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# **STUDY GUIDE AVENGERS**

# Letter from Co-Secretaries-General

Esteemed delegates,

It is with great honor and gratitude that we welcome you all to the second edition of IHSANMUN. To us, this isn't just a conference; it's a community. A community of people who have seen hardship firsthand and emerged from it stronger. This conference impacts us deeply, as it is our opportunity to bring something that shaped us and built our character throughout the years to our own community at Ihsan. It is with great pleasure that we work tirelessly to bring this event to life, as it means educating fellow students about the issues in our world, helping them grasp things they may never learn in school, and developing skills they will need throughout their lives.

This year, our committees highlight a range of crucial topics in our world today. From JCC discussing the Castellammarese War, Marvel addressing the Sokovia Accords, and HUNSC debating the USA invasion of Iraq, to the Arab League focusing on foreign influence in the Arab world. Our committees also tackle pressing global concerns through SPECPOL regulating private military companies and mercenaries, UN Women preventing human trafficking, the World Bank mitigating aid dependency, and DISEC addressing the use of chemical weapons and working toward their elimination.

The world today is riddled with injustice and malice, and the degree of your subjection to such injustice is simply a matter of geographical luck. There is virtually nothing standing in the way of you continuing your everyday life or being forced to flee it in a matter of seconds.

What matters most is that we, as the international community, recognize our privilege and advocate for those who lack it. From this conference, learn that there is power in diplomatic dialogue. There is power in advocacy. **There is power in you.** We want you to take this opportunity to bring change and impact the world in your own way. The world is ours to live in and shape.

Let us all use that power to balance the scales once again, just as we've done before: only now, on a much bigger and far more impactful scale.

In pursuit of balancing the scales, Nada Alghory & Maizah Hassan  
IHSANMUN'26 Secretaries-General

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# Letter from the Under-Secretary-General

**Dear delegates and whoever may read this,**

My name is Abdulmuamin Mahmoud, I'm a 10th grader with a great passion for MUN and global politics, I will be serving as your under secretary general, I want you guys to remember that during this committee, the events that may occur, although fictional, will change your understanding of global politics and certain international bodies, I wish you guys enjoy this committee, and if you have any questions, please dont hesitate to contact me through email at [abdulmuaminmahmoud@gmail.com](mailto:abdulmuaminmahmoud@gmail.com)

**P.S.**

If you watch the movie you will be able to understand way more than what I wrote in this study guide.

## Key Terms

**Enhanced Individual:** An individual who is enhanced with these three criteria: Biological, Technological, and Extraterrestrial.

**Biologicals:** Enhanced through serum (Captain America), radiation (Hulk), or genetics (Wanda Maximoff).

**Technologicals:** Humans using advanced tech that makes them "enhanced" while wearing it (Iron Man, Falcon, War Machine).

**Extraterrestrials:** Non-earthlings or synthetic beings residing on Earth (Thor, Vision).

**Vibranium:** A rare, nearly indestructible metal originating from Wakanda. Its presence in global conflicts (e.g., Ultron's body) is a major point of international security concern.

**Artificial Intelligence (A.I.):** High-level computer systems (like JARVIS or Ultron) capable of independent thought. The committee views A.I. as a potential weapon of mass destruction.

**The Raft:** A high-security, submersible prison facility designed specifically to hold Enhanced Individuals who violate the Accords or international law.

**Biometric Registration:** The mandatory collection of DNA, fingerprints, and retinal scans of all Enhanced Individuals to be stored in a secure UN database.

**S.H.I.E.L.D:** an espionage and security organization that defends Earth and its people from groups that pose advanced technological, supernatural, or extraterrestrial threats.

**The Avengers:** A private organization of Enhanced Individuals assembled to respond to global threats. They work mostly independently, with informal cooperation from governments and agencies such as S.H.I.E.L.D.

**HYDRA:** A clandestine, extremist organization that infiltrated global governments and institutions for decades. HYDRA frequently weaponizes advanced technology, biological enhancement, and infiltration tactics, remaining a significant threat even after its public exposure.

## **Introduction to the Sokovia Accords**

The Sokovia Accords are a set of legal documents that call for the establishment of a system that regulates the activities of enhanced individuals in the MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe). The Accords were introduced after a series of tragic events that were caused by enhanced individuals all over the world, and caused the death of innocent civilians. The Accords called for all enhanced individuals to operate under the supervision of the United Nations and for organizations such as The Avengers to no longer be a private organization. The accords were introduced by the United Nations and were ratified by 172 nations.

## Timeline of events

### 5.1 Battle of New York (2012)

The Battle of New York was the major and decisive battle of the Chitauri Invasion in Manhattan, New York City, in which the Avengers were able to defeat Loki and his Chitauri army and prevent his plans of conquering Earth. The Incident is considered a monumental event in human history, and it publicly confirmed the existence of extraterrestrials to Earth's citizens. There was a widespread feeling of gratitude not only towards the Avengers but to the emergency responders who perished during the battle but had helped prevent a significant loss of human life. As a result, a monument for them was erected above Grand Central Terminal. However, there were people who had less positive perspectives on the Avengers. Senator Boynton publicly called for the regulation of people with superpowers, while Senator Ellen Nadeer, whose mother was killed at the beginning of the battle, grew to hate aliens, causing her to publicly state her hate for all non-humans.

### 5.2 Battle of the Treskelion (2014)

The war began when HYDRA, which had infiltrated S.H.I.E.L.D., attempted to activate a mass destruction system it called Project Insight. This system aimed to identify millions of people (heroes, scientists, politicians) who could pose a threat to HYDRA's ideology using an advanced algorithm, even before they took any action, and simultaneously eliminate them using three massive Helicarriers. The Avengers were once again able to stop the threat, but in the process, Black Widow leaked all of S.H.I.E.L.D. and HYDRA's classified files onto the internet. This exposed the identities of all spies worldwide and revealed secret experiments (such as the Winter Soldier project). This situation sparked massive outrage in the United Nations and multiple government bodies, since this showed that the Avengers operated without consulting anyone and are capable of exposing government secrets.

### 5.3 Battle of Sokovia (2015)

The Battle of Sokovia was a major battle between the Avengers and Ultron in Novi Grad, Sokovia. Convinced that humanity was the greatest threat to peace on Earth, Ultron planned to commit global genocide by creating a device that would lift the city of Novi Grad skyward and cause it to recreate a meteoric impact when it crashed into Earth. The actions of the Avengers, however, resulted in the threat being neutralized and the Ultron Offensive being brought to an end. However, Robert Gonzales of S.H.I.E.L.D. felt that the whole Ultron Offensive was Tony Stark's fault. Christine Everhart, in interviews with the United Nations, expressed the opinion that superheroes needed regulation in their activities. The U.S. Senate Oversight Committee demanded a full independent investigation into accountability for the disaster.

### 5.4 The Lagos Incident (2016)

The Lagos Attack was an Avengers operation carried out in Lagos, Nigeria, to capture Brock Rumlow, a former Hydra agent who attacked the IFID headquarters to steal a biological weapon. The mission, which escalated into open combat in the streets, ended in disaster when Rumlow attempted to kill Captain America with a suicide bomb in a crowded market. Wanda Maximoff, seeking to save Rogers and the civilians in the market, controlled the explosion and directed it toward a nearby building, but in doing so, accidentally caused the deaths of twenty-six civilians. As the Avengers were held responsible for this loss of life, the United Nations placed the Sokovia Accords on the agenda. Seeking to draw out the Avengers, Several international politicians, including Wakanda's ruler King T'Chaka, called for the United Nations to create a system of accountability. President Matthew Ellis held a press conference where he pledged his support in apprehending the people responsible. Secretary of State Thaddeus Ross brought the Avengers together and informed them that the United Nations was in the process of passing the Sokovia Accords, which would serve to monitor and police the increasing number of enhanced individuals.

## PLOT

In early May 2016, a conflict arose between a former Hydra agent and the Avengers, in result of the conflict, the Avengers caused the death of 26 civilians, this prompted the United Nations to create the Sokovia accords, a set of legal documents that discuss the issues that surround conflicts enhanced beings and the dangers that arise from the autonomy of said beings, and it discusses efforts of creating a UN supervised panel that oversees the Avengers. The accords were presented to the Avengers by the US Secretary of State at the Avengers Tower. The accords caused the Avengers to take sides; some superheroes, like Tony Stark, believed that the accords were the safest way to proceed without being liable for any civilian deaths but also not getting into issues with the government. However other heroes, such as Steve Rogers, decided that signing the accords were giving the governments the ability to control them without any consequences, and he believed that the P5 would abuse their power to stop the deployment of the Avengers when it doesn't benefit them, and that this would be harming civilians rather than helping, and it would make enhanced individuals a new type of weapon rather than a symbol of peace. Immediately, the Avengers was split into 2, one side supported Tony while the other supported Steve, and that would be the start of the civil war.

The civil war escalates when in a UN meeting, while King T'Chaka of Wakanda is giving a speech, a bomb goes off in the building, injuring multiple diplomats, but most importantly killing King T'Chaka, upon reviewing the CCTV footage, the attack was revealed to be executed by none other than Bucky Barnes, also known as the Winter Soldier, upon discovery, a task force was sent to bring him into custody, however Steve Rogers went against the orders and decided to help Bucky Barnes escape custody, however they were caught. After Bucky Barnes was captured Iron Man made it last ditch effort to convince Steve Rogers of signing the Accords, after Steve Rogers was convinced that he could sign the Accords for people to be safe and also getting insurance that Bucky will be set free, he decided to sign the Accords until he found out that Wanda Maximoff was being held under house arrest at The Avengers Tower which led him to refuse to sign the Accord since he realized that Iron Man was placing his own team under house arrest if they don't agree with his views. Meanwhile, Zemo, disguised as a therapist, was able to gain control of Bucky Barnes using the old Hydra documents that had the code words to control his mind and turn him into the Winter Soldier. This caused a fight to occur between Bucky Barnes and multiple members of The Avengers however since Iron Man did not have his full suit and he only has a blaster in his watch he wasn't really able to hold him off for too long before he escaped a news chopper, but Steve was able to hold onto the bottom of the chopper with 1 hand and hold onto the building with the other, and the chopper lands into a nearby river. After rescuing Bucky from the river, Steve takes him to a warehouse and traps his metal arm in a vise, waiting for him to regain control. Once Bucky woke up and proved to Steve that he was back to normal, he revealed that Zemo's real goal is to awaken five other elite supersoldiers at a secret Siberian base. This made Steve realise that the accords would stop him from being able to stop Zemo in time, so Steve decides to go against the accords to stop Zemo. He assembles a team of superheroes that align with him. His team was made up of Ant-Man, Falcon, Hawkeye, Wanda, and Bucky. They head to the Leipzig-Halle airport but were intercepted by Iron Man and the team that he assembled, the team included Spider-Man, War Machine, Black Widow, Vision, and Black Panther.

## PLOT

At first, Iron Man gave Captain America one last chance to sign the accords, since he felt that signing the Accords would delay his mission of stopping Zemo, he refused to sign them, this prompted Iron Man to start a fight with the opposite team, after a while of fighting, Ant-Man transforms into Big-Man and distracts Iron-Man's team, which allows Captain America and Bucky Barnes to make a quick escape, meanwhile, Vision was fighting Falcon but accidentally hits War-Machine, paralyzing him.

Afterwards, the members of Captain America's team were arrested by the government and sent to the Raft prison, while there, Tony pays them a visit and disables the government's surveillance for about 30 seconds, during that time, he was able to gain information about Captain America's whereabouts and was able to find out the truth about the UN bombing and how Bucky was framed, so Iron-Man heads to Siberia alone to meet Captain America and stop Zemo together, unaware that Black Panther was following him.

After Iron Man meets with Captain America and assures him that he is there to have peace, so they go in and start walking in the abandoned facility, expecting to see an army of winter soldiers against them, instead, they saw all the winter soldiers shot in the head in their sleep, they then see Zemo behind a blast proof wall, and he reveals that his plan was to take revenge on the Avengers, who were responsible for killing his family in the Sokovia attack, he also reveals that Bucky was responsible for the killing of Tony's parents, and it's revealed that Steve knew about this. This causes Tony to get very mad and start attacking Bucky and Steve, after an intense fight between them, Steve manages to pin down Tony and destroy his arc reactor, he lays there helpless as his suit powers down. Nearby, Zemo is talking with Black Panther on his reasons, and he states that he understands him since he also lost a loved one, Zemo then tries to kill himself, but Black Panther wasn't about to let it slide so he stopped him and was able to bring him into custody.

**After** the dust settles, Tony returns to the Avengers headquarters, which is now mostly empty.

**After** he helps Rhodey through physical therapy for his paralyzed legs, a FedEx driver called Stan Lee arrives with a package.

**After** Tony opens it, he finds a letter from Steve apologizing for everything and a burner phone

## The letter read:

"Tony, I'm glad you're back at the Compound. I don't like the idea of you rattling around a mansion by yourself. We all need family. The Avengers are yours, maybe more so than mine. I've been on my own since I was 18. I never really fit in anywhere, even in the army. My faith's in people, I guess. Individuals. And I'm happy to say that, for the most part, they haven't let me down. Which is why I can't let them down either. Licks can be replaced, but maybe they shouldn't. I know I hurt you, Tony. I thought by not telling you about your parents I was sparing you, but I can see now that I was really sparing myself, and I'm sorry. Hopefully one day you can understand. I wish we agreed on the Accords, I really do. I know you're only doing what you believe in, and that's all any of us can do, it's all any of us should. So, no matter what, I promise you, if you need us—if you need me—I'll be there."

Meanwhile at the raft prison, a lone guard is knocked out, Steve appears in the shadows to break his team out of their cells. The movie concludes **after** a mid-credits scene showing Steve and Bucky in Wakanda, where Bucky chooses to go back into cryosleep until Shuri can find a way to permanently erase his Hydra brainwashing.

## **The sides**

### **Iron Man Side (Pro-accords)**

After the accords were introduced to the Avengers Tony Stark was quick to accept the accords and highlighted the importance of civilian safety and wanted to avoid the deaths of as much civilians as possible. He believed that signing the accords was a step to help the innocent stay safe , this was mostly due to his regret of past decisions and the desire to redeem himself after causing the death of a teenage boy. Tony's team consisted of Iron Man, War Machine, Black Widow, Black Panther, Vision, and Spider-Man (who was later recruited by Tony Stark) were supporting the idea of a UN-Oversight panel to limit the deaths of civilians and limit the damages and costs of conflicts caused by Enhanced Individuals.

### **Captain America side (Anti-accords)**

When the accords were introduced, Bucky Barnes (Captain America) was quick to oppose the idea of the accords, and he raised concern that if they were to wait for permission from the government or the UN then it would take too long and they will not be able to respond in time, he also raised concern over the fact that many governments might abuse their power and stop the avengers from interfering when it benefits them, a big example would be the Veto Power (the power to block a decision in the UNSC, given only to the United States, Russia, France, UK, and China), Bucky's team consisted of Captain America, Falcon, Hawkeye, Scarlet Witch, Ant-Man, Winter Soldier, they believed that the Avengers should have the power to decide when and how to act, and they didn't trust the government, especially since HYDRA had infiltrated S.H.I.E.L.D.

## **Blocs and character descriptions**

### **Pro accords:**

These are heroes that believe that the accords must be signed and implemented, led by Tony Stark, this team works with the US secretary of state to ensure that all Avengers must abide by the laws that the UN has proposed in the Sokovia Accords.

### **Tony Stark (Iron-Man)**

Tony Stark, better known as “Iron Man,” emerged as the first superhero born of the modern world and technology. While Stark is a hero to some, others see him as a figure who merely satisfies his ego, is spoiled, and plays at heroism rather than actually saving lives. The intense regret he felt for creating the artificial intelligence and robotic system named “Ultron,” which caused the events of Sokovia in 2015, was the biggest factor driving Stark to support the Sokovia Accords. He believes that “we have unlimited power but no control, which makes us the bad guys.” He sees surrendering to the state and the UN as “the lesser of two evils.”

### **James Rupert Rhode (War machine)**

Colonel James Rupert "Rhodey" Rhodes a.k.a War Machine is an officer in the United States Air Force and liaison between the Department of Acquisitions and Stark Industries, where he became close friends with Tony Stark. Rhodey is a professional soldier who believes in the chain of command. For him, the Sokovia Accords are not just a rule, but a “sense of duty.” His strongest argument against Captain America and the other dissenting heroes is this: “Hundreds of countries want to sign this agreement. Do you think they're all wrong, or is your ego just too big?”

### **Natasha Romanoff (BLACK WIDOW)**

A former KGB assassin and S.H.I.E.L.D. operative, Natasha has a history of "switching sides" to find a place where she can do the most good. While she is Steve's close friend, she sides with Tony because she is a pragmatist. She believes that the public's trust in the Avengers is broken, and that by signing the Accords, they can "keep one hand on the wheel" rather than being hunted as outlaws. Her goal is to keep the family together at any cost.

### **Vision**

Vision is a synthetic being created from a blend of Tony Stark's AI (J.A.R.V.I.S.), Ultron's vibranium body, and the Mind Stone. He approaches the conflict with pure logic. Vision calculates that since the number of enhanced individuals has grown, the number of "world-ending events" has increased proportionally. He concludes that government oversight is a statistical necessity to reduce human suffering, stating, "Our very strength invites challenge. Challenge incites conflict. And conflict... breeds catastrophe."

### **T'Challa (BLACK PANTHER)**

T'Challa is the prince (and later King) of the isolationist, technologically advanced nation of Wakanda. Unlike the others, he doesn't care about the politics of the Accords. He joins Tony's team for one reason: vengeance. After his father, King T'Chaka, is killed in a bombing at the UN signing, the world blames Bucky Barnes. T'Challa dons the vibranium habit of the Black Panther to hunt Bucky down, making him a powerful, albeit temporary, ally to Iron Man.

### **Peter Parker (SPIDER-MAN)**

Peter Parker is a 15-year-old high school student from Queens who gained spider-like abilities after being bitten by a radioactive spider. He has been operating as a street-level hero for only six months when Tony Stark discovers his secret identity. Tony recruits him by offering him an advanced suit and a chance to "help the world." Peter joins Team Iron Man largely out of a desire to impress his mentor and a belief that if you have power, you have a responsibility to use it correctly.

## **Blocs and character descriptions**

### **Anti-accords:**

These are heroes who believe that the accords could be misused for state interests and unethical uses. Led by Steve Rogers, this team works to try to convince other members of the Avengers to oppose the accords and work as private entities without the control of nations.

### **Steve Rogers (CAPTAIN AMERICA):**

Steve Rogers, known as “Captain America” or “Captain Rogers,” is the first superhero in American history. During World War II, he volunteered to be a test subject for the super-soldier serum developed by Abraham Erskine. With the serum's enhanced abilities, Rogers, who was initially just a promotional figure for the military, later secretly joined operations against the Nazis. After seizing a plane containing the “Tesseract,” an extraterrestrial weapon belonging to the organization H.Y.D.R.A., Rogers crashed into an iceberg to prevent the explosion the plane would have caused. After years trapped in ice, Rogers was found by S.H.I.E.L.D.'s search and rescue efforts and recruited into the Avengers project. Later, having witnessed HYDRA infiltrating S.H.I.E.L.D., he distrusts institutions and governments. He asks, “What if the UN tells us to go somewhere, but we shouldn't go?” He believes authority can become corrupt.

### **Sam Wilson (FALCON)**

Sam Wilson is a former United States Air Force pararescueman who specialized in using a prototype wing pack for aerial rescue missions. After meeting Steve Rogers during a morning jog in Washington D.C., he became a key ally in dismantling HYDRA when they infiltrated S.H.I.E.L.D. Sam is Steve's most loyal partner, sharing a military background and a deep sense of moral duty. He sides with Steve because he believes that the bureaucracy of the Accords would only slow them down and that their best asset is their ability to act quickly when lives are at stake.

### **Bucky Barnes (WINTER SOLDIER)**

A childhood friend of Steve Rogers, Bucky was a sergeant in the 107th Infantry during World War II. After a fall from a train, he was captured by HYDRA, experimented on with a version of the super-soldier serum, and brainwashed into becoming the "Winter Soldier." After decades of forced assassinations, Bucky broke his conditioning with Steve's help. He is the central figure of the conflict; because the Accords would treat him as a criminal to be executed rather than a victim to be rehabilitated, he has no choice but to remain off the grid under Steve's protection.

### **Wanda Maximoff (SCARLET WITCH)**

Wanda is a native of Sokovia who gained telekinetic and reality-warping abilities through experiments with the Mind Stone. Having lost her parents and her brother to war, she initially harbored a grudge against Tony Stark, whose weapons caused her family's death. After an accidental explosion in Lagos where she was blamed for civilian casualties, Tony Stark attempted to keep her under "house arrest" at the Avengers Compound. Feeling that the Accords treat her like a weapon or a prisoner rather than a person, she joins Steve to regain her autonomy.

## **Blocs and character descriptions**

### **Clint Barton (HAWKEYE)**

A master archer and former S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, Clint Barton had retired from the Avengers to live a quiet life on a farm with his wife and children. However, his deep sense of debt to Wanda (due to his relationship with her brother, Pietro) and his long-standing friendship with Steve Rogers bring him back into the fray. Clint views the Accords as a form of government overreach that threatens the safety and privacy of heroes and their families, leading him to come out of retirement to assist the resistance.

### **Scott Lang (ANT-MAN)**

Scott Lang is a former systems engineer and reformed thief who inherited the Ant-Man suit from Dr. Hank Pym. Scott was recruited by Sam Wilson after an encounter at the Avengers facility. Since Scott's mentor, Hank Pym, has a lifelong distrust of the Stark family and government organizations (having seen S.H.I.E.L.D. try to steal his Pym Particle technology), Scott is naturally inclined to side with the rebels. He joins the team as a wildcard, using his ability to shrink and grow to provide a tactical advantage against Iron Man's tech-heavy team.

## **Questions to be Addressed**

- 1. Should Enhanced Individuals operate independently or under UN supervision?**
- 2. Do the Sokovia Accords provide necessary accountability, or do they restrict basic freedoms?**
- 3. To what extent are the Avengers responsible for civilian casualties during their missions?**
- 4. Can governments be trusted to fairly control Enhanced Individuals, especially given past corruption (e.g., HYDRA infiltration)?**
- 5. Should biometric data of Enhanced Individuals be collected and stored by the UN?**
- 6. Is the Raft a legal and ethical method of detaining Enhanced Individuals without trial?**
- 7. Do technological enhancements (e.g., Iron Man suits) fall under the same regulations as biological enhancements?**
- 8. What obligations do Enhanced Individuals have to international law and human rights standards?**