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Letters from the Chairs

Hello all,

This is Diane Kang from Korea International School Jeju. I will be serving the committee as a director. This is my last year in high school, and my last year chairing the committee, which makes this committee very meaningful to me. The crisis committee may be unfamiliar to some delegates, and I promise to not leave any delegates behind. So, if you have any confusions regarding the rules of procedure and the crisis updates, please don't hesitate to ask questions personally or via notes. Also, talking in front of the delegates and the chairs is unnerving, and I know how it feels too. But don't cut yourself off from the conversation because of it. It is my personal goal to make sure every delegate is included in the conversation. I hope this MUN experience will motivate the delegates to continue to be involved in MUN, just like I did. Please remember that we are all in this committee together, and we are there to support each other. Ask other delegates if they are feeling okay. Remind other delegates about the procedure they might have forgotten. Say encouraging words and be nice. I hope we can make this MUN experience the best for all of us. To do that, we need to work together as a family in unison (regarding the atmosphere of the committee). Oh, and be ready for the zombies.

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Hello delegates,

This Louis Lee (G11) from Korea International School Jeju. I'm deeply honored to be one of your chairs in the World War Z Crisis Committee. I have been involved with MUN since middle school, and it became a very significant part of my life. To me, it is where I get to talk about topics that interest me and meet new people. I hope to make a similar experience for delegates who participate in this conference. It is my best interest to make this committee entertaining as well as meaningful, so that you get to develop highly essential skills such as fast and creative thinking and leadership skills. For some of you, crisis committee or MUN might be unfamiliar, but I encourage you to participate and try your best. It might be difficult at first, but please know that it will be clear when you finally understand. I was once in a position like that, and I'm quite sure I can speak for other chairs too. For those who did MUN before and is familiar with it, please encourage other delegates and be collaborative. Last but not least, don't forget that you can email me or any other chairs if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to the conference which I already know would be outstanding. See you then.

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A third warm welcome to the World War Zombie Crisis Committee,

This is Scott Kim (G10) from Korea International School Jeju, and it is my honor to participate in this committee as a chair alongside Diane and Louis. I hope to deliver the best, most fruitful crisis committee experience in this special, high-tension committee environment. This crisis committee is not a normal crisis session (though crises are never normal) that requires a lot of research; however, it requires fast-thinking, problem-solving skills, and communication skills to break through the crisis along with other delegates. One advice I would like to give is that the delegates should not be side-tracked by other, minor problems when the crisis is the impending danger laid upon the delegates. I ask the delegates to doubt everything, challenge everything, and try everything that you would want to try. Enjoy the session, and of course, strive for the best. Feel free to contact me anytime on: FB (Scott Kim), E-Mail (iwkim21@kis.ac), or on Google Hangouts.

Introduction

This world has faced and overcome countless calamities, but this incident seems to be the last, but not least... and certainly, the most. Referred to as 'Solanum Virus,' the virus is causing the zombie outbreaks across the globe. Starting from its initial outbreak location-- the first recorded Solanum Point -- in China, the virus is already spreading. (Note that unlike the movie, which documents the first outbreak to be in South Korea, the committee follows the novel, which marks the first outbreak point in China.) With a lack of information on how the virus is transmitted and where the virus is, the delegates will be opening an unknown box of complex international relations, conspiracies, corruptions, and potential misconceptions bound by red tape.

Taking place in the near-future of 2020, with very similar resources as the current world, the committee has brought in delegates around the world representing different countries and organizations in an effort to prevent the Solanum Virus from overtaking the world. Although most resources were compromised by the virus, the military weapons and technologies are still available, and they are very similar to what we had in 2019. Although there were conflicts among many countries these past years, this is the only time the countries must cooperate for the common good for a single goal: securing the humanity from zombies and Solanum Virus.

To reach this goal, the delegates must consider diverse options based on the economic situation, available military supplies, and even geography and history of the countries. Examine each suggested solution listed on the document, but keep in mind that every solution has its drawbacks and consequences. It is about what is more efficient than choosing the perfect solution.

The delegate positions are primarily comprised of doctors, researchers, military leaders, NGO representatives, and humanitarian specialists. The delegates may notice that some of the delegate positions are non-existent characters in the movie or the novel written by Max Brooks. This was done to allow the delegates to not be constrained by the plots of the film or the book. This way, the delegates can be guided by the already existing storyline and be encouraged to use creativity to twist and add more details to the discussion. The delegates are free to refer to the movie or the novel, but the committee may not correspond to them. The delegates can use personal pronouns.

As a crisis committee, the discussion will be led by the crisis updates. It is advised to pay attention to the details of the crisis updates, but do not forget the agenda and the purpose of the committee. Also, the crisis committee will be fast-paced. An hour in the committee does not equate an hour of the real world.

For your notice, the committee is located onboard USS Ronald Reagan, Honolulu, Hawaii, which is relatively safe from Solanum Virus. Expect discussions on controlling the virus, treating infected patients or eliminating the zombies, identifying morality and laws, and reconstructing infrastructure for the future-- or, will there be one?

Be safe,
Chairs

Definition of Key Terms

SOLANUM VIRUS

Mysterious virus that transforms the human host into a zombie within 48 hours. This virus theory was formulated by the Chinese doctor, Kwang Jingshu, and is predicted to have spread along the rivers of the Yangtze river.

SOLANUM POINT

Location or points where Solanum Virus infection is recorded. The first Solanum Point is described in the Agenda Information section, which is the only recorded Solanum Point until now.

ZOMBIE INFESTED AREA (ZIA)

ZIA is a zombie-infested area, as declared by the crisis director. ZIA will be an essential term to determine zombie breakout areas during the crisis updates.

NON-ZOMBIE INFESTED AREA (NZIA)

NZIA is a non-zombie infested area. It is usually formed artificially by governments around the world but sometimes, it is formed naturally due to geographic reasons.

Agenda - Initial Outbreak

The first recorded Solanum Point is in China, a remote village by the Yangtze River. First diagnosed by a Chinese doctor, Kwang Jingshu, the unknown disease was named the 'Solanum Virus.' However, the Chinese government censored the research and the experimental data regarding the virus in fear of damaging its international reputation. A small number of researchers working with Dr. Kwang Jingshu suspects potential infections in the villages along the Yangtze River. The source of the Solanum Virus, whether human-made, natural, or extraterrestrial, remains unknown. Dr. Kwang predicted the virus to have a 48-hour span in which a person zombifies. If his prediction proves to be correct, considering its deadly infective records, the virus may cause the sixth mass extinction of humanity.

The world of 2020 is very much similar to the world of 2019. Geopolitically speaking, the world is slightly different, but most is a continuation of what has happened in 2019. The United States is having the 2020 Presidential election while the United Kingdom is in the final stages in the preparation of leaving the European Union. The Syrian Civil war is still raging with growing casualties with no sign of stopping. Also, North Korea didn't give up on its nuclear weapons yet, and some speculate they are still testing them. Most of the public is unaware of the upcoming zombie outbreak as China successfully covered it from the public's eye. To divert international attention from the mysterious epidemic, China is threatening to invade Taiwan. Military buildup in East Asia, in Taiwan Strait specifically, prompted most of the countries to focus on preventing World War III rather than to the impending crisis ahead.

Delegate Positions

PROFESSOR KWANG JINGSHU: PH.D. HC DOCTOR

Professor Kwang Jingshu is a doctor from China. He is known to be the first doctor who diagnosed the virus as the 'zombie virus' and named it as 'Solanum Virus.' With his profession in disease control and transmission, the professor is currently conducting studies on how the Solanum Virus spreads based on the observation of infected people. With the Chinese government denying about the first record of Solanum Point in its territory, the studies lack financial support from governmental institutions. The government silenced him from making any further public statements after his first reveal on the discovery of the Solanum Virus in the local village. His first public announcement has stirred insecurity in the urban area of China, which led his action to be potentially be evaluated as a treason.

PROFESSOR BROOKS: PH.D. HC DOCTOR

Doctor Brooks is a researcher, working in the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) in South Africa. In the past, he was stationed in the headquarters of Central Disease Control(CDC) in Atlanta, U.S.A. His experience allowed him to work with researchers in the CDC regarding bioterrorism and its health consequences in South Africa. He has a profession in epidemiology and public health. Previously, when there was Zika virus outbreak in Africa, he revised the public health policies to secure the public from getting the infection and has successfully protected the public.

PROFESSOR KADKECHI KIM: FORENSIC SCIENTIST

Professor Kadkechi Kim teaches and studies forensics in the Department of Forensic Medicine at Kyoto University, Japan. With an expertise in the fieldwork, he samples viruses at the crime scenes(or infected region) with fellow pathologists. His profession lies on anatomical, forensic, and pathological research. Little is known about him because he doesn't announce his successes publicly.

COLONEL CHRISTINA ELIOPOLIS: US AIR FORCE

Christina Eliopolis is a Colonel of the US air force. As an experienced air force personnel, she is known to be skilled in firearms and piloting an aircraft. She was a former F-22 Raptor pilot and served both in Iraq and Afghanistan, noticeably participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Additionally, she briefly served on US aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise (CVN-65) before she was transferred back to US air force base on the United States.

COLONEL GENERAL MIKHAIL KUZNETSOV: RUSSIAN GROUND FORCES

Mikhail Kuznetsov is an ex-KGB (Committee for State Security in Russian) agent who is now serving Russia as Colonel general in the Russian ground forces. He was an undercover agent in East Germany before the Berlin wall fell and served Russia in numerous modern wars such as in Ukraine, Syria, and Chechnya. He is known for his pragmatic and brutal strategies often sacrificing his own men for victory. He is in charge of protecting the Russian western borders, especially Moscow.

GENERAL RAJ-SINGH: INDIAN GROUND FORCES

Also called as 'Tiger of Delhi,' General Raj-Singh is a Sikh general who is a part of the Indian armed forces. He has been serving the Indian army for a long time, mainly in Northern India. Despite being a brilliant tactician, his superiors judged him as disobedient because he often works independently. He often sacrifices the primary objective of his mission to save the lives of his men and civilians. However, such decisions are what he is well respected for among his men.

VICE ADMIRAL XU ZHICAI: CHINESE NAVY

Xu Zhicai is a Vice Admiral of the Chinese navy. He was stationed in the South China Sea before the government ordered him to prepare for the Taiwanese invasion. He firmly believes that the attack is going to happen, but he is not aware of what is going on in the mainland at the moment. He is just recently promoted to Vice Admiral position in the navy, so he lacks in field experience. For many years, he was aware of rampant corruption in the Chinese government and its strong censorship.

MRS. AINU HINA: (MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD, MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES/DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS (MSF))

Mrs. AINU HINA is a part of the Member of the International Board in Doctors Without Borders. She worked as a general surgeon in W.U.S. Health Centre in University of Delhi, India. After two years, she chose to work with Doctors Without Borders. Now, she works in Harare, Zimbabwe. She focuses on providing health care and support to those who are suffering from HIV, TB, and multidrug-resistant TB. Before her fieldwork in Harare, she completed eight medical missions with MSF in Central African Republic, Ivory Coast, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

MR. ANDREW COHEN: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (SENIOR DIRECTOR OF CAMPAIGNS AND COMMUNICATIONS)

Mr. Andrew Cohen is a Senior Director of Campaigns and Communications at Amnesty International. Cohen has previous experience of working in Greenpeace as a Campaigns Director and at United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) as the German Delegation. As a Senior Director of Campaigns and Communications, Cohen is passionate about individual human rights. He has numerous contacts within and throughout Amnesty International with human rights activists, which earned him a respectable position. Mr. Cohen is a passionate member of the Inland Refugee Society of British Columbia (BC), where he devoted time and effort in advocating that countries should open their borders to accept refugees.

MRS. AMY TALBOT: MEDICAL REPORTER AT THE NEW YORK TIMES

Mrs. Amy Talbot is a Medical Reporter at the New York Times. Talbot has been a leading figure of the Association of Health Care Journalists and has written various non-fiction publications regarding the path the world has to take towards expanding knowledge on medicine and related sciences. As the first medical reporter at the New York Times, she writes columns on how to remain safe in various epidemics, and she has previously written about Ebola and Zika viruses.

MR. JURGEN WARMBRUNN: MOSSAD (VICE - DIRECTOR)

Mr. Jurgen Warmbrunn is a Vice-Director of Mossad, an intelligence agency of Israel. He is a son of a Holocaust survivor and vowed to himself he will prevent the Jews from being in such position again. Warmbrunn is a highly trained field agent and was once part of Israeli special forces before being part of the Mossad. He participated in both intifadas and other conflicts involving Israel.

MR. HIROTO INOUE: PUBLIC SECURITY INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (VICE-DIRECTOR)

Mr. Hiroto Inoue is a Vice-Director at the Japanese Public Security Intelligence Agency. At the age of 18, Inoue graduated Tokyo University, majoring in Computer Science, and immediately, he was scouted by the Public Security Intelligence Agency. In the age of 25, he was hailed as a coding-genius, and was offered a position in the NSA as a director of the computer science section. However, he refused to take the position and chose to serve the PSIA as a Vice-Director. Hiroto Inoue is hailed as a computer science genius in the online/offline cryptology society. He has an access to the fastest supercomputer, SLIEM owned by the Japanese cryptologic network. It is Mr. Inoue's goal in the zombie apocalypse to provide all necessary intelligence to the WWZ crisis committee to ensure public safety and quarantine.

DOCTOR FERNANDO OLIVEIRA:

Doctor Fernando Oliveira is a well-known CS(cardiac surgeon). He grew up in the streets of Rio alone as an orphan and was exposed to crime and drugs from a young age. After he earned his doctoral degree, he worked in the Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein. Now, he works independently in his private hospital. Doctor Oliveira has many connections throughout the medical society. He is rumored to be associated with the Comando Vermelho, a major criminal organization in South America.

PROFESSOR KIM SEOK HAN:

Professor Kim Seok Han is a Professor of Psychology and Human Development at Seoul National University. He is an internationally acclaimed psychologist, especially delving deeply into the study of human control in chaos and panic. He has previously helped to control the SARS coronavirus outbreak in Korea, 2003, and has organized multiple campaigns to raise awareness about MERS as part of the Korea Centers for Disease Control. Kim wrote numerous research papers about how to control the public during disease outbreaks and guidelines for governments to follow. However, Professor Kim has been noted for having radical utilitarian viewpoints regarding human life.



Solutions

1. Military

Military strategy: Zombies are not like any other enemies humans have faced before. Zombies do not surrender, and they do not stop. They do not require resources nor have a center of command that humans can attack. Therefore, delegates must revise the military by implementing new tactics and discarding ineffective ones. These tactics should be made based on the research conducted on the zombies (and information gained from the crisis updates) and also by considering environments they will be fighting in. No tactic will work everywhere on this planet, and each country might use different tactics that fit their circumstances. It is up to the delegates to think of a tactic that successfully protects civilians while eliminating zombies without losing too much personnel and resources.

2. International Collaboration

International Awareness Campaign: Internationally, an awareness campaign can be launched so that citizens of each country are notified of the virus and the consequences of contracting the virus. This method will be quite useful in expediting the evacuation process, but it may cause turmoil and disorder resulting from the fear of the virus.

Military Collaboration: If the virus proves to be deadly, and is the level of virus that is extremely threatening, then military collaboration may also be a feasible solution. The militaristic communication network may be established, to allow military bases in nations to collaborate. However, governments, depending on the situation, may withdraw or fight against another military, and may be more volatile and deadlier than the virus.

3. Controlling Spread of the Virus

Containment of Virus Carriers: Delegates should consider the containment of all possible Solanum Virus carriers in a medical facility as a possible solution. To keep the rest of the citizens safe, all possible virus carriers will be inspected and quarantined in a high-degree medical facility if this solution is used. Delegates must take into consideration what type of methods would be most effective when it comes to containment, and consider factors like airways, waterways, and the various ways by which the virus could spread.

Quarantine: Putting a country into quarantine is also another possible solution. This would involve the shutdown of trade and transportation internationally. This specific solution will force the state into immediate closure. All aero transportation methods will stop immediately, and international airports will be closed. Quarantine may also result in the downfall of the economy, deterioration of the standard of living, and poverty, but may keep the remaining citizens of the country safe. It may also be a politically unwise choice, which may pit countries against each other in times when consolidation and team work would be valued.

Questions to Consider

- When should we stop treating the infected patients and diagnose that the patients have become zombies?
- What are the characteristics of the virus? What are its transmission methods?
- Is it moral to sacrifice a population for the “greater good”?
- What should be prioritized: morality or efficiency?
- How much information can the public handle?
- Does a country have legal rights to deny immigrants?
- Can a country use extreme military methods towards possibly infected patients?
- What should we do to “contain” the Solanum Virus?
- How can a country handle non-infectants within a infected population?
- How can a country keep order in the society in the time of crisis?

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