom. Key figures such as Leia Organa, Han Solo, and Jedi-in-training Luke Skywalker spearheaded efforts against the Empire. The Alliance eventually succeeded in the Battle of Endor, leading to the Emperor's fall and the Empire's defeat.

The New Republic and First Order: In the decades following the Empire's fall, the New Republic was formed, yet remnants of the Empire reorganized as the First Order, striving for dominance once more. Kylo Ren, a conflicted young Dark side user, led this resurgence.

The Rise of Skywalker: In the final confrontation, Rey, a scavenger and budding Jedi, led the Resistance against the Sith resurgence. Embracing both the legacy of the Jedi and her own identity, she faced the reborn Palpatine, ending the Sith's threat and restoring balance to the Force.

Throughout its history, the Star Wars universe has highlighted themes of hope, redemption, and the ongoing battle between Light and Dark, with the Force as the ever-present element guiding the fate of the galaxy.

Introduction to the Committee

Welcome, delegates, to a journey unlike any other. Here, within the galaxy of our MUN, you must rely not on pre-prepared speeches or extensive research, but on your instincts and ability to navigate the unknown. As Obi-Wan wisely suggested, the challenges you'll face require more than luck; they demand quick thinking and decisive action.

Our committee is crafted as a Continuous Crisis Committee, drawing inspiration from the expansive and enthralling Star Wars universe. "Do or do not, there is no try," as Yoda would counsel us, setting the tone for the series of interconnected dilemmas you'll face — from galactic conflicts to force-sensitive mysteries, each designed to test your wit and strategic prowess.

As delegates, you step into the shoes of iconic characters and factions: Jedi Knights, Sith Lords, members of the Galactic Empire, the Rebellion, and more. Your duties involve navigating alliances, confronting adversaries, and steering towards resolution while honoring the unique goals and desires of your roles.

"Your focus determines your reality." Guided by these words from Qui-Gon Jinn, remember that, although this committee embodies characters from Star Wars, our narrative diverges from the original stories. While the characters and their abilities

are familiar, the crisis updates will carve new paths. Thus, don't restrict your exploration to movies or series alone. Expand your understanding by exploring extended universe content, fan theories, and the intricate politics that lie in a galaxy far, far away.

Together, let's make sure the force is with us as we navigate this epic journey!

How a crisis works

Crisis Update: "Your eyes can deceive you; don't trust them." Trust the updates instead, as the Chair, acting as a conduit for information, presents essential updates on the unfolding crisis. Referred to as "Crisis Breaks," these updates introduce new challenges demanding our collective focus.

Deliberation and Debate: Following the Crisis Update, we'll engage in open discussion, allowing delegates to analyze new information, assess its impact, and propose potential solutions. Engage in respectful debate, raise questions for clarity, and consider all stakeholders' perspectives.

Directives: Directives are of four types: Individual Public Directives seen by the whole committee, Individual Private Directives for confidential actions, Joint Public Directives announced within the committee, and Joint Private Directives for collective confidential strategies.

Crafting Directives: Once we achieve a comprehensive understanding of the situation, the committee will move towards formulating "Directives". Focus on crafting strategic actions that will guide our committee towards peace and resolve the conflicts at hand.

Additional Considerations

Resources: Throughout the Crisis Cycle, it's imperative to consider the resources available to us. This might involve manpower, financial assets, technological capabilities, or intelligence gathering.

External Influences: The broader context of the crisis, including potential reactions from external entities, must be factored into our decision-making process. Understanding how allies and adversaries might respond will be crucial in crafting a successful strategy.

Public Perception: Depending on the nature of the crisis, the potential impact on public opinion and potential information leaks should be considered. Try to speak as much as you can! Speaking is the best way for other people to hear about your ideas, and your speeches can often convince people to collaborate with you. Since crisis speeches are usually impromptu, there's no pressure to make a "perfect" speech, instead focus on creativity, uniqueness and efficiency of it.

Ending note from the Executive Board

Could the "Shattered Skywalker Legacy" usher in a new age of chaos for the galaxy? Before anyone considers organizing an "End-of-Galaxy Podrace" on Tatooine, know this: this crisis is far from a gentle stroll on Jakku's sands (unless said stroll involves irate Jawas, a lurking sarlacc pit, and a rancor that's had one too many espressos). This situation isn't merely your space-age bedtime story. We're diving into colossal space battles, soul-shaking dilemmas, and so much drama that even Jabba might spill his snacks.

In all seriousness, do not underestimate the gravity of our predicament. It's like trying to escape a carbonite freeze but without the soothing ambiance of the Ewok Village spa. So, it's time to grab your lightsaber, adjust your blaster, and prepare strategies as if programmed for efficiency by a hundred tactical droids. With the galaxy's fate resting in our hands, remember: there's no Admiral Ackbar to shout out obvious traps this time.

This mission certainly won't be easy. Think of it as a Kessel Run done at lightspeed with a misbehaving hyperdrive. So gear up, Star Warriors, because we're in for something epic.

May the Force guide us all!

