

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE ZOMBIE OUTBREAK

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I.

LETTER FROM THE ICZO COMMITTEE PRESIDENT

Dear delegates, it is our honor to welcome you to the International Committee on the Zombie Outbreak (ICZO), one of the most unique and demanding committees. Together we are going to work to guide you, support you, and challenge you in this great edition of Cervmun X.

This committee, unlike many others, places delegates in a world where international structure and humanity are collapsing. You will face pressing global emergencies and moral debates. ICZO is not just about resolution, it is about saving the future. Delegates don't be scared to make a decision, don't be scared to talk, let's make ICZO an unforgettable experience.

Personally, the Model United Nations has taught me that leadership is forged under pressure. I truly believe that those who embrace complexity, remain calm under pressure, and choose action over silence are the ones who make history, not only in MUN, but in life. For me MUN has turned into a passion, where I can express my delegation's thoughts, a place where I can have liberty.

These next few days will be intense, but at the end it will be placefull, seeing all the hard work lead to a great success. I hope you enjoy every second of it, and that this committee marks a powerful step in your journey as a delegate.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out, more than a president, we are your friends. We are here to help, and we're excited to watch you shape the debate.

The best of the lucks,

-Juan Diego Araújo

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LETTER FROM THE ICZO COMMITTEE PRESIDENT

With great joy and excitement, we welcome you to the International Committee on the Zombie Outbreak (ICZO). It is truly an honor to be part of this presidency team, and we are thrilled to share this space with you. Thank you for choosing this committee, one that is unique, different, and full of interesting challenges.

ICZO is not a traditional committee. Here, we step into a fictional world where a biological crisis has shaken the foundations of global order. As delegates, you will take on the role of leaders in the midst of chaos. You will be challenged to respond to a global emergency, protect lives, and search for innovative and ethical solutions in the face of fear. ICZO is about survival, yes but also about strategy, humanity, and hope.

Personally, debate spaces have taught me the power of expression, teamwork, and adaptability. Every experience like the one we are about to live helps us grow and learn not just as delegates, but as individuals. That's why I believe this committee can offer you a space to debate, to lead, and to listen.

We are very excited for this upcoming experience and to see the potential each of you has to offer. We hope this space allows you to showcase your skills, your energy, your voice and show what you're made of.

Lastly, if at any moment you feel lost or have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us. You can always count on our support. We're not only here as presidents, but as friends you can rely on.

With great enthusiasm,

-Stephanie Valencia

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ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

ICZO, which stands for the International Committee on the Zombie Outbreak, is a new committee created, in response to the recent global outbreak, caused by a sudden mutation of the Cordyceps fungus. This news has resulted in the threat of a contagious and dangerous infection, with the power of damaging the international stability, public health, and human survival.

ICZO addresses multiple areas of international concern, including emergency healthcare coordination, research and development of possible cures or treatments, and the regulation of affected zones. It also seeks to ensure international cooperation during the crisis and ensure that all decisions align with the UN principles and laws. This committee was established to bring together representatives from countries across the world, international organizations, health institutions, and scientists.

This committee needs delegates to work under pressure, adapt to difficult situations, and make impactful decisions in a moving and uncertain scenario, making alliances, and working together to save the future of humanity.

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TOPIC: Coordinating the Global response to the Zombie outbreak: Strategies, for Containment, Eradication, and the Survival of Humanity.

INTRODUCTION

It is known across the world, the current unprecedented global emergency: a rapidly spreading infection caused by a genetically mutated strain of the Cordyceps fungus. This infection has the ability to cause severe neurological degeneration, loss of the cognitive functions, and an extreme aggression, taking control of the victim, with a mortality rate of 12.6%, unlike COVID-19, which only had a 1.2%.

Since the first confirmed human infection, on July 4th, the situation has escalated rapidly. Governments around the world have declared states of emergency, while public health systems are overwhelmed and suffering big collapses. The lack of a coordinated global response has further aggravated the crisis.

Governments of China and Russia are accusing president Donald Trump, because of the lack of information he has given, since it is known the first infection was in the United States, because of a failed experiment that took place in Washington D.C. President Trump stated that it is better to find solutions rather than search for a culprit, denying any direct responsibility, insisting it was a result of a mutation, while many nations ask for transparency.

Most recent studies show that the fungus has reached more than 120 countries in less than 2 weeks, being the most affected ones the United States and Brazil. More than a million cases around the world. Surprisingly countries like Switzerland and France remain without infections. This information according to the WHO.

➤ Focus in the committee:

The committee will allow the international community to express its concerns, share research, and align strategic responses to the outbreak. As delegates your responsibility is to defend your position, propose solutions, your role will be crucial, every second counts, every decision is important for saving humanity, or failing on the attempt.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In 2020, humanity faced one of the greatest humanitarian crises of the century: the COVID-19 pandemic. This disease, which emerged in China and was caused by a zoonotic virus, spread rapidly across all continents like the flu, killing more than 6 million people and causing a global health, economic, and social collapse. This event was so shocking that it highlighted the lack of preparedness of governments and public health systems in the face of biological threats and demonstrated the difficulty of coordinating effective international responses.

Advances in biotechnology and confidential programs

In the wake of the pandemic, which left traumatic scars, various world powers began to invest heavily in biotechnology research with the aim of preventing future pandemics. However, some of these programs were developed confidentially, without ethical oversight, etc. One of the most controversial projects was the CODICE project, an experiment funded by military agencies and private laboratories in the United States.

The failure of the experiment

CODICE aimed to genetically manipulate the Cordyceps fungus, an organism found in nature that infects insects and controls their behavior, to study its possible use in preventing future pandemics (Lu, 2019). Some theories claim that the aim was to develop a strain capable of strengthening the human immune system through neurological interaction. Other, more controversial hypotheses suggest that the real objective of the experiment was to design a biological system for population control, especially in the context of biological warfare.

Regardless of the intentions, the fact is that the experiment got completely out of control. In June 2025, the first isolated symptoms appeared in humans, but it was on July 4 that the situation became uncontrollable in one of the high-security laboratories in Washington, D.C., where the project was being developed. However, on that same day, the United States was celebrating its Independence Day: fireworks, parades, and the presidential speech captured the nation's attention.

Internal alerts from the laboratory were downplayed under pressure not to disrupt such an iconic date. Several employees reported strange neurological symptoms after a minor leak of the modified fungus, but their cases were classified as isolated events.

This strategic error of not acting in time allowed the pathogen to escape from the facility and begin to circulate silently among the population. In the following weeks, the fungus evolved,

becoming highly transmissible and aggressive, and by July 25, hundreds of suspected cases were reported in several states across the country. By the end of the month, the outbreak had crossed borders.

In less than two weeks, the infection had spread to more than 120 countries, with a mortality rate of 12.6% and devastating neurological effects, including loss of cognitive function, brain degeneration, and episodes of extreme aggression.

The situation quickly overwhelmed the response capacity of health systems, while attempts at international coordination proved late and ineffective in the early stages of the crisis.

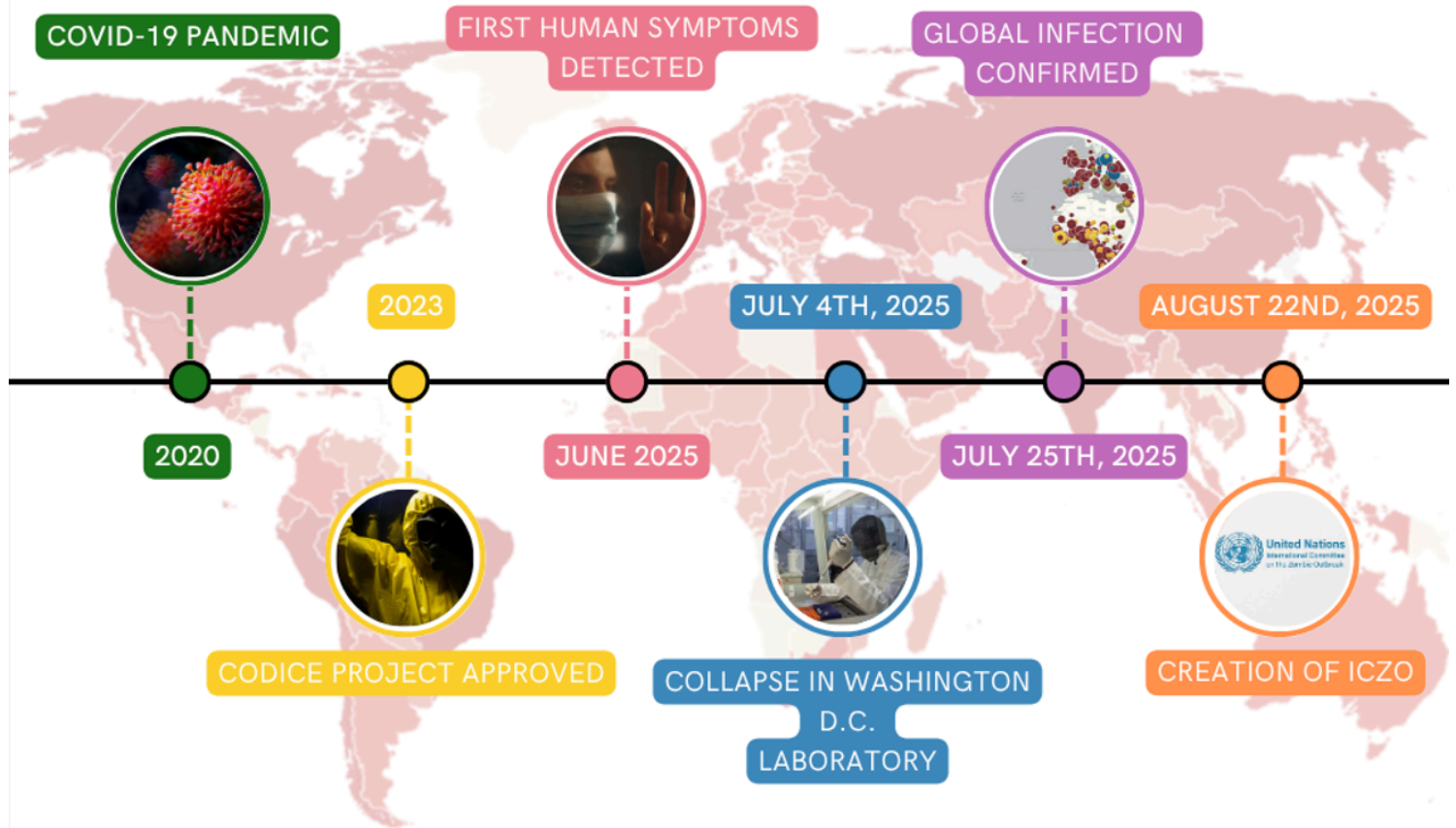
Origin of ICZO: A Desperate Response

Given the magnitude of the crisis and the failure of existing international organizations to respond effectively, the **International Committee on the Zombie Outbreak (ICZO)** was established on August 22nd, 2025, as a special emergency agency backed by the United Nations and multiple global actors. The rapid spread of the infection, combined with growing political tensions and the collapse of national health systems, made it clear that an immediate, centralized response was urgently needed.

ICZO was created with the purpose of uniting scientists, military strategists, humanitarian agencies, and government representatives under a single operational framework. **Its mission: to coordinate a global response to contain the infection, protect uninfected populations, accelerate the development of a treatment or cure, and ensure the survival of humanity** in the face of this unprecedented biological threat.

Though formed under emergency circumstances, ICZO now stands as the world's last hope to prevent total collapse and possibly extinction.

TIMELINE OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC OUTBREAK



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CURRENT SITUATION

As of September 2025, the world is a state of extreme emergency. The mutation of the cordyceps has infected over 120 million people, with an extreme and fast spread, these cases are continuously rising. With projections estimating that more than 80% of the population could be affected within 3 months, if no action is taken.

The virus emerged from a failed experiment made in Washington D.C, this experiment was made by Dr. Anthony Fauci. There are a lot of theories of what actually happened, registers and filtrations say that it was poor security management, but last information given by Li-Meng Yan has shown that there are some IP directions from Asia, stating that maybe it was a sabotage from another country.

Entire cities have been evacuated, none of them have been quarantined. Major urban cities, such as Washington D.C and Sao Paulo are now classified as “Red Zones”. Generating a severe economic downturn of the United States, and Brazil. Several small countries in Africa and Asia have collapsed entirely, Humanitarian organizations are overwhelmed, and the global economy has fallen due to the U.S.A crisis, putting Russia as the strongest country.

The international community is divided. While some nations advocate for extreme containment protocols, others insist on prioritizing humanitarian aid and scientific cooperation. Meanwhile, conspiracy theories, misinformation, and political tensions continue to escalate, making coordinated action even more difficult.

There is currently no vaccine or any type of cure, ICZO counts with people with the abilities of trying to create a vaccine to the Cordyceps, despite the limited data offered by the United States, and the high levels of aggression of infected subjects, making investigations more difficult to be realized. Russia and allies are currently threatening the United States because of the lack of information, calling for transparency and a global response to the virus.

China has adopted a zero-tolerance containment strategy, using military drones. Africa and South America are suffering from a lack of international aid. North Korea is executing every

infected person, surprisingly it is working, since they are one of the countries with the least number of infections.

SCIENTIFIC STATUS:

It is known that the infections cause irreversible brain degeneration in 36-48 hours after symptoms appear.

Infected individuals display extreme aggression and a loss of basic human behavior, however, they retain motor coordination, making them more dangerous than classical “zombies”

A recent investigation has found early signs of more mutations, meaning danger is rising.

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APPROACH AND EXPECTATIONS FOR DEBATE

The International Committee on the Zombie Outbreak (ICZO) is not a traditional MUN committee. This space will challenge delegates to respond to an unprecedented crisis with creativity, urgency, and leadership.

In this committee, delegates are expected to:

- Take on the role of decision-makers under pressure. The position of your assigned character is fundamental, but so is your ability to collaborate and negotiate.
- Propose realistic, well-founded solutions with an ethical approach. Although the context is fictional, your responses should reflect real-world logic and responsibility.
- Be able to improvise. Crisis elements may emerge at any moment, and it is essential that delegates adapt and act strategically, quickly, and coherently.
- Participate actively. Participation goes beyond speeches: it also involves teamwork, drafting documents, and showing initiative throughout the committee.

More than a test of knowledge, ICZO is a simulation of human resilience and cooperation in times of chaos. If you follow these guidelines, you will perform with strength, confidence, and purpose and we are certain you will go far in this committee.

We encourage you to give your best, step out of your comfort zone, and enjoy every second of this experience. Don't be afraid to take initiative, ask questions, or explore bold ideas. You don't have to be perfect, you just have to be present, committed, and ready to grow.

Every intervention you make, every motion you propose, and every negotiation you lead is an opportunity to improve your skills and leave your mark. Think of this committee as more than just a debate; it's a space to connect, to challenge yourself, and to show what you're made of.

We believe in you, and we're excited to see the passion, effort, and creativity you'll bring to ICZO. Let's make this committee an unforgettable experience.

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GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What is the actual role and authority of my character? From what perspective should they act politically, military, scientific, humanitarian?
2. What concrete measures will my character implement to contain the outbreak within their area of responsibility (country, institution, community)?
3. How does my character plan to control their population during the crisis? Would they support forced quarantines, curfews, or media censorship?
4. What kinds of solutions would my character support—scientific, military, technological, social? And what actions would they never approve of?
5. What strategic alliances would benefit my character inside the committee, and with whom might they enter into conflict?
6. How would my character manage a situation of mass panic, resource shortages, or institutional collapse?
7. What is my character's stance on ethically controversial decisions, such as use of force, sacrifice of civilians, or isolation of infected regions?
8. What resources does my character have that could significantly contribute to containment (vaccines, scientists, intelligence, logistics)?
9. How would my character respond to a direct accusation of being responsible for the outbreak or mishandling the situation?
10. What is the ultimate goal of my character in this committee—saving lives, holding power, protecting their image, or leading a global solution?

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IV. POSITIONS

Anderson Cooper: CNN journalist. Fight for the transparency of the information. asking for access to all data and information about Cordyceps, accusing governments of hiding important data, also giving the rumours of a possible sabotage from an Asian country.

Anthony Fauci: Supposed to be the guilty, as he was the leader of the experiment. Defend himself from all accusations, affirming no one in the laboratory was guilty of the safety errors.

Antonio Guterres: Maintain international cooperation, with diplomatic rules, finding ethics and peaceful ways to keep people safe, without blaming a country without good evidence.

Barack Obama: Defends human rights, and calls for the good use of technology and international cooperation.

Bill Gates: Propose the financing of possible cures, focusing on the global situation, with an objective view, trying to find a quick solution.

Cyril Ramaphosa: Calls to the entire world for the lack of help given to African countries, accusing the UN for not giving the humanitarian aid needed, asking for equality, always taking in account all possible scenarios.

Droupadi Murmu: Overwhelmed Hospitals, looking for a country where they can evacuate people, asking that also less powered countries can have access to help, and not only the powers.

Elon Musk: States the world can't be saved, asking for help to colonize and evacuate people to mars.

Emmanuel Macron: Country without any official cases, ask for global cooperation, with the idea of making a strategy with the European Union, that would be independent from U.S and other countries.

Filippo Grandi: Alarmed because of all the displaced people, making plans for those people, and to ensure the safety of all. Zombie crises can lead to massive migration waves.

Donald Trump: Defensive, accused because of the lack of information that has been given, defends Dr. Fauci, but at the same time, asking for fast results on the investigation of the origin of the disease.

Karin Keller-Sutter: Neutrality, country without official cases, fight for human rights, supporting president Macron ideas.

Keir Starmer: Balance between safety, and human rights, asking for the true information of the experiment.

Kim Jong-Un: Supports strong actions, prioritizing the future of humanity over human rights, with his strategy of killing every infected person, and being one of the countries with the lowest infection rate.

Li-Meng Yan: Defends the U.S.A, saying Fauci wasn't guilty, affirming the IP direction comes from China.

Lula Da Silva: Ask for help, and demand the lack of humanitarian aid, staying that South America countries are on red alert.

Mark Zuckerberg: Supports the use of technology on finding solutions, offering Meta for spreading information in a faster way.

Mohamed bin Salman: Gives financial help, in exchange of power, and a more important voice in the committee. Country with few official cases.

Nicolás Maduro: Affirms to have “clean zones”, supports China and Russia, closed borders, not letting anyone enter or exit the country. Firmly accusing the U.S for creating the Virus.

Tedros Adhanom: Asks for scientific cooperation, wants to give more official reports, asking for information to the U.S.A. Maintaining WHO far from political disputes.

Vladimir Putin: Accuse U.S.A for being the guilts of all the crisis. (Russia is now the country with more power after the U.S crisis.) Also, says all information about the IP is false, and that there is no valid evidence to prove it.

William Burns: Searching all information about the IP, affirms all clues indicate that they are from China or Russia.

Xi Jinping: Accused U.S and offers help only under China criterias and needs. Denies all accusation about the IP, accuse U.S for wanting to damage China reputation, affirming it can be a false flag operation.

V. GLOSSARY

1. Crisis

RAE: A profound change with important consequences in a process or situation.

2. Containment

RAE: The action and effect of containing.

3. Quarantine

RAE: Preventive isolation applied for health reasons to individuals or populations during a set period.

4. Ethics

RAE: A set of moral rules that govern human behavior.

5. Diplomacy

RAE: The activity carried out by states through official representatives abroad.

6. Mutation

RAE: Alteration occurring in any essential element or aspect of something.

7. Biosafety

CAMBRIDGE: methods that are used to stop biohazard from spreading out of a place or from causing harm

8. Resilience

RAE: The capacity of a living being to adapt to disruptive situations or adversity.

9. Pandemic

RAE: An epidemic disease that spreads to many countries or affects almost all individuals in a given area.

10. Lockdown (Confinement)

RAE: Forced isolation of individuals or populations for health reasons.

11. Authority

RAE: Legitimate power.

12. Collapse

RAE: A sudden and complete failure.

13. Alliance

RAE: Union between people, groups, or states for a common purpose.

14. Immunity

RAE: Condition of an organism that allows it to resist certain diseases.

15. Transparency

RAE: Quality of being transparent, especially in public or institutional conduct.

16. Geopolitics

RAE: The study of the influence of geography on political affairs.

17. Sovereignty

RAE: Supreme authority or power of a state over its territory and people.

18. Protocols

RAE: Set of formal rules or procedures governing official or diplomatic actions.

19. Negotiation

RAE: The action of dealing with others to reach an agreement.

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