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*Topic A: Galaxy-wide Loyalty to the Empire*

*Topic B: The Insurgency on Ryloth*

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## Committee Overview

It has been four years since the declaration of the Galactic Empire and the fall of the ineffective and painfully bureaucratic Republic. Four years ago, during the end of the Clone Wars and the beginning of the defeat of the Confederacy of Independent Systems (Separatist Movement), Emperor Sheev Palpatine was the victim of a Jedi attack that left him scarred and disfigured. This attack confirmed the hostility of the Jedi order to the Galaxy's stability. Thus, Emperor Palpatine felt then was the time to put in place reforms that would lead the Galaxy to peace under his Emperorship, simultaneously wiping out the dangerous Jedi and their artefacts. Now that the Empire and its ruling bodies are well established in the Galaxy, the Emperor has gathered the delegates here in order to develop the best tactics to maintain the Empire's Galaxy-wide power, as well as work to expand it. In particular, the rebellious activities on in the Ryloth system are troubling and the body must decide whether to make an example of the planet with the moon-size weapon it is currently developing, or take a more nuanced approach.

The delegates invited to these sessions have vested interests in displaying loyalty to the Empire and especially to the Emperor. As such, each has their own portfolio powers that they may wield through crisis notes in order to accomplish their individual and group goals. For Senators, this may be the monetary and natural

resources of the planets they represent; for military leaders, it may be the troops or ships under their command. Delegates are expected to have a firm idea of these powers (though they will be explicitly outlined by the Emperor at the beginning of committee); further, delegates should know the others' public goals, as well as having an idea of other delegates' personal ambitions. The Emperor expects much work to be done behind the scenes in order to seamlessly realize his goals.

The Emperor looks forward to our first meeting in order to maintain the strength and security of our beloved Empire.

## Parliamentary Procedure

Committee will operate in fairly standard Parliamentary Procedure for cabinet-style Model United Nations, with some changes. This committee will open automatically into the Speakers' List on Topic One, and as such there will be no debate as to setting the topic order. Standard procedure for moderated and unmoderated caucuses will be followed, and this committee will take action through passing Directives. The intent of Directives is so that the body can quickly respond to an issue, and thus they should be composed of Operative Clauses and should be brief and specific in their scope. Regular directives will only require a simple majority to pass, except for directives regarding declarations of war, planetary invasions, or other similarly drastic military action, which will

require a two-thirds majority to pass. There must be a motion to introduce a directive by a delegate, and another motion to vote on one or more directives that have been introduced (which will not require barring the doors as a regular Motion to Move into Voting Procedure would). The chair maintains the right to alter parliamentary procedure in the interest of efficiency.

## Delegate Biographies

*Armand Isard (Director of the Commission for the Preservation of the New Order)*

Armand Isard is a high ranking member of the Galactic Empire who, during the clone wars, spent his time restraining Confederacy of Independent Systems (CIS) propaganda in order to maintain Republic allegiance. Today, he is a trusted member of Emperor Palpatine's inner circle, serving as the Director of the Commission for the Preservation of the New Order. His primary role is managing imperial intelligence, specifically hunting down the survivors of the Jedi purge. Overall, he is highly valuable in fulfilling the responsibilities and goals of the Empire.<sup>1</sup>

*Bail Organa (Senator from Alderaan to the Imperial Senate):*

A born politician, Senator Organa is both Alderaan's representative to the Senate and also the husband and consort of Alderaanian Queen Breha Organa. Following the Invasion of Naboo, Organa began his tenure representing his home planet in the Galactic Senate, also joining the Loyalist Committee which was created

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<sup>1</sup> "Armand Isard." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016.  
<[http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Armand\\_Isard](http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Armand_Isard)>

by Chancellor Palpatine to handle the Separatist Crisis, cleanse the Senate of Separatist-based corruption, and promote loyalty to the Republic.<sup>2</sup> Following the reformation into the Empire, Organa has continued his duties as Senator from Alderaan in the Imperial Senate.<sup>3</sup>

*Bana Breemu (Senator from Humbarine to the Imperial Senate)*

Bana Breemu is a Senator representing the Humbarine sector. During the Clone Wars, this sector was heavily invaded by CIS forces led by General Grievous and eventually was destroyed. Up until the creation of the Empire, Breemu was also a member of the Loyalist Committee as well as the moderate, diplomacy-leaning Delegation of 2000.<sup>4</sup> Senator Breemu is known for encouraging caution and diplomacy, and she has continued her position as Senator in the Imperial Senate.<sup>5</sup>

*Chi Eekway Papanoida (Senator from Pantoran to the Imperial Senate):*

Chi Eekway Papanoida served as the Chairman, as well as Senator of Pantora. During the Clone Wars, Pantora was under blockade and Papanoida was abducted by Greedo on orders from the Trade Federation.

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<sup>2</sup> "Loyalist Committee." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016.  
<[http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Loyalist\\_Committee](http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Loyalist_Committee)>

<sup>3</sup> "Bail Prestor Organa." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 25 June 2016.  
<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Bail\\_Prestor\\_Organa](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Bail_Prestor_Organa)>

<sup>4</sup> "Delegation of 2,000." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016.  
<[http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Delegation\\_of\\_2%2C000](http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Delegation_of_2%2C000)>

<sup>5</sup> "Bana Breemu." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 25 June 2016.  
<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Bana\\_Breemu](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Bana_Breemu)>

She was eventually rescued and brought back to the Senate where she eventually joined the Delegation of 2000. Like many of her fellow colleagues that were a part of the Delegation of 2000, she encourages moderation and diplomacy.<sup>6</sup>

*Conan Antonio Motti (Chief of the Imperial Navy, Admiral)*

Conan Antonio Motti is the Chief of the Imperial Navy and known for his unshakable faith in the Empire's power. Having risen very quickly through the ranks, he is imperative to the Empire's military strategies. Although his allegiance is with the Emperor, his overconfident tendencies and aggressive desire for maximum military usage occasionally leads him to challenge authority within the Empire.<sup>7</sup>

*Darth Vader (Supreme Commander of the Imperial Fleet, Sith Lord):*

Probably the most loyal individual to the Emperor and the Empire, Lord Vader has extensive military experience as a soldier and as a commander. Vader, as the Emperor's enforcer, leads the Imperial navy and the Stormtrooper Corps, the elite ground fighting squad of the Empire. More specifically, he commands and fights alongside the 501<sup>st</sup> Legion of Stormtroopers, the Empire's most skilled fighters selected by Vader himself. Vader is extremely powerful in the Force, leading the purge of

the wicked Jedi order and training the Inquisitorious.<sup>8</sup>

*Everi Chalis (Director of the Imperial Department of Military Research):*

Everi Chalis grew up on a remote, impoverished planet under the care of her mother. Hungry, poor, and ambitious for a better future, Chalis enrolled in the Colonial Academy and trained as an artist. At the formation of the Empire, her skills in visual conceptualization were recognized by Imperial Count Denetrius Vidian and she was offered a military-based apprenticeship under him. She rose to the rank of lieutenant and later the Chair of the Imperial Department of Military Research, abandoning her past and committing the duties required of her to ensure the Empire's prosperity.<sup>9</sup>

*Garm Bel Iblis (Senator from Corellia to the Imperial Senate):*

Fiercely independent and loyal to his home world, Garm Bel Iblis was elected as Corellia's representative to the Galactic Senate some 15 years before the declaration of the Galactic Empire. Despite invoking a proviso that allowed Corellia to remain neutral in the Clone Wars, Senator Iblis and Corellia maintained relations with other Senators during that time. Following the end of the Clone Wars and the declaration of the Empire, Senator Iblis returned to continue his work in the Imperial Senate.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> "Chi Eekway Papanoida." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016. <[http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Chi\\_Eekway\\_Papanoida](http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Chi_Eekway_Papanoida)>

<sup>7</sup> "Conan Antonio Motti." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016. <[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Conan\\_Antonio\\_Motti](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Conan_Antonio_Motti)>

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<sup>8</sup> "Anakin Skywalker." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 25 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Anakin\\_Skywalker](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Anakin_Skywalker)>

<sup>9</sup> "Everi Chalis." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Everi\\_Chalis](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Everi_Chalis)>

<sup>10</sup> Garm Bel Iblis. *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 25 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Garm\\_Bel\\_Iblis](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Garm_Bel_Iblis)>

*Giddean Danu (Senator from Kuat to the Imperial Senate):*

Giddean Danu is a senator from Kuat who has long opposed military intervention and the war mongering he felt was common throughout the Clone Wars. Danu was a strong supporter of the Delegation of 2000, long believing in a partnership with the Jedi and moderate governance. Despite his adamant beliefs, his home planet of Kuat despises him for his opposition to the Emperor's increased militarization, given that Kuat's shipyards greatly profited from the Clone Wars.<sup>11</sup>

*The Grand Inquisitor (the highest ranking Inquisitor):*

The Grand Inquisitor is the highest ranking member within the Inquisitorius, the organization of Force-sensitive agents who work for the Empire. He is tasked with hunting down the remaining Jedi, using his own training in the arts of the dark side of the Force and Lightsaber combat to track and destroy them. The Grand Inquisitor reports to Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine and is essential to the Empire's success.<sup>12</sup>

*Johhar Kessen (Senator from Dandoran to the Imperial Senate):*

Kessen formerly served in the Imperial Senate as representative from his home world, the historically smuggling-heavy Dandoran. Owing to extensive underworld connections on his home planet and Dandoran itself's close ties with the

Hutt Clan, Kessen is a valuable resource for the Empire to utilize mercenary activity, rather than taking official action on an issue.<sup>13</sup>

*Mas Amedda (Grand Vizier of the Galactic Empire):*

Hailing from the Inner Rim planet of Champala, Mas Amedda served as Vice Chancellor of the Galactic Senate during the Galactic Republic days. Deeply loyal to the Emperor and often a booming voice of reason, Amedda was instrumental in the transition from Republic to Empire. Now, Amedda serves as one of Emperor Palpatine's most trusted advisors and leads the Imperial Ruling Council as Grand Vizier of the Empire.<sup>14</sup>

*Mon Mothma (Senator from Chandrila to the Imperial Senate):*

Mon Mothma is the representative of Chandrila in the Imperial Senate. Throughout the Clone Wars, Mothma was a member of the Loyalist Committee and an outspoken proponent of establishing peace between the Republic and the CIS. Alongside Senator Organa, Senator Amidala, and many more, Mothma had been a strong leader amongst the Delegation of 2000. A veteran of the political sphere, the senator consistently strives for democracy and minimal military intervention.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> "Giddean Danu." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Giddean\\_Danu](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Giddean_Danu)>

<sup>12</sup> "Grand Inquisitor." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Grand\\_Inquisitor](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Grand_Inquisitor)>

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<sup>13</sup> Johhar Kessen. *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 25 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Johhar\\_Kessen](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Johhar_Kessen)>

<sup>14</sup> Mas Amedda *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 25 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Mas\\_Amedda](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Mas_Amedda)>

<sup>15</sup> "Mon Mothma." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 8 July 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Mon\\_Mothma](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Mon_Mothma)>



*Nadea Tural (Senator from Thrad to the Imperial Senate):*

Nadea Tural represents the planet of Thrad in the Imperial Senate, continuing her service from the former Republic Senate. Although she was not affiliated with the Delegation of 2000, Tural has recently grown to empathize with its beliefs in democracy. Tural's perspective on politics has caused her to be an advocate for a more moderate democracy throughout the Empire.<sup>16</sup>

*Orn Free Taa (Senator from Ryloth to the Imperial Senate):*

Orn Free Taa has been a longstanding senator representing the Twi'lek planet of Ryloth in the Republic, and then the Imperial, Senate. During the early days of Emperor Palpatine's days as Republic Chancellor, Taa joined the Loyalist Committee, and he has been historically close to the action, especially during the Clone Wars when Ryloth was invaded by the Separatists. He was an early supporter of the reforms and development of the Galactic Empire, and is deeply committed to the protection of his home planet of Ryloth.<sup>17</sup>

*Pell Baylo (Director of the Defiance Flight Training Institute, Commandant of the Imperial Navy):*

One of, if not the, oldest delegates invited to this assembly, Pell Baylo is one of the longest-serving military leaders in the Empire. Baylo created the *Defiance* Flight Training Institute some decades before the

declaration of the Empire, which became the top Imperial Academy for training new naval recruits, and was given the high-ranking title of Commandant. Commandant Baylo is deeply proud of his work with the Navy and is uncompromising in his ideals.<sup>18</sup>

*Rae Sloane (Cadet on the Imperial Vessel Defiance):*

Originally from the Core World of Ganthel, Rae Sloane enlisted in the Imperial Navy and became a cadet in the *Defiance* Flight Training Institute. A top cadet in the Institute, Sloane is a quick thinker with a bright future ahead of her due to her displayed loyalty to the Empire.<sup>19</sup>

*Ssaria (Imperial Moff and Governor of Castell):*

Known mononymously, Ssaria is deeply loyal to the Empire and sees herself as a tool through which the Emperor can exert his control, which allowed her to quickly rise through the ranks to become both a Moff and Governor of the Castell system. Though the Castell residents see her means as cruel, she is indifferent to her brutal reputation, only caring about how she can solidify and expand the power of the Empire.<sup>20</sup>

*Tiaan Jerjerrod (Imperial Moff, starship architect and designer):*

Attending an engineering academy during his childhood, Tiaan Jerjerrod's

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<sup>16</sup> "Nadea Tural." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 8 July 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Nadea\\_Tural](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Nadea_Tural)>

<sup>17</sup> "Orn Free Taa." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 25 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Orn\\_Free\\_Taa](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Orn_Free_Taa)>

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<sup>18</sup> "Pell Baylo." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 26 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Pell\\_Baylo](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Pell_Baylo)>

<sup>19</sup> "Rae Sloane." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 26 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Rae\\_Sloane](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Rae_Sloane)>

<sup>20</sup> "Ssaria." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 26 June 2016.

<<http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Ssaria>>

excellent grades propelled him to a career designing starships for the Corellian Engineering Corporation. He quickly caught the attention of the Empire, who recruited him to serve as an engineer for the moon-sized weapon it is currently developing, bestowing the title of Moff upon him for his service. Jerjerrod is unique in that he maintains his connections to commerce, as well as his military connections in the Empire.<sup>21</sup>

*Wilhuff Tarkin (Imperial Moff, experienced military commander):*

A long-serving member of the Imperial Navy, Tarkin was trained for military service since his childhood on Eriadu. Tarkin served as a captain, and later admiral, in the Clone Wars. After the reorganization into the Empire, Tarkin carried out operations that crushed remaining Separatist forces throughout the Galaxy, solidifying the Empire's power. Thus, Tarkin is an extremely trusted advisor to the Emperor and skilled military tactician, making him indispensable to the Empire.<sup>22</sup>

*Wullf Yularen (Deputy Director of the Naval Intelligence Agency):*

Wullf Yularen is a previous admiral for the Galactic Republic and current colonel for the Galactic Empire. Yularen's main concerns include directing Imperial Naval intelligence. He is one of Emperor Palpatine's most trusted military leaders, as is also a special agent within an anti-corruption unit within the Office of the

Supreme Chancellor that began treason investigations during the Separatist Crisis.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> "Tiaan Jerjerrod." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 26 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Tiaan\\_Jerjerrod](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Tiaan_Jerjerrod)>

<sup>22</sup> "Wilhuff Tarkin." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 26 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Wilhuff\\_Tarkin](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Wilhuff_Tarkin)>

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<sup>23</sup> "Wullf Yularen." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 9 July 2016.

[http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Wullf\\_Yularen](http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Wullf_Yularen)>

## Topic 1: Galaxy-wide Loyalty to the Empire

### Introduction and History

The declaration of the New Order – the transition from Galactic Republic to Empire – certainly had palpable resistance within the Galaxy. However, the Emperor feels that maintaining the Empire’s tradition of ending corruption must be that which is addressed first and foremost. The Empire must be a beacon of stability, never wavering in its displays of strength, especially in curbing resistance to its operations, which are always in the interest of smoothing bureaucracy and expelling the corruption that so heinously weighted down the Galactic Republic. As such, a discussion of the Empire’s history, especially that of the events leading to the declaration of the New Order, is necessary to understand why Emperor Palpatine took such extensive measures to ensure the future security of the Galaxy.

#### *The Naboo Crisis*

Perhaps the best place to begin in recounting the rise of the Galactic Empire lies in the election of Emperor Palpatine from Senator to Chancellor of the Galactic Republic. For some one thousand years, the Galaxy was governed by the Galactic Republic, with its democratic Senate and elected Chancellor. The beginnings of the transition to our great Empire come about seventeen years ago, when Finis Valorum (from the Coruscant system) was Chancellor of the Senate.<sup>24</sup> During his tenure as Chancellor, Palpatine’s home world of Naboo, for which he serving as Senator in

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<sup>24</sup> “Finis Valorum.” *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 30 June 2016.  
<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Finis\\_Valorum](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Finis_Valorum)>

the Galactic Senate, was blockaded by the Battle Droid army of the Trade Federation. Following unsuccessful negotiations by the Jedi sent by Chancellor Valorum, Naboo was subjugated by the Trade Federation, and Nabooian Queen Amidala and her staff were taken hostage by Federation forces. The Jedi and Queen Amidala only barely managed to escape the planet safely and travel to Coruscant to plead Naboo’s case in front of the Galactic Senate.<sup>25</sup>

Due to Valorum’s failure in protecting Naboo during the Invasion, subsequently called the Naboo Crisis, Queen Amidala called for a Vote of No Confidence in the Chancellor during her testimony – more like a plea for aid for her planet – in the Senate. This was enthusiastically agreed upon by the Senators, and, following an election between then-Senator Palpatine, Senator Bail Antilles (Alderaan, related to Bail Organa by marriage), and Senator Ainlee Teem (Malastare), Senator Palpatine was elected Chancellor of the Galactic Senate.<sup>26,27</sup> Following a successful resistance of Nabooian and Gungan forces, the Trade Federation was expelled from the planet, and Chancellor Palpatine vowed to work to end the bureaucracy and corruption in the Senate.

#### *The Separatist Crisis and the Beginning of the Clone Wars*

Though the Naboo Crisis is the event that set in motion the eventual transition of Republic to Empire, discussion of the Clone Wars is a necessity for understanding why

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<sup>25</sup> “Invasion of Naboo.” *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 30 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Invasion\\_of\\_Naboo](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Invasion_of_Naboo)>

<sup>26</sup> “Bail Antilles.” *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 30 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Bail\\_Antilles](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Bail_Antilles)>

<sup>27</sup> “Ainlee Teem.” *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 30 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Ainlee\\_Teem](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Ainlee_Teem)>



such a transition had to be made. The Clone Wars began some seven years prior to our meeting here with the beginning of thousands of systems seceding from the Galactic Republic in the Separatist Crisis. The worlds that seceded soon formed an organized coalition, the Confederacy of Independent States, led by Count Dooku of Serenno, himself a former Jedi.<sup>28</sup> The Separatist Crisis continued to grow in power, despite Chancellor Palpatine's continued search for a diplomatic solution, a search which continuously failed with unsuccessful intervention by the Jedi. The threat of the Confederacy eventually became so great that Senior Representative Jar Jar Binks (Gungan minority, Naboo), a central figure of the Naboo Crisis, proposed that Chancellor Palpatine be given emergency powers to raise an Army of the Republic, called the Military Creation Act. The act was indeed passed, and so the cloning technology on the planet of Kamino was used to create the Republic's Clone Army, beginning the Clone Wars.<sup>29</sup> The Clone Army was first used in the Battle of Geonosis, where they provided essential aid to the Jedi there, who were surrounded by Separatist forces.<sup>30</sup> The Clone Wars waged for three more years, also seeing the rise of figures like Separatist General Grievous and the Jedi Anakin Skywalker, who would eventually lead the purge of his former order, the corrupt Jedi.

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<sup>28</sup> "Dooku." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 30 June 2016.

<<http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Dooku>>

<sup>29</sup> "Military Creation Act." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 30 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Military\\_Creation\\_Act](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Military_Creation_Act)>

<sup>30</sup> "Clone Wars: History." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 30 June 2016.

<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Clone\\_Wars#History](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Clone_Wars#History)>

## *The End of the Republic and Rise of the Empire*

In the last days of the Republic, the Senate had only become more bureaucratic, with the Jedi Council similarly becoming more corrupt. Though the Jedi did kill Separatist Leader Count Dooku when the Separatist army had taken Chancellor Palpatine hostage, the Jedi Council became more and more resistant to follow the Senate and the Chancellor's orders. Such corruption and rebellion in the Jedi eventually came to a head, when the Jedi came to assassinate Chancellor Palpatine in his own office. The Jedi Anakin Skywalker saved Palpatine in that moment, and effectively abandoned his former order, adopting the name of Darth Vader. The Jedi were thus declared enemies of the Republic, and Vader led the Clone Army in a purge of the evil order across the Galaxy, as well as leading the campaign to wipe out the last of the Separatist leadership. At the same time, Palpatine revealed his disfigurement at the hands of the Jedi to the Galactic Senate, and, as Emperor, announced a grand reorganization into the Galactic Empire to end corruption and bureaucracy once and for all, bringing peace to the Galaxy.

## **Military force**

When it comes to ensuring Galaxy-wide loyalty to the Empire, the first solution that comes to mind is that of displays of military strength – somewhere between ruling by fear and displaying the protection the Empire has to offer its subjects. The Emperor would like the delegates invited to this meeting to consider the practicality of military force, expanding the infrastructure already in place, as well as using the military to make an example of groups rebellious to the objectives of the Empire.

## *Military Infrastructure Building Projects*

One of the best places to display the strength of the Empire is in military infrastructure building projects. Innovation and enlargement of the Empire's naval fleet, as well as ground forces, is key to maintaining, if not forcing, loyalty to the Empire. The Imperial Navy (also known as the Imperial Starfleet or Fleet) was reorganized from the Galactic Republic's Navy and much of the fleet has simply been repurposed. For example, though it has been some four years since the Declaration of the New Order, the Empire still uses Republic-era Alpha-3 Nimbus and ARC-170 Starfighters.<sup>31</sup> Currently, there are some newer-model *Imperial*-class Star Destroyers in use, but there should be discussion as to the benefits of expanding this class of fighter against the costs to do so. Further, recruitment of corps for the Imperial Army should be discussed by this group of delegates. The Clone Army is suffering massive deteriorations in skill due to the clones' advanced aging process, and the remaining clone troopers are being transitioned out of active duty work. This leaves the Imperial Army with a deficit in elite ground forces needed to complete the campaigns against the remaining Separatist bases.

Somewhat more pressing is the advanced superweapon, known as the DS-1 Platform, in infant building stages as started by the Separatist army during the Clone Wars. Currently over the planet of Geonosis, the DS-1, currently a shell of what it will be, has the potential of becoming an uber-advanced military base, with the ability to destroy an entire planet in one blast of its kyber crystal superlaser. Indeed, the DS-1, if

chosen to be completed (or its construction even sped up), could be the new model by which the Imperial Navy organizes its bases. The size of a small moon, the DS-1 provides ample living and workspace for the personnel on board, making it an attractive station for Naval recruits. However, there are intense monetary costs to completing such a large station, as well as possible resistance by some groups in the Galaxy to building such a large weapon.

## *Expanding control to the Outer Rim*

One of the largest problem areas geographically for the Empire are the Outer Rim territories. A place of chaos and lack of control, the Outer Rim is a hotspot for spice smuggling and rebellious activities against the objectives of the Empire. In particular, the Outer Rim is where the majority of Separatist holdouts remain from the Clone Wars era.<sup>32</sup> Not only is it essential that the remaining Separatist forces be wiped out, but also that the generally anarchic Outer Rim planets be brought under the force of the Empire's law.

The discussion of bringing the Outer Rim under Imperial control is included under the topic of military force, because the Empire can pursue a multitude of strategies for achieving this end, and it will most likely include military intervention in the area. However, to what extent should military force in the Outer Rim be utilized? Should the population be subjugated or even wiped out if resistance is too great? Such questions should be discussed within this group.

Further, once put under Imperial control, the question remains as to what to do with the Outer Rim. Though spice is an enormous source of income in this territory,

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<sup>31</sup> "Imperial Navy: History." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 2 July 2016.  
<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial\\_Navy#History](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Navy#History)>

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<sup>32</sup> "Outer Rim Territories." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 2 July 2016.  
<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Outer\\_Rim\\_Territories](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Outer_Rim_Territories)>

it is, of course, illegal, however the Empire could work to create deals with the various gangs that operate in the Outer Rim to ensure loyalty. Also, there exists the possibility of utilizing the Outer Rim populations for labour both in active military service and for various building projects for the Empire. The delegates should discuss the repercussions of bringing the Outer Rim under the Empire's control in a multitude of strategies, and then decide the best course of action (as one must be taken).

## Propaganda

Certainly there exists other means by which the Empire can control the Galaxy besides military force: a soft power approach, utilizing propaganda. The dissemination of propaganda in the Empire is currently overseen by the Commission for the Preservation of the New Order (COMPNOR), a successor to the former Commission for the Protection of the Republic. COMPNOR is responsible for pushing the Galaxy towards total acceptance of the Empire's goals and objectives, as well as surveillance and investigation of rebellious groups.<sup>33</sup> Propaganda is deeply useful for the Empire's needs, in particular, recruitment, limiting voices of dissent, and ensuring that the Galaxy understands our objectives, for example, expanding military infrastructure. Galaxy-wide broadcasts, posterage, and advertisements are all viable types of propaganda.

### Using the Holo

The HoloNet is the largest communications network in the Galaxy,

used for private communications and broadcasting news and entertainment alike. Much quicker than subspace transmissions, the HoloNet is naturally an immense resource through which the Empire can distribute informational and recruitment materials, as well as continue to promote Imperial customs, such as the use of the Galactic Basic language and the celebration of Empire Day. Since the Clone Wars, the HoloNet has been at least somewhat overseen by the government so as to ensure that broadcasts are consistent with Republic, and now Imperial messaging.<sup>34</sup> After the declaration of the New Order, many forums on the HoloNet were shut down, so as to quickly quell any rebellion to the drastic but necessary actions taken by the newly formed Empire.

The HoloNet News Channel is the Empire's state-run news channel and currently the only all-Imperial-controlled channel on the system, and while all broadcasts are subject to Imperial censorship should they be deemed damaging to the Empire's image, there still remains the risk of secret rebel channels or certain broadcasts slipping through the Empire's oversight. To what extent should the Empire dismantle undesirable channels on the HoloNet, or expand its own messaging, perhaps even making HoloNet News viewing required?

### Suppressing Rebellious Press

Similar to punishing rebel groups with military force, propaganda can be a powerful tool for suppressing rebellious press. The Empire can discredit rebel claims about supposed "atrocities" by explaining the necessity of its actions, but also by issuing statements and warnings about rebels and joining rebel groups. The Empire

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<sup>33</sup> "Commission for the Preservation of the New Order." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 5 July 2016.  
<[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Commission\\_for\\_the\\_Preservation\\_of\\_the\\_New\\_Order](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Commission_for_the_Preservation_of_the_New_Order)>

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<sup>34</sup> "HoloNet (Legends)." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 July 2016.  
<http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/HoloNet/Legends>

can emphasize the illegality of the rebels' actions, and also publicize their punishments, using a strategy of deterrence. Similarly, the Empire can shut down certain channels that run undesirable broadcasts. However, the Emperor would like to issue a word of caution on simply shutting down HoloNet channels, as some illusion of freedom of inter-system communication is to be maintained if the Empire is to continue to exert its control across the Galaxy.

## Building resources

In order for Emperor Palpatine to ensure galaxy-wide prosperity, the Empire must have an abundance of monetary resources to enact the best policies possible. Creating a system in which each planet is required to contribute funds to the Senate would not only establish loyalty to the Empire, but also be productive for all star systems. The Emperor would like the delegates invited to this meeting to discuss potential methods of attaining this capital, including the installation of a tax system as well as the requirement of donations to the Empire. This is only just, given that the Empire protects those under its jurisdiction. It is simply in the best interests of each planet to contribute to the greater well-being of the Empire and a way for each citizen of the galaxy to give their thanks to the hard work that is done by Emperor Palpatine and the Senate.

### Installing a tax system

The Republic tax system of our past was clearly counterproductive and ridden with issues. Its loopholes, which allowed for piracy and tax evasion in the Outer Rim, were the main reasons that the entire galaxy faced conflict and terrible violence with the

Trade Federation.<sup>35</sup> It is therefore imperative that we learn from our mistakes and devise a new approach to taxation in the Imperial era. Emperor Palpatine has taken the first step in this process and transitioned from the Republic Tax Collection Agency to the Imperial Taxation Bureau.<sup>36</sup> Under this new and improved system, the galaxy abides by Imperial Revenue Codes, which make the taxpayer responsible for providing proof of payment. Failure to do so results in consequences ranging from confiscation of goods to imprisonment in labor camps.<sup>37</sup>

While this has created much positive progress, the work does not end here. The Emperor has suggested increasing taxes on all systems that the Senate has reason to believe are involved in rebel activity. In addition, he has proposed a heavy tariff on any weapons that are not being transported for the Imperial Navy or to any of the Empire's military locations. The galaxy cannot afford rebels getting a hold of blasters or materials to build weaponry. Lastly, Emperor Palpatine has praised the idea of an "improper education" tax. This would place a tax on specific planets' school systems that provide information to children that, in any way, shape, or form, positively discuss Jedi Order or rebels, or negatively discuss the Empire and its administration.

The benefits to these policies would be three-fold: encouraging loyalty to the Empire, gaining resources, and preventing rebel powers from growing. In sum, the

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<sup>35</sup> "Galactic Economy." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 9 July 2016.

<[http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Galactic\\_economy](http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Galactic_economy)>

<sup>36</sup> "Republic Tax Collection Agency." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. 9 July 2016.

<[http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Republic\\_Tax\\_Collection\\_Agency](http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Republic_Tax_Collection_Agency)>

<sup>37</sup> "Imperial Revenue Codes." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 9 July 2016.

<[http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial\\_Revenue\\_Codes](http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Revenue_Codes)>

delegates must discuss the Emperor's suggestions and determine how to construct a comprehensive tax system that will punish those who are in opposition to the Empire and strengthen loyalties to the Emperor as forcefully as possible.

### *Incentivizing contributions to the Empire*

One of the main weaknesses of the Republic that caused its demise was its lacking ability to garner support from the Galaxy. There were no voluntary monetary contributions to the Senate in the Republic era, which severely hindered its military in fighting the Confederacy. We shall not make the same error twice; therefore, the Emperor proposes that each planet coordinates a collection of annual fundraisers that accumulate no less than 2.5% of their gross domestic product, with all proceeds going to the Senate itself. He recommends that independently-run organizations take leadership in this effort, as well as school systems, government-affiliated banks, and the political administration present on each planet. Specifically, the senators of each planet would be responsible for helping organize fundraisers for this effort. All contributions would be made in Imperial credits; Wupiupi, the currency of the Outer Rim, would not be accepted.<sup>38</sup>

## Recent Imperial Action

Probably the largest event since the Declaration of the New Order has been the so called "Antar Atrocity," which occurred about three years ago. For its allegiance to the Confederacy of Independent Systems during the Clone Wars, and continued resistance to Imperial control, the Empire sent troops let by Moff Tarkin to the world

of Antar 4. On the planet, there was little separation between Imperial Loyalists and rebels, and mass arrests and executions were carried out.<sup>39</sup> This was a necessary strategy at the time because it was so recently that the Empire was founded and no dissent could be tolerated. However, dissidents such as Anora Fair did catch wind of the Empire's strategy and reported in such a way that would damage the Empire's image. Despite COMPNOR targeting Fair and her associates for assassination for their dissident, they escaped the Empire's grasp.

This event is brought up because it is an excellent example of the intersection of all the above points discussed in this background guide: insurgent press, military intervention, and rebel groups on holdout systems. The delegates at our upcoming meeting are encouraged to analyse the "Antar Atrocity" and discuss what should have been done differently, if anything. Though the military intervention was successful in that it brought Antar 4 under the Empire's control, it was an event that stirred rebellion. Threats similar to those that were on Antar 4 will certainly arise again, and the Emperor expects greater successes in the future.

## Questions the Committee Must Address

1. *How best could the Empire innovate and expand its military infrastructure (repurposing old Separatist technology or innovating its own systems)?*
2. *Should the Empire pursue the DS-1 system, and if so, should it reveal the plans to the Galaxy during building*

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<sup>38</sup> "Currency." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 10 July 2016.  
<<http://www.starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Currency>>

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<sup>39</sup> "Antar Atrocity." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 7 July 2016.  
[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Antar\\_Atrocity](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Antar_Atrocity)



*or only when the system is ready to test?*

3. *What would be the most effective way to establish control in the Outer Rim territories (targeted occupation, military intervention, or some other strategy)?*
4. *Once conquered, how should the Empire utilize the unique, but limited, resources of the Outer Rim territories?*
5. *How can member states of the Imperial Senate support a process of further military expansion? What resources can the Empire demand of each star system?*
6. *To what extent should rebellious groups and their press activities be made an example? Should the Empire wipe them out, or focus on detention of rebels?*
7. *Should the Empire focus on putting itself in a positive light or just subverting dissent?*
8. *Should the Senate raise taxes on any and all planets it has reason to believe are involved in rebel activity?*
9. *Should the Senate require mandatory donations to the Empire? If so, how should the money be raised and how much money should be required of each planet? What should happen to senators who fail to contribute the necessary amount of Imperial credits?*

## Bloc Positions

The Emperor anticipates that the largest area of disagreement by the delegates will be between those that favour transparency and more moderate action and those that prefer swift military intervention and the elimination of rebellion. Though the Emperor can act unilaterally in his preference for a certain strategy, he would like to hear ample debate on the merits and pitfalls of the several strategies and means by which the Empire can ensure Galaxy-wide loyalty that have been discussed above.

*The Diplomatic Bloc (i.e. Bail Organa, Bana Breemu, Giddean Danu, Mon Mothma, Nadea Tural):*

Individuals with political experience, especially those who formerly served in the Senate during the Clone Wars will have seen the horror inflicted by war, and will seek a more moderate solution to rebellious activities than simply military intervention. Propaganda and economic incentives for maintaining loyalty to the Empire will be supported by those who identify with this bloc.

*The Interventionist Bloc (i.e. Armand Isard, Conan Antonio Motti, Darth Vader, The Grand Inquisitor, Tiaan Jerjerrod, Wilhuff Tarkin):*

Those with a military background, or those who rose to power concurrently with the Empire will favour a blunter approach to maintaining loyalty to the Empire, namely through displaying military strength and eliminating all threats. This bloc will advocate utilizing their resources in various Imperial departments like the Army, Navy, COMPNOR, and other ministries in the Empire to crush any and all resistance.

*The Neutral Bloc (i.e. Orn Free Taa, Garm Bel Iblis, Johhar Kessen):*

Those with more vested interests in themselves or their home worlds than loyalty to the Empire or democratic ideals. These delegates will be key to either side gaining a majority, so each side will be vying to prove that they can best support these delegates in their interests.

## Topic 2: The Insurgency on Ryloth

### Introduction and history

Deeply related to our first topic of maintaining galaxy-wide loyalty to the Empire, the growing insurgency on the planet of Ryloth is deeply troubling. A planet native to the Twi'lek species, it is also home to an extensive community of humans. It has been a centre of controversy throughout most of recent history, and remains a particular thorn in the Empire's side in maintaining its interest there.

### *The Clone Wars and the Fall of the Republic*

The interest of the planet Ryloth, for our purposes, can once again be traced to the Clone Wars and the involvement with the Separatist Movement. Following the declaration of war between the Confederate of Independent Systems and the Galactic Republic, Ryloth was invaded by the Separatist droid army, leading to a full-on occupation and blockade of the planet. The subsequent Battle of Ryloth, in which the Republic army responded to the planet's call for aid and liberation from the Separatists. The Battle of Ryloth also saw many current leaders of the Empire's military division, like Wullf Yularen and the Jedi that would become Darth Vader leading the liberation from the Separatist forces.<sup>40</sup>

More importantly, this struggle led to the Twi'lek Cham Syndulla revealing his talents in rebellion for the first time. Syndulla led the faction of Twi'lek fighters during the Battle of Ryloth and became increasingly close with the Jedi Mace Windu. Though together they were integral

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<sup>40</sup> "Battle of Ryloth." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 4 August 2016.  
[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Ryloth](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Ryloth)

in repelling the Separatist forces, their budding political relationship became increasingly worrisome for the then-Chancellor Palpatine. With Republic forces still stationed on Ryloth in the twilight days of the Republic, rebellious activities led by Syndulla became increasingly disturbing, especially considering the possible influence of the Jedi Order on the Twi'lek people, increasingly looking to Cham Syndulla for leadership.

### *The Early Galactic Empire*

Following the end of the Clone Wars and the Declaration of the New Order, Ryloth officially became a protectorate of the Galactic Empire. A protectorate is a system, planet, moon, etc. officially autonomous, but protected by another autonomous body. Often these bodies are uninhabited planets of well-established moons, but the special circumstances on Ryloth necessitated Imperial protection.<sup>41</sup> Quickly following the establishment of the Imperial protectorate of Ryloth, Cham Syndulla organized his followers left over from the Twi'lek Resistance during the Clone Wars into the Free Ryloth Movement, dedicated to attacks against the Imperial troops stationed on the planet. Syndulla claims to be fighting what he calls "corruption" within in the Empire, often personally calling out the Twi'lek representative to the Imperial Senate, Orn Free Taa.

The Empire now finds itself victim of frequent attacks from the Twi'lek rebels, including military attacks in which troops were injured or even killed. Considering the Empire's current struggle in replenishing its troop numbers, these rebellious activities are not only harmful to its infrastructure on the

planet of Ryloth, but also pose challenges to maintaining the Empire's legitimacy Galaxy-wide.

### **Interest in maintaining power on Ryloth**

For many years, the residents of Ryloth have demonstrated loyalty issues, ranging from the Free Ryloth Movement to Count Dooku's support of Rylothian coups in an attempt to generate rebellious activity and influence in the Outer Rim.<sup>42</sup> Nonetheless, the Empire takes interest in maintaining jurisdiction over the planet because squashing rebel movements in one of the most prominent systems of the Outer Rim would not only be a positive addition to the Empire, but also prove to surrounding planets that any action against the Senate's liking is unsustainable. As a secondary feature, Ryloth also possesses many natural resources that would be a great asset to Imperial intergalactic trade. The Senate must therefore decide whether to bring Ryloth further under Empire rule and rid of rebel groups, or to destroy the planet entirely.

### *Outer Rim position*

During the Clone Wars, Ryloth was invaded by the Confederacy and was used to house a large droid reclamation facility. Confederate occupation throughout the war pillaged and robbed villages while the Twi'leks tried to maintain hideouts for their safety. The Republic Army, however, came to its rescue and the Separatists surrendered. Instead of giving gratitude to the Senate for helping facilitate its rescue, Ryloth became the host of a large rebel base. For the sake of peace and order, the base was destroyed promptly. Currently, Ryloth is a protectorate

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<sup>41</sup> "Protectorate." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 4 August 2016.  
[http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Protectorate\\_\(government\\_system\)](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Protectorate_(government_system))

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<sup>42</sup> "Ryloth." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 August 2016.  
<<http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Ryloth>>

of the Galactic Empire despite its residents' belief that they are free and independent. The Senate must devise a plan to distinguish this matter with the Twi'leks to ensure their unwavering loyalty to the Empire. It is essential to highlight the importance of Ryloth due to its position in the Outer Rim and its influence in that area. If the Senate manages to control one of the most prominent planets in the heaviest rebel-concentrated region of the galaxy, the stability of the Galactic Center will increase and focus can be shifted to the goals that matter most: expanding the military and building loyalty. The Senate, through these actions, is capable of proving to all Outer Rim systems that pledging allegiance to the Empire is the only way to ensure prosperity for all. If the Twi'lek population is unwilling to cooperate, a conversation for their punishment must then be had.

### *Spice & ryll trade*

Ryll is a potent spice present in enormous amounts on Ryloth and has grown to become the planet's largest export. It is used both medicinally and recreationally, as it is highly addictive and possesses hallucinogenic properties. It can also create a strong numbing effect on memory when mixed with the substance glitterstim. Despite the fact that both Spice and Ryll are illegal in the Empire, a massive black market exists of crime lords and slavers who travel to Ryloth specifically for smuggling purposes.<sup>43</sup> The Senate is therefore faced with some serious issues. It must decide if Ryloth deserves a second chance in proving its loyalty to the Empire and, if so, what the Senate should do to quell the Spice and Ryll trade, or if the trade is a pertinent enough

reason to consider destroying the planet entirely.

## **Intervention**

In order to adequately respond to the deeply troubling insurgency on Ryloth, the Empire has a number of options in its arsenal of resources. When considering possible responses to this ongoing crisis, the Empire must consider the impact on the large human community on the planet in addition to the possible responses that may resonate throughout the Galaxy. The following subsections will address some possibilities the Empire may pursue in its objective in quieting – or crushing, if necessitated – the Free Ryloth movement. The response taken by the Empire in this situation will set a precedent for responding to other organized rebellions in the future, and thus debate will be necessary.

### *Sending Imperial Military*

Despite the vast array of improvements that could be made to the current military infrastructure, the Empire still possesses a wide range of methods of force with which to respond to the current situation of Ryloth. Current intelligence tells us that the movement led by Syndulla is only growing, and currently has bases across the planet. Clearly this is not an issue that can be solved with simply eliminating its leader – though determining Syndulla's whereabouts and removing him from a position of leadership should also be a main objective of this operation. Current Imperial leadership stationed on the planet – Moff Delian Mors and Colonel Belkor Dray – have been largely ineffective in suppressing the activities of the Free Ryloth Movement.

To what extent should the Empire's military prowess be used against these groups? If the DS-1 system is completed, it

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<sup>43</sup> "Ryloth." Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki. Wikia, Inc. 8 August 2016. <<http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Ryloth/Legends>>

has the potential to destroy an entire planet, and thus wipe out any rebellious groups, making an example for the Galaxy to witness. However, it remains to be seen if this is an effective strategy. The Free Ryloth Movement's activities must be curbed, but should they be wiped out, detained, re-educated, or some other policy? Also crucial to consider is the human population on Ryloth before moving forward with any plan of action on the planet. A rebel-punishment policy does not yet exist within the Empire, and as military building and political solidification of the Empire is ongoing, such a policy would need to be created to ensure our dominance within the Galaxy.

### *Non-military options*

Rather than sending in further Imperial troops to the planet or authorizing remote attacks against the Free Ryloth Movement's bases or even the planet itself, non-military options may in fact be the most effective option. Ryloth's current status as a protectorate of the Empire technically requires that the Empire protect the planet, and as such it may behove the Empire to explore economic coercion or diplomacy in dealing with the Free Ryloth Movement. More forcefully, the Empire can put in place economic incentives for the Twi'lek people, or demand further resources to cripple their movement. For those delegates who wish to better protect the human populations – and, further, those who do not wish to use further the quickly depleting Imperial military structure to fight this insurgency – on Ryloth, further non-military solutions must be brought forward to the table.

## **Political implications**

Some of the greatest fears currently held by the Emperor regarding the Ryloth situation are not those of a militaristic response by the Ryloth natives, but the

political implications of acknowledging and actively fighting an anti-Empire group. The very act of discussing responses to the insurgency is recognizing, and thus giving legitimacy, to the Free Ryloth movement. Because the Free Ryloth Movement is in open rebellion against the Empire, the discussions by our delegates during our committee sessions must be kept confidential between the committee and actions toward Ryloth must be decided swiftly.

### *The Twi'lek majority*

One major concern that must be considered by this committee is that Ryloth is a majority non-human planet. Though humanoid, the Twi'lek species have brightly coloured skin and large tentacles, called lekku protruding from their heads. Their language, Twi'leki, is a combination of verbal sounds and physical gestures using these lekku.<sup>44</sup> This language clearly can lend itself to espionage and covert operations due to the unique sign language element, and Twi'lek society must abandon it in favour of Galactic Basic if the Empire is to effectively exert its rule there.

Beyond their language and societal practices, the fact that this is a non-human rebellion is particularly concerning. Due to the near universal use of Galactic Basic language and shared customs, the Empire always prefers working with human representatives, with some exceptions: Ryloth is currently represented in the Imperial Senate by Orn Free Taa, himself of the Twi'lek species. It may be possible to leverage this shared heritage in negotiations with Syndulla and his movement, if that is the path this body wishes to take.

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<sup>44</sup> Twi'lek." *Wookieepedia: The Star Wars Wiki*. Wikia, Inc. Web. 6 August 2016.  
<<http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Twi'lek>>



### *A larger rebellion?*

The largest, and most obvious concern, of the Emperor regarding this insurgency on Ryloth is the possibility of this rebellion's minor successes in recruitment enabling other rebellions. Similarly, there is question of if this movement on Ryloth is actually part of a larger group of rebellious groups in the Outer Rim or throughout the Galaxy. The frequency of attempts to attack Imperial forces on Ryloth is only increasing; though our forces have been able to halt these attempts before they come to fruition, the possibility remains that one day the Rylothians may overwhelm our forces on the planet. Any success in expelling our forces on the planet will only lead other, smaller movements elsewhere to embolden their activities.

### **Recent Imperial Action**

Little has actually been done regarding Ryloth and rebellious movements in general up to this point. We know that Ryloth is currently under the status of protectorate of the Empire, and the Empire does rely on the planet for its resources and capital. This situation is indeed unprecedented and our response to this situation of Ryloth will determine our future responses to rebellious movements. It is crucial that a policy towards rebellious movements be crafted by this body swiftly, as the situation will only worsen with time.

### **Questions the Committee Must Address**

1. *Should the Empire use its preeminent weapon (the DS-1 system) to make an example of Ryloth?*
2. *Or, should the Empire use a more nuanced approach, such as a ground*

*assault or a blockade, to protect pro-Empire Rylothi?*

3. *Is it in the Empire's interest to decimate Ryloth, or is there use for the planet?*
4. *What are the implications of the majority Twi'lek insurgency against the majority-human Empire?*
5. *Should the possibility of other rebellious groups be more closely scrutinized throughout the Galaxy or is there reason to believe this is a unique movement?*
6. *Will making an example of this planet have a greater negative effect on the public image of the Empire than the net benefit from ending the rebellion?*
7. *Does a diplomatic solution undermine the Empire's image of strength?*
8. *Can the Rylothi be trusted to govern themselves in the future or should they be placed under the control of an Imperial Moff?*

### **Bloc Positions**

Similar to our first topic, it is anticipated that the largest area of disagreement will be over those that feel swift military intervention is the best response versus those who feel that a more moderate and diplomatic solution is attainable. Again, the Emperor can simply choose a particular option if he feels it is the best option, but he would strongly prefer that the body come to a conclusion on a particular course of action – extensive debate is expected. For this topic, there is

some ambivalence regarding the feelings of the Rylothian senator, Orn Free Taa, and the body may wish to interrogate his feelings regarding the situation on his planet.

*The Diplomatic Bloc (i.e. Bail Organa, Bana Breemu, Giddean Danu, Mon Mothma, Nadea Tural):*

These individuals, again, would like to avoid any military intervention if possible. They feel that further death and destruction would only further anger those harbouring negative sentiments about the Empire, and thus will argue towards a solution that will include non-military options like economic or political incentives for the Free Ryloth Movement, or diplomatic negotiations.

*The Interventionist Bloc (i.e. Armand Isard, Conan Antonio Motti, Darth Vader, The Grand Inquisitor, Tiaan Jerjerrod, Wilhuff Tarkin)*

The delegates in this bloc feel that the situation of Ryloth has escalated to the point where military intervention is necessary. Their specific feelings toward if the Free Ryloth Movement is enabling other rebellious movements may vary, but all in this bloc agree that this particular movement must be stopped. However, it must be decided to what extent military action should be taken: simply installing more Imperial troops, a proper occupation of the planet, or something more drastic?

*The Neutral Bloc (i.e. Orn Free Taa, Garm Bel Iblis, Johhar Kessen)*

These delegates will once again be trying to play the situation to their advantage. Orn Free Taa does not want to see his home world destroyed, but he must also continue to curry favor with the

Emperor. Others have no personal stake in the conflict, so they will be likely to resist any action that could have negative repercussions on them, such as a large military campaign that causes raised taxes, or excessive disruption of trade.

## Concluding Remarks

Before anything else, the Empire must be the sole dominant force in the Galaxy politically and militarily, and the Emperor will have this by any means necessary. The Empire is the force that gives all planetary systems their legitimacy to trade and citizens to live their day to day lives. If this means installing fear into every being in the Galaxy, so be it; however, the Empire must have subjects loyal to its rule, and thus rule by fear cannot be the sole means by which it exists. In the face of growing dissent, the Empire must remain a bastion of unwavering stability and strength in its commitment to the ideals of ending corruption and bureaucracy in government, which will bring peace to the Galaxy.

## Chair's Note

I would like to speak now as Caroline, your chair, directly to you as delegates preparing research for JHUMUNC in February. First and foremost, I am very aware that the timing for all of these characters to be interacting at once is not perfect. When there is a timing discrepancy – for example, that our meeting begins four years after the Declaration of the Empire (15 years before the Battle of Yavin) and Armand Isard does not canonically become the director of COMPNOR until about six years after the Declaration of the Empire – I am asking you delegates to ignore it and accept the delegate bios as I have written them.

Further, I have tried my best to take all information and background research from the now-accepted “Canon,” which excludes the former Expanded Universe novels and comics. The Canon is now considered the films, *Clone Wars* and *Rebels* television programs, the new Marvel comics run, and the newly released novels (for example, *Tarkin*). Some background information did have to come from the former EU, now called “Legends,” just for having some reference point. If you do choose to take research from the “Legends” Universe, please make a note of it in your citations. If you have any questions about timing or delegate bios (or, simply, what has happened in the canon up to our meeting point), *please* do not hesitate to email me any questions you have. I am extremely happy to work with you to ensure your understanding of where and when we are.

In regards to the necessary background needed for success in this committee during JHUMUNC, I do not expect you to have been a lifelong fan of *Star Wars*, but I do expect you to have thoroughly read this Background Guide and done some research to understand the context of our universe. You can certainly watch the movies and *Clone Wars* television show for context, but also Wookieepedia.com (the source almost exclusively cited in this guide) is extremely detailed and easy to understand. Also, I expect the *Star Wars* delegates at JHUMUNC 2017 to be prepared to have fun, and get a little ridiculous, because, after all, we are debating *Star Wars*. I’m looking forward to an incredibly entertaining weekend. May the Force be with you!