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Background Guide

Introduction from the Chair and Vice-Chair:

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to BUAMUN XII and to the Galactic Republic Crisis Committee! My name is Ajay Wadhvani, and I will be serving as your chair for this thrilling committee. Alongside my fantastic vice-chair, Scarlett Capellan, I'm beyond excited to guide you through this fast-paced and challenging simulation.

As a Star Wars enthusiast and someone fascinated by the intricate political dynamics within the galaxy far, far away, I am thrilled to explore this pivotal moment in the Star Wars timeline with you. Our committee will look into the growing tensions between the Galactic Republic and the Separatists, a topic filled with political intrigue, military strategy, and galactic diplomacy.

Scarlett and I will be here to guide you as you debate, collaborate, and create innovative solutions to galactic-scale problems. This committee will require you to think critically, adapt quickly to new developments, and channel the unique perspective of your assigned character.

May the Force be with you!

Sincerely,
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Position Paper Guidelines:

This committee requires 1 position paper. It is on the topic of the disputes between the Republic and the Separatists. The absence of at least one position paper will disqualify you (the delegate) from receiving an award. The quality, depth, and clarity of your position paper will influence award decisions. Each position paper should be 1-3 pages and double-spaced. This includes citations, preferably in the format of footnotes. To insert a footnote, simply click *Insert > Footnote*. For more information on footnotes, click [here](#). Position papers should follow a general outline with three paragraphs. This is only a suggestion, as long as the paper fits the aforementioned specifications, the number of paragraphs will not be taken into consideration.

Possible position paper outline:

- 1) Introduction to your character and the topic as a whole
- 2) The position of your character
- 3) Your character's proposed solutions

Furthermore, the position paper must be titled in the following format:

Delegation: Ajay Wadhvani and Scarlett Capellan (your name)

School: Boston University Academy (your school)

Committee: JCC Star Wars - The Republic

Position: Padmé Amidala (this should be the person you represent)

Conflict Overview and Background:

This Crisis Committee is set between *The Phantom Menace* and *Revenge of the Sith*—the battle between the Galactic Republic and the Confederacy of Independent Systems (Separatists).

The Galactic Republic

The galaxy is in turmoil. For over a thousand years, the Republic has served as a democratic institution uniting star systems across the galaxy. Yet, internal corruption, bureaucratic inefficiency, and the influence of megacorporations like the Trade Federation and the Intergalactic Banking Clan have eroded trust in its institutions.

The Separatist Crisis

The Separatists, led by Count Dooku, argue that the Republic has become oppressive and unresponsive to the needs of its member systems. They set out to break free from the oppressive Galactic Republic and have amassed a formidable military alliance, including battle droids from the Trade Federation.

The Jedi Order

The Jedi Order, guardians of peace and justice, find themselves drawn into the Republic's political turmoil. Their role as peacekeepers is being tested as they are forced to lead military efforts in what seems like an inevitable war.

Topic: The Clone Wars

General Overview:

The Clone Wars is a conflict spanning three years over the secession of numerous planets from the Galactic Republic to the Separatists. For a millennium tensions have run high, and as sith Darth Sidious rises to power under the guise of Chancellor Palpatine, he secretly works behind the back of the Republic, aligning with key separatist powers to plot their rebellion. The Clone Wars is a battle of resources, between the Republic's trade founded on centuries of economic domination, and the conglomerate businesses run by the separatists, clone troopers and droids spanned the galaxy as war broke out. While both parties are individually aligned in their goals, unity is key as you traverse a fast-changing situation, even the smallest thing can have a large impact.

Notes:

- This committee deals solely with the canon, and all legacy information can be disregarded for this conference.
- The committee takes place just before *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones*.
- The only person that knows Darth Sidious' true identity is Count Dooku, who will try very hard to keep this fact a secret.

Republic Overview

The Galactic Republic, often referred to simply as "the Republic," is a vast interstellar governing body in the *Star Wars* universe, existing for over 25,000 years. It is built on principles of democracy, cooperation, and mutual peace among thousands of star systems across the galaxy. At its core, the Republic is a representative democracy led by the Galactic Senate, located on the capital planet of Coruscant. Each member system elects representatives, known as Senators, who debate and vote on legislation, intergalactic policies, and diplomatic initiatives. The Senate is presided over by the Supreme Chancellor, the Republic's executive leader, elected to guide its political direction.

The Republic prioritizes diplomacy and economic cooperation, relying heavily on trade routes and commerce to maintain stability. However, its vast size and complexity often lead to challenges such as corruption, inefficiency, and political gridlock, creating tensions among its member systems. The Jedi Order, a group of highly skilled Force-sensitive peacekeepers, serves as the Republic's defenders, tasked with maintaining justice and order across the galaxy. Over time, dissatisfaction with the Republic's leadership and growing power imbalances fuel a movement for secession, leading to the formation of the Separatist Alliance. This fragmentation results in the outbreak of the Clone Wars, a devastating conflict that tests the Republic's ability to survive and uphold its foundational principles of peace and unity.

Positions:

I. Yoda (Committee Leader)

Yoda is a Jedi Master who leads the Jedi Order. Yoda was from a species that is very strong with the force, and had grown to accumulate great wisdom and power from training generations of Jedi, ultimately leading him to assume the position of the Jedi Order's Grand Master. His homeworld is unknown but he is more than 800 years old. He was selfless and believed in the preservation of the Jedi, doing his best to protect the order and its customs in the rising Separatist

crisis. Yoda sees the Jedi Order's responsibility as keeping the peace, so any military engagement effectively is a loss for the Jedi. Thus, he does not want war.

II. Obi-Wan Kenobi

Obi Wan Kenobi is a Jedi Master who serves on the Jedi High Council. He was admitted into the Jedi Order as a young rebellious child, but after years of training he became a Jedi with great respect for the rules of the Jedi Council and the Republic. With this strong allegiance to the Republic, Kenobi was interested in keeping peace and serving democracy. Thus, he was often sent on diplomatic missions by the Jedi Order to resolve conflicts. Aside from being loyal to the Republic and the Jedi Order, one of Kenobi's character traits is strong emotional attachment. Like many other Jedi, he struggles to balance his rigid rule-following and his love for his Padawan Anakin Skywalker (emotional attachment was forbidden for a Jedi).

III. Padmé Amidala

Padme Amidala is a former Queen of Naboo, who led her people through the Trade Federation's invasion of the planet. After helping lead her people to freedom, she left the throne to represent Naboo on the Galactic Senate. She was a member of the Loyalist Committee in the Republic who strongly opposed the militarization and centralization of its government. Instead, she advocated for peace, and to mitigate aggression with the Separatists.

IV. Palpatine

Sheev Palpatine was elected as the Chancellor of the Republic following the resignation of Chancellor Valorum after the Republic's failure to provide adequate aid to Naboo during the Trade Federation's invasion in 32 BBY. Despite his seemingly harmless outward appearance, he is secretly the Dark Lord of the Sith. He is working with his apprentice, Count Dooku, to escalate tensions between the Republic and the CIS. Although maintaining his position in the senate, he is secretly orchestrating the tensions between the Republic and CIS and is very pro-war. He wants this war to happen so he can use the newly created Clone Army (made under his apprentice's supervision) to wipe out the Jedi and the Republic for galactic dominance. His ultimate goal is to restore the power of the Sith, and place himself as Emperor of a galaxy that bends to his will. Although he has strong force-sensitive powers, he must never reveal them under any circumstances in order to maintain his appearance as Chancellor. The Jedi are currently searching for him, but are still unaware he is the Dark Lord of the Sith. Darth Tyranus (Count Dooku) is his apprentice, and Dooku will obey his command.

V. Mace Windu

Mace Windu is a senior member of the Jedi High Council and one of the most powerful Jedi of his time. Known for his stern demeanor and unwavering commitment to Jedi principles, Windu is a pragmatist who believes the Jedi must act decisively to protect the Republic, even if it means taking on military leadership roles. His mastery of lightsaber combat, especially the rare Vaapad form, reflects his disciplined approach to balancing the light and dark sides of the Force. Windu is deeply suspicious of Chancellor Palpatine's growing influence but struggles to reconcile his instincts with his loyalty to the Republic. He sees the Jedi's involvement in the war as a necessary evil but fears its long-term consequences for the Order.

VI. Anakin Skywalker

Anakin Skywalker is a young Jedi Knight known for his extraordinary potential and impulsive nature. Dubbed the "Chosen One," he is prophesied to bring balance to the Force, though his path is marked by emotional struggles and a deep desire for control. Anakin is fiercely loyal to those he cares about, particularly his mentor, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and his secret wife, Padmé Amidala. He supports aggressive action against the Separatists and often questions the restraint and bureaucracy of the Jedi Council. Anakin's ambition, combined with his frustrations, makes him a rising but controversial figure in the Republic. His unorthodox views and burgeoning powers place him at the center of debates on how to address the galaxy's crisis.

VII. Bail Organa

Bail Organa is a senator from Alderaan and one of the Republic's most principled and eloquent leaders. A staunch advocate for democracy, he opposes the centralization of power and the militarization of the Republic. Organa works tirelessly to promote diplomacy and peaceful solutions to the Separatist conflict, though he recognizes the practical need for defense measures. As a skilled negotiator and coalition builder, Bail seeks to bridge divides in the Senate and steer the Republic away from authoritarianism. His foresight and moral compass position him as a key voice of reason, even as the war threatens to undermine the Republic's democratic ideals.

VIII. Captain Rex

CT-7567, better known as Captain Rex, is a highly skilled and loyal clone trooper who serves as a captain in the Grand Army of the Republic. As the commander of the 501st Legion under General Anakin Skywalker, Rex is a pragmatic and resourceful leader who values the lives of his fellow clones while fulfilling his duty to the Republic. Unlike many clones, Rex has developed a strong sense of individuality and frequently questions the ethical implications of the war and the role of the clones as expendable soldiers. His loyalty to his Jedi commanders, particularly Anakin and Ahsoka Tano, is unwavering, but his evolving perspective on the war adds depth to his character.

IX. Shaak Ti

Shaak Ti is a Jedi Master and member of the Jedi High Council, known for her wisdom, patience, and grace under pressure. Hailing from the planet Shili, she is deeply attuned to the Force and is a skilled diplomat and combatant. During the Clone Wars, Shaak Ti oversees the training of the clone troopers on Kamino, advocating for their humane treatment and recognizing their individuality. She believes in the Jedi's duty to guide the Republic through this crisis while minimizing harm and maintaining their moral integrity. Shaak Ti's role as both a strategist and a protector of life makes her a voice of compassion and reason in the Jedi Order.

X. Aayla Secura

Aayla Secura is a Twi'lek Jedi Knight renowned for her exceptional agility, combat skills, and diplomatic prowess. She serves as a general in the Grand Army of the Republic, often leading missions on the front lines of the war. Aayla is pragmatic and adaptable, adept at balancing the demands of war with the principles of the Jedi Order. Her calm and empathetic demeanor allows her to connect with allies and soldiers alike, earning their respect and loyalty. Though she remains committed to the Jedi cause, Aayla harbors concerns about the toll the war is taking on the Order and the Republic as a whole, making her a thoughtful and nuanced figure in the committee.

XI. Master Qui-Gon Jinn

Qui-Gon Jinn is a wise and well-respected member of the Jedi Order and was offered a seat on the Jedi Council, but he chose to reject and follow his own path. Born on the Core World Coruscant, the capital of the Galactic Republic in around 80 BBY, Jinn learned the ways of the Force as the Padawan of Jedi Master Dooku before ultimately attaining the rank of Jedi Knight in around 58 BBY. Adhering to a philosophy centered around the Living Force, Jinn strove to follow the will of the Force even when his actions conflicted with the wishes of the High Council.

XII. Sio Bibble

Sio Bibble is a human male philosopher, the governor of Naboo, and a member of the Royal Advisory Council during the final years of the Galactic Republic. He stepped down as governor during the early days of the Galactic Empire, which then replaced the position of Naboo's governor with the new role of Moff. Bibble is a brave and defiant man in the face of great danger despite being completely opposed to violence. He is known to speak his mind on several important matters like the Separatist Crisis or Gunray's constant trials in the Supreme Courts of the Galactic Republic.

XIII. Boss Nass

Rugor Nass is a Gungan male who serves as the Boss of the Gungan High Council during the Trade Federation's invasion of Naboo. As Boss, he governed the Gungans from the city of Otoh Gunga within Naboo's oceans, keeping a close eye on Gungan affairs and, for a time, ensuring that the Gungans and the human population of Naboo did not interact.

XV. Captain Roos Tarpals

Roos Tarpals is a Gungan male who serves in the Gungan Grand Army during the Invasion of Naboo and the Clone Wars. Before the Invasion of Naboo, he served as captain of a patrol in Otoh Gunga. After the Battle of Naboo, Tarpals is promoted to general. During the Clone Wars, he sacrificed himself to protect Naboo from being conquered by General Grievous. Tarpals maintained his steadfast dedication to the defense of Naboo and its alliance with the Republic. Tarpals coordinated efforts with the Naboo Security Forces, ensuring the safety of both Gungan and Naboo citizens. His courage and tactical acumen further solidified the unity between the Gungans and Naboo, which had been forged after the events of the Battle of Naboo.

XVI. Mon Mothma

Mon Mothma is a senator from Chandrila known for her unwavering commitment to democracy and justice. She is a reformist voice in the Senate, advocating for transparency and fairness while opposing the growing militarization of the Republic. Mon Mothma believes that diplomacy and systemic reform are the keys to resolving the Separatist crisis and ensuring the Republic's longevity.

XVII. Lott Dod

Lott Dod is a Neimoidian representative of the Trade Federation in the Galactic Senate. Known for his cunning and self-serving tactics, Dod often manipulates Senate procedures to protect Trade Federation interests. Though officially aligned with the Republic, his covert support for the Separatists raises questions about his true allegiances.

XVIII. Orn Free Taa

Orn Free Taa is the Twi'lek senator from Ryloth, a system heavily reliant on trade routes for its survival. Known for his flamboyant personality and political savvy, Taa often prioritizes Ryloth's economic interests over larger ideological debates. He supports the Republic but is open to compromise if it ensures Ryloth's security and prosperity.

XIX. Mas Amedda

Mas Amedda is the Chagrian Vice Chair of the Senate, serving as a close advisor to Chancellor Palpatine. A skilled politician and bureaucrat, Amedda works to consolidate Palpatine's power under the guise of stabilizing the Republic. He plays a key role in shaping legislative decisions and controlling Senate debates.

XX. Ki-Adi-Mundi

Ki-Adi-Mundi is a Cerean Jedi Master and member of the Jedi High Council. Known for his strategic mind and calm demeanor, he is a strong advocate for the Republic's unity.

Ki-Adi-Mundi is hesitant about the Jedi's role in the war, but he recognizes the necessity of their involvement to counter the Separatist threat.

XXI. Tion Medon

Tion Medon is the leader of Pau City on the planet Utapau, a neutral world caught between the Republic and the Separatists. Medon is a pragmatic diplomat who seeks to keep his planet safe from the war's devastation. He is willing to negotiate with both sides to protect Utapau's resources and sovereignty.

XXII. Commander Cody

CC-2224, known as Commander Cody, is a loyal and disciplined clone trooper who serves under Jedi General Obi-Wan Kenobi. A skilled strategist and trusted leader, Cody ensures his troops carry out their missions efficiently. He respects the Jedi but occasionally questions the Republic's motives and the ethics of the war.

XXIV. Saesee Tiin

Saesee Tiin is an Iktotchi Jedi Master and a member of the Jedi High Council. Known for his piloting skills and strategic acumen, he is often tasked with leading space combat operations for the Republic. Saesee Tiin believes in the Jedi's duty to safeguard the Republic but remains wary of the growing reliance on military solutions.

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