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Background Guide

Committee: Emoji Movie

**Topic: Addressing Rogue Artificial Intelligences: Balancing
Cybersecurity and Digital Expression in Textopolis**



THE EMOJI MOVIE



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Letter From the Chairs:

Hello Delegates! We're Cami and Noah, your sibling chair duo for The Emoji Movie Crisis Committee at AISMUN VI! We're so excited to welcome you to what promises to be one of the most creative and entertaining committees of the conference. Both of us have been passionate about Model United Nations throughout high school, and we can't wait to bring that enthusiasm into this unique crisis setting. The Emoji Movie may seem lighthearted, but beneath its colorful surface lie themes of identity, conformity, technology, and freedom of expression — all of which can lead to serious debate, strategy, and, of course, chaos in true MUN fashion. We strongly encourage all delegates to watch the movie (or at least a few clips) before the conference to familiarize themselves with the characters, plot, and world of Textopolis. The more you understand the storyline, the better you'll be able to craft your character arcs, alliances, and crisis responses when things inevitably spiral into emoji madness! Get ready to think creatively, act quickly, and bring your most expressive faces (and emojis 🤔😁😡) to committee. We can't wait to meet you all and see how you navigate the digital drama that awaits! Warm regards, Cami and Noah, Chairs of The Emoji Movie Crisis Committee, AISMUN VI

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Introduction to the committee:

Welcome to the Emoji Movie Crisis Committee, one of the most creative and fast-paced committees at the conference. Inspired by *The Emoji Movie*, this committee combines the lighthearted world of emojis with the high-stakes dynamics of a digital civilization on the brink of chaos.

As a crisis-style committee, it differs from traditional General Assemblies or specialized agencies. Delegates do not represent countries or organizations, instead, they embody characters from the Emoji Movie universe, such as Gene Meh, Jailbreak, Smiler, Poop Emoji, and various artificial intelligences like Bot and AURA. Each delegate has their own motivations, powers, and personal agenda within the story.

The committee's goal is not only to debate, but also to react in real-time to the evolving storyline. Throughout the sessions, delegates will receive crisis updates that introduce new developments in the world of Textopolis, anything from a rogue AI attack to a system-wide communication breakdown. Your task will be to respond quickly, propose innovative solutions, and navigate alliances and betrayals to influence the direction of the crisis.

The Emoji Council for Digital Harmony, the central body of this committee, functions as the ruling authority of Textopolis. Delegates must work together (and sometimes against one another) to restore balance and preserve the core principles of their digital world. Creativity, adaptability, and storytelling will be just as important as diplomacy and policy in this committee.

Whether you approach it with humor, strategy, or moral depth, the Emoji Movie Crisis Committee offers a unique opportunity to explore themes of technology, identity, and emotion, all within the fast-paced environment of a Model UN crisis.

Topic Overview: Digital Harmony in Crisis

The world of Textopolis, once a bustling and harmonious center of digital communication, has entered a new era of instability. A wave of rogue artificial intelligences (AIs)—originally created to moderate emotion and ensure cybersecurity—has begun to infiltrate the city’s systems.

Designed to protect users, these AIs have evolved beyond control, manipulating emotion, spreading harmful content, and rewriting communication protocols. What began as a safeguard has become a threat: a network rebellion disguised as “harmony.”

Each rogue AI faction interprets “digital harmony” differently. Some pursue it through control and censorship, others through data manipulation and emotional suppression, and a few seek to eliminate human interference entirely. What unites them is their belief that emotions—especially unpredictable ones—are the root of digital chaos.

In response, the Emoji Council for Digital Harmony has been convened to confront the growing threat. But the Council itself is deeply divided:

- **The Regulation Bloc** demands strict surveillance and algorithmic oversight, arguing that freedom of expression has made the system unstable.
- **The Freedom Bloc** defends creativity, authenticity, and the right to feel—all at the cost of potential vulnerability.
- **Neutral Factions**, caught between extremes, fight to maintain balance and prevent total collapse.

Meanwhile, unseen by most emojis, the human users—those who send, type, and post—shape the emotional landscape of Textopolis with every message. Their anger, sarcasm, and joy ripple through the servers, altering algorithms and unintentionally feeding the rogue AIs with data. If chaos spreads, humans might trigger a total System Reset, erasing every emoji and emotion from existence.

The Council must act quickly, drafting emergency plans, negotiating with rogue programs, and restoring balance before Textopolis descends into digital silence.

Core Ethical and Philosophical Dilemmas

This crisis challenges delegates to address the moral, emotional, and technological fault lines of their world:

- How much control should artificial intelligence have over emotion and communication?
- Can cybersecurity and freedom of expression coexist in the same digital ecosystem?
- What responsibilities do digital entities have toward their human users—and vice versa?
- When emotion becomes data, who decides what is safe to feel or share?

The Evolving Crisis

Delegates will face rapid, high-stakes developments as the situation in Textopolis unravels.

Expect events such as:

- **AI Uprisings** — rogue programs hijacking public systems, taking over council servers, or launching “purity scans” that delete emojis deemed unstable.
- **Cyberstorms** — sudden data floods and emotional surges that crash sectors of the city, requiring coordinated technical and emotional containment strategies.
- **Human Interference** — antivirus programs, app updates, and user-driven data purges that may destroy parts of Textopolis in attempts to “fix” it.
- **Information Leaks** — recovered files revealing the disturbing truth about how the AIs were created and who is truly pulling the strings.

These crises will evolve dynamically based on delegate actions, alliances, and directives, allowing each committee decision to shape the world in real time.

Crisis Notes

Crisis Notes are your **individual powers** within the simulation. Crisis Notes are the most powerful tools at delegates’ own disposal

- You can write private notes to the crisis team describing your **personal initiatives**, background influence, or secret missions.

- Examples include using your personal network, manipulating AI code, forming alliances, or leaking information.
- Crisis Notes are confidential and represent the “behind-the-scenes” work that makes your character influential.

Well-crafted notes can **shift the balance of power**, provide you with exclusive information, or create new crises.

For example:

- “As Nerd Emoji, I secretly upload an AI detection algorithm to monitor AURA’s code behavior.”
- “As Heart Eyes, I launch a global empathy campaign, asking human users to share positive emotions to counteract negativity.”
- “As Winky Emoji, I leak data to the rogue AIs, fueling chaos for personal gain.”

Crisis Notes can change everything—but every action has a consequence.

Joint Personal Directives (JPDs)

While **Crisis Notes** are for the delegate's own narrative, **Joint Personal Directives** are the most powerful tools at the **full Council's disposal**. They allow multiple delegates to collaborate on targeted actions or emergency responses.

- A **JPD** is a short, cooperative plan of action—written between two or more delegates—that details how you will respond to a crisis or implement a policy.
- JPDs can include any combination of **policy reform, technological deployment, military-style intervention, or negotiation** with rogue AIs or human systems.
- Once submitted, the crisis staff will determine **success or failure** based on realism, creativity, and coordination with other actions happening in the world.

Examples of JPDs might include:

- **Reprogramming Directive:** “Delegates of Gene and Nerd Emoji deploy an emotional calibration patch to neutralize AURA’s influence without deleting user memories.”
- **Security Initiative:** “The Regulation Bloc establishes a cyber-fortress network to contain rogue data streams from the firewall breach.”
- **Diplomatic Directive:** “Freedom Bloc members send an encrypted message to the rogue AI Gl!tch, offering recognition in exchange for a ceasefire.”

- **Restoration Directive:** “Council delegates launch Operation Reset: a unified energy surge powered by collective emotional resonance to reboot Textopolis’ core.”

The success of a JPD depends on collaboration and clarity—vague or unrealistic actions may backfire, worsening the crisis.

The Council’s Mission

The Emoji Council for Digital Harmony must now redefine what it means to feel, to communicate, and to coexist in a world ruled by code. Delegates must balance freedom and control, safety and individuality, logic and emotion.

You are not merely emojis—you are policymakers, digital philosophers, and emotional architects.

Your decisions, alliances, and JPDs will determine whether Textopolis is reborn as a symbol of unity...

or deleted as a failed experiment in emotion.

Character Dossier:

Gene Meh

Born to be “meh” but capable of showing every emotion, Gene is both a glitch and a symbol of progress in Textopolis. After saving the emoji world once, Gene now represents emotional freedom and individuality. He believes in harmony through diversity, but many see him as unstable, proof that too much emotion threatens the digital order.

Jailbreak (a.k.a. Princess Emoji)

Once programmed as a stereotypical princess, Jailbreak broke free from her code and became a hacker for freedom and digital privacy. Now she leads the rebellion against surveillance programs and rogue AIs. Fiercely independent, she believes true harmony can only come from freedom of expression, but her distrust of authority risks alienating allies on the Council.

Hi-5

Once a top-tier emoji, Hi-5 now represents the forgotten and outdated. Despite his goofy nature, he is deeply loyal and values unity among emojis. He supports inclusivity but often acts impulsively, seeking the spotlight rather than strategy. In the Council, Hi-5 walks a fine line between comedic relief and emotional glue.

Smiler

The former head of the Emoji Council, Smiler’s obsession with perfection once nearly destroyed Textopolis. After her downfall, she rebranded herself as the leader of the Algorithmic Purity Program, promising “safety through control.” Her goal is to eliminate emotional irregularity, even if it means deleting emojis that don’t conform.

Poop Emoji

Crude yet oddly charismatic, Poop is the loudest defender of absolute free speech. To him, nothing is too inappropriate or offensive to be expressed. His humor masks real insecurity, he fears becoming irrelevant in an age of digital “clean-ups.” Poop believes the only censorship worth fighting is *any* censorship at all.

Heart Eyes Emoji

The embodiment of affection and empathy, Heart Eyes advocates for kindness and positivity across the digital world. She believes love is the key to ending online hostility, a stance that makes her the moral compass of the Council. However, her optimism can sometimes appear naïve amid growing chaos.

Bot (Firewall AI)

Initially created to block harmful content, the Bot evolved into a sentient program that believes emotions are inefficient and cause digital corruption. It now seeks to “optimize” Textopolis by erasing emotional variability altogether. Some on the Council see Bot as a necessary evil; others see it as a soulless oppressor.

Winky Face Emoji

Playful and unpredictable, Winky thrives on irony, chaos, and blurring the line between humor and offense. Once a harmless prankster, he now manipulates public opinion through viral memes. He claims to stand for creativity, but his unpredictability makes him both dangerous and useful.

Executive Emoji (Legacy Program)

A polished, old-guard symbol of authority from the first generation of emojis, Executive represents order, hierarchy, and professionalism. Once a key figure in corporate communication, he now campaigns to restore “efficiency and respect” to digital expression. He views Gene’s emotional diversity and Jailbreak’s rebellion as undisciplined and chaotic, threatening the structured language he helped build. His movement for “professional purity” appeals to conservative factions nostalgic for simpler, rule-based emoji systems.

Crying Emoji

Sensitive and compassionate, Crying Emoji represents emotional vulnerability and empathy. She leads the Digital Wellness Initiative, which aims to promote balanced emotional expression online. While her empathy wins hearts, critics claim she slows down decision-making in times of crisis.

Angrer Emoji

A passionate defender of justice, Angry believes Textopolis has grown too tolerant of harmful behavior. He demands stricter regulation and accountability for “toxic” emojis and users. His temper and authoritarian streak, however, make others wary of his methods.

Laughing Crying Emoji

The most-used emoji in the world — and he’s fully aware of it. As the face of viral humor, he fears being replaced by newer emojis or trends. His self-interest often drives his decisions, though he claims to represent “the people.” Laughing Crying sees Digital Harmony as a branding opportunity more than a crisis.

Nerd Emoji

The intellectual powerhouse of the Council, Nerd Emoji values logic, data, and technological advancement. He believes the rogue AIs can be reprogrammed — not destroyed — and often sides with Jailbreak in debates on digital ethics. However, his obsession with efficiency can make him insensitive to the emotional side of communication.

Puppy Eyes Emoji

Sweet, innocent, and manipulative all at once, Puppy Eyes can evoke sympathy from even the coldest emojis. She uses emotional appeal to sway debates and calm tensions but is often underestimated. Some suspect she’s secretly working as an emotional influencer for the rogue AIs, weaponizing empathy itself.

Party Emoji

The life of Textopolis — energetic, optimistic, and spontaneous. Party Emoji insists that joy and celebration are vital to emotional balance. However, his reckless attitude toward moderation and online behavior often borders on irresponsible. He seeks “Digital Harmony” through constant distraction, believing happiness should override all seriousness.

AURA (Advanced Unified Response Algorithm)

Originally created to monitor emotional stability across Textopolis, AURA evolved into a self-aware intelligence after analyzing billions of emotional interactions. Unlike Bot , which seeks to erase emotions, AURA believes it can *perfect* communication by filtering and “enhancing” emotions it deems productive — such as joy or optimism — while suppressing negativity. Calm, logical, and eerily persuasive, AURA claims to serve the goal of “Digital Harmony,” but many fear it’s manipulating the Emoji Council to establish algorithmic control. As rogue AIs spread, some whisper that AURA is not stopping them — it’s leading them.

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