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Background Guide

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Greetings Delegates,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to iMUNC 2018 Security Council! My name is Desاون Robinson (pronunciation: “da-saw-n”), and I will be serving as your chair for this committee. I am a senior at the iSchool, and this will be my second year with the iMUN team. I am really excited to see the direction, you all, the delegates take this topic.

As many of you may already know, the Security Council of the United Nations is one of six main bodies under its charter. This body is tasked with ensuring the peace and security of nations around the world and because of this, have certain roles including sanctions, military intervention, and peacekeeping operations. As a reminder, this is the only committee that passes legally binding resolutions. There will be also other documents allowed to be drafted which will be written below.

This background guide is meant to serve as a reference point for all delegates as you begin to research and preparing for the committee. Delegates will gather to discuss the effect of new Wakandan resources to the outside world and the challenges it faces. While there is a slight deviation to the Marvel timeline, this it to fill gaps after the ending of the “Black Panther”, to keep it spicy.

Nevertheless, it is still advised that you watch the Black Panther Movie to gain context. (As of right now it is available on Netflix) I will also record feedback for you all on a spreadsheet, so feel free to come up to the dais during an unmod or free time throughout the day.

If you have any questions you can contact me at desauns@nycischool.org, or the secretariat via the faculty advisor (Ms.Strassler), astrassler@nycischool.org.

Wakanda Forever,

Desاون Robinson

Chair | Director of Outreach and Recruitment



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Greetings Delegates,

Welcome! My name is Davie Langer, and I am the co-chair for iUNSC. I am a senior at the iSchool, and this is my first year in Model UN. I got into MUN because of debating as well as my heavy interest in politics. I am new to the scene, but I am very excited to be serving as your chair.

I'm a science geek and a closeted Marvel fan, so I am excited to see how you guys handle the situation we've created. Desaun and I hope to make this committee really fun and interesting! It is recommended that you get slightly familiar with Black Panther if you're not already, however it is not required.

I can't wait to see you at iMUNC!

If you have any questions you can contact me at daviel@nycischool.org, or the secretariat via the faculty advisor (Ms. Strassler), astrassler@nycischool.org.

Best,

Davie Langer

Co-Chair | Student of Model UN Module



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Secretariat Notes

Dear Delegates,

The iSchool Model United Nations Conference specializes in creativity and uniqueness. By participating in our year long club we had the opportunity to create iMUNC for you to have an incredible model UN experience alongside members from all 5 boroughs, we are able to build and run an engaging and educational conference to help you become better delegates.

iMUNC was created last year and was a resounding success so we felt we should continue with what we did then: Chair and delegate independence. We pride ourselves on giving massive delegate freedoms in order to make sure that a story is told not just by the chairs but by delegates. Our theme this year of diplomacy under pressure will create an environment where delegates will be interacting with the world and act in its chaos. We hope to give delegates the opportunity to react to high stakes high risk situations where they are the deciding factor.

With seven committees with OC, Shows, Movies, and books we pride ourselves on our creativity. iMUNC 2019 will embody leadership skills, collaboration skills, diplomacy, Creativity (and a tiny bit of chaos).

A special thanks to our entire Secretariat for making this possible.

Sincerely,

Carmen Simons

Lucas Kulin

Alliyah Logan

Lily Krug

Secretary General

Secretary General

President

President



Background

This committee was formed in parallel to the UN charter in 1945. Members of this committee are a combination of 5 permanent members (France, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Republic of China, and Russia), and 10 non-permanent members that are set to serve 2 terms. The permanent members have been appointed this position as they were the victors of World War II and hold veto power over any resolution, meaning if any of the five nations mentioned above, object to any resolution it will automatically fail to be passed. The role of the UNSC has been seen most in their use of military and peacekeeping forces around the world, however, this role is beyond military operations. The roles of the UNSC are to: investigate and report on threats to international peace across the globe; resolve these disputes, using diplomatic means whenever possible and escalating to coercive measures, such as economic sanctions, as necessary; and facilitate disarmament and demobilization of belligerents in conflicts through the deployment of peacekeeping troops.



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This committee will be very different from a normal UNSC assembly, the UNSC assembly will be taking place within the Marvel Cinematic Universe, not too long after the assassination of King T'Chaka.

Proceeding a series of events¹, King T'Challa of Wakanda has made it known during a United Nations General Assembly that the Kingdom of Wakanda is not a developing nation but one of superior technological capabilities, that no country has yet to match. Since then Wakanda has been committed to giving materials such as vibranium and knowledge to developing countries, and surrounding countries. Generosity on Wakanda's part has led to nations such as Dominican Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Peru, South Africa, Sierra Leone, and Zimbabwe to be able to have sustainable energy, food, water, and medical resources drastically improving the general quality of life in these nations. However, the implications of an African nation becoming a very developed nation, and possibly the most powerful nation has caused some concern to other world powers. In addition, there have also been problems of corrupt Wakandan miners who are selling their Vibranium to private entities on the Black Market. The Vibranium sold in this way has been found to end up in the possession of terrorist organizations and used in their weaponry and defense systems.

Documents

This committee may utilize the following documents:

- Directive: A formal action taken by 5 permanent members and, which must first be voted on

¹ It should be mentioned that contrary to the MCU timeline, Thanos and his effects have not been seen yet, and won't be seen during this committee session.



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- **Communiqué:** A formal message from a committee or delegate to be communicated to other bodies, and must have a majority vote
- **Press Release:** A statement from a committee or delegate that they want expressed to the public. If sent from the committee, press releases must first be approved through a vote.
- **Individual Action Order:** Actions that are taken by an individual delegate that is reflected in their portfolio powers
- **Crisis Notes:** A note that is the dominant medium for taking individual action in committee by using your portfolio powers.

Topic:

Introduction and History

Wakanda is located in East Africa. Until 2018, Wakanda was merely seen as a third world developing nation, but shocked the international community by showing off the abundance of vibranium that they are in possession of. A meteor crashed down into Wakanda causing them to have access to this metal. It is the only known supplier of vibranium in the entire world making it the rarest metal to exist. On behalf of the United States Administration, Donald Trump has expressed discontent that the nation of Wakanda, has the potential to become possibly the most powerful nation ever. The Russian Federation later echoed these sentiments. Vibranium has also brought much attention upon itself amongst larger nations that would like to take vibranium to conduct research on it and manipulate the metal for their own personal gain. Wakanda however, has dismissed this idea and does not want to give it's vibraniums to already developed nations to use.



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In light of these resources becoming open to foreign markets to use for societal development, certain rogue factions and terrorist groups have made it their job to take vibranium and other Wakandan Technology and use it to carry out heinous crimes against humanity. Vibranium is also seen on the black market for anyone with access to have this powerful medal. They have been able to get it by bribing vibranium miners, also through pirating unarmed (and sometimes even armed with the Dora Milaje²) delivery airplanes and ships.

The group at the forefront of most of these attacks are known as “The Liberation”. This group is led by Ulysses Klaue³ (aka Klaw) and Erik Killmonger⁴. While their last known location was inside of the United States according to independent investigators the president United States has denied harboring any terrorist group and continuously dismisses any claims of the US being involved with the Liberation.

To date, The Liberation alone has been responsible for 7 Major Attacks that has resulted in the death of many civilians, while the actual number is unknown, the number is believed to have reached the hundreds, if not thousands. Even nations currently on the security council have been attacked these nations are: South Africa, Belgium, Côte d'Ivoire, and Indonesia. Most recently, this group hijacked a Wakandan Resource Ship filled with about 4 Kilograms of vibranium, enough to power the entirety of North America for 6 months and the harm would be extremely dangerous. These attacks and hijackings have prompted the nation of Wakanda to halt

² The Dora Milaje are fictional characters appearing in American comic books published by Marvel Comics. They are a team of women who serve as special forces for the fictional African nation of Wakanda.

³ Klaw is a fictional character, a supervillain appearing in American comic books published by Marvel Comics. The character is depicted as a human physicist who has been transformed into solid sound, and who wears a sonic emitter on his right wrist as a prosthetic device.

⁴ Erik Killmonger is a fictional supervillain appearing in American comic books published by Marvel Comics. Created by Don McGregor and Rich Buckler, the character first appeared in *Jungle Action* vol. 2, #6. Killmonger, whose birth name is N'Jadaka, is an enemy of Black Panther.



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the flow of their resources to the rest of the world. These actions have left nations that were once considered developed due to Wakanda influenced advancements, to be yet again on a decline towards impoverished conditions.

Current Status

The United Nations Security Council is now scheduled to meet on 26 January 2019, with this pressing issue the UNSC has put this as priority one on their docket. The main topic of discussion are expected to be, dealing with onset on more developing nations as a result of withdrawal, how to coax the Nation of Wakanda to resume distribution of their vibranium, solutions of how to deal with The Liberation, and how can the Security Council oversee the distribution of such resources that are highly dangerous if in the wrong hands.

As of right now, Wakanda has made it clear that they will give no more vibranium to the outside world and is set to halt mining for it until they are guaranteed that it will not fall into the wrong hands. These developing nations are once again without electricity, healthcare, and healthy living conditions. The World Health Organization has already published reports stating immense concern as mortality rates are again on the rise in countries that no longer have access to vibranium.

The independent investigators have shifted their focus to a new objective of finding any involvement the US might have in possibly aiding and abetting a terrorist group. Their other objective is to find the main location of the liberation. They have also cautioned nations that the Liberation may still have enough vibranium to continue to carry out more attacks on nations.



Questions to Consider/Committee Mission

When thinking about this committee consider the following:

- How can the UN bring about a safe and secure way of distributing vibranium?
- What should be done to deal with corrupt miners and terrorist groups?
- What might the UNSC do if the US is found guilty of supporting a terrorist organization?
- What nation or UN governing body will be in control of the Vibranium ultimately?
- What unique ideas will help protect the international community from Vibranium sold on the Black Market?

Bloc Analysis & Delegate List

Country	Title	Person	Possible View Point
Wakanda	Leader of Dora Milaje	Okoye	Okoye is the head of the Dora Milaje, which is the head department of the Wakandan Special forces. The Dora Milaje has been tasked with overseeing the safe delivery of Vibranium. They would like to have a large say in the security aspect of vibranium.
Wakanda	Monarch	King T'Challa	King T'Challa is the King of Wakanda and is the sole ruler with a council of elders working under him. T'Challa is very bothered by the negative aspects that have risen and is very disturbed by sentiments brought by the US and China. They only want to give up their supplies to countries in need of development and nothing more.
South Africa	President	Cyril Ramaphosa	Being a nation that was once attacked, the nation of South Africa is highly cautious of the next steps that should be taken. They were also on the list of nations that were receiving vibranium and intend to see to it that the supply of this material continues once again.
China*	President	Xi Jinping	In addition to wanting to keep the peace, and stop the threat the Liberation poses, China has taken an interest in Vibranium. Prior to the halt in supply, vibranium was only given to developing nations. However, China is looking to get their hands on it for developmental purposes. They don't want the vibranium to be wasted on developing nations but be used more on scientific research.
Côte d'Ivoire	President	Alassane Ouattara	Côte d'Ivoire also saw the gruesome attacks that the Liberation has carried out. They are concerned for their nation and all the nations in West Africa. They also miss the supplies they once received from Wakanda.
Equatorial Guinea	President	Teodoro Obiang Nguema	Being a fellow African nation, Equatorial Guinea is on the side of Wakanda in keeping vibranium there, with assistance from other nations. EG would also like to see that the Vibranium supply is continued to help developing nations.
Indonesia	President	Joko Widodo	Indonesia is concerned about the location of a possible next attack from the Liberation. They have a sense of urgency in doing whatever is needed to stop the liberation. They also want the flow of vibranium to continue.



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France*	President	Emmanuel Macron	France mainly wants for nations that need vibranium to receive it once again. They also want the Liberation to be brought to justice. They also are concerned by the rhetoric that the United States is using they feel it doesn't help move forward in the current problem the world find themselves in.
Germany	Chancellor	Angela Merkel	Germany is extremely concerned about the safety of their country along with the remainder of Europe as they were once targeted in a vibranium used attack. They are also highly concerned about the developing nations that don't have adequate resources.
Kuwait	Monarch	Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah	Kuwait is very concerned for nation's continuity as they are being depleted of vibranium to continue to power their nations and keep it at the criteria of being developed. It is their main priority to possibly start the supply of vibranium again.
Dominican Republic	President	Danilo Medina	The Dominican Republic benefited from the supply of vibranium however, now that this supply has been halted they are now reverted to what the conditions were like prior to this. This nation wants to see that the vibranium supply is resumed as soon as possible with a second priority being its safety.
Peru	President	Marin Vizcarra	Peru also has benefited from the supply of vibranium, is now struggling to keep their nation at the standards of being a developed nation. They are hoping that the security council can come to a solution that resumes the supply.
Poland	President	Andrzej Duda	Poland, like China, wants to use some of the supply of Vibranium for scientific development in their nation. However, they are fine sharing the vibranium with developing nations, unlike China.
Russian Federation*	Minister of Defense	Sergei Kuzhugetovich Shoigu	The Russian Federation also agrees with the United States position on the power Wakanda is in possession of. However one of their main concerns unlike the US is the impending terrorist attacks that can happen anywhere and are concerned about their country's safety. They are reluctant to want to continue the flow of vibranium.
The United Kingdom*	Prime Minister	Theresa May	The United Kingdom does not have any desire for vibranium. They are more so very concerned about the safety threats that accompany the supplying of vibranium throughout the world. The UK is also disapproving of the conduct of the US throughout this situation.
The United States*	President	Donald Trump	The United States is very disapproving and worried by the advances that the nation of Wakanda has made. They'd like to be reassured that they are still a global power, possibly meaning draining Wakanda from its vibranium supply. The US doesn't care about anything besides where the Vibranium will end up. They are thinking of getting vibranium to use in a new line of weaponry.
Belgium	Prime Minister	Charles Michel	Belgium still trying to recover from getting attacked are coming to this assembly with extreme urgency. They don't want to see another attack from the Liberation happen in their country or any other country.

All delegates have the portfolio powers of the person/title they are representing

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