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Hello Delegates!

Welcome to this years' Academy Model UN conference! My name is Michelle Surets, and I am a senior in the Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology, as well as your Director of Joint Crisis! I've been doing Model UN since my freshman year, and the fast-paced nature of Crisis committees in particular are where I find my interest primarily lies. Aside from Model UN, I am a HUGE Harry Potter fan, so I've very excited to see where you all will take this committee. I can't wait to see you all in February Happy researching, and feel free to contact me with any questions!

Sincerely,

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Hello Delegates,

Welcome to this years' Academy Model UN conference. My name is Eian Vargas, and I am a senior in the Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology as well as your crisis director for this joint crisis. The topic for this years' crisis is Harry Potter, which is something that will hopefully be enjoyable for you delegates. Do not be worried if you do not have any knowledge of Harry Potter because I do not have any either and will have to do my fair share of research. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in February. Good luck researching the topic and feel free to reach out to me if you happen to have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eian Vargas, Crisis Director, HP JCC – Ministry of Magic
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Delegates,

Welcome to AMUN 2020! My name is Kelly Lu and I will be chairing your crisis committee today along with my wonderful co-chair. I am a senior in the science academy (AAST), and I've been involved with Model UN since my sophomore year here at BCA. I was a delegate at AMUN 2017 in the SOCHUM general assembly committee. That was my first Model UN experience and I absolutely loved it. In my junior year I was encouraged to try a crisis committee, and I did for the first time at IRONMUN at Don Bosco Prep last year. That was almost my first time chairing; I chaired the JCC committee there. Since then I've developed a preference for crisis over GA. Something about the spontaneity and resourcefulness needed in crisis just clicks with me. Aside from Model UN, I love volleyball, dance, and French language. I also started a club called the Mental Health Club at BCA, and running it has become one of my passions. Don't hesitate to e-mail me with any questions, and I look forward to seeing you guys at AMUN!

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Hello Delegates!

My name is Emily Slobodenyuk, and I am currently a senior in the Academy of Advancement of Science and Technology. As one of your Death Eater co-chairs, I am excited to welcome you to our fantastical crisis world. I have been involved with Model UN since my freshmen year and have always been drawn to the fictional crises within conferences. Combining the crisis format with the beloved world of Harry Potter is going to be extremely exciting. As long as you don't forget to bow down before the great Lord Voldemort, you will be sure to have a wonderful time! I look forward to meeting all of you in February, and best of luck with your researching. Feel free to reach out to me for any questions!

Sincerely,

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Topic History

The first Wizarding War officially began in 1970 with the rise of a power-hungry Dark Lord. His name is believed to bring bad luck, but for those of you who don't know, his name is ~~Voldemort~~. But we'll just call him "He Who Must Not Be Named" or "You Know Who", yes? At that time, he and his group of followers called Death Eaters were at the height of their power and feared by every magical citizen.

Not much is known about You Know Who, but he arose quickly using anti-Muggle (non-magical people) policies to attract those of pure blood (with two magical parents, and usually centuries of magical ancestors) who were not in favor of allowing muggleborns (magical wizards/witches born to two Muggles) into their world due to their beliefs that these people drained magic from the Wizarding World and would bring unwelcome change to the traditions treasured by the oldest families. To rise to power, You Know Who spent a long time exploring Dark Magic, and as a result, turned himself into

something we consider to be decidedly not human.

In the early 1960s, the Death Eaters began to take actions, but were not yet known. However, this was a time of social change in the Wizarding World. Muggleborns were becoming more accepted in the Wizarding world, largely thanks to the campaign of Hogwarts' Headmaster Albus Dumbledore.

The direct opposite was happening with magical creatures such as werewolves, giants, and centaurs. Werewolves were hit the hardest after the attack of Fenrir Greyback on two children, which caused the Ministry to rightfully declare them to be "soulless, evil, and deserving nothing but death".

In 1970, You Know Who proclaimed himself an official Dark Lord™, launching a revolution against our glorious enterprise. As more and more attacks were launched on Muggles and Muggleborns (as well as inferior creatures like Goblins and House Elves), more of the Ministry's time was being spent cleaning up after



the Death Eaters by modifying memories, healing survivors, searching for the culprits, and attempting to prevent future attacks.

However, the Death Eaters were constantly ahead. Occupying key positions in the Ministry, Death Eaters were everywhere, using blackmail and the Imperius curse to expand their influence and weaken the government. It seemed as if the Ministry was far behind the Death Eaters in terms of strategy. This may have been the reason that small groups formed to also try to combat the growing issue, the most prominent of which being the Order of the Phoenix. The Ministry never approved of these small groups, however, believing them to decrease the strength and unity of the Ministry of Magic, but some Ministry employees joined regardless.

Current Situation

The year is 1980. The war has been raging on for the past ten years. The election of Millicent Bagnold has resulted in the confidence of the

Ministry of Magic to grow, and they feel that this is the year in which they stand a chance to finally end You Know Who's rebellion! The Ministry has already begun taking more serious steps against the Death Eaters, including Crouch's recent edict that allows Aurors to use Unforgivable curses against their attackers.

Your objective, should you choose to accept it, is to defeat You Know Who (hopefully once and for all) and to weed out all the Death Eaters hiding within the Ministry, whilst balancing the needs of the citizens and ensuring their happiness with your organization.

Questions to Consider

How should the Ministry respond to the growing Death Eater numbers?

What is a good strategy to prevent future Death Eater attacks considering their past actions?



How can the Ministry prevent purebloods from joining the rebel forces?

What actions should the Ministry be taking in terms of social change?

What do the people need to remain happy and feel safe with the current Ministry?

Also, if this is your first crisis committee, never fear- we have put together a guide to crisis that is also available on the AMUN website!

We do not require position papers for this committee.

Recommended Readings

Since this committee is set before the events of the first book, knowing the actions that happened in the Harry Potter series will not be necessary for success in this committee. However, the majority of the characters referenced were introduced at some point in the series, although their powers may be slightly modified.

[1]: http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/First_Wizarding_War

[2]: http://www.wikisummaries.org/wiki/Harry_Potter



Layout of the Ministry (Characters)

The Ministry of Magic is composed of eight departments that work together to pass resolutions that dictate the actions of the Ministry as a whole. Each department has something they need to regulate within the Wizarding World to keep the citizens from revolting.

In our committee, to take an action with the full backing of Ministry resources, a committee directive must be passed with a majority vote. To take an official action as a specific department, all members of that department have to come to an agreement and write a joint portfolio note. However, any actions that are deemed do-able with only part of a department's resources or using specific connections unique to one character can be incorporated through a private crisis note that may be implemented without the knowledge of the committee.

Please note that not all characters correspond to an actual individual within the Harry Potter Universe and that some individuals may have been slightly altered to make this committee more interesting.



Bartemius Crouch

Senior

Secretary of the Dept. of Magical Law Enforcement

Known for his extreme hatred of Death Eaters, Crouch Sr. is willing to do whatever it takes to rid the Wizarding World of these monsters. No tactic is too extreme and no step is too far if it means getting rid of these threats against the Ministry. As the Head of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement, Crouch Sr. has the authority to dictate what Aurors can and cannot legally do in their fights with criminals, and he has previously enabled harsher spells to be used.

Albus Dumbledore

Advisor to the Minister & Supreme Mugwump

As the Headmaster of Hogwarts and head of the Order of the Phoenix, Albus Dumbledore has a lot of control over the youth. Known as the only wizard that Voldemort ever feared,

Dumbledore possesses a great amount of power and a personal sense of responsibility for ensuring the safety of the Wizarding World. Lately, he advocates greatly for the acceptance of Muggleborns into the world of magic and is known to sympathize with magical creatures. Overall, he has many ties throughout the Ministry and is quite a respected figure.

Rufus Scrimgeour

Head of Aurors

He has spent years fighting Death Eaters, and has recently been promoted to the Head of the Aurors. Scrimgeour has been endowed the executive authority to order operations by Aurors by the Minister of Magic. As a veteran Auror, Scrimgeour knows a great amount about the tactics used by the rebels. He has publicly and loudly disagreed with Albus Dumbledore and his tactics, viewing the Order of the Phoenix as overall unproductive, bumbling vigilantes. However, the two agree largely on the aim of the conflict, which is to end the rebels.



Cornelius Fudge

Minister at the Department of Magical Accidents and Catastrophes

Cornelius Fudge is the Minister of the Department of Magical Accidents and Catastrophes, which makes him responsible for ensuring the Muggle's continued ignorance of the world of magic they are living next door to. The recent Death Eater attacks targeting Muggles have made doing his job harder, and he supports taking them out as quickly as possible. However, there is no interest on his part towards the wellbeing of these Muggles due to his upbringing in a strictly Pureblood family. Additionally, he absolutely despises Goblins due to the large number of conflicts they have with wizards that Fudge needs to take care of later.

James Potter

Auror

James Potter, a new father and high-ranking Auror, is married to Lily Potter (Née Evans), a muggle-born witch. As such, he is a passionate defender of the rights of the muggle-borns, and he will do anything to ensure the safety and prosperity of the members of his family, to whom the Death Eaters are currently the greatest public threat.

Amelia Bones

Head of the Wizengamot

Amelia Bones is renowned for her fair and just approach to law and her passion for ensuring that the courts remain impartial in their ruling. She has only recently been elected to the Head of the Wizengamot, but has already made a name for herself in the courtroom. For this, she is hated by all of the Death Eaters, but being a very skilled witch, Ms. Bones has not been taken down yet. Even You Know Who is known to view Ms. Bones as a serious threat as she stands against all of his dogma.

Dolores Umbridge



Under Secretary to the Minister & Head of Improper Use of Magic Department

Dolores Umbridge is a legalist, in the classical sense. She is a strict disciplinarian, who doles out whatever punishment she deems necessary for those who break the rules. Activists believe that she deals out cruel and unusual punishments to those she finds guilty, deprives them of substantive due process, and forges evidence in cases that would be hard to win. However, none of these claims have been investigated, much less proven, and she seems to have a cozy relationship with the Minister of Magic.

Bertha Jorkins Department of Magical Games and Sports

Here to ensure the comfort of the people, Bertha may not be looking to pick a fight with You Know Who. However, she is dedicated to honesty, integrity, and respect for athletes, both on and off the sports

field. She takes this popular philosophy to governance, and strongly condemns corruption within the Ministry of Magic.

Elijah Moran

Pureblood Activist

Elijah Moran is an activist who believes strongly in the exclusive right of pureblood wizards to participate in wizarding society. He argues that muggleborns and, to a lesser extent, half-bloods, imperil the traditions that have maintained the safety and prosperity of wizarding society. He believes that pure blood humans have exclusive providence over magic, and that pureblood wizards are inherently superior to all other beings. Similarly, he advocates for harsher stances towards non-human magical creatures, particularly the goblins, who he believes unfairly control the international banking system.

(Honestly, we don't know how he got into this meeting, but we can't make him leave, so now he's got a say as well.)

Ludo Bagman



Head of Department of Magical Games and Sports

Bagman is a money-oriented individual who is descended from 15 generations of magical ancestors. He has had financial troubles in the past, having run up gambling debts for years before ultimately paying them off very abruptly. Having repaid his debts, he began a speaking series on the virtues of fair play, and the dangers that gambling poses to the integrity of sports. As a result of his revolutionary speaking series, he was nominated to head the Department of Magical Games and Sports, making him a beloved national character.

Pius Thicknesses

Dept of Magical Law Enforcement

As the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement, he actively and strongly opposes the Death Eaters in all forms. However, he does not believe that it is appropriate to eliminate them by any means necessary, serving as a moderating

voice to Bartemius Crouch Senior. His policies are popular among less-radical Aurors, who believe that the most extreme tactics used by the Death Eaters are mala in se and cannot be justified even in war against Death Eaters.

Arthur Weasley

Misuse of Muggle Artefacts Office

Arthur Weasley is the patriarch of the Weasley Family and a proud Head of the Office of the Misuse of Muggle Artefacts, which works to keep Muggles unaware of magic. He is also a supporter of Muggles and Muggle rights, and is currently working on a bill to promote protection for newcomers into the world of magic. This is a much smaller and less well-regarded department than the Department of Magical Accidents and Catastrophes, as their leanings are clearly pro-Muggle.

Mikhail Duganov

Department of Mysteries



Not much is known about the Head of the Department of Mysteries, as the work done in this Department is top secret. As such, there is a sizeable minority of the wizarding public who distrusts him, though he exhibits significant clout over all branches of the Ministry of Magic. It is part of his job to uphold the Department of Mysteries, so he holds power over all of the Unspeakables and all of the research that the Ministry is doing.

Vincent Hammer

Ministry Treasurer

Vincent Hammer is an economist and banker that works closely with goblins in order to ensure that the Ministry is properly financed. As such, he is tremendously respected in the wizarding community, as they appreciate his willingness to work with goblins, who are well-known to be miserable creatures incapable of functioning in our high-wizarding society. Vincent, however, seems not to mind the goblins, and they do not seem to mind him.

Mickey Dugín

Department of International Affairs

Mickey Dugín is an experienced diplomat, with significant clout over the International Confederation of Wizards. He has connections both in Britain, representing her proudly in the ICW, and throughout the rest of Europe and North America. He is an advocate for transparency in judicial procedures, as that would make his job much, much easier to do.

Newt Scamander

Department of Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures

Newt is a wizard that has worked with the Department for many years, in which he has become a champion for diversity, sympathizing with the plight of non-human magical creatures. He is a proponent for the Ban on Experimental Breeding, and for increased recognition of the rights



of non-humans. This is seen as extremely controversial. But, hey, we have accepted muggleborns, so who knows the bounds of our progress?

Michaelis

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Department of Security

This Head of the Department of Security is responsible for implementing wizarding Great Britain's defense policy. This also requires him to work with the non-magical Great Britain's security departments as a part of his job, which gives him information about the state of England's affairs. This makes Michaelis very concerned about the recent direction of You Know Who's attacks, as more Muggles are being put in danger and England's department of security wants to step in and control the situation.

