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**Delegates’
Guide
to the Crisis Committee**

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INTRODUCTION

The Crisis Committee is an unusual, fast-paced, competitive and intriguing Model United Nations committee in which the delegations, which consist of two representatives, have to cooperate to solve a series of global burning issues, or Crises, during the conference. The Crisis Committee - or CC for short - also poses a challenge to those participating as they have to take actions with consequences instead of creating a non-binding resolution.

In this guide, we will teach you the differences between the Crisis Committee and other MUN committees, and adequately prepare you for the controlled chaos of CC. We will begin with the very basics - the flow of the debate, CC specific terms - then dive into the nuances of the committee, and finally, we'll leave you with examples for different mechanics, and an example Crisis to help imagine all of the committee in play.

The CCHQ would like to ask each delegate to study this guide in order to be fully prepared for the upcoming debates of the Crisis Committee at KarMUN.

We wish you a happy and eventful couple of days here at Karinthy.

*Yours faithfully, the Head of the Crisis Committee Headquarters of 2026, Dorottya Tápai
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the Head of the Crisis Committee Headquarters of 2024, Anita Bodnár,
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and all other members of the team of the Crisis Committee Headquarters.*

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CRISIS COMMITTEE 101

The Goal of the Debates

During the sessions of the Crisis Committee, representatives will be paired up to form delegations, each representing a given country. At the beginning of the session, the committee will be presented with a Crisis, an international issue that concerns most if not all the countries present at the debate. The goal of the committee is to solve the Crises, and do so in a way that favours your nation.

However, it is important to note some key differences between a Crisis and a regular Issue Description:

- *The Crises presented in the Committee may often be unrealistic, even far-fetched. If you find yourself in a situation like this, try and take the issues at hand seriously; Crises are intentionally formulated this way to encourage more creative solutions and provide challenges.*
- *Whereas in regular MUN committees the delegations work together to write a resolution, in CC representatives send in newsflashes which describe their actions and not their intentions. These actions will then have consequences, potentially altering the situation of other nations.*
- *Typically, the answer to whether a Crisis was “solved” or not is not as simple as you might believe. Even if the global issue is remedied, it may leave some countries in less fortunate scenarios than others. To prevent this, delegations may take actions that serve only their nation, ultimately hindering the global effort.*
 - *Let us help you with an example: In a deadly global pandemic, the economy of any given nation will suffer great losses due to a loss in the workforce. Consequently, whilst it may be in the best interest of the international community to establish a quarantine, representatives may choose to forgo such procedures to prevent an overall economic recession.*

The Staff of the Crisis Committee

Chairs of the Crisis Committee

*The Chairs are responsible for the smooth running of the Crisis Committee by **leading the debates**. They are fully aware of the functioning of the Committee and the Rules of Procedure in regard to it. If you have any questions throughout the sessions of the Committee feel free to turn to your Chairs.*

Crisis Committee Headquarters (CCHQ)

*The Crises presented were masterminded by the CCHQ and these Crises are also coordinated by them throughout the conference. They are responsible for **presenting the Crises**, issuing the approval and rejection, or the request for rephrasing of the newsflashes submitted by the delegates while also being **able to send instructions to the participants**. Should representatives have questions regarding the Crises, or their nation’s current situation, they are welcome to contact the HQ via the CC website.*

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THE FLOW OF THE DEBATE

Overview

*Sessions of the Crisis Committee can be broken down into 3 different segments. First, the debate begins with a **State of the World**, a speech delivered by the CCHQ. This is usually followed by **Unmoderated Caucus**, or Lobbying, when delegations can walk about the room and make conversation with other representatives. After a given amount of time in the Unmoderated Caucus, the committee will begin a **Moderated Caucus**, when representatives may take the floor to make speeches about their recent - approved - actions, and ask questions to the speaker through the Chair. Usually, **the committee will alternate between the two types of caucuses, with additional States of the World after a few hours.***

States of the World

*At the start of the debate, the Chairs will yield the floor to the CCHQ to present the Crisis for that given session of the Crisis Committee. The HQ will do so by a form of briefing called a State of the World. States of the World are **speeches made to the entire committee by the HQ, explaining the current situation worldwide regarding the Crisis at hand.** As the Committee proceeds for a time, further States of the World introducing or further clarifying the Crisis are given to the Committee. During States of the World, the committee may go through a **Time Lapse**, when the CCHQ notifies them of time passed since the announcement of the last State of the World. Secret information, if deemed necessary, can be revealed by the HQ during a State of the World. After each of these briefings, you may be able to ask for further information from the staff of the CCHQ. You may do so either publicly, or through the Crisis Committee website, which we will discuss later. As the first thing after the Committee is officially in session, every country receives an **Intelligence Briefing** - or additional information - about the issue at hand. As soon as the first Intelligence Briefing has been sent, the game is afoot, and, as they say, all bets are off. You should aim to come up with a solid policy right after the first briefing – although it is certainly no crime to do more research before making a move into solving the Crisis at hand.*

Intelligence Briefings

*Intelligence Briefings, commonly referred to as “additional information”, **state internal governmental communications** and are normally received after the first State of the World **to aid in understanding the current position of a country.** These briefings are delivered via the website of the Crisis Committee through the communications panel.*

*At the start of the session, each country receives said **secret information** about the issue of the Committee prepared by the CCHQ. Sufficient time will be given to read and understand the new information provided by these notes. The delegate has the freedom to decide on revealing any secret information but is advised to use caution when doing so, as it may have an impact on their countries later on.*

Unmoderated Caucus

*Unmoderated Caucus, also referred to as Lobbying, **allows representatives to leave their seats and discuss with each other their delegation’s views on the current Crisis and to form alliances.** The time for a moderated caucus will be announced by the Chairs, and they will usually provide information regarding the length of a given caucus.*

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Moderated Caucus

*Moderated Caucus is also announced by the Chairs. During this period, **delegates will take their seats and pay attention to the current speaker on the floor**, as they discuss the recent actions of their country. It is worth noting, however, that secret activities need not be announced this way. After a given speech has concluded, the Chair will ask the speaker whether they will entertain any questions. After these have been answered in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the speaker will yield the floor back to the Chair, and return to their seat. During a Moderated Caucus, representatives may use the CC website to communicate with other delegations, the Chairs, or the CCHQ as to not disturb the current speaker.*

MECHANISM OF THE CRISIS COMMITTEE

Please note that the general parts of the Rules of Procedure used at KarMUN still apply to the Crisis Committee with a few differences. When communicating with the CCHQ, bear in mind that the ones you are communicating with represent your delegation's government.

Means of Actions

As previously mentioned, delegations are not merely making suggestions in the CC. They are taking actions which will then have consequences on the fictive world of the committee. In the following segment, we'll go over the different means that delegations can use to exert their actions on the face of the world.

Newsflashes

*Newsflashes are the delegations' primary way of taking action. A newsflash is **a written action** - which uses **active phrasing, not urging, suggesting, asking** etc. - submitted to the CCHQ via the CC website. Newsflashes typically contain a single action a delegation takes with its country, such as funding research, developing weapons or buildings, passing legislation or spreading propaganda. **Newsflashes only take effect once approved by the CCHQ through the official site.** Newsflashes have **two sets of types**:*

- **Open/Closed (Public/Secret)** are the categories regarding secrecy, which can easily be determined. If an action can be carried out in secrecy, it can - but needn't - be submitted as a secret newsflash. If not, it may only be submitted as open.
 - Examples of **open only** newsflashes: War, handling of international affairs, organising open trading.
 - Examples of newsflashes that **can be secret**: Internal issues such as secret military training or actions with secret alliances, like trading & illegal weapon manufacturing.

Open newsflashes may - but needn't - be announced to the committee at the podium during a Moderated Caucus, but only if the HQ has already approved the given action. Secret newsflashes typically aren't announced, but the HQ may reveal the consequence of one (eg.: if secret weapon development results in a large explosion).

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- **Short-term/Long-term** are the categories regarding the amount of time an action will take. Delegates may inquire about an action's duration from the CCHQ. A good rule of thumb to determine which category a newsflash falls into is to consider whether the newsflash describes **a one time action, or an action that needs to be carried out in a timely manner**, in which case the newsflash is **short-term**. **Otherwise, it is long-term**. Most newsflashes submitted in the CC are long-term.
 - Examples of a **short-term** newsflash: Sending missiles or food to another nation once, testing a nuclear warhead once.
 - Examples of a **long-term** newsflash: War, starting a space expedition to Mars, establishing a trade line.

It is important to note that delegations **may only take actions for which they have the necessary funding, equipment or personnel**. Moreover, **newsflashes that are not in accordance with a nation's interests cannot be approved**, as the nation's government would not take such actions. In the CC, **newsflashes that seek to nuke another country are typically rejected**, as we try to avoid the complete disqualification of a delegation. For some examples of correct and incorrect newsflashes, please consult our "Example Newsflashes" section.

Alliances

Countries may enter into alliances with other present countries. Keep in mind that the signing parties **become legally bound to each other in every action they take** until the alliance is annulled. There are **two types** of alliances:

- **Open Alliance**: Delegates may create an alliance that is known to every other delegation as well; meaning it **has to be announced as soon as the CCHQ approves it**. When a country wants to belong to more than one Open Alliance, all parties on both sides have to agree to this decision.
- **Secret Alliance**: As its name suggests, it is an alliance which has to be kept secret for a reason. When a country is bound to an Open Alliance but wants to initiate one in secret with another country, they do not have to disclose it to the other parties.

There are situations in which neighboring nations **can choose to merge both their countries and delegations to form a new country**. This can also be facilitated through an alliance, but **only at the CCHQ's discretion**.

To form an alliance, one of the soon-to-be members **must create an alliance through the CC website, and state the purpose of the alliance in a long-term newsflash** which is either open or secret for its respective alliance type. Then, **all invited members must accept the proposal to form the alliance**, after which the **HQ must also accept the alliance**. Finally, in case of an open alliance, after the newsflash is accepted by the HQ, one of the delegations present in the alliance **must announce the formation of the alliance to the committee**. Please consult the "Alliances Panel" section of our website guide to learn more about forming an alliance.

It is worth noting that once an alliance is formed, **a group chat is established for that respective alliance in the Communications panel of the CC website**.

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Spy Cards

Each delegation has *Spy Cards*, **which they can use to shed light on some information of their choice** (which is unknown to them at that point of the debate). If a delegation wishes to **use one of their Spy Cards, they are to message the CCHQ** through the official CC website, phrasing one question about a specified country or alliance. The **Intelligence Briefing** in response to the Spy card **will directly address the question phrased**, therefore a representative is to be careful about the use of a spy card, as it cannot be undone once answered by the CCHQ. There are a **limited number of Spy Cards** to be used during the course of a Crisis; this number is determined by the CCHQ depending on the length of the Crisis. Please note that **delegates may be instructed by the CCHQ to reveal the information gained from their spying activities** if the CCHQ deems so. For an example of how a Spy Card is used, please consult our “Example Use of a Spy Card” section.

Further Mechanisms of the Crisis Committee

Messages or Instructions

A delegation might receive messages or instructions from the CCHQ at any time during the course of the session through the official CC site, or personally after being contacted by one of the members of the CCHQ. **These messages and instructions are to be taken seriously and acted upon if the delegation is instructed to do so, strictly following said instructions.** The delegates may ask for further clarification from the CCHQ before complying with the instructions.

The Crisis Committee Headquarters

As previously discussed, it is the CCHQ’s duty to mastermind the Crises, inform the committee regarding the Crises and facilitate the approval process of newsflashes. However, there are some more details about the HQ that are worth noting:

- The CCHQ acts as both the “game masters” of the CC, and as all the nation’s governments. This means that **delegations do not have absolute authority over their country.**
- When communicating with the CCHQ, delegates should use formal and appropriate language at all times. Please refer to the Rules of Procedure for further directives on communication.
- During the conference, the CCHQ takes residence in a separate room. **Delegates are prohibited from entering this room throughout the course of the conference** and can face serious repercussions by doing so.
- When **judging a newsflash**, the CCHQ can make one of three choices:
 - **Approve**, putting the action into effect.
 - **Deny**, and, if needed, comment on why the desired action cannot be taken.
 - **Ask for rephrasal**, and, if needed, comment on what is not clear about the desired action.
- **The CCHQ can close newsflash submissions** to reduce their workload and incentivise representatives to pay attention to each others’ speeches. This is **typically done before new States of the World**, and we appreciate your understanding when this is necessary.

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GUIDE TO THE CRISIS COMMITTEE WEBSITE

During the conference, it is essential for representatives in the Crisis Committee to use its official website. The site facilitates communication between the Chairs, the CCHQ and all delegations. It is also where delegations must submit their newsflashes to get them approved by the HQ. Moreover, representatives can form alliances through the site.

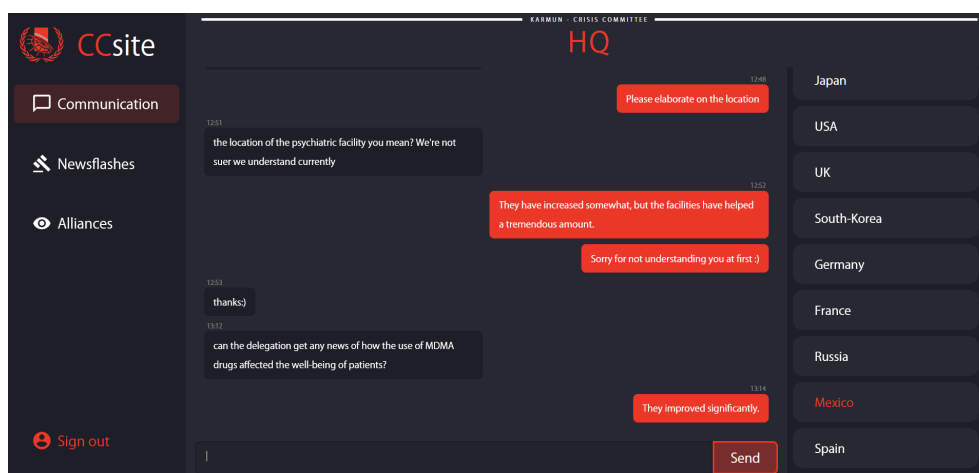
Accessing the Site

To open the CC website, go to cc.karmun.hu. Staff of the Crisis Committee will hand out cards containing your username and password with the exact punctuation of both strings. The two representatives of a given country share the account for their nation. The Chairs will also display the wifi login to use, should you seek to connect. Please note however, that during KarMUN, our routers can get overwhelmed by the hundreds of subsequent users, leading to slower connections. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. Should the site crash on your device, do not panic, and consult either the Chairs or the CCHQ.

Communications Panel

This panel is used to chat with fellow delegates, the CCHQ, and the Chairs. When communicating with the staff of the Crisis Committee, delegates should use formal and appropriate language at all times. Please refer to the Delegate Guide above and the Rules of Procedure for further information about the manner of communication. Delegations may receive Intelligence Briefings and instructions from the HQ through this panel. These messages and instructions are to be taken seriously and acted upon if the delegation is instructed to do so, strictly following said instructions. The delegates may ask for further clarification from the CCHQ before complying with the instructions. The Communications Panel is also where representatives can use their Spy Cards by consulting the HQ.

You may chat with any of the nations present in the committee by simply selecting its name from the list on the right side. If you are part of any alliances, you will also be put into a group chat with all other members. Should you have any questions to the Chairs regarding the debate, or to the HQ regarding the Crisis, feel free to use the Communications Panel to contact them.

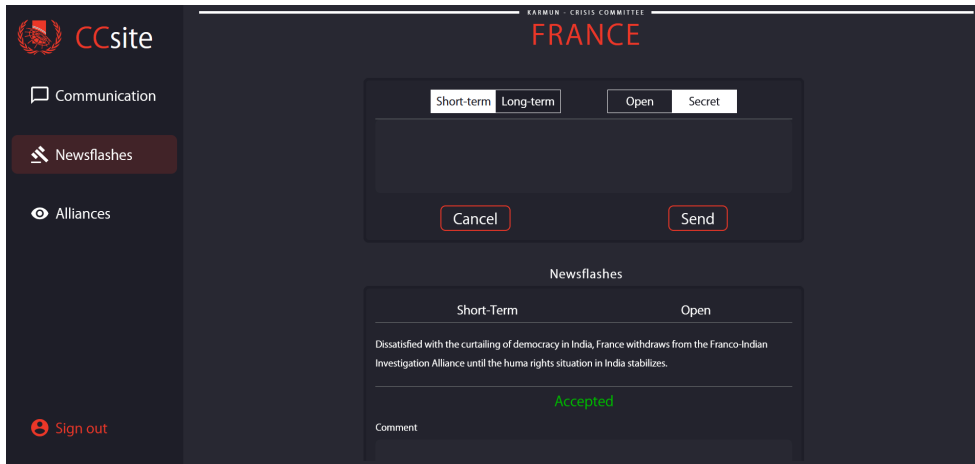


In the Comms Panel, you can select chats with other delegations on the right. Also note Mexico's respectful tone in their messages.

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Newsflashes Panel

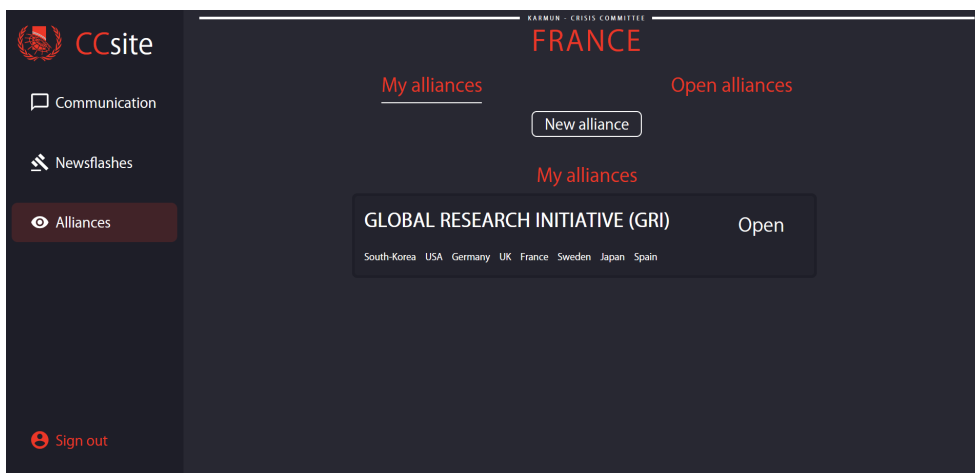
This panel enables you to **submit newsflashes to the CCHQ**, who in our circumstances represent your government. To send a newsflash, type out the action in the text box, and select whether the action is short- or long-term, and open or secret. The **white box indicates the selected category**. Once you send a newsflash, **3 minutes must pass before you are able to send in another**. You may also view your previous newsflashes in this panel. Please consult our “Means of Actions: Newsflashes” and “Examples” sections to familiarize yourself with the workings of newsflashes.



You can see the box where the newsflash can be typed out. Currently, the short-term and secret categories are selected for the newsflash.

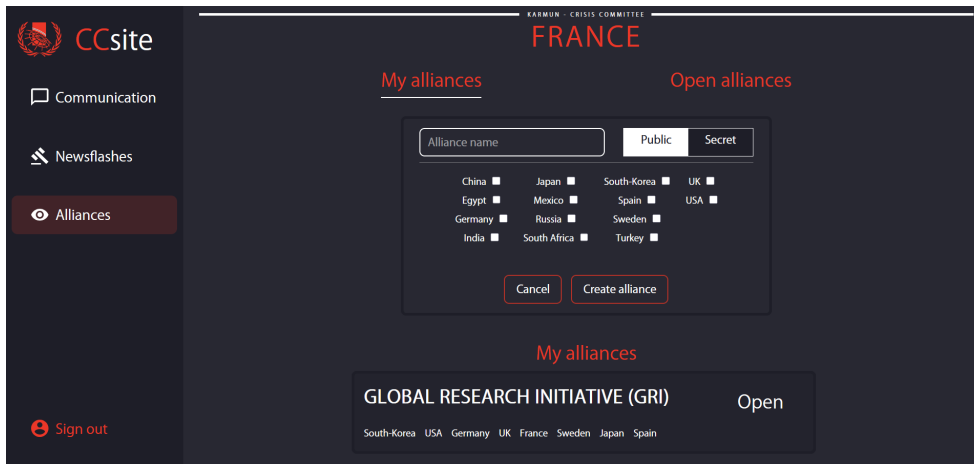
Alliances Panel

With the use of the Alliances Panel, you can **create alliances between nations**. To form an alliance, one of the soon-to-be members **must name the alliance, select all other nations it seeks to invite to it, and state the purpose of the alliance in a long-term newsflash** which is either open or secret for its respective alliance type. Then, **all invited members must accept the proposal** to form the alliance, after which the **HQ must also accept the alliance**. Finally, in case of an open alliance, after the newsflash is accepted, one of the delegations present in the alliance **must announce the formation of the alliance to the committee**. The **CCHQ can add or remove members from alliances - only after the alliance is formed - if all members agree to do so**. Therefore, if a member changes their mind on joining they firstly have to accept, then submit a request of removal to the CCHQ. Alliances can also be annulled.



Through the Alliances Panel, you can view your already existing alliances, all their members, and whether it's open or secret.

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When creating an alliance, you can select the members, name and type of the alliance. **The white box highlights the selected type: public.**

POINTS AND MOTIONS

The Points and Motions listed here are **only the most important ones** that are used during a debate regularly; **for the rest of the list, please refer to page 17 and onward in the Rules of Procedure** in the General Info section of the KarMUN website.

- Points and Motions **can never interrupt a person speaking**, the only exception is when it is the Point of Personal Privilege Due to Audability (meaning you cannot hear the speaker).
- Points and Motions can be raised when the floor is open (meaning when there is no speaker at the podium).
- Points and Motions either need an approval from the Chair, or approval from the rest of the delegates in the form of a “second”. This you do not necessarily need to keep in mind, your Chairs know when to use which.

Commonly Used Points and Motions

Point of Personal Privilege

Whenever a delegate experiences considerable personal discomfort which impairs their ability to participate in the proceedings, they may rise to a Point of Personal Privilege to request that the discomfort be corrected.

Point of Information to the Chair

When the floor is open, a delegate may rise to a Point of Information to the Chair (or the President of the Committee). This Point is a question to the Chair or President, which can refer to almost anything, from issues to personal priorities.

Generally on MUNs there exists another Point used to ask about the procedure, however, the Rules of Procedure of KarMUN accepts this one for everything as well.

Request for Formal Apology

A delegate, whose personal or national integrity has been severely offended by another delegate, may introduce a Request for Formal Apology from the offender right after the speaker has finished his or her speech.

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EXAMPLES

To aid in your preparations for the sessions of the Crisis Committee, you will find examples of newsflashes and other core mechanisms of the CC. You will also find an example speech delivered by the HQ at the start of the debate - the First State of the World, - its corresponding Intelligence Briefings, and further States of the World.

Example Newsflashes

In the Crisis for which this newsflash was submitted, there is a mysterious disease or condition which causes mass hysteria among the world's population.

Long-Term	Japan	Secret
Japan starts conducting a mass-scaled research as an attempt to figure out the nature of the hysteria. Japan will obtain the ones affiliated with this seeming disease for observations and analysis by the top-tier biology as well as criminology scientists.		
Accepted		
Comment		

Since research cannot be done short-term, this newsflash is long-term. As it is an internal affair, it can - and was - done in secret. Also note the use of action verbs (starts, will obtain), and the concise manner in which it was written.

The following newsflash is from the same Crisis.

Short-Term	Russia	Open
Statement from the Ministry of Health of the RF: Russia has found no adverse connection between isolated incidents, and rejects the false claim that there is an underlying common source. Together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health evaluates the current situation as nothing more than mass hysteria propagated by ill-disposed actors.		
Accepted		
Comment		

Since a statement is a one time action, this newsflash is short-term. A public statement is an international affair, so it is also open.

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Short-Term	Russia	Open
The Russian Federation summons the Ambassador of Spain to the RF to request a detailed report about the actions of Dr. Alejandro García.		
Rejected		
Comment		
If Spain sends a newflash in which they state that they agree to send an ambassador, you may resend it.		

*While this newflash is **correctly categorized**, it narrates the actions of another country. This means the action cannot be done without Spain agreeing - as the HQ commented below the newflash.*

Long-Term	China	Secret
The PRC moves all of its nuclear capacity to the Antarctic region, whilst also building nuclear silos for the nuclear warheads. Beijing develops a network of facilities to house the delegations and the government creating self-sustaining farms, water supplies, energy sources and moving anything valuable there.		
Rejected		
Comment		
You cannot transport a nuclear silo, as it is built into the ground. Moreover, your government has not yet fully moved to Antarctica.		

*Once again, this is an example of a **correctly categorized newflash**. However, it describes an action that is **fundamentally impossible**, as nuclear silos cannot be transported.*

Long-Term	India	Secret
India changes its form of government to an authoritarian autocratic state.		
Rejected		
Comment		
As it is not currently in the interest of the government to change system from democracy - keep in mind, you are the delegation of the government, representing their ideals - there'd have to be an uprising to overthrow the current leading party. You could also hold a vote among your population to change governmental system, succeeding with a majority.		

This newflash was rejected for the reasons explained in the comment made by the HQ.

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Long-Term	Germany	Secret
<p>The Federation of the Republic of Germany is starting an extensive military and infrastructure modernization program for strictly defensive purposes in case of a global military escalation. This program aims to utilize European funds for sponsoring this program, except for nuclear warheads, since those are an issue of domestic security.</p>		
<p>These measure include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Purchase, development and manufacturing of military equipment.Developing a modernized intelligence agency and security council.Modernizing infrastructure, investing in roads, railways, airbases and waterways.TOP SECRET! Purchasing, researching and developing already existing and new types of nuclear warheads.		
<p style="text-align: center;">Rejected</p>		
<p>Comment</p> <p>You cannot use EU funds to fund this extensive program secretly.</p>		

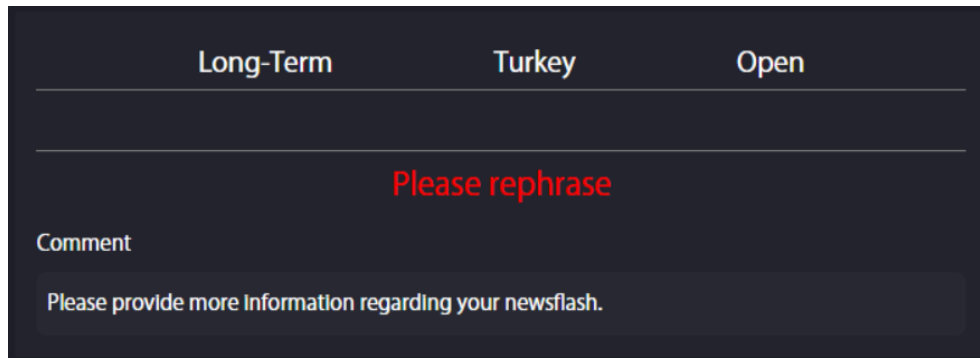
*This newsflash is **well-written**. It is clear, concise, and relatively short. However, it plans on **using European funds in secret for a prolonged time**. This cannot be done in secret, but **if the newsflash was open, it would have been accepted**.*

Long-Term	South Africa	Secret
<p>South Africa sends 35,000 soldiers to Egypt, clad in titanium armour and helmets from their collaboration with japan.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Please rephrase</p>		
<p>Comment</p> <p>please specify 'sending soldiers' does it mean supporting or attacking Egypt?</p>		

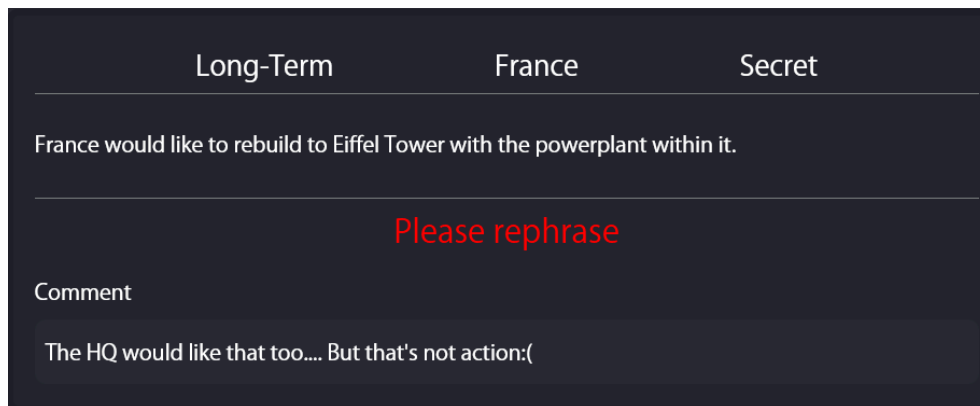
*This is an example of a newsflash that is **not clear in its intentions**. Sending soldiers can be both a supportive and aggressive act, so the HQ asked for rephrasal.*

Newsflashes asking to nuke a country will almost always be rejected, as we seek to avoid the complete disqualification of a delegation.

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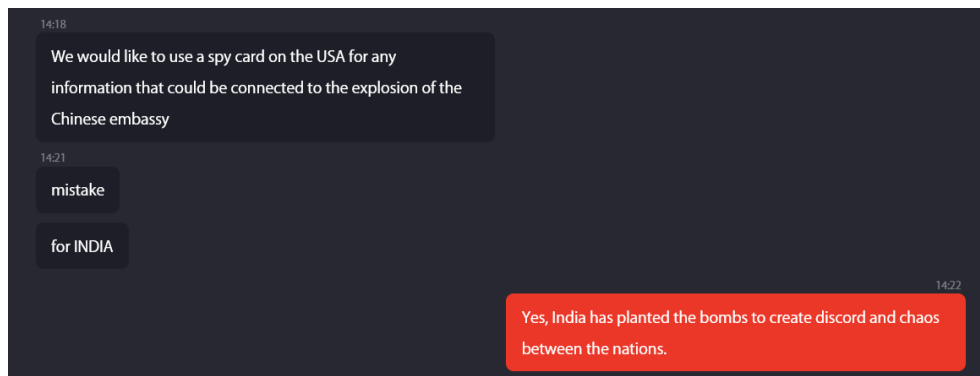


The CCHQ cannot accept blank newsflashes.



Newsflashes that use passive phrasing (would like to) cannot be accepted.

Example for Use of a Spy Card



Depicted above is the Communications Panel, specifically a chat between China and the CCHQ. China phrased their question clearly - though note how the delegation almost mistakenly used the Card on the wrong country. This highlights how important it is to double check the question articulated in connection with a Spy Card. After a few minutes, the HQ responded with information gleaned from the use of the Spy Card.

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Example Crisis

The First State of the World

Our crisis takes place in the first half of the 22nd century. Recent breakthroughs in nanotechnology and biotechnology have allowed humans to halt the genetic degradation of humans, stopping their genomes from deteriorating, leading to the most recent tests yielding specimens with prolonged life expectancy. Experts believe that this could mean an additional 100 years of life for anyone going through this experimental procedure, codenamed PLEX (or Prolonged Life Expectancy Procedure). Although it has been legalized by the World Health Organisation, solely the members of the upper-middle class or above have the privilege to afford it.

PLEX-treated citizens have retained their regenerative capabilities as far as the human genetic code is concerned. This means that cancer, autoimmune diseases, and the ageing of organs are - for the most part - a thing of the past. Initially, the nations of the world were thrilled by this development... However, they were soon to discover the numerous downsides to this self-made evolutionary step.

Even though PLEX-treated organs are almost everlasting, the human body was not designed with hundreds of years of living in mind. Dust and tar - commonly inhaled by metropolitan citizens - clog up the respiratory tract and the lungs and bones are worn out from years of continual use. Moreover, PLEX patients' minds were found to be deteriorating all the same, meaning that they are still extremely vulnerable to dementia and autoimmune illnesses. Subjects are also exceedingly susceptible to depression due to living such a long and lonely life. This means that the over-elderly are exponentially inadequate to fulfil their jobs, and even though some companies attempted to employ PLEX patients, these efforts were deemed monetarily disadvantageous putting even more weight on the shoulders of young adults, leaving sociologists in terror for the future.

Statistics show that when a country's population ages out, young citizens are less likely to start families. Subsequently, the working class has to sustain significantly more elderly citizens, leading to larger taxes, increased work hours, and lower wages. Housing and grocery prices have hit an all-time high, leading to an economic crisis unlike anything the world has seen before. People are struggling to make ends meet even after getting their paycheck and the number of homeowners has barely increased in years. Money is stuck with the over-elderly, leading to the disruption of the circulation of money all over the world. Banks are failing to provide enough loans and money for the ever-increasing number of clients and some are already employing a buy-in system, halting services for those who cannot keep up with the membership prices.

As a result of the aforementioned issues, the nations of the world have to face an extremely difficult moral dilemma: Should humanity strive to keep the current ways of living and sustain the traditional social structure by regulations probably escalating the problems even more, or should we instate a new system of living, perhaps causing our societies irreversible harm, destroying our society as we know it forever?

The committee is advised to solve the issues of overpopulation, and the extreme financial crisis and reestablish social equilibrium and tranquillity.

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Examples of Intelligence Briefings

After the Crisis is announced, all countries receive a personalised Intelligence Briefing. Here are a few examples of additional information the delegations received after this Crisis:

China

Your country has increased the age at which citizens may receive a pension. This resulted in significantly more workplace accidents and decreased work efficiency, causing CEOs to reduce the wages of these workers in order to save money for insurance - in case employees cause monetary harm to the company. These actions are highly unpopular among affected individuals and the common folk.

The United Kingdom

Problems arose within the royal family since the current monarch refused to die due to his genetic PLEX enhancements and lend the throne to his heir, despite his old age. The conflict has resulted in assassination attempts, such as poisoning and burying him alive. For now, he has managed to survive, but he couldn't retain the royal status. Due to constant efforts aiming to neutralize him, he disappeared completely, leaving even state intelligence baffled. Unfortunately due to constitutional reasons, the rogue monarch cannot be replaced until he is found.

Sweden

The employers in your country found that recent PLEX subjects are almost entirely resistant to the cold environment, and have started employing only PLEX patients for jobs such as construction workers, sailors and oil rig workers. After some months of peace, an alarming amount of these people contracted frostbite strangely on their insides and fell almost fatally ill. This strange phenomenon only seems to affect those who spend prolonged time in extreme weather, but due to its recent surfacing, a cure is yet to be made and research has barely started. People are already protesting against the employers who got the unfortunate workers into hospitals and sociologists predict riots happening nationwide, should death counts continue to escalate.

Russia

Since PLEX surgeries became widespread in the Western world, your government has decided to ban PLEX altogether. When asked about this decision, the official response stated that this ban exists to protect citizens from nanochips controlled by the West - even though there is no evidence to support claims of such chips existing in the first place. This means that your nation has been unburdened by the negative effects of PLEX surgeries on society so far.

Unfortunately, Russian companies decided to try and replicate this technology. Even though they managed to create so-called "II-patches", which were equally efficient as PLEX, these unofficial products have been proven to be highly addictive because of the sedative components of the drug. This led to the majority of the population needing medical attention to deal with their addiction, and your country also has to come up with a solution to the spread of these substances.

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The Second State of the World

8 months have passed since the First State of the World. Loads of advancements were made regarding the newly invented PLEX procedures.

Statistics show that after banning PLEX procedures in the Russian Federation, 10% of the nation's citizens have migrated to neighbouring countries.

Not to mention, they have lost their well-loved leader - Vladmitir Putyin - who could have been saved if it weren't for the banning of the PLEX. The whole country has been mourning over him and protesting for the way the government has been handling this precious matter. The citizens have been demanding a national PLEX to avoid losing great leaders like him from the government.

Moreover, the Russian and Mexican police departments have discovered in the black market a similar PLEX, which is more dangerous, ethically questionable and has strong side effects. As it is much cheaper than the original, many citizens are opting for this solution. This resulted in many people developing an addiction, but fortunately the government launched an anti-addiction campaign which reduced the number of addicts.

However, some procedures resulted in permanent mutations. Such as gigantism, dwarfism and some of them even can hold their breath for a longer period. These side effects have already been conducted through research done by Russian and Chinese scientists.

Sweden has implemented an amendment to the law stating that people who have been subjected to the PLEX procedure will not be able to seek citizenship in Sweden. People who were already citizens of the nation and underwent the procedure in such a legal state are of course allowed to keep their current status. This sparked some outrage among human rights officials and the people.

Sweden started to research how to reverse the effects of the PLEX procedure in a program fittingly called REPLEXION. So far only half-solutions arose, either rapidly deteriorating patients physical state or corrupting their mental well-being below a vegetative state, in both situations the procedure ends in a fatal way. Although it might not look so, the way of passing for the patients show promising results, making the research unethical but necessary to continue.

Germany hosted a consultation with its scientific institutions and its most prominent beer manufacturers. In the end the subsidy was won by Augustiner, and the scientists with the brewing company invented a type of brew, the Steinbruch, that helps fix the negative brain complications caused by the PLEX. The news was received well by the citizens of the nation, although there are significantly more drunks roaming the streets of the bigger cities causing discord among the (non-drinking) elderly.

The USA now has the property right to the recipe of the main components necessary for the procedure to be carried out, while the PLEX corporation retired from the states. However, one of the key compounds appears to be impossible to find, thus experiments and tests cannot be conducted yet.

In the meanwhile, when nations are not worrying about their rapidly ageing populace, they still have plenty of other smaller crises to tackle. The most important ones are the following:

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The United Kingdom initiated a new agency, called “I Spy a Royal Agency” or ISRA for short, responsible for retrieving the missing royal leader of their country. This agency has a highly strict code, allowing only voluntary gingers to apply for positions, creating a new cultural phenomenon where young people are dying their hair ginger in protest against the absence of their monarchs. The agency only managed to triangulate a 5000 square kilometre area, but they strongly suggest the royal leaders will be found there.

After improving the education system in the United Kingdom, the number of psychologists, psychiatrists, neurobiologists have increased greatly, and numerous affordable health centres have been established. The only downside of this new program is that other workplaces suffer a significant decrease in the number of their employees.

In order to promote the well-being of the Hungarian residents of the US, the government decided to rename the Gulf of Mexico to Balaton. The 0.43% of the population which are Hungarian could not contain their excitement and celebrated with their famous beverage, pálinka.

The Spanish bank El Banco del Pueblo’s tyrannical corporate settlements still remain untackled, leading to heightened outrage among the people who were made homeless and lost everything because of the banking firm. In the recent past there was an explosive conflict near the borders of one bank-owned city, where a bloody shootout broke out between former citizens and security, totaling 12 fatal casualties. Sociologists believe that anarchy is just around the corner.

South Africa managed to boost the morale of their people by lots, making the governing party very popular, as the new songs of the South African singer Ryla have taken the world by storm.

To sum up, the committee was focused on legislation regarding PLEX, but unfortunately has not come up with any solutions to the issue of overpopulation, and this problem is only getting worse.

The Third State of the World

Great things were achieved during the two years that passed since our last state of the world. Countries chose different ways to tackle their problems, including:

China has set the age at which people are permitted to retire to 70 and decreased the working hours for the last 5 years of work. Moreover, the government decided to excommunicate everyone above the age of 105 out of the pension system. For now this has resulted in a balance regarding the Chinese pension system, however, people are starting to invest in private pension companies and committing tax fraud in order to be able to make a living after passing the aforementioned age restrictions, causing the government to lose a fraction of the tax-payers’ money. There are also a number of PLEX patients above the age of pension excommunication protesting against this decision.

The people of Japan are experiencing a massive betterment wave due to the following reasons: the majority of the country picked up the Washoku lifestyle, relieving the otherwise overwhelmed food industry; PLEX procedures are kept to the possible minimum, since they are only used in

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clinical emergencies; there has been a forced end-of-work time instituted to prevent overworking and to provide more shifts and workplaces; and the traditional tea industry was funded so extraordinarily that it has become a significant rival of the English tea industry. However, there has been a minor corruption scandal regarding the Zero Anxiety Nation program, where allegedly a list of studios were given more than necessary funds to make anime, that they used to buy company yachts.

The United Kingdom's ISRA finally managed to locate their long missing king in the middle of the Bermuda Triangle. What they found was a very weathered Victorian era warship, and on it they secured the king in a same era captain's costume. There was also a crew of 90, made up almost solely of the king's PLEX affected friend group, 15 muskets, 5 English flags and a plethora of dead, gutted animals, presumably the former pets of the extremely malnourished crew on the ship. When the king was asked what he was doing there, he showed the agents a very detailed map of Oceania, stating that he was going to - and I quote - "Restore the English Empire's true glory!"

Not long after, specialists revealed that the map they were abiding by was in fact, upside down and diagnosed the king with Alzheimer's Disease, ruling him officially unfit to rule.

South African operatives were caught near Russian-Chinese research centres. It is still unknown what they were doing there, but the foreign actors were incarcerated in a Russian prison.

The German wonder invention, Steinbruch brew is now available globally, as they officially enter the global market as the first beer that actually helps your brain instead of destroying it. A lot of countries already decided to join the bandwagon, like China and France.

After starting the "Kiss of Life" project, Japan, South Korea, France and Japan funded several health centres and scientific research to provide euthanasia and personal Death Stars to PLEX subjects after careful psychological and medical evaluation. However, after the public found out about this the citizens started to revolt against the government. After no response was heard from the heads of the states many people decided to die of their own hands, rather than submitting to the Death Stars.

Mexico, Sweden and the EMRTIC - the nations that decided to ban PLEX procedures - have also encountered the PLEX procedure knock-off mentioned in the previous State of the World, which is more dangerous, ethically questionable and has strong side effects spreading rapidly among the citizens and resulting in creating a well-developed, flourishing system of the black market. As it is much cheaper than the original, many citizens are opting for this solution. This resulted in many people developing an addiction in the concerned countries.

The USA faces a mysterious attack, as illegal PLEX supplies bought from illegal sources result in the death of thousands. The main casualties of this tragedy were the upper class, who are financially able to afford such illegal practices. The Federal Bureau of Investigations concluded that the source of this dastardly poison was most likely a Mexican cartel named Los Cirujanos. The Mexican government is yet to respond to this dreaded situation.

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India announced forcing 100,000 PLEX-affected citizens above the age of 110 monthly into a hunger games-like event during which their intelligence, skills, and contributions to society are tested. The bottom 95% of the participants are to be euthanized resulting in the murder of 95,000 people MONTHLY. Families are torn apart and there is no sense of safety left in the people of India causing intense riots and mass emigrations.

The attempts to set up an inhabitable environment on Antarctica governed by the Republic of India have started successfully. Just as the settlement was built up, several leopard seals started violently attacking the population. In the absence of military forces, people are unable to protect themselves and hence are trapped into their new homes. Food supplies are running out rapidly, and the settlers are getting increasingly concerned.

China declared war on Taipei and Taiwan and deployed troops close to the Vietnamese border. They are still in an ongoing military conflict, as of this moment.

Germany recently left both the EU and NATO, and completely reformed itself. Locals call this operation “The Great Rebirth”. The Grand German Beer Republic has only encountered one problem with switching to an all independent political stance so far. Up until this point Germany heavily relied on the United Kingdom’s gas reserves as the main source to import gas. Now, they have declared independence from all nations and thus the UK shut off their gas lines towards the newly-formed Republic. Residents are furious over the absence of heating and functioning gas stoves.

In the passing months Turkey has also announced its demand for leaving NATO. They reasoned with the fact that their current worldviews do not meet and would not want to be a part of such an organization. They believe that the PLEX has been used as a mass produced good rather than a medicine which should be regulated ethically for human lives. By leaving the Western military power they decided to join the Eurasian Treaty Organization with China and Russia.

Sergey Izhatov has been arrested for spreading false and dangerous ideas connected to PLEX. He advocated the positive effects of the procedure, for which the Russian police arrested him for spreading false information to citizens. Since there was no other reassuring information, mass hysteria occurred and the people turned to self-destructive substances such as the knock-off PLEX. This only led to more people losing their faith in the government and the black market started to flourish.

As it recently turned out, Sweden only made the alliance under the name “REPLEXION” to steal money from member states. Some internal agents leaked this information out to the other nations, foiling Sweden’s scheme. However, the stolen money was transferred to the United Kingdom’s account, with which they later funded the “To the Infinity and Beyond Retirement Home” project.

The government of Mexico faces more scrutiny, as recently a group of scientists were found near the American border in a very weathered condition. Footage showed that they were in a - according to the autopsy reports, narcotics-induced - state of panic and were portraying rash and rapid movements, which for the border patrol shot them dead in self defense. Upon further investigation of the case, they were proven to be ex-PLEX employees, who were working for the

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long gone Mexican sector of the PLEX corporate giant. Investigators are still clueless about why they reappeared so late, but some suggest that the cartel, Los Cirujanos, was behind this as well.

To sum up, the nations present in this committee were successful in averting most of the crises related to the original PLEX procedure, but, in the meantime sparked many more tensions among each other.

The Final State of the World

In the excruciatingly eventful 2 weeks, 1 day and 15 seconds that have passed since our last State of the World, the nations present in this committee went, frankly, haywire. Many have started military operations against one another, built up drone- and tunnel systems, and made a country of furrries and meatballs - separately, of course. It will be hard for intelligence agents to summarize the last two weeks' happenings, but thankfully, we are no intelligence agents. We are the CCHQ. Here's what happened:

Politicians from the United Kingdom reported India's "Hunger Games" to the UNHRC, triggering an all-out investigation against the abuse of the Indian PLEX subjects. The investigation ended in the arrest of everyone involved in hosting these events and a gigantic fine against the Indian government.

Spain managed to tackle the tyrannical El Banco del Pueblo in a long lasting legal battle, which drained all resources of the corporation, forcing it to go BANK-rupt. Spanish citizens started to rebuild the bank-built cities into occupiable homes for the future.

The Alliance for Friendship and Understanding was formed between the nations of India, the USA, Spain, South-Korea, Japan and France. Unfortunately, a French government official revealed that the true purpose of the alliance is - and I quote - "It's a military alliance between the participating countries, hoping to start warfare against countries which threaten society." This shocked the press all over the world, as nobody expected an alliance of friendship to be, in fact, warmongers.

Speaking of warmongers, an increasing number of communist propagandists started appearing in Germany and sparking Marxist ideas amongst the lower classes. Some of them are starting to be convinced that they have nothing to lose but their chains. When the loyal citizens of the Grand German Beer Republic started violently beating up and interrogating the people spreading these ideas, they found that they were ex-microsoft tech support workers from India dissatisfied with their salaries. They earned themselves some new chains to lose. Furthermore, not quite as important, but still annoying, recently it was found that someone put laxatives in the most recent batch of Steinburch beer, causing millions to suffer from diarrhea for days.

The Islamic forces started the cleansing of their homeland. Their reason behind that was nothing else than that it was Allah's will. They were successful and managed to wipe out the unfaithful ones. However, when they captured the last of them he told them that they still survived. After this, the Turkish got impostor syndrome and killed themselves before they could continue their glorious cleansing campaign.

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The Glorious Republic of Great Mzansi, advertised their new regime - freshly cleansed from their white population, who were excommunicated from the mainland and went to the Mandela Isles, formerly known as Islands of Prince Edward, through their undersea tunnels - by giving out framed photographs of the revered leader, Melson Mandela along with a Bible with free PLEX coupons, this was known as the Great Personal Jesus Project. They received workforce from India, upgrading their underwater tunnel even further.

The Land of the Furry and Feathered's space program has successfully finished the construction of a grand space station where they relocated their remaining PLEX subjects. These PLEX subjects then met with the South Korean space shuttles and soon the world's first English-Korean space program started. It was cut abruptly short though, since neither party spoke the other one's language. This sparked some awkward moments that devolved into a brief conflict, which ended with the South Korean spacers ejected through an airlock into the cold, an everlasting K-pop concert of deep space.

After nimbly dodging the frozen once-was Koreans, the English space shuttle, with its brilliant captain Sir Dun-Dun, proceeded to travel out of this solar system and found its own planet, creatively named the New Land of the Furry and Feathered.

India was attacked by many nations, but Sweden was invaded by most nations of the world, and with weapons sent by India, the South Korean army nuked the Empire of Meatballs. This means that unfortunately, all the IKEA facilities transformed into secret military bases were for naught, and all the nano-enhanced troops were burnt to a crisp as well.

Unfortunately, the nuclear explosions ignited the toxic gas that was unleashed by Mexico on this hellish planet once considered our dear Earth. Fortunately, South Africa deported all white people from their nation, and they managed to survive in the recently constructed undersea tunnels. Less fortunately, when they exited the tunnels leading to Antarctica, they also perished with the rest of the world.

To sum up, after a few minutes of absolute torture, everyone died a miserable death, and the planet became uninhabitable for at least another 2300 years. The only ones who survived the crisis, and were able to watch the events unfold from luxury, were the elderly and the mighty Sir Dun-Dun himself, located on the artificial Furry-Planet-System.

CLOSING REMARKS

After reading how this Crisis played out, you may find yourself a bit flabbergasted. Usually, Crises, no matter how serious they are in the beginning, reach similarly dramatic and funny climaxes as a result of the delegations sparking conflicts between each other. Being taken out of the context of the competitive yet light-hearted debate also doesn't help this example. Our final piece of advice to you is this: should you find yourself in a similarly chaotic situation, embrace it. Our years of experience hosting a Crisis Committee show that the system by which the committee operates favours bold moves and active delegates. And no matter how far-fetched the situation may be, we wish you the best of luck, and an enjoyable time in the CC.