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International Council for Post-Blip Planetary Restoration (ICPR-616)

Coordinating Global Recovery Efforts on Earth-616 Following the Thanos Snap Post-Endgame

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Committee Introduction

It is late October 2023, and Earth-616 is facing an unprecedented, staggering shockwave to its global order. The Cosmic Battle of Earth on October 17, 2023, has just concluded with the tragic sacrifice of Iron Man, the defeat of Thanos, and the sudden, miraculous reversal of the Snap. In an instant, billions of people who vanished five years ago have materialized back into their daily lives, plunging an already fragile planet into immediate, systemic chaos.

As a desperate attempt to prevent a total secondary collapse of the human race, surviving international leaders and resurrected diplomats have mobilized to re-engineer global governance; thus, the International Council for Post-Blip Planetary Restoration (ICPR-616) was activated with an emergency mandate. Originally founded in May 2018 as a strict crisis management body to prevent total societal collapse and maintain basic global governance immediately after the Decimation, the Council has now radically evolved. Its purpose is to oversee the macro-coordination of planetary recovery, bridging the gap between national sovereignty and global survival, and supporting localized entities like the newly formed Global Repatriation Council (GRC), established in October 2023, while operating as a much larger body tackling planet-wide stabilization.

The main issues handled by the committee will revolve around the catastrophic logistical, economic, and legal nightmare of a doubled global population. Delegates must debate the immediate redistribution of failing food supplies, the restoration of shattered energy grids, and the catastrophic transnational legal disputes regarding property titles, marriages, and corporate assets that were reassigned during the five-year gap. Furthermore, the committee must manage public health and societal reintegration, allocating efficient physical and mental health assistance to a global populace suffering from Blip Displacement Syndrome, all while trying to rebuild a fractured international economy with severely limited resources.

ICPR-616 holds a unique position that sets it apart from standard diplomatic bodies, functioning as a Special Committee with Sovereign Override Frameworks. Because the Snap shattered traditional borders and weakened national governments over the last five years, this body possesses the extraordinary power to temporarily bypass national trade blockades to route critical Wakandan agricultural tech and automated Stark Industries energy grids directly to crisis zones. Operating with supreme inter-agency jurisdiction above the GRC, it serves as a highly volatile crisis environment where delegates can issue emergency directives, leverage planetary resources, and rewrite international law in real-time, making it a dynamic committee dictated by rapidly shifting geopolitical power plays.

Agenda Introduction

Thanos, following the acquisition of six Infinity Stones granting him limitless power, made approximately half of the living beings on Earth disappear in one Snap. The recovery and restoration of Earth-616 after the Thanos Snap is significant, as it requires the international community to cooperate and rebuild the once flourishing economy. With limited resources available for people, it's crucial for the international community to focus on addressing this humanitarian emergency.

When 50% of all living beings in the universe were lost through the Snap, billions of people instantaneously disappeared from their daily lives. Almost all aspects of society were negatively harmed, such as food supply, healthcare infrastructure, careers, and social relationships. The recovery following the Thanos Snap is a global issue that affects all countries and individuals on Earth-616. It's important for governments to find ways to rebuild economies and resolve legal disputes. In addition to government intervention, families must reunite with each other, businesses should learn to operate the way they used to, employed workers need to find their way back to work, and healthcare industries need to allocate efficient physical and mental health assistance to those who have been affected by the Snap.

Delegates in this committee should primarily focus on managing the new population following the return of billions of people to Earth. The effect of the Snap has resulted in the need for clear boundaries for employment and future jobs. Millions of jobs were lost, replaced, and created, so delegates must navigate through the new society to compromise a solution. Additionally, many industries relied on the 50% of the population, so the government must now accommodate the full population again. Delegates should look towards finding a long-term solution to prevent economic disaster and persisting downfall.

Letter from the Chairs

Dear delegates, welcome to GECMUN XIII. My name is Gapjae Choi and I will be serving as your Crisis Director for Crisis 2: Coordinating Global Recovery Efforts on Earth-616 Following the Thanos Snap. This is my fifth year in MUN, and I've spent most of it as a crisis delegate. This is my fifth time chairing overall, and my third time as a Director. Crisis committees move fast, and if this is your first one, that pace can feel like a lot at first. My Chairing team and I will be there to help you find your footing and get the most out of it. I'm looking forward to meeting you all in person.

Hello delegates! My name is Evelyn Smith and I am honored to be serving as your Head Chair for GECMUN XIII's Crisis #2 committee. My entire MUN delegate and chairing experience has revolved around the orchestrated madness of Crisis' committees. I hope as you all presume your delegations and step into the committee hall that Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. See you all soon in the committee room!

Dear delegates, my name is Olivia Suh, and I will be serving as your Deputy Chair for Crisis #2. I have been participating in MUN conferences for four years, and this is my first time chairing a crisis committee. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and participating in engaging debates, drafting directives, and recovering from the Thanos Snap. I hope we can all create a meaningful experience and navigate our ways through this crisis committee. Through the fast-paced plot and unexpected crisis updates, I hope to build a meaningful connection with each and every one of you. If you have any questions, or this is your first time in a crisis committee, please don't hesitate to reach out. See you soon at Earth-616!

Dear delegates, my name is Jiho Lee and it is my pleasure to serve as the Associate Chair for the Crisis #2 committee of GECMUN XIII. This conference is a special milestone for me in my MUN journey as my first time chairing a crisis conference. I always enjoyed Crisis committees due to the chaotic, exciting, and strategic nature. I'm excited to see how the delegates are going to resolve the ongoing crisis at hand, and I'm looking forward to the heated debates and cooperations. I hope this conference will be an opportunity for delegates to dive deeper into their MUN journey, and I'll do my best to assist you in the process. Thank you and see you at the conference!

Key Terms

The Snap

The 2018 event where Thanos used the Infinity Gauntlet to wipe out about the half of all living beings in the universe

The Blip

When everyone erased in the Snap suddenly came back in 2023 after the Avengers undid what Thanos did

Infinity Stones

Six cosmic artifacts (Space, Mind, Reality, Power, Time and Soul) that confer immense power when united. Thanos used all six to carry out the Snap

Earth 616

The primary universe in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), where the events of *Avengers: Infinity War and Avengers: Endgame* take place

Global Repatriation Council (GRC)

The organization set up after the Blip to help returning people get resettled, coordinate refugee support, and manage reintegration

Blip Displacement Syndrome (BDS)

The psychological, social, and economic struggle faced by people trying to reintegrate after being gone for five years

Planetary Restoration

The global effort to rebuild governments, economies, infrastructure, and public services now that billions of people are back

Resource Redistribution

Reallocating food, medicine, energy, and housing to meet the needs of a population that doubled almost overnight

Variant

A person or version of a person who exists in another timeline or universe that is another version of the exact same person

Post-Blip

The period following the return of those who disappeared during the Snap, when governments and societies have to deal with the effects of the sudden return of the people

Emergency Directive

A temporary order issued during a crisis that lets authorities act fast without going through normal legislative steps

Sovereign Override Framework

The temporary power that lets ICPR-616 bypass certain national restrictions so it can deliver aid and coordinate recovery across borders

Property Rights Dispute

The legal conflict created when homes, businesses, or other property changed hands during the five-year Blip, leaving both the original owners and current occupants with competing claims

Supply Chain Disruption

When the production and transportation of goods break down, causing shortages of essentials such as food, fuel, and medical supplies

Economic Recovery

Restoring jobs, trade, and financial markets back on stable footing after a shock like the Snap and the Blip that followed

International Coordination

Governments, international bodies, and private institutions working together on problems too big for any one country to solve alone.

Historical Background

In the far away planet of Titan, the civilization suffered due to severe overpopulation, leading to logistic bottlenecks, food shortages, and lack of supplies to support the growing population. Upon the sight of the suffering, Thanos, a titan, proposed on randomly killing half of the populace to keep the other half alive, preserving the population. The proposal was firmly rejected. The population called him a madman. However, the planet's populace soon went extinct due to ongoing civil wars over resources and ecological devastation. Thanos used the catastrophe that occurred on his planet to conclude that in order to maintain the balance of the cosmos, half of the entire population must cease to exist.

Following the Infinity War and the defeat of the earth alliance, Thanos's snap resulted in the eradication of half of the universe's populace, leading to a crisis not just on earth, but throughout the whole universe. Throughout the five year period after the Thanos snap, earth eventually adapted to the loss, but the scars still remained.

Miraculously, Tony Stark(AKA Iron Man) successfully made a time machine which allowed the avengers to go back in time, collect the stones needed, and make a counter snap to bring back half of the population. Though, the snap eventually led to the Avengers facing yet another war with Thanos and his factions due to Nebula being captured by a different timeline Thanos. In the great battle known as the "Battle of Earth" the Avengers successfully defeated Thanos with Tony Stark's sacrifice.

Although the return of the lost populace was something to be celebrated, it also created several bottlenecks. With several heroes being sacrificed or retiring, the overall defensive capabilities of earth deteriorated. In addition, earth was unprepared for a sudden return of billions of population leading to severe food shortages, supply constraints, and decrease in stability.

Bringing back the lost population was a heroic act, but earth needs a plan to combat the ongoing crisis in order to prevent total extinction and chaos like that happened to Titan.

Current State of Affairs

Currently, while Thanos's snap has been restored, the world is still struggling to return to the past. With missing factories, bankrupt businesses, and a global supply shortage, it's difficult to guarantee a prosperous future on Earth-616. During the five-year Blip period, the rest of the members of Avengers attempted to find a way to reverse the Snap. At the expense of Iron Man, humanity is restored, but at what cost?

A challenge delegates must resolve in this committee is building back the once flourishing society with limited resources. With important Avengers members like Iron Man no longer here to support the global communities, delegates must navigate through the disasters and humanitarian issues. There will be legal disputes for the delegates to solve as well. For example, a house or a building that belonged to someone five years ago who mysteriously vanished will now be someone else's property. Additionally, new families and relationships have formed, with individuals believing their loved ones

are gone forever. Delegates must examine the structural flaws of the current status quo, such as increased international competition. In times like this, delegates must turn to issues happening in the status quo and find an immediate solution.

The market is one of the primary problems that arose after the restoration of the Snap. When the Snap destroyed 50% of the population, some towns and cities were more detrimentally impacted than others. Thus, it's the global community's responsibility to address these shortcomings. There are problems like food insecurity and shortages, heightening international tensions. Currently, there has yet to be an adequate solution tailored to benefit those who have been affected by the shortages. In such a disconnected and confused world, delegates will work their way through this problem together.

Stances of Parties

Sam Wilson
After Steve Roger's retirement due to old age after the time travel, Sam Wilson inherited his shield. However, faced with racial and social realities of taking the shield, he is becoming uncertain about his position as the second Captain America. His main goal is to stop anti-governmental insurgencies and ensure support reaches marginalized communities.

Sharon Carter
As an EX-S.H.I.E.L.D agent, Sharon Carter now profits from the supply chain bottleneck caused by the mass returning of the populace. By managing black-market trade networks for scarce medical tech and forging stolen travel visas for refugees, she seeks to generate massive profit while ensuring safety of the vulnerable population.

James Rhodes
As the "War Machine" his primary goal is to ensure the functionality of the state and prevent anti-state insurgencies. He secures international passages for GRC(global reparation council) and keeps super-powered individuals in check

Pepper Potts
As the CEO of Stark Industries, Pepper Potts controls the largest and richest industry in the world, powered by advanced technology that Tony Stark left behind. Also in possession of several of Tony Stark's arsenals(such as the Rescue Armor) she has control over a massive arsenal that is currently stored and powered down. Her primary objective is to follow Stark's legacy of preventing weaponization of advanced technology and using technology to aid the vulnerable.

Karli Morgenthau
As the leader of the Flag Smashers, she wishes to restore the post-snap, pre-blip world where the world was united to one without borders(the 5 years when half of the population was gone). Leading the radical movement, her primary goal is to hijack the GRC supply chains and distribute it to the vulnerable population and use force if necessary to make the UN abolish borders and refugee deportation.

Joaquin Torres
As the second Falcon after Sam Wilson became Captain America, his primary goal is to stop anti governmental insurgencies. He works to gather intel on terrorist movements, while also addressing the logistic bottleneck that is starving countless populations to the military commanders.

Helmut Zemo
In the sequence of Captain America: Civil War, Helmut Zemo was the mastermind behind the breaking of the avenger and the battle between Tony and Steve. After being defeated and captured by T'Challa, he was locked in federal prison. However, with the rising influence and threat of the Flag Smasher, Sam Wilson and Bucky Barnes are debating on using him to track down. His real intention is and power is unknown.

Bucky Barnes

As a super soldier and close friend of Steve Rogers, he is known as the Winter Soldier and works as a free agent. Being officially non-affiliated, he acts in a neutral stance to prevent GRC and insurgency conflicts while also working to dismantle extremist factions before they turn to terrorism. He is closely aligned with Sam Wilson due to the previous experience of fighting alongside him against the US government.

Queen Ramonda
Ruling Wakanda, the undoubted hegemon of the terrestrial world, she holds control over a vast supply of vibranium, advanced technology, and the strongest army in the world. Though the death of King T'challa had a heavy toll on the nation, Wakanda is relatively immune to the chaos that the rest of the world is experiencing, partly due to their isolation and advanced technology. Her primary objective is to maintain the isolation of Wakanda, enforce borders, and ensure vibranium is not leaked to the outside world.

Shuri
As the princess of Wakanda and sister of T'challa, she is the lead scientist of Wakanda and holds vast scientific knowledge. Her primary goal is to ensure the distribution of medical and agricultural technology to neighboring nations(without aligning with GRC) to ensure survival of underdeveloped nations while preventing spread of technology.

M'Baku
As the ruler of the Jabari tribe of Wakanda, he is an active supporter of the isolation protocol and wishes to establish a self-reliance agricultural stations to ensure complete isolation of Wakanda from the outside world. He prioritizes the sufficiency of Wakanda and traditional isolationism over global coordination and aid.

Valkyrie
As the ruler of New Asgard, her new kingdom was immune to the chaos following the blip(partly due to half of the Asgardian population being massacred by Thanos pre-snap). Her goal is to leverage the rising interest in Asgard on the earth's population to expand tourism and build up the Asgardian economy and gain sovereignty from Norway. She also seeks to provide asylum for extraterrestrial refugees fleeing the cosmic instability.

Nick Fury
Having returned to existence after the blip, he is the leader of SABER, a new organization that focuses on protecting earth from extraterrestrial threats. His primary goal is to ensure earth is protected from further alien threats, ensure technology sharing with other developed civilizations, and facilitate recovery of earth on a cosmic level.

Carol Danvers
As the guardian of the universe, Carol Danvers(Captain Marvel) has a role of coordinating recovery of multiple civilizations across space. She works to secure cosmic supply routes and prevent further conflicts while maintaining communication with earth primarily through Nick Fury. However, she has to facilitate and protect multiple planets all on her own which reveals some bottlenecks.

Thor Odinson
As the God of Thunder, he is currently working with the Guardians of the Galaxies to secure galactic peace and reconstruction. He works to free civilization from tyrannical control and help secure supply

routes as well. Though his focus on earth is limited, he is still ready to deploy to earth if a major crisis happens.

Thaddeus Ross
As the US secretary of state, Thaddeus Ross's primary objective is the complete annihilation of insurgency, vigilante, and anti-governmental factions. He seeks to cease avengers technologies such as Tony Stark's arsenal and Wakanda's Vibranium to increase national security.

Justin Hammer
Though arrested and locked down after helping Ivan Vanko, Hammer Industries remained standing. Outcompeted and humiliated by Stark Industries, it seemed as if Hammer Industries was doomed after all. However, the Thanos snap incident and the blip incident caused severing of global supply chains and US military vacuum. With Stark Industries refusing to commit to full military production, this may be a chance for Hammer to regain his glory by securing a major arms deal with the US government.

Olaf Scholz
As the chancellor of Germany, his nation was relatively resilient to the post-blip era. Thanks to the advanced disaster response units and welfare systems, Germany society was capable of moving on better compared to other nations. However, the rising Flag Smasher influence on Europe is causing rising support for the far right faction, causing civilian unrest and mass protest. Scholz's goal is to stabilize the German state and prevent the rise of Flag Smashers while working to rebuild the German Economy and strengthen its defenses.

Emmanuel Macron
As the president of France, he is left in charge of a fracturing nation. France accepted millions of refugees following the snap, which caused refugees to take a vast portion of the French population. However, the sudden return of half of its populace led to national chaos as it needed to expel millions of refugees back to their original nations, which led to mass displacement. The nation itself is filled with street warfare with labor unions demanding job places, refugees refusing to be deported, and Flag Smasher sympathizers. What France needs right now is a second Napoleon.

Xi Jinping
China was one of the few countries that quickly adapted to the post-than snap reality. Through strict rationing, state owned land, and resource control, the nation survived the snap and actually had a slight economic boost. However, following the post-blip event, almost 700 million people returned to their homes. This led to severe logistic bottlenecks as most lands and houses had been repurposed for agricultural zones or industrial sectors leading to massive displacement of population. The nation now needs to utilize its industrial and economic resources to aid its populace.

Vladimir Putin
As the president of Russia, Vladimir Putin is tasked with preventing the total breakdown of his nation. The heavily agricultural-based Russian society immediately faced food shortages as state owned agricultural zones could no longer accommodate for the sudden influx of population. To make matters worse, with rogue Red Room agents and other Oligarchs gaining power by utilizing the power vacuum, they threaten to control Russia through force. If Russia succeeds in uniting the oligarchs and Red Room agents, they will be a global superpower, powerful than ever, though the cost of failure would be immense.

Possible Solutions

Establishing a Priority-based Resource Redistribution System

With billions of people appearing out of nowhere at once, there is an immediate demand for food, medicine, and energy. What is worse is not all the regions suffered equally and therefore need equal distribution of the required resources. Therefore, the approach to dealing with this crisis may change from equal distribution among all nations to prioritization, based on the severity of the situation in the particular region. The Sovereign Override Framework from the ICPR-616 can help allocate necessary resources directly to the crisis zone by passing through normal channels of distribution. It may be interesting for delegates to see whether it is possible to engage surplus countries in providing support. Nonetheless, the use of the prioritization approach might cause dissatisfaction of certain regions or even countries because of its favoring nature, thus provoking another international conflict in a very fragile period of the recovery of the situation.

Unified Legal Framework of Resolving Property and Identity Disputes

During the five-year gap between the Snap and the Blip, many people married and had children; properties were repossessed by the state and reallocated to new families, and there appeared the necessity to sort all the legal mess that arose after the Snap. To solve this problem, delegates may think about creating a unified framework for sorting out the issues with property ownership and family relations. Such a process might work in cooperation with the work of the Global Repatriation Council. However, delegates should take into consideration the question of the resolution's nature, deciding whether restoration or compensation would be more appropriate. A considerable drawback of such a solution may lie in the lack of willingness of member states to give away their sovereign rights on these matters to the international organizations.

Questions to Consider

1. To what extent does the ICPR-616's Sovereign Override Framework infringe upon national sovereignty, and under what conditions should local governments jurisdiction to emergency aid directives?
2. What legal mechanisms can balance the rightful claims of pre-Snap property / asset owners against the reliance interests of post-Blip occupants without triggering localized civil unrest?
3. How can member states prevent vulnerable refugee populations from defecting to ideological non-state factions like the Flag Smashers during supply distribution bottlenecks?
4. What obligation do technology and economically isolated factions, such as Wakandara or Stark Industries, have to share proprietary technology and vital supplies with destabilized nations?
5. How can global health agencies efficiently triage finite physical infrastructure and mental health resources to address Blip Displacement Syndrome without marginalizing non-blipped citizens?
6. How can international trade frameworks adapt to absorb an overnight 100% population surge without collapsing global commodity markets and essential supply chains?
7. What protocols should the GRC and ICPR-616 establish regarding legal status, citizenship and border control of extraterrestrial refugees, such as Asgardian or cosmic displaced populations seeking asylum on Earth-616?

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