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**Crisis Guidelines** (These rules supplement the general [Rules of Procedure](#) for the conference as well as the [Specialized ROPs](#) for each advanced committee).

**Outline:** Crisis is a more dynamic form of MUN committee geared for advanced MUNers. In crisis, delegates typically represent characters, and respond to a constantly changing environment. In crisis delegates must operate on several planes simultaneously: they work with their allies in committee to address a global issue, while also trying to advance their own individual position. Each delegate is trying to shape the ongoing situation, while responding to a constant stream of changes. This requires both preparation and the ability to think on your feet.

Within crisis committees, you will typically not pass a resolution to address the problem. Instead your cabinet will draft **public directives**. These directives are essentially decisions on how your committee has chosen to respond to a situation at hand. At TIMEMUN, public directives require a two thirds majority, similar to a resolution.

In addition to the public directives, delegates can draft **private directives**. These are secret initiatives designed to advance their character's position – gaining territory, making allies, fending off attacks, getting a key promotion, etc. Two or more delegates can also draft a **joint private directive** – outlining actions that they want their characters to take in partnership.

All directives: public, private and joint private, should be specific and detailed, outlining what the action intended is in as much detail as possible. Examples of each can be found at the bottom of this document.

**Memos:** In crises with more than one cabinet, delegates can utilize memos to send messages to delegates in one of the other cabinets. However, delegates must be aware that such inter-cabinet memos can get intercepted, so they are advised to speak in code or otherwise mitigate the risks.

**Crisis updates:** Throughout the conference, the **crisis backroom** will be providing crisis updates. These are updates about the situation, and can refer to a specific character, or just the situation at large. Crisis updates may be based upon public or private directives which were accepted (partially or fully), or simply reflect whatever direction the backroom feels is best for the committee. You must then decide upon how the updated situation impacts your ongoing plans as a delegate and as a committee.



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### **Tips for crisis:**

Read/watch as much as you can about your character in advance, to try to get a feel for the character. This is more like acting, where you are trying to anticipate a plausible reaction by your character to any situation that arises.

Prepare plans, backup plans and backup plans—and still be prepared for everything to go awry.

Identify your allies and enemies, but ultimately be wary of everyone since you don't know what is happening in the private directives.

Keep your directives detailed and plausible, and have each of them fit strategically into your long-term plan for your character.

**Examples:** here are some examples based on a crisis committee about an alien encounter.

**Public directive:** The heads of state of the G20 have decided to send Mission One, a representative delegation to meet the alien emissaries. The delegation includes leading scientists, diplomats and business leaders from the US, China, Russia, the EU and Japan, led by Elon Musk aboard a Space X rocket. This delegation is intended to show that humans take this encounter very seriously, and are interested in a peaceful and prosperous future with the aliens. While military figures will not take part in the delegation, a military convoy will be sent on patrol in a coordinated show of strength.

**Private directive:** The spacecraft carrying the delegation is sabotaged, with tiny holes put in the energy tanks to minimize detection, but large enough to trigger an explosion as the spaceship exits the atmosphere. This will torpedo Human-alien negotiations from the outset.

**Joint private directive:** The head of the EU and the United States hold a press conference calling for an investigation into the failure of Mission One and pledging all resources.

**Memo:** Chinese President Jinping to the Aliens: “Warning—do not trust the West! They only want to colonize your territory. I suggest we open a private channel for China-alien dialogue.”

**Crisis update:** The alien ship has been attacked and captured by a larger alien ship, which then left, suggesting that there are multiple alien actors, or that the initial contact was unsanctioned.