

Specialized Crisis Committee: Sokovia Accords

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I. Background Information

The Avengers are a team of superheroes assembled by Nick Fury and the intelligence agency S.H.I.E.L.D. through the Avengers Initiative. The team was initially formed to fight the battles that S.H.I.E.L.D. never could and has a roster that has consisted of Captain America, Black Widow, Scarlet Witch, War Machine, Vision, Falcon, Iron Man, Hulk, Thor, and Hawkeye. They were initially brought together by S.H.I.E.L.D. to combat Loki, Thor's adoptive brother. The Battle of New York, also known as the Attack on New York, was a major battle between the Avengers and Loki, brother to Thor, with his borrowed Chitauri army in Manhattan, New York City. It was, according to Loki's plan, the first battle in Loki's war to subjugate Earth, but the actions of the Avengers neutralized the threat of the Chitauri before they could continue the invasion. This attack included 74 casualties and created awareness of the hardships mankind was about to face. The nations realized that humanity was not alone in the universe and there was a widespread feeling of gratitude toward the superhero team. The Avengers saving the world surely evoked a feeling of protection and safety; however, many have been questioning their modes of operation. The Battle of New York and the Confrontation of Lagos, Nigeria are some of the numerous examples in which the Avengers have wreaked havoc whilst saving the world. The results of their interventions have left the public completely polarized with some praising their heroes and others looking to contain them. King T'Chaka, ruler of Wakanda, stated "Those people did not die because of criminals but by the indifference of those who pledged to stop them." Those words highlight a crucial aspect of this issue. Steve Rogers, otherwise known as Captain America, feels that the Avengers "have made the world a safer place."

II. Winter Soldier Battle in Washington D.C.

S.H.I.E.L.D. has been compromised by HYDRA and at the top of their organization stands Alexander Pierce. HYDRA has set its path towards uploading Arnim Zola's algorithm to Project Insight which was designed by S.H.I.E.L.D. Said algorithm can target any individual that might and will become a threat with the purpose of neutralizing them. Project Insight aimed towards a more strict and efficient approach towards national security. The project consists of 3 state of the art Heli carriers that are satellite-linked and programmed to eliminate threats to the United States until Zola's algorithm was uploaded. HYDRA brainwashed and trained James Buchanan Barnes to become the Winter Soldier. His main target were individuals that threatened HYDRA. Alexander Pierce ordered him to neutralize Director Nick Fury and anyone who tried to interfere with the upload of Zola's algorithm. Captain America, with the help of Falcon, Nick Fury and Black Widow, fought the Winter Soldier and HYDRA. This battle left part of the city in rubble and the Triskelion completely destroyed along with the government questioning S.H.I.E.L.D. and their methods of operation regarding national and global security.

III. Battle of Sokovia

Novi Grad, Sokovia was the battleground in which the Avengers confronted Ultron. Tony Stark created him as a peacekeeping initiative and it quickly became hazardous and unpredictable. Ultron believed that mankind's path to peace was the Avengers' extinction and human genocide. He, in order to fulfill his goal, lifted the city of Novi Grad to then drop it to create an asteroid like crash that would end the Avengers and human life. While Ultron was defeated, there were numerous casualties and utter destruction that left the world scarred. This event left 177 civilians dead and \$474 billion in damages and the public's opinion quickly began to set at odds. Dr. Bruce Banner was reported missing and people began to wonder what had happened to the Hulk. Just like him other heroes took a step back and evaluated if their actions were just and necessary.

IV. The Sokovia Accords

Soon after this dispute the Sokovia Accords are brought to discussion. The Secretary of State, Thaddeus Ross, presented said Accords to the Avengers. These accords state that the Avengers will no longer operate as a private organization and will serve under the supervision of a UN Panel. Any future conflict will be assessed by the panel and the panel will determine if the Avengers services will be necessary. Many countries have signed the Sokovia Accords but there are still numerous discussions that need to be held. Tony Stark signed without a single shred of doubt and others followed suit. However Steve Rogers was appalled at the idea of surrendering their freedom and operations to anything other than S.H.I.E.L.D. This divide transferred over to the world and their leaders causing a whirlwind of public debate. The signing of the accords was set to take place on Vienna Austria. At the event, King T'Chaka began to address the world and its leaders and a bomb went off that ended up killing him and injuring many others. Reports from the bombing showed that the Winter Soldier was seen leaving a truck with a bomb near the building and the king's son T'Challa vowed to avenge the death of his father.

V. The Avengers Response to the Sokovia Accords

Just like the public, the Avengers had differences regarding the accords. Tony Stark felt a great deal of guilt by the chaos that took over Sokovia. He was eager to convince others to follow suit and comply with the accords. Stark's feelings resonated with Vision and James Rhodes but others remained skeptical. Steve Rogers was completely disgusted by the Accords and was quickly confronted by Tony Stark. With the government looking to install oversight of the Avengers the heroes were forced to choose sides in the argument. Some felt the need to be held accountable for their actions and be supervised and others looked to maintain their freedom to

protect humanity at their will. Those who refused to sign the accords were seen as fugitives for obstructing justice. Steve Rogers along with Scott Lang, Sam Wilson, Wanda Maximoff, Clint Barton and Bucky Barnes decide to ignore the accords. Their motives for these actions lie in Helmut Zemo's sinister plan. He wanted to know about the mission report of the 16th of December 1991. In order to find the report he had to travel to a HYDRA base where 4 other winter soldiers were being kept. Zemo killed the Winter soldiers and found the mission report which contained footage of the death of Tony Stark's parents. The video showed that HYDRA sent the Winter Soldier to murder Stark's parents which ignited another fire between the heroes and chaos continued to unravel.

VI. Delegation Policies

1. Argentina- Against the Sokovia Accords
2. Austria- Against the Sokovia Accords
3. Belgium- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
4. Brazil- Against the Sokovia Accords
5. CIA Agent Everett Ross- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
6. Canada- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
7. China- Against the Sokovia Accords
8. Clint Barton- Agent Barton owes a great favor to Wanda Maximoff since her brother sacrificed himself to protect him in Sokovia.
9. France- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
10. Gen. Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross- He, as Secretary of State, presents the accords as a solution to the Avengers.
11. Germany- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
12. Great Britain- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords

13. India- Against the Sokovia Accords
14. Italy- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
15. James Rhodes- He sides with Tony Stark and helps with the capture of Steve Rogers, Bucky Barnes and T'Challa.
16. Japan- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
17. King T'Chaka- Favors the accords after the death of fellow Wakandans in Lagos, Nigeria.
18. Mexico- Against the Sokovia Accords
19. Natasha Romanoff- She decides to support Steve Rogers and believed that the Avengers should not be under third party supervision.
20. Netherlands- Against the Sokovia Accords
21. North Korea- Against the Sokovia Accords
22. Poland- Against the Sokovia Accords
23. Russia- Against the Sokovia Accords
24. Sam Wilson- Falcon fought with Steve Rogers and aided him because of their strong friendship that began with the Battle of Washington D.C.
25. Sharon Carter- Agent Carter stands for S.H.I.E.L.D. and its principles since her aunt Peggy was an agent and founding member of S.H.I.E.L.D.
26. Sokovia- The country suffered a tremendous amount of damage from the Avengers confrontation with Ultron.
27. South Africa- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
28. Steve Rogers- Captain America feels that the world is safer thanks to the Avengers and that their freedom should not be surrendered.
29. Tony Stark- Mr. Stark feels responsible for the disaster in Sokovia since he created Ultron and feels a need to be held accountable for his actions.

30. Turkey- In favor and a signatory of the Sokovia Accords
31. United States- The country is home to the Avengers headquarters and has been damaged and scarred from the Battle of New York.
32. Wanda Maximoff- Wanda feels guilty about the incident in Lagos Nigeria and responsible for the death of Wakandans but understood that it is part of her duty as an Avenger.

VII. Guide Questions

1. What is your delegation's position on the Sokovia Accords?
2. When will the UN Panel deem necessary an Avengers intervention?
3. If heroes were to go rogue, what solution does your delegation propose in order to contain them?
4. Should the Avengers headquarters be relocated?
5. What is your delegation's response and action towards future catastrophic events?

VIII. Message from the Dias

Positions papers are due on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 11:55pm. Positions papers that are sent late will have points deducted no matter the quality or content. All position papers must be sent to sokoviaaccordsCIMA@gmail.com. Position paper should have a minimum of two pages and a maximum of four in length. Papers should be submitted with normal one inch margins and Times New Roman 12 Font. If using graphics, make sure to leave them at a minimum size.

Since this committee is based on the Avengers movies, we suggest to study these movies: Civil War, Age of Ultron, Antman II, Winter Soldier, Infinity War. We also encourage to look for

other information as well than the one provided in the briefing and movies. Since the committee is fictional, the policy of each delegation is placed in this briefing. More information can be found in the movies and in different sites online. We encourage delegates to be ready to debate on the future prevention of superhero disasters, the relocation of Avengers headquarters, guidelines in the Sokovia Accords, the control of rogue heroes, if a new branch were to be formed, and other topics related to the Sokovia Accords. Remember, the committee will take place during the conference held before signing the Sokovia Accords. Meaningful events after the signing of the Accords can't be regarded during committee since the events have not yet occurred. If you have any questions regarding the position paper, you as a delegation, research, parliamentary procedure, or anything of the sort, feel free to email us personally or in the committee's email. We are very excited to hear your reactions to the crisis involving the Sokovia Accords, see you guys in committee!

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