

Hello delegates,

We know this will be the first time that most of you will be participating in a crisis committee, so we have created an outline of what the committee will look like and how it is different from the Model UN you are probably used to.

Before we get to that, a few things need to be clarified. First and foremost, don't be confused by the adjective "Historical." While the crisis committee will be set in the past, that is about the only history you are bound to. Your main objective representing a *character* is achieving the best outcome for said character. That means you are *unbounded* from your character's historical actions. You may utilize your resources as you see fit, just as long as the powers you use are powers your character actually had (i.e. Otto Von Bismarck may not simply say Britain declares war on France, though during committee, he may cozy up to some British politicians and get them to write a crisis directive — more on that later — in which Britain allies with Germany).


Similarities:

- **P-rules:** All the motions you *should* be using will be the same p-rules you're familiar with.
- **Unmoderated Caucus:** A good ol' P-27 motion for an unmod of ___ amount of time is still the primary method of allowing delegates the time to directly interact with each other in crisis.

Differences:

- **Crisis Notes:** You as a character have the ability to do whatever you want within reason through this unique tool. A crisis note is basically an email you send to your chairs requesting to perform a certain action. Your chairs will then evaluate your request and then either allow, deny, or modify it.
 - Attached below are examples of what crisis notes should look like — for context, this committee was a historical crisis during the Arab Spring and the delegate was representing [the UN ambassador of] Iraq.


The screenshot displays an email interface with two messages. The first message, from a purple profile icon, is addressed to 'to me' and contains the following text: 'To whomever it may concern, The delegate of Iraq would like to inquire what weapons of mass destruction we have in our inventory. On top of that, we would like to inquire how bad the ISIS situation is at the current moment within Iraq. Finally, the delegate of Iraq would like to inquire how large the Iraqi military is, and what current funding levels are. Regardless of what they are, The delegate of Iraq would like to urge funding to the military to increase. Best, The Delegate of Iraq'. The second message, from a blue profile icon, is also addressed to 'to me' and contains the following text: 'To Whomever it may concern, The delegate from Iraq also strongly encourages the Iraqi government to start a chemical weapons and Weapons of mass destruction program to increase our stockpile. With the US military withdrawal, we now have much more discretion in military matters, so it is very much of urgency to act on this quickly. We shall resurrect the memory of our great late leader Saddam Hussein. We will be needing them in the coming months-years. Please fill me in on the response from the government.'

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The government has followed this request. You may continue with the same formula of address.

- Chair

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To whomever it may concern,

The delegate of Iraq would like to urge the government of Iraq to support an invasion of Libya. But before that, we would like to open a line of communication with Mummar Gaddafi, and ask him if he would support an Iraq, Russia, Serbia, and Jordanian coalition to put down these terrorist infested protests and replace Gaddafi back in power, all in exchange for access to Libyan oil and natural ags fields for the next ten years to stabilize the country.

Best,
Delegate of Iraq

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Gaddafi supports a possible coalition to put down the rebellion in Libya, however the Iraqi government and executives do not feel comfortable in instigating an intervention at this time.

- Chair


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To Ayman al-Zawahiri -- Leader of Al-Qaeda,


The delegate of Iraq would like to hire Al-Qaeda terrorists to assassinate iraqi president Jalal Talabani. The opposing coalition will take power in the parliament, and support a war. Not only will the delegate of Iraq pay 50,000 USD, but will also completely cease any involvement in anti-terrorist coalitions, and allow Al-Qaeda operations to continue in the Middle East without Iraqi opposition.

Best,
The delegate of Iraq

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This is a dangerous and unpredictable action, is the delegate okay with this?

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yes

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To Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi,

The delegate from Iraq would like to rally support across Iraq. Through pandering and giving speeches throughout the country, I will rally popular support for the office of president. I ask for support from the islamic State to back me in the power contest to assume the presidency, and in exchange, Iraq will offer behind door support to the Islamic State's infant operations within Syria. The contest is very small. Tabrani was the only president Iraq has ever known, and I, the delegate of Iraq to the UN, has gotten my name out there through patriotic movements to support Iraqis. This contest is practically already won, as I also have sway in the Iraqi military, but the more support I have, the larger my mandate.

I expect to assume office within the coming weeks, and together, we can advance the cause of all people of the Middle East

Best,
The delegate from Iraq

- Note that detail and creativity will be your best friends!

- **Crisis Directives:** Virtually a crisis note shared between multiple delegates — usually for larger objectives that require the resources of many characters (also sent via email).
 - The below image is from the same Arab Spring scenario from the crisis note example

Title: Ending Global Terrorism Originating from the Violent and Disastrous Libyan Arab Spring Movement

Due to the sharply increasing issue of terrorism flooding out of the Libyan Arab spring, Iraq, Jordan, Russia (under the direction of Prime minister Putin), Morocco, Gabon, Lebanon, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia, and find it necessary to form a military coalition to put an end to the violence brought about by the protests.

We intend to swiftly occupy Libya and put an end to the murderous protests. On top of that, the aforementioned nations will halt all oil and natural gas exports from Libya, as this is the primary source of the terrorist's income.

Many of these Libyan terrorists name themselves revolutionaries of democracy, but all we have seen is the funding of global terrorism supported and harbored by the Arab Spring movement. Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Russia, Gabon, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Morocco, and Serbia have all directly felt the disastrous impacts from such terrorism, and Russia, are all committed to the noble cause of ensuring global security and fight terrorism on all fronts

Iraq, Jordan, Russia, Gabon, Morocco, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, and Serbia expect to fully finish the intervention by May 15. The first objective of the multinational intervention is to secure Libya's oil fields from the terrorists, and then to move into larger population centers, moving in from the Mediterranean coast to the inland cities.

Many of the western nations are in support of such protests, but they never actually feel any of the effects. All Middle Eastern and Eastern European nations, as well as a plethora of asian nations have long endured the burdens of reckless policies seeing the birth of many major terrorist groups brought about from the western nations. All nations supporting this resolution have devoted massive stockpiles of resources to this fight against global terrorism.

We expect the coalition to fully eradicate this source of terrorism within Libya by the end of the year, but it further plans to keep a military force to ensure Libya does not fall back into this cycle of poverty and terrorism.

Furthermore, this coalition fully expects members of the security council to negate this motion, as it is in direct opposition to their interests, so this coalition will proceed regardless of UN support.

To emphasize, this directive is not going through the UN, but rather has already been determined by the said nations

Signatures: Prime Minister Putin, President Milošević, President Talabani, and King Abdullah II, President Bongo, President Radmanović, President Benkirane, and President Suleiman

- Think of directives as the crisis equivalent of resolutions. While you will form pseudo-blocs of characters who have deemed it necessary to advance their own self interest, your priority will always be the betterment of yourself, and that often means collaborating.

- Directives are the engine of crisis. These “declarations” determine what comes next in the story of the committee. While notes are usually personal — and may significantly change the course of committee — directives are generally the heavy hitters.
- **Speeches:** Crisis committees still have speeches, though they are quite a bit different to standard MUN. You will be thrown directly into the crisis, though you will not know exactly when and where until you make it to committee. Once arrived, your chairs will set the stage for the current events, and you will have the ability to give a speech pertaining to the topic — think of it as ad hoc.
 - Unlike standard MUN, you don’t necessarily need to discuss your goals and how you aim to achieve them — since it could spoil your nefarious intentions — although, if you want to stick true to your character or rally others to a cause, you may do so.
 - There are still P-23s and P-25s, though questions and comments will not necessarily be the same as standard MUN.
- **Moderated Caucuses:** Normally, moderated caucuses are reserved for reading resolutions in standard MUN; however, in a crisis committee, moderated caucuses are a great way to allow some time for delegates to address any developments in the flow of committee.
 - For example, in the case of the Iraq’s invasion plans of Libya during the Arab Spring, a moderated caucus might be helpful for delegates to share their stances on the development
 - To motion for a moderated caucus, one would rise under a “P-27 motion for a moderated caucus of ___ amount of time with ___ amount of speaking time to discuss _____”.
 - Ex. I would like to rise under a P-27 motion for a moderated caucus of 10 minutes with 1 minute speaking time to discuss the recent developments of the Iraqi coalition’s plans to invade Libya (and yes, you may use personal pronouns since you are taking on the role of a character).
 - What this motion means is the total moderated caucus will last for 10 minutes and 10 people will be allowed to speak for 1 minute each, and each speech must pertain to the aforementioned theme (note: the total length of the caucus must be exactly divisible by the speaking time).

To leave you off with something fun-ish, you have the ability to assassinate other delegates’ characters. Granted, you should only pursue this goal if it best suits your ambitions, though chairs have been instructed to seldom allow assassinations. Remember, in crisis, your first priority is yourself. Be prepared for scheming, conniving, and backstabbing. No one is truly your friend or ally, but you are not bound to history. You have the ability to do anything.