

## JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEES

THE WORLD: 2055

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Dear Delegate,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you this year's Joint Crisis Committee theme: the world of 2055. Following the immense success of last year's futuristic theme, we decided to continue further with a new spin on the world of tomorrow--this time focused on the issue of sea level rise, and the drastic potential effects possible given the world's current political situation.

Worldbuilding is a very interesting art, and the reason we enjoy it so much is because we love the experience of creating something beautiful--and then letting it loose in conference for delegates like you to play with, and add your own creative contributions to the mix. Our favorite part of the experience has been coming up with unconventional ideas in a flurry of intense brainstorming, and then putting them together into a coherent narrative.

The Joint Crisis Committees we have created this year will require significant thought and focus. Researching beforehand will not provide much assistance in the actual conference, given how futuristic our simulation is. Collaboration and creativity are the keys to success in any and all actions you undertake, and we have high expectations for your ability to perform in the setup we have designed. Your decisions are yours to make--but your actions are going to have direct consequences on the world power balance. Make wise, collaborative choices, and if luck is on your side, then you and your committee will dominate the planet by the end of the conference. With that, we wish you the best in readying yourself for the conference. We are excited to meet you all soon!

Yours,

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**Background:**

The year is 2055, and the world has changed--drastically.

In the year 2032, following the two terms of Donald Trump and the two terms of his daughter Ivanka as President (or 16 consecutive years of Trump presidencies), the United States government was determined "very sad," "crooked," and "obsolete," according to the now-retired Donald Trump. The government was disbanded and replaced with a free-market solution, which privatized the government and changed the United States of America into the United Corporate States of America. 26-year-old Barron Trump was named Magnate-President of the Congress of Corporations, and the entire government was restructured to represent business interests.

By 2034, member states of the European Union (minus the United Kingdom due to Brexit) solidified their political ties by forming a Confederation of European States (CES) with a similar structure to the former United States government.

In response to the consolidation of European powers and the North American continent, China began an expansionary campaign of soft influence throughout Southeastern Asia, and eventually expanded to absorb the entirety of the Indochinese peninsula, and annexed Mongolia after the Mongolian Economic Crisis of 2037.

Japan, fearing Chinese aggression, became isolationist and withdrew to focus on internal affairs and improving their infrastructure.

Starting in 2035, sea level rise caused by climate change began to lead to rapidly increased sea levels. This led to the threatening of coastal cities across the world, including Miami, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Shanghai, Bangkok, Tokyo, London, and many more. Nations around the world competed to achieve two objectives: find large-scale alternatives to

fossil fuels, and develop methods to prevent cities from being swallowed by the ever-rising ocean, including building massive sea walls and relocating entire cities to further inland.

By 2038, every major city at risk had developed sea walls, ranging in height from 40 to 200 feet high.

In 2044, the UCSA purchased Canada and Mexico with its budget surplus, consolidating its hold on the entire continent of North America. Magnate-President Barron Trump called the purchase “an investment for the future” as well as “an expansion into untapped markets,” and dubbed it the “best trade deal in the history of trade deals.” He further stating the UCSA would look into acquiring other nations.

By 2050, the UCSA had either hosted a “sovereign merger” or outright purchased every other nation in the continental Americas, including the entirety of Central and South America. However, Cuba remained under the rule of 119-year-old Raul Castro, and had annexed surrounding island nations, including the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Attempts by the UCSA to purchase Cuba were met with flat rejections, and President Castro stated that “for as long as I live, Cuba will not negotiate with capitalists from the Americas.”

In 2051, Indian scientist Yesha Shukla developed a highly-advanced generator that could turn volcanic and tectonic activity into 100% clean and sustainable energy. The Indian government secretly installed seven such facilities in the East African Rift to test the viability of this solution.

However, this ended in disaster when all seven generators were activated in 2053. The geothermal energy collectors destabilized the African tectonic plate, which had already been in the process of splitting in two. Within 12 hours, the African plate had split entirely in two: the

Nubian plate consisting of the entirety of Western Africa, and the Somali plate ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somali\\_Plate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somali_Plate)). The force of the split was so powerful that it forcibly jettisoned the eastern half of the African continent farther into the ocean, forming a new subcontinent. This in turn destabilized the Indian tectonic plate, which pushed the Indian subcontinent away from continental Africa.

As the African and Indian plates slid apart, the tectonic plates around the planet were further destabilized. This caused cataclysmic earthquakes and tsunamis and the fracturing of the European continent. Much of the continent was destroyed and swallowed by the sea, with a few choice states (see map) surviving total extinction at the cost of nearly every human life on the continent.

The survivors on each of the remaining European islands quickly formed provisional governments (Spain, Sweden, Mediterranean, and the Baltic Union), although the resources and technological prowess of each nation are basically next to nothing due to the tsunamis and earthquakes.

An interesting side effect of the destruction of Europe was the lowering of sea levels back to their former heights from the year 2017, due to the expansion of the oceans across most of Europe.

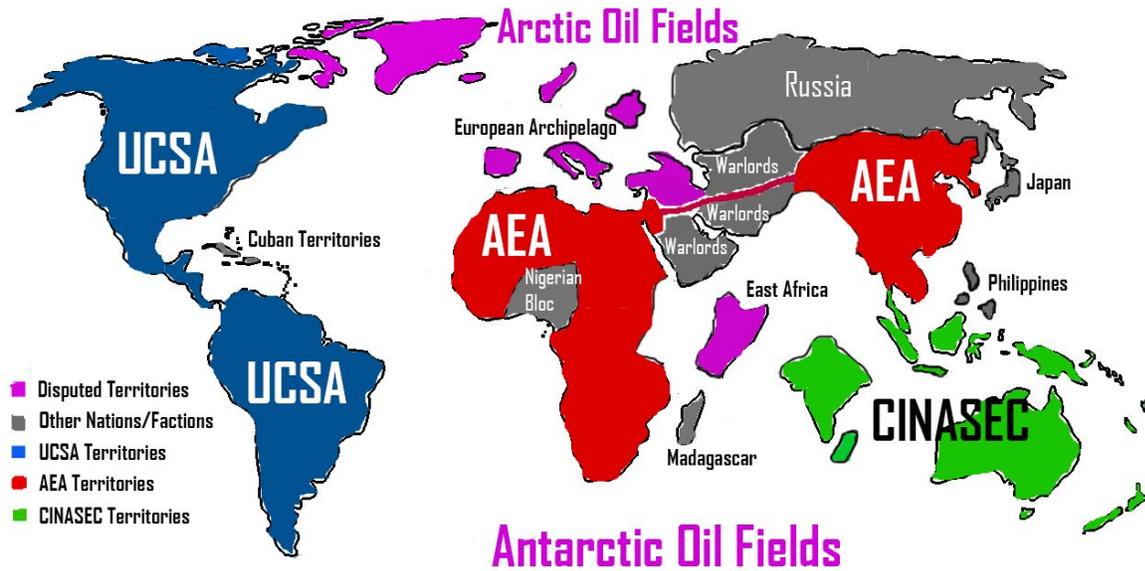
The Cataclysm of 2053, as it came to be known, had several immediate effects. The nations that remained on the African continent feared further instability, and called a summit on the future of the continent. Besides Nigeria, these nations decided to form a coalition to consolidate their resources. They also found an unlikely ally in China, which had the technology but not the resources to compete with the UCSA. The African bloc agreed to a full political

merger with the Chinese government, and thus the Afrasian Economic Alliance (AEA) was created. Nigeria decided to remain their own sovereign state, and continue to operate independently of the AEA.

Further across the Eastern hemisphere, Australia had finally stabilized after a bloody revolution. An Aboriginal faction now controlled the government, and dedicated themselves to conserving and protecting the environment. The government acted quickly following the Cataclysm and sacked the devastated European continent of resources, technology, and warships. They also turned and offered aid to their new Indian neighbors, since the nation was ailing in the face of flooding and the aftereffects of earthquakes. This outreach was greatly appreciated by the people of India, and helped a full-scale military and economic alliance form in the face of the power consolidation of the UCSA and AEA. Several surrounding nations including Indonesia and Singapore joined the collective, which came to be known as Coalition of Indo-Australian States for Ecological Cleanliness (CINASEC).

The Middle East region, already destabilized by years of war and religious tension, was pushed to the brink by the Cataclysm and devolved from nations into dozens of warring provincial warlords battling for control over much of eastern Asia and the Arabian Peninsula. With tensions between the three super-states high, and utter chaos ruling over East Africa (see map) and the remnants of Europe, how will YOU bend the future of Earth to your whim?

Map of the world:



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**Committees:**

- *United Corporate States of America (UCSA)*: The oligarchy of corporations, which controls both North and South America and is governed by Barron Trump, has one goal: gather resources and territories that will increase the profits of its individual corporate members. Gone are the days of WWII when company upon company of GI troops marched upon America's enemies. The military of today is the one that is the most advanced in technology--at least, that is the motto of the UCSA. Hordes of faceless drones spearhead the UCSA's forces from land, air, and sky. Those few forces in the military that are human, however, are the finest warriors on the planet. Bearing augmented full-body armor, some of them wield armor-piercing swords and flash across the ground faster than the blink of an eye, while others wield high-precision rifles. The strength of the UCSA is not its numbers, but rather the sheer, terrifying skill of the few forces it has. Used appropriately, these faceless, automated forces can strike instantly upon their targets, and reduce them to ashes within minutes.
- *Afrasian Economic Alliance (AEA)*: Controlling most of both Asia and Africa, both parts of which are linked via a long, thin strip of land (the New Silk Road), the AEA seeks new territories and resources to advance the state's economic interests. Ruled by Kim Jong Un, now a partial cyborg, the AEA Politburo is relentless in pursuing its goals. Though lacking in highly advanced technology, and massive naval or air forces, the AEA has one advantage that is lacking elsewhere around the world: a large population. Millions upon millions of people live within the AEA's borders, ready to be called upon for recruitment and to contribute to the alliance's goals. Those with the best sneakers are rarely the best

runners--it is the common person without any footwear who is the fastest. This is the AEA's maxim. With such a large population backing them, the AEA Politburo has its eyes turned towards the world, seeking to expand and gain as many resources as possible to increase economic prosperity.

- *Coalition of Indo-Australian States for Ecological Cleanliness (CINASEC)*: CINASEC's drive for expansion is rather unique among the three committees. Self-interest is not the motivator behind CINASEC's desire for world domination. Rather, CINASEC seeks to correct the world's wrongdoings to Mother Nature by imposing environmental cleanliness upon all--by diplomacy or by force. Ruled by the Aboriginal mystic Kuparr Kirra ("red-earth leaf" in the Aboriginal tongue), the alliance consisting of Australia, India, Indonesia, Singapore, and Micronesia/Polynesia has a very unique warfare style matching its near-religious philosophy: forces trained in guerilla warfare, utilizing powerful EMP technology to render all enemy electronics and vehicles useless. Following the Cataclysm, CINASEC's founding member, Australia, sacked Europe of nearly all its resources--particularly its warships. Thus, CINASEC has the most powerful navy on the planet: five task forces, each consisting of a battleship and an aircraft carrier, that have EMP cannons ready to strike at a moment's notice. This combination of terrifying EMP warfare alongside guerilla techniques makes CINASEC a slippery foe to combat. The Aboriginal leadership spearheading CINASEC will not rest until the world learns to respect its Mother--or until all those standing against the coalition are wiped off the face of the planet.

## Conflicts:

All of the committees seek to expand across the globe for their own various reasons: resource acquisition for the UCSA's corporations, increased assets for the AEA, and environmental protection for CINASEC.

That being said, the following conflicts are extremely high on the agendas of each of the committees:

- *Resource acquisition*: If the committees wish to establish their dominance over globe, they absolutely must work to seize the significant resources and territories lying in wait across Earth.
  - **Europe**: The smattering of large island archipelagos, ruled by fledgling governments with little technological prowess, are ripe for colonization. (These lands are Spain, Sweden, Mediterranean, and the Baltic Union, as well as the uninhabited lands of Andorra in former Turkey.) The large islands have vast, fertile farm fields as well as important metal ores necessary to fuel the committees' war machines--and large indigenous populations of poor, uneducated people who can be used for manual labor by the UCSA, AEA, or CINASEC.
  - **East Africa**: The large island mass, which jettisoned from Africa proper following the Cataclysm, is now covered in thick jungle forest and populated by large waist-height insects. However, explorers have recently discovered large deposits of both metals, fossil fuels, and fuel-grade uranium--all of which can be used for constructing a large naval force. Furthermore, rumor has it that the remains of the old tectonic generators (the ones that caused the Cataclysm) lie

somewhere within the jungles of the island, within the ruins of their abandoned test sites. Whichever committee can acquire the resources of the East Africa island, as well as any salvageable information on the tectonic generators, will be at an extremely significant advantage against the other two committees in dominating the globe.

- **The Arctic and Antarctic:** Following extreme sea ice melt, massive oil deposits within the Arctic and Antarctic have been uncovered. If any committee were to acquire those oil deposits, they would have enough oil to outlast their enemies for a lifetime. CINASEC is no less driven than the UCSA or AEA to acquire this oil--any oil deposits acquired by CINASEC will be out of the hands of those who would use them to pollute the environment.
- *Conquest of neutral nations:* Scattered across the globe are several nations and entities who are allied with no side in the global power balance. Each of these entities has assets and resources that will be highly beneficial to whichever committee can seize them, by diplomacy or by force--resources and assets that will allow the committee to have an edge over the others.
  - **Cuba:** The island nation and the territories it has annexed, ruled by an elderly Raul Castro, has vowed to never work with the UCSA and its ruling corporations. This provides an opportunity for the AEA and CINASEC to establish a presence right in UCSA's front yard. However, Castro will not be easily swayed to enter an alliance with either of the two committees, or with the UCSA. Cuba's isolationist policies are firm, and Castro views all the committees as "capitalist pigs."

- **Nigerian Bloc:** Nigeria's choice to remain separate from the AEA was primarily economic in nature. The nation and multiple others bordering the Niger River did not desire to have to distribute the river's resources across the African continent, as has been done with the Nile River. This has led to tension with the AEA, and multiple border skirmishes in the past. If the AEA wishes to prevent the Nigerian Bloc from allying with UCSA or CINASEC, and providing those committees with an inroad into the African continent, the AEA will have to act to either annex or appease the Nigerian Bloc.
- **Madagascar:** The island nation is in very critical shape following sea level rise and extreme deforestation. However, Madagascar's president has very obstinately refused any outside intervention in the nation's affairs. This situation presents an opportunity for all three committees: though resource-poor, Madagascar is a very ideal staging ground for an assault on the resource-rich East Africa island. Conquest may be the easier choice to initiate, given the president's obstinacy--but at what cost?
- **Arabian and Persian Warlords:** Following the destabilization and collapse of the nations in the Middle East, dozens of warlords have emerged to establish their own order, constantly clashing with one another for dominance over the land. And in the middle of this sea of chaos runs the AEA's Silk Road--a thin strip of land that is used by the AEA to transport troops and resources between its Asian and African territories. Up until now, the warlords have been held at bay by the tight AEA security forces along the Silk Road. But if the UCSA or CINASEC were to

make an alliance with one of them, and give them enough resources to dominate the other warlords, the integrity of the AEA itself would be in jeopardy.

Conversely, if the AEA were to ally with one of the warlords, the Silk Road could be secured, giving the AEA solidified dominance of the Middle East--and a useful staging ground for an assault on the European islands, or East Africa.

- **Philippines:** The islands of the Philippines have not weathered well following the Cataclysm. Many islands have flooded, leading to a significant loss of lives as well as a severely crippled economy. President Duterte, who is on his deathbed, has been requesting aid from each of the committees for some time now. To date, his pleas have fallen on deaf ears--but the president is now offering one aircraft carrier and his territories (as a staging ground) for any committee willing to offer extreme amounts of aid to his nation. The potential rewards are significant, but the manpower and economic aid needed would deter a committee's efforts to expand elsewhere across the globe.
- **Japan:** Japan's people have long feared Chinese expansionist policies, and the formation of the AEA was so alarming that the island nation chose to withdraw to itself. Japan has since been improving its infrastructure, and amassing a large naval force to prevent the Chinese from taking Japan by storm. Though isolationist, Japan may accept an alliance from CINASEC or UCSA if the terms are acceptable--and provide naval contributions to either nation.

- **Russia:** Russia's actions to date have been very difficult to predict. The nation is still ruled by Putin, who surprisingly has not aged and in fact appears slightly younger and more muscular than before.
- *Direct war:* In order to dominate the planet, each committee will need to crush the others. This will inevitably mean invasion of the enemy homeland--and complete, utter conquest. Without the proper resources and planning, such a course of action is akin to suicide. But if accomplished, and if one of the committees prevails over another, then that committee will be guaranteed domination over the entire planet. Even if direct conquest is impossible, strategic attacks on the enemy homeland may provide a significant tactical advantage in terms of crippling the enemy war machine.
  - **UCSA:** A direct assault on the UCSA will be made extremely difficult by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Furthermore, the UCSA has significant amounts of territory under its control. However, Cuba, if swayed to be an ally, would be a useful staging ground for a direct assault (or even a bombardment) against the UCSA. Though direct attack on the UCSA sounds ridiculous, there are some extremely important merits to be had. An attack on Washington D.C., Buenos Aires, or Rio de Janeiro--the three capitals of the UCSA--would cripple the cabinet temporarily. And attacks on the cities of San Francisco, NYC, Mexico City, Toronto, Santiago, or Bogota would bring the UCSA's automated drone legions to a standstill temporarily.
  - **AEA:** Any assault on the AEA would have to begin either by collaborating with Japan or the Nigerian Bloc, which are close to the AEA's borders, or by severing

the Silk Road (with or without the help of the local warlords). But that is when the real challenge beings, as the AEA has large amounts of territory at its disposal. If conquest is impossible, assaults on Beijing/Cairo (the capitals) would temporarily cripple the cabinet, while assaults on Shanghai, Cape Town, Nairobi, or Seoul would reduce the large manpower the AEA military possesses.

- **CINASEC:** CINASEC's power comes primarily from its navy. A direct assault on CINASEC's lands would be more for resource acquisition than for defeat of the committee proper. However, attacks on the capitals of New Delhi or Canberra could cripple the committee temporarily, while attacks on Mumbai, Sri Lanka, Sydney, Jakarta, or Singapore could cripple the navy temporarily and the committee's EMP technology.

**How to Succeed in Committee:**

- *Work together:* Personal directives may be extremely tempting to use--but we will have a system in place to limit how many you are able to do at one time. Furthermore, we will be very strict in determining the success or failure of your personal directives. The best way to get anything useful done in committee will be to work together, and write public directives.
- *Think carefully:* We cannot say this enough. If your directives (personal or public) are not thought out well, they will lead to disaster--for you and your committee. Trouble will be the most pronounced if your directive is a personal one, and is not well thought out in the least. We will be scrutinize every directive extremely closely, and if a directive lacks both common sense AND meticulous planning, it will cause you trouble.
- *Ask questions:* If there is something logistical about your committee you do not know (ex. Number of tanks), ask around. There will likely be a member of your committee who has that information (we will be giving out descriptions of each committee member's role and assets at the start of the conference). If nobody does, then reach out to us by sending a note to crisis. We will answer your question as quickly as possible.



