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**GS**

**Galactic Senate**

**Committee:** The Galactic Senate (GS)

**Topic:** The Separatist Crisis

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## I. Specialized Committee

A specialized committee focuses on a specific situation, rather than broad themes or topics. A specialized committee is often categorized by its own protocol and is usually unique to every simulation. Participants in a specialized committee will have very specific roles and are encouraged to study a single person's point of view on the assigned situation, rather than a whole country's general point of view. During ISRMUN, participants in the Galactic Senate are referred to as senators. These participants represent a member of the Galactic Senate during the Separatist Crisis which takes place in the Star Wars universe. Moreover, specialized committees are recognized for being relatively small, which allows the debate to flow smoothly, as there are only a few participants debating or discussing ideas. It is important to note that specialized committees can be significantly more challenging than regular committees, and require a more thorough research process.

## II. Quorum

- Alderaan
- Anaxes
- Chandrila
- Corellia
- Coruscant

- Dantooine
- Duro
- Felucia
- Kamino
- Kashyyyk
- Malastare
- Mon Cala
- Naboo
- Ord Mantell
- Pantora
- Rodia
- Ryloth
- Shili

### III. The Situation

#### A. Background on the Topic

The Galactic Republic is a democratic union constituted by thousands of star systems in the galaxy. It was formed in 25,000 BBY<sup>1</sup> in order to unite various sentient species and foster development (Fortune and McDonagh, Star Wars Galactic Maps, 2016). Initially established by the inner core worlds of the galaxy, over centuries the Galactic Republic expanded outward, enticing new worlds to join it through promises of trade, protection and access to technology. However, as the Republic's power grew,

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<sup>1</sup> Before the Battle of Yavin

many of the senators that worked for it started to exploit the system for their own profit. Outer rim worlds fell into debt and food shortages were common. Many local governments were threatened or lost control to pirates or criminal organizations. Moreover, large corporations such as the Trade Federation were granted representation in the Galactic Senate all while blatantly exploiting outer rim worlds and circumventing trade treaties. As a result, deep-rooted hatred and distrust grew between the galaxy's outer rim and inner core worlds (Luceno, Star Wars: Tarkin, 2014).

## **B. The Situation**

In 24 BBY, former Jedi Count Dooku hijacked a HoloNet relay station in the Raxus system and denounced the Galactic Republic as a corrupt system that only worked for the benefit of the inner core worlds. Soon after his speech, Dooku founded the Confederacy of Independent Systems (also known as the Separatist Alliance or the Separatists). Dooku's charisma and confidence spurred thousands of people to rise up against the Galactic Republic. As more worlds seceded from the Republic, the Galactic Senate is worried that the galaxy is about to be plunged into armed conflict (Hidalgo, Star Wars Propaganda, 2016).

## **IV. Preparation**

Formal position papers are not required for special committee participants. However, in order to prepare for the simulation, senators are encouraged to research the following items:

- The Separatist Crisis (24–22 BBY)

- The Confederacy of Independent Systems
- The Galactic Republic
- The Galactic Senate
- The Clone Wars (22–19 BBY)

Additionally, participants are encouraged to explore the following resources in order to prepare for the debate:

- [The Clone Wars \(Television Series\)](#)
- [Star Wars Databank](#)
- [Wookieepedia](#)
- [Star Wars Interactive Galactic Experience](#)
- [Star Wars Galaxy Map](#)

## V. Resources

Fortune, Emil, and Tim McDonagh. *Star Wars Galactic Maps: An Illustrated Atlas of the Star Wars Universe*. Disney Lucasfilm Press, 2016. ISBN 9781405279987.

Hidalgo, Pablo. *Star Wars Propaganda: A History of Persuasive Art in the Galaxy*. Harper Design, 2016. ISBN 9780062466822.

Luceno, James. *Star Wars: Tarkin*. Del Rey, 2014. ISBN 9780345511522.