



# JCC Aftermath: Galactic Empire



A Crisis Simulation

# Background Guide

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Welcome to the tenth annual Virginia Invitational Model United Nations Conference. As the MUN year winds down, we hope to provide the best experience yet, with paramount service and attention to detail that creates the greatest conference. From broad UN organizations to regional bodies, from corporations to criminal organizations, VIMUNC has committees that truly serve every interest. With experienced chairs, czars and staff, we will ensure that every delegate truly has a positive experience, and we simply hope that you can enjoy your experience with us.

VIMUNC's 18 committees and over 700 delegates is one of the largest editions of our conference ever, and we look forward to expanding our outreach across Virginia to continue to provide a wonderful experience for all delegates. With a large MUN team that has years of experience, we hope that every single minute of the committee is filled with substantive debate that will create learning experiences that last for years to come.

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Thank you so much for your commitment to VIMUNC X, and best of luck in your committee, future conferences, and ambitions.

Sincerely,

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# JCC Aftermath: Galactic Republic

(A Crisis Simulation)

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## INTRODUCTION

### to the JCC Aftermath: Galactic Republic

The Empire was founded on Palpatine's promise to trade frailty for strength, chaos for order, and uncertainty for decisiveness, following the chaos and devastation of the Clone Wars. While the Empire's ability to deliver on the first two promises can be debated, Palpatine was able to centralize control over the galaxy to a degree that had never before been accomplished. Made Emperor with thunderous applause, Palpatine's popularity and political support allowed him to make key changes to the function of galactic government, all of which served to reinforce his power and continue the trend of weakening the Senate which had begun well before the

declaration of the Empire. Initially, Palpatine focused much of his resources on securing his political power and protecting his new empire from coups, of which there were several failed attempts, and militarizing the Empire and galaxy to a scale that had not previously been seen.

One of the key tools that Palpatine used to cement his political stranglehold over the Empire was COMPNOR. Shorthand for the Commission for the Preservation of the New Order, COMPNOR was the driving ideological force during the Imperial period with the organization fanatically serving Palpatine they began a campaign to rename Republic institutions with new Imperial branding almost immediately after the formation of the Empire. COMPNOR went beyond simple political symbolism however as the organization created the Imperial Security Bureau, or ISB, and placed indoctrinated agents into every level of the massive Imperial bureaucracy. These agents gave Palpatine essentially unlimited power over the Empire, and by extension the galaxy, as even though the Senate remained an institution, it found itself continually weakened and its functions replaced by Moffs.

The ISB was the primary intelligence agency in the Empire and functioned much like any internally focused intelligence agency in an authoritarian system would, without any oversight or controls over its actions and authority. After the Senate passed the Public Order Resentencing Directive shortly after a rebel raid on Aldhani, the ISB was officially given essentially unlimited power and unofficially given approval to use any form of terror or violence necessary to suppress rebellion and dissent. There are many individuals all too ready to act with this new authority, however, and the ISB has become the face of Imperial cruelty in the eyes of many of the galaxy's poor and non-human citizens.

Finding home rule to be an inefficient form of governance too likely to foment rebellion Palpatine instead opted for a more feudal approach. The galaxy had been divided into approximately 1000 sectors since the formation of the Republic, each with a locally elected government and most with Senate representation. Palpatine bypassed those local governments and established a system where he and his advisors would appoint a Moff to govern a sector, or multiple sectors depending on their political standing. These Moffs had nearly unlimited political and military authority over their sector and reported only to the Emperor and his advisors.

Imperial Advisors, sometimes referred to as the Council of Advisors, were a group of high-ranking political sycophants. Palpatine appointed these individuals from hundreds of different worlds, to assist him in running the Empire. The Emperor only directly consulted with a dozen of them at a time, and the most important were appointed to the Imperial Ruling Council. These advisors supervised both moffs, grand moffs, and each other, reporting on each other's activities and tasked with administering each other's bases of power. This created a deep sense of mistrust and created a situation where each of these advisors were beholden to Palpatine and incentivized to backstab each other, further cementing Palpatine's authority and protecting his power from internal opposition.

# TOPIC A: The Death of Palpatine

## *Background Information/Current Situation*

The extreme centralization of power in the hands of Palpatine and the cult of personality he developed led to both, an extreme dependence on the Emperor, and an Imperial culture where backstabbing and paranoia were essential to survival and career advancement. We now find ourselves facing the consequences of Palpatine's sith ideology and his constant encouragement of a toxic culture that has led even the most junior officers to behave like petty tyrants. Seeing as one man's power was the glue that held the Empire together and gave many of its strongest adherents a reason to believe in it, his death, along with the death of Darth Vader, the only other person who may have been able to hold the Empire together, the Empire has fractured.

With Coruscant no longer able to claim control over the Imperial, the Empire has now entered an era of warlords and tribalism. Moffs, Admirals, Generals, and myriad other Imperial officers and agents have already started to carve up power and declare their own fiefdoms on the outskirts of the galaxy and the Imperial Center is rapidly losing control of sectors near the core. The ISB, an organization founded with the goal of maintaining Palpatine's power, appears to be the only institution able to retain some sense of unity, and is asserting control over Coruscant and several other core worlds. How long the ISB's unity and apparent control over these worlds remains to be seen.

Even with the Emperor's death only days old, rumors abound as to whether he is truly dead and if he is still able to project power from beyond the grave. Complicating this are rumors that some officers have been visited by Sentinel droids made in the image of Palpatine and allegedly carrying a final set of instructions he created in the event of his death. With Palpatine's true identity as a Sith Lord revealed to you many of the Empire's top leadership are starting to wonder whether Palpatine is truly interested in the continuance of the Empire after his death, or whether he is simply trying to have the galaxy destroy itself in one final act of Sith revenge.

While Palpatine's identity as a Sith Lord is not common knowledge it has become known to you that he and Darth Vader were both Sith Lords. Their adherence to this ancient religion explains both Palpatine's cruel and sadistic philosophy and Vader's extreme brutality. The revelation of this closely held secret has led many of you to wonder what other secrets Palpatine may have hidden, and if any of those secrets could help you gain power or help the Empire defeat the rebellion now calling itself the New Republic.

## *Questions to Consider*

- How can you prevent issues arising from Palpatine's secrets?
- Can these secrets cause chaos, and create a more dangerous empire?
- What can you do to ensure that these secrets don't dictate the New Republic?

# TOPIC B: Winning the War

## *Background Information/Current Situation*

At its height, the Imperial military was the single strongest military force the galaxy had ever seen. Now that military is fracturing with junior officers and enlisted men knowing only to follow the orders of their direct superior. Those superiors meanwhile are in chaos as the chain of command upon which they have come to rely is collapsing around them. Many mid-career officers are finding themselves thrust into the role of mini-Emperor of their commands, now responsible for both the military and civilian aspect of managing their units, payroll, logistics, and supplies.

The Imperial Navy remains the galaxy's foremost military power and while multiple Mon Cala flagships can overwhelm a lone Star Destroyer there currently exists no Rebel ship which can rival an ISD. The sheer destructive power present on an ISD is beyond what is present on other ships of its class, for the most part. At its height the Empire boasted control of over 25,000 of these behemoths and millions of starfighters, frigates, shuttles, and other support craft. With the Emperor's death it remains to be seen how many of these ships will remain under the control of High Command and how many will face their destruction at the hands of rival imperial warlords.

For the administratively minded, the sheer scale and complexity of the Empire's logistics network was its most impressive accomplishment with hundreds of millions of beings and droids supporting the construction, supply, and staffing of the Empire's Navy and Army. Bureaucracies

like the Bureau of Standards, while nightmarish to some, are the backbone of any government and most especially the Galactic Empire. With an unfathomably large galactic population and too many cultures, planets, races, and species to count, maintaining common standards for everything from fuel ratios to weights and measurements is of paramount importance. With this logistics network fracturing it remains to be seen how long the Imperial military can sustain itself.

### *Questions to Consider*

- Is the Imperial Army able to sustain their power in the war?
- What outside forces are causing the Imperial Army to have such struggles?
- How can you prevent the chaos in the Army from spreading throughout the whole Empire?

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