



# GENERATION ZETA

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### ***Dais Letter***

Dear honourable delegates,

My name is Jazlyn Garcha, and I am pleased to welcome you to the Generation Zeta committee in this year's sixth annual Model UN conference at Central Peel Secondary School. I, alongside Vaani Ladhar, will be the co-directors of this fast-paced committee set during the year 2100. The dais also includes Shyreen Longia and Sia Bhatia as moderators, Jasmeet Aulakh as the crisis analyst, and Rajul Ghelani and Gurleen Badwal as the pages.

Generation Zeta, which derives its name from the Greek letter ζ (Zeta), is a committee set in the postwar era of 2100. This committee will focus on resolving the sociopolitical problems that have emerged due to the various environmental issues present during that era. Religious conflict, overpopulation and climate change are issues that we are all too familiar with in the year 2100. Ever since World War III, these threats to humanity are more detrimental than ever, and it is crucial that we put a stop to them. If nothing is done to solve these problems, they will continue to persist and may pose disastrous consequences to our society and environment, putting the survival of our species at risk.

Generation Zeta is a crisis committee that addresses such concerns. Humanity has reached its lowest point, and it is up to the delegates in this committee to make groundbreaking decisions and sacrifices to ensure the survival of the human race on Earth, the only planet we have access to, (for now)! There are three main topics and pressing issues that this committee will focus on: the increasing cultural tension between various racial affiliations, depleting natural resources such as water due to climate change, as well as severe overpopulation from external factors such as the baby boom after World War III. These are all issues that have stemmed from and lead to the overarching issue of a modern post-war era, which will be touched upon throughout this committee. Together as a delegation, you are expected to exhaust these root causes and solve the effects of these issues in order to ensure the survival of the human race.

As a delegate of Generation Zeta, you will be required to immediately act upon the consequences of various crises, as well as the actions of others. The stakes are high, and time is of the essence in this race against the clock.

We are overjoyed to hear the ideas that will be brought forward in the committee sessions. Please feel free to email me about any inquiries. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Jazlyn Garcha

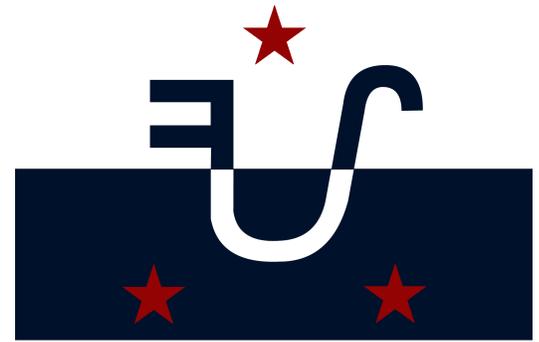
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### **Background Info**

Generation Zeta is set in a futuristic, post -World War III era. The third world war started on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2048 and it lasted until December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2052. One of the sparks that initiated WWIII was the ongoing civil war in North Korea. Groups of unnamed radicalists were opposing North Korea’s democratic system. At the time, Park Jong Un was the President of the DPRK and these unnamed radicalists wanted to kick him out of office. During the civil war, a series of minor attacks were launched on the legislative building located in Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. With the violent attacks occurring throughout North Korea, Park Jong Un asked Donald Trump IV for extra military aid. Unfortunately, after the arrival of American aid, the situation only deteriorated. The local government of Pyongyang accused the United States of illicitly mining on their territory. Allegedly, the United States stole approximately 1.6 billion dollars worth of zinc and manganese from the DPRK. This was the breaking point for North Korea, and they declared war on the United States. Instantly, both countries were engaged in a raging conflict. The world had become split due to the war and the two sides possessed immensely distinct ideologies. The Quad Powers and the Alphas were the names of the two opposing sides during the war. The countries and continents that were allied together during the war can be seen in the following chart:



*Figure 1. The radicalist group in DPRK used this flag to identify themselves. This flag is one of the only pieces of information that has been collected about them.*

The Quad Powers	The Alphas
The United States	North Korea
Africa	Germany
South America	China
Haiti	Russia

During the war, Donald Trump IV formed relations with Leonardo Saltzman. Mr. Saltzman was appointed as the head of the American and South American military by the International Military Control Unit (IMC). With Mr. Saltzman as a new ally, the United States had heightened military



power. This made it clear to the Alphas that they were lacking in militaristic force. Once this alliance occurred, the Alphas knew that they had to surrender because they were severely outnumbered in militaristic supplies, soldiers and weapons. The Quad Powers can be seen as the winners of the war while the Alphas were ultimately defeated as they were forced to surrender. Approximately 1.27 billion military personal and innocent civilians were killed during WWIII. Unfortunately, after the surrender, a bomb was dropped on the country of Haiti, leaving it severely demolished. At this point, the war was technically over, making the bombing a war crime. It is still unsure which country or person dropped this bomb, even though the investigation has been going on for over 20 years. Once, and if, the culprit is found, they will rightly be punished.



*Figure 2. An image taken shortly after the bomb on Haiti was dropped. Majority of Haiti is now just a pile of debris, and it may take several decades to completely restore the country to its previous state.*

## ***Topic A: Severe Overpopulation of the Human Race on Earth***

### **What is the issue?**

Overpopulation is a state in which there are an excessive number of humans on Earth. Xaliya Gilbert believes overpopulation is identified when people on Earth can no longer live in comfort, happiness and health, while also being able to leave the earth in a state that is suitable for future generations to inhabit.

### **What lead this issue to arise?**

During the early years of the 21st century, there was a large decline in international birth rates. This was mainly due to the fact that the newer generations could not afford to raise and support new offspring. This incident became known as “the decline of the 21st century.” The incident of WWIII caused birth rates to fall to an all-time low. During this time, the world was extremely unstable and violent, and nobody was safe. Numerous families were torn apart, and the unstable financial state of all countries involved in the war made it impossible for many households to support a baby.



However, after the war ended and the violence came to a stop, a significant amount of babies were born. Soldiers finally returned home, and this caused a major baby boom in the years 2053-2071. Babies born in this time period are called “contemporary boomers”. Approximately 535.6 million babies were born during the contemporary boom.

### What is the current state of the issue?

Overpopulation in 2100 is a highly detrimental issue. Currently, most of the world's population is concentrated in Africa and Asia. Most European and North American countries have managed to keep their populations under control. The Contemporary Boom led the world to a disastrously enormous population of 13.7 billion. Clearly, this massive population cannot be supported by the limited resources left on Earth. Most of the boomers are between the ages of 29 to 47 years old, making them the parents of Generation Zeta. The limited resources are not enough to support the current population and definitely not enough to support this new generation. Overpopulation has put the future of Generation Zeta in jeopardy and delegates are in a time bomb to figure a solution. If a solution is not found, the catastrophic result could be the extinction of the human race; as Earth is dangerously close to the depletion of all the resources required for our survival.

## World Population Density, 2100.

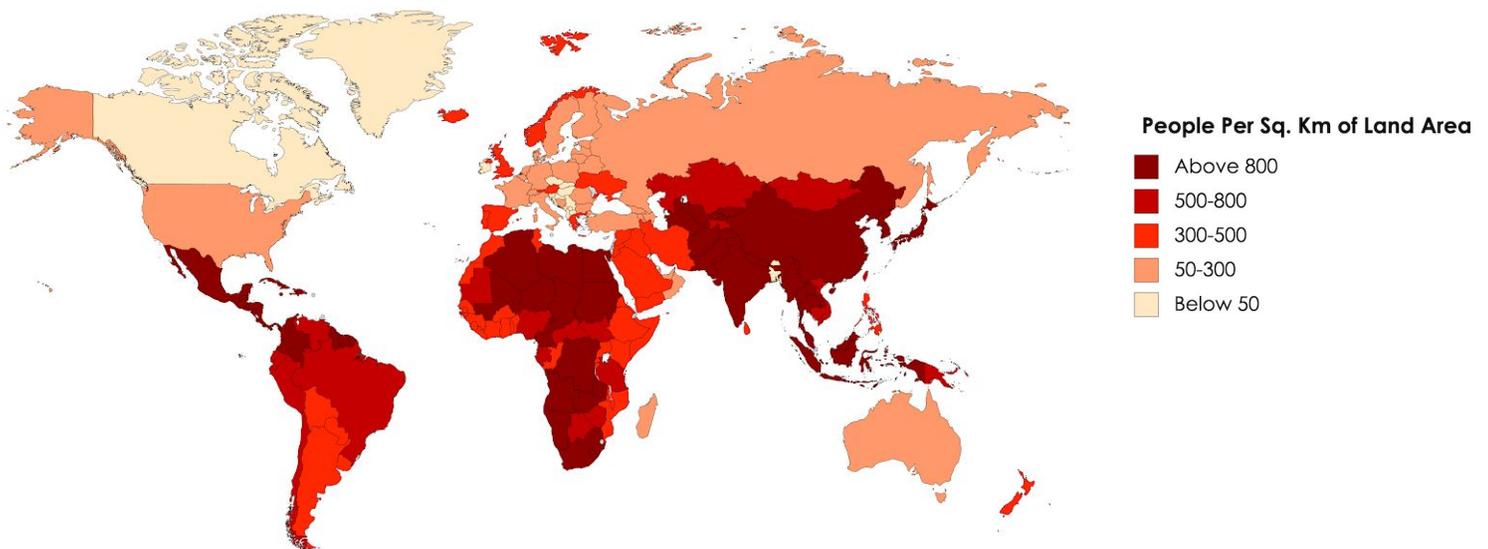


Figure 3. A map showing the population density of the world during the year 2100.



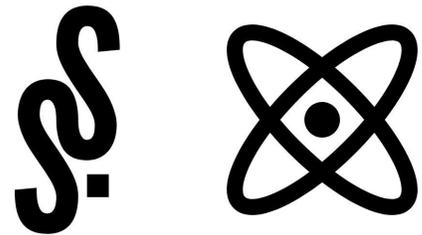
## ***Topic B: Religious Conflicts***

### **What is the issue?**

A religious conflict is a disagreement that is primarily caused by differences in the religion of two or more groups. Ethnic conflicts can lead to simple protests and rallies, but they can also lead to bigger issues such as bombings and terrorist attacks. Racism and a lack of acceptance of certain ethnicities and cultures by others is the main cause of religious conflicts.

### **What lead this issue to arise?**

In the mid 21st century, the majority of the world's population had become atheist, disbelievers in god or gods. Because of the terrorizing war, more people were beginning to look towards science and advanced technology to protect them from it. The only religious groups that were still intact after the war were the Solozic and Cledoto people. The only issue was that both of these groups have opposing beliefs on almost every issue. The Solozic people believe in retrogression and believe the way of life used in the 1800s should be restored in order to ensure our survival. They would prefer to live in a world without advanced scientific theories and modern technology. The Solozic people are also severely concerned about overpopulation and they believe there should be a strict one-child policy in place. ON the other hand, Cledeism beliefs focus on progression in the modern world of science and technology. They believe it is important to invest in newer technologies and ideas in order for society to survive.



*Figure 4. The symbol of the Solozic religion can be seen on the left, and the symbol of Cledoto religion can be seen on the right.*



*Figure 5. An image of the Hagia Sophia temple located in Istanbul. This temple unfortunately ceases to exist as it was completely demolished in a bombing, supposedly orchestrated by Cain Lexian.*

Since both religions are so different they have both attacked each other several times over the past 20 years. For example, during the ‘Attack of Istanbul’, approximately 1.2 million people were murdered. The attack lasted 6 days from March 4-10, 2088. There is an unconfirmed theory that the Solozic youth leader, Cain, had placed a bomb inside the Solozic temple in Istanbul, initiating the battle between the two religious groups. Millions of civilians were caught in the crossfire. This incident is the moment that political leaders began to realize how severe these religious incidents were becoming, and regardless of their desire for change, those in office have not made significant strides towards overcoming this issue



### What is the current state of the issue?

Currently, in 2100, terrorist attacks from both groups have been occurring on a frequent basis. It is clear that something must be done to satisfy the needs of both religions. If both groups aren't able to cooperate and agree on a consensual way to address these issues, these mass murders and genocides will continue to happen, and only grow in numbers and severity.

## Topic C: Anthropogenic Climate Change

### What is the issue?

Climate change is the change in long term weather patterns which leads to global patterns of climate varying over time. Anthropogenic climate change is the largest problem of this generation. Anthropogenic refers to being caused by humans, which leads to the definition of anthropogenic climate change to be climate change caused by humans. In addition to climate change, global warming has taken the world by storm. Global warming is the process in which greenhouse gases are trapped in the atmosphere. A portion of these gases are trapped in the atmosphere every time they are emitted. These gases absorb heat which causes the earth's temperature to rise. The combination of climate change and global warming has left the earth in the worst possible state.

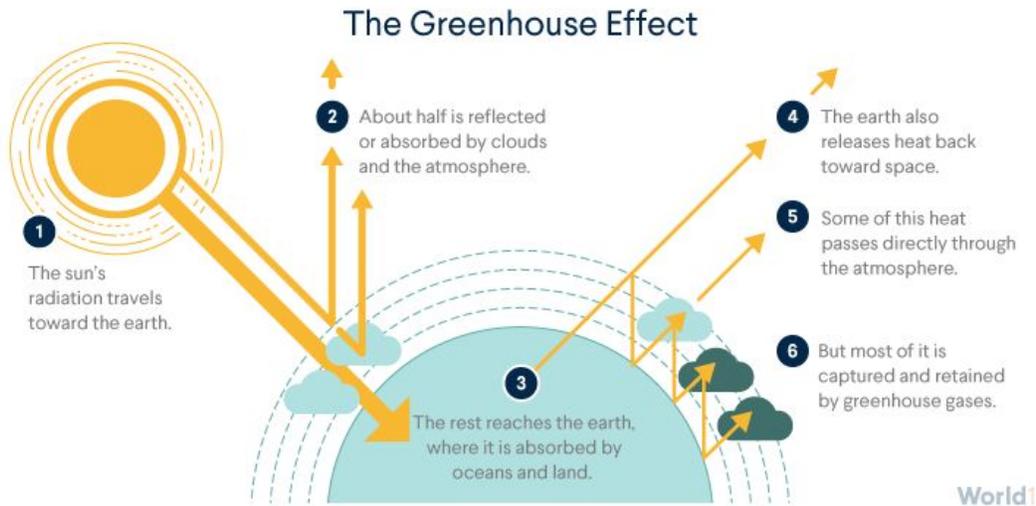


Figure 6. A diagram briefly describing the greenhouse effect.

### What lead this issue to arise?

As previously mentioned, climate change and global warming are primarily caused by humans. The state of the environment since the industrial revolution has only gone downhill. Reasons that the world has reached this new level of disaster is due to the non-stop abuse of fossil fuels, a devastating amount of plastic in large water bodies, constant deforestation and the excessive emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The war played a big part in the emission of greenhouse gases



due to all the production during the war for products such as tanks, firearms, machine guns, and aircrafts. In addition, the food packaged and sent all across the world sealed in plastic. The war lasted 4 years, which lead to an enormous amount of plastic usage. The fossil fuels used during the war were used to fuel the production of war goods and weapons. The war also significantly increased deforestation rates.

### **What is the current state of the issue?**

Since the Industrial Revolution, the world has seen a 9.7 degrees Celsius rise in global temperature. In addition, due to the rising sea levels, 51% of the world's islands have disappeared. Fossil fuels were abused and now there are 1.5 years before they are completely depleted and used up. The human race only has until the year 2103 to rectify this problem before the inevitable extinction of our species. Previously, a large barrier faced in counteracting climate change were the disbelievers that came in the way of funding solutions. Now, the majority of the world's population finally understands the severity of the issue, and disbelievers are not coming in the way of finding a solution to climate change. However, it is too late to think of long term solutions and immediate action must be taken. No major actions effective enough to save the human race have been taken as of right now.

## ***Character Roles***

### **Political leaders**

#### Donald Trump IV - *President of the United States of America*

Ever since 2015, the Trump family descendants have been leaders of the Republican Party of the United States. Donald Trump IV is currently the President of the United States, the economic giant of the world. Trump is receiving much of the blame from all across the world for his negligence to address various global issues.

#### Rhee Jong Un - *President of North Korea*

After WWII, North Korea went through a complete transformation to their governmental system and is now a democratic republic. After the death of Kim Jong Un, his nephew took over leadership and since then the family has consistently been elected into government. Rhee Jong Un has continued to keep this system running and the citizens of North Korea are content with her leadership.

#### Diane Trudeau - *Prime Minister of Canada*

After the Liberal party of Canada lost the election of October 2019, the Trudeau family was never seen in the federal government again, until Diane Trudeau. Diane Trudeau is the first female Prime Minister of Canada. She has continued to strive to be neutral in conflicts all across the world and lead Canada to act as peacekeepers rather than participate in violence.



Klaus Steinmeier - *Chancellor of Germany*

Klaus Steinmeier is the chancellor of Germany. Germany has finally been able to rejuvenate and recover its economy after WWII, due to Steinmeier's ability to develop strong trade relations around the world. Klaus strives to strengthen the economy and businesses in Germany by selling the idea of environmentally-friendly manufacturing.

**Religious Leaders**

Axton Jaffar - *Founder of Cledeism and leader of the Cledoto people*

After the war, Axton began sharing his opinions and beliefs and was able to gain followers under a new teaching, and now religion, called Cledeism. Cledeism, which is now one of the two largely practised religions in the world, entails that progression and change are what's best for our society. Axton is the leader of the Cledoto and he truly believes in his futuristic and technology-based ideas.

Dex Aldini - *Second-in-command to the Cledoto*

Dex has been shadowing his religious mentor Axton Jaffar ever since he introduced the idea of Cledeism. Dex truly believes in moving towards the future and using technology to better the world's current situation. Dex respects the opinions of the Solozic people but he knows if there was ever any sort of large-scale attack from the Solozic people he would not hesitate to strike back.

Kai Lexian - *Leader of the Solozic people*

Even after the majority of the world's population turned atheist during the mid 21st century, Kai continued to be a firm believer in Solism. Ever since he was introduced to this religion as a child, Kai has become their biggest devotee. Solism is solely based on retrogression, and Kai believes the only way humans are going to survive is if we restore the way of life used in the 1800s.

Cian Lexian - *Youth representative and youth leader of the Solozic people*

Cian is the younger brother of Kai and he too is a strong believer in Solism's retrogressive beliefs. Along with some of the other Solozic teens he has been seen committing various acts of violence against the Cledoto people. Cian is the closest thing the modern world has seen to a terrorist and it is clear that Cian will do anything to get rid of anybody who doesn't share his beliefs.

**Military Personnel**

Xavier Pierce - *Militia Leader*

Xavier is in charge of all the militia groups in the eastern hemisphere, which is why he has a strong connection with politician Rhee Jong Un. Xavier is known to be rowdy and insensible with his military weapons and power. In fact, some people speculate that he was the one that stole and supplied the nuke that bombed Haiti.



Leonardo Saltzman - *Leader of the military in the south-western hemisphere*

Leonardo is a nobleman with immense pride and righteousness. These characteristics are why he was appointed as the head of the military in Africa and South America by the International Military Control Unit (IMCU). After IMCU's disbandment during the war, Leonardo became the only thing keeping the world safe from another militaristic tragedy.

**Countries / Continents**

Haiti - *Delegate representing the country of Haiti*

Out of the several countries destroyed and demolished by the horrific events of World War III, Haiti was hit the hardest. With two massive epidemics in the past decade and one nuclear attack from an unknown enemy, Haiti isn't doing too hot. The government and the few remaining residents in Haiti are demanding change and they'll go to any lengths to achieve it.

Antarctica - *Delegate representing the continent of Antarctica*

Due to climate change and the global temperature rise, Antarctica has now become fully habitable. People from all across the northern hemisphere decided to flee to Antarctica to escape the war, and together they have created an unstable community without any actual government. This country is in complete chaos and a civil war may break out if a unified government is not created soon.

**Journalist**

Averia DeSilva - *World War III specialist*

Averia grew famous and expanded her career as a journalist by writing articles about World War Three and is also known as a passionate feminist. She has experienced battles with her own two eyes from the sidelines to write about the role of women in the war. This led many people across the world to begin to read her articles as they were first-person recollections of the war.

**Intergalactic relations**

Katerina Petrova - *Researcher at NASA*

Katerina is a researcher at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). As a former astronaut, she uses her first-hand experience in space as an advantage. Katerina is very passionate about the possibility of taking a human life to Mars and now that technology deems Mars fit for habitation, she continues to work hard on the possibility.

Nova Hawthorne - *Director of the ISS*

Nova has recently become a director of the International Space Station after 25 years of experience in the space travel field and a Ph.D. in Space and Earth Sciences. Nova is fully aware of the risks of space travel and in her opinion, the cons definitely outweigh the pros. As the director of the ISS, she



refuses to let anybody within her regime speak or even think about exploring other planets as she is strictly opposed to the thought.

### **Scientist**

Xaylia Gilbert - *Founder of Science to the Rescue Organization*

Xaylia Gilbert is now an internationally-renowned scientist due to the fact that she formulated the medication to treat cancer. She owns a world-scaled organization called, *Science to the Rescue*, which strives towards discovering affordable treatments to large scale diseases that affect people all across the world. She was awarded a Nobel peace prize for her efforts and contributions to the human race at just 23 years old.



## ***Conclusion***

By reading this background guide, you are able to familiarize yourself with the main ideas and themes of the Generation Zeta Committee. To further prepare yourself for the chaos you will endure during this fast-paced committee, we encourage you to think of what you would like to accomplish during the committee sessions. Your goals are simple, solve the issues of concern; overpopulation, religious conflicts and climate change. It is, however, your job to contemplate the most effective method to rid the world of these problems due to the increasingly limited time you possess.

Due to the year in which this committee is set (2100), this modern world could come as a foreign idea. Nevertheless, this setting comes with many benefits such as being able to develop new technologies to ease and support the process of solving the issues. In addition, the fact that the characters are fictional, you have a lot more freedom as to what you would like your opinions to be which allows you to shape your character.

On the first day of the conference, every delegate will have a slip placed on their desk. This slip consists of a piece of information about your character the no other delegate knows. This could come as a secret of your past, an intention, an opinion of an issue or simply just a character trait. This will help with the development and shaping of your character since it is mostly up to each delegate themselves. Only you are permitted to see your secret.

For the duration of the committee, laptops and tablets are permitted for research purposes only, any communication between delegates must go through the page system. In addition, the committee will be verbally informed of all crises but, a twitter page will be used to keep track. The twitter page is @generationzetamun, all crisis will be posted on this public twitter page so that they are accessible for reference throughout the sessions.

The bibliography consists of reliable sources on the topic of the issues of concern. They can be referred to for more information on each of the subjects matters. Please keep in mind, our committee is based upon a fictional world which is why information from these websites was altered in this background guide. Make sure to only refer to the background guide for any hard facts or numbers.

The chair expects delegate to maintain decorum and respect each of the delegates and the chair to make this conference enjoyable for everyone. Yet, if at any point you have a question, please feel free to ask through a point of inquiry. Questions that you may have before the conference can be emailed to us at the committee Gmail, [generationzetamun@gmail.com](mailto:generationzetamun@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts, *Good Luck!*



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