

Committee: Theme Park Committee

Topic: Crisis

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Dear Representatives,

Welcome to the Theme Parks Committee! It is both an honor and a privilege to have

you here as part of this vibrant Committee, where we would tackle safety concerns of theme

parks around the world. Amusement Parks are those places of magic where wonder,

excitement, and joy combine for millions of people, yet with great popularity comes great

responsibility: it has to be made sure that these places are safe for every human being. As

representatives, you will be expected to represent the interests of your park and to work

together in setting and continuing to improve safety standards for these parks. This committee

will challenge you to think critically, debate thoughtfully, explore creative solutions, and

collaborate with your peers in pursuit of global safety.

The Chair team of your Committee are: Director-Catalina Villaseñor, Moderator-Ana

Tere Esquivel, and Secretary-Sara Garza. We urge you to come to our debates with passion,

respect, and an open mind as you all become the advocate for safety and well-being for

millions of theme park guests. We cannot wait to witness your expertise, negotiation skills,

and diplomacy in action as we diligently work together in making a safe and enjoyable

environment for all who seek the magic of theme parks. Good luck, and let the debates begin

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at:

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Sincerely,

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I. COMMITTEE HISTORY

The Theme Park Committee was created to address the problems of internationally recognized safety standards in theme parks, a form of entertainment that is rapidly expanding throughout the world. While theme parks are becoming increasingly sophisticated and creative, introducing more and varied attractions, the risks are also growing. Safety in such attractions needs cooperation across the globe through sharing best practices and developing unified safety guidelines in order to avoid tragic tragedies.

While individual theme parks have developed their own internal safety protocols, the increasing frequency of large-scale parks and international tourists underscored the need for an overarching body to help mitigate risks, enforce safety regulations, and promote collaboration across borders. The committee's creation stemmed from a shared understanding that safety is a priority that cannot be compromised, and that unified efforts are needed to safeguard guests and staff alike.



In response to incidents of malfunctions, injuries, and environmental disasters that have occurred in theme parks, the TPC was formed as a way to coordinate and improve safety standards globally. The Committee's goal is to assess and recommend solutions that can address the unique challenges faced

by theme parks, which include the rapid pace of technological advancements, the rising number of visitors, and the complex nature of operating such large-scale entertainment venues.

Representatives of this small Committee are not required to prepare a Position Paper.

II. TPC-PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

1. Roll Call

The session will begin with a roll call to confirm the presence of all representatives. This ensures that every participant is accounted for before proceeding with the meeting.

2. Motion to Open the Session

A representative will propose a motion to officially open the session. Once the motion is approved, the session will officially begin.

3. Presentation of Safety Guidelines

The officer will present the key safety guidelines that must be followed when maintaining older or malfunctioning attractions. The guidelines will include:

- Ride Inspections
- Emergency Preparedness
- Staff Training
- Maintenance of Infrastructure
- Visitor Safety

4. Officer's Report on Reasons for Malfunctions

The officer will provide a detailed report explaining the reasons why certain attractions are malfunctioning or in need of maintenance. This will include the following possible causes:

- Wear and Tear (e.g., aging infrastructure or outdated technology)
- Mechanical Failures (e.g., broken components, faulty systems)
- Safety Concerns (e.g., risks posed by malfunctioning rides)
- Financial Constraints (e.g., insufficient funds for upkeep, lack of proper investment)

5. Motion to Open a Moderated Debate

A motion will be proposed to open a moderated debate where representatives will discuss the maintenance needs of different attractions. The motion must be seconded and approved through a vote.

6. Moderate Debate

During the moderated debate, representatives will present arguments based on the available information, including technical assessments, visitor feedback, and feasibility.

7. Motion to Open an Unmoderated Debate

A motion will be proposed to open an unmoderated debate. The motion must be seconded and approved through a vote.

8. Unmoderated Debate

After the moderated debate, an unmoderated discussion will take place, focusing on the necessary maintenance steps and safety measures for each attraction that is malfunctioning or aging. The goal will be to agree on the approach for all selected attractions.

9. Resolution Paper

Representatives will collaborate to create a detailed plan for maintaining selected attractions. The paper will include:

- Maintenance Plan
- Safety Measures and Protocols
- Maintenance Timeline
- Environmental and Guest Experience
- Potential Challenges and Solutions
- Coordination and Roles



10. Voting for Sponsors

A motion will be raised to vote on potential sponsors who have assisted in the discussion and planning for the maintenance of the attractions.

11. Voting on the Resolution Paper

A motion will be raised to vote on the resolution paper. Representatives will cast their votes based on the proposed plan, its feasibility, and the potential impact of the maintenance efforts. A simple majority vote will decide the outcome.

12. Closing the Session

A representative will propose a motion to officially close the session. The session will be concluded once the motion has been approved.

III. QUORUM (Representatives)

- 1. Alton Towers (UK)
- 2. Busch Gardens Williamsburg (USA)
- 3. Disneyland California (USA)
- 4. Disneyland Paris (France)
- 5. EPCOT (USA)
- 6. PortAventura Park (Spain)
- 7. SeaWorld Orlando (USA)
- 8. Six Flags Magic Mountain (USA)
- 9. Tokyo Disneyland (Japan)
- 10. Universal Studios Hollywood (USA)
- 11. Universal Studios Orlando (USA)
- 12. Walt Disney Studios Park (France)



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