



# Vancouver Youth Model United Nations

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Dear delegates,

Welcome to the 19th iteration of Vancouver Youth Model United Nations! I am Nate Levy, your director, and alongside your chair, Rachel Jia, it is my pleasure to present you to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. We believe that our topics this year will spur engaging discussions as we navigate our way through some of the Marvel Cinematic Universe's most pressing issues.

It is highly encouraged for all delegates to read the backgrounder thoroughly. Please feel free to email me any questions and/or concerns you may have about the committee or MUN in general. I am beyond thrilled to meet you all in October!

Sincerely,

Nate Levy  
Director of FCC | VYMUN 2024

## Overview

The Sokovia Incident is an important part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). It happened in April 2015, when The Avengers were battling Ultron. This being was an uncontrollable artificial intelligence made by Tony Stark and Bruce Banner. This occurred in Novi Grad, Sokovia. Ultron's idea was to lift the city up and then let it drop, which would lead to a worldwide devastation. This almost wiped out Novi Grad as there were lots of civilian deaths and major destruction of infrastructure. It sparked a worldwide dialogue about the unrestrained power of superheroes.

The response from the United Nations was speedy, they condemned the event and demanded a stronger control on superhuman actions. This led to the introduction of Sokovia Accords in UN. The main goal of Sokovia Accords is to establish global regulation for superhero activities. It says superheroes should operate under UN monitoring and follow international laws.

The thoughts of people from different nations are not all the same. Those supporting Sokovia Accords say they are necessary to keep public safety and make sure superheroes take responsibility for their actions. They highlight that the destruction in Sokovia clearly shows dangers created by unregulated superhuman activities. Iron Man, he puts forward Sokovia Accords. He feels control is crucial for stopping more disasters and maintaining public confidence in superheroes.

The opposition, headed by Captain America, say that these agreements would violate personal rights and freedom. They think superheroes must not have government restrictions because it might reduce their capacity to act freely and fast during emergencies.

The central question we are focusing on is: In a fair manner, how can the Sokovia Accords be put into practice for guaranteeing public safety without intruding too much on personal freedom, particularly due to what occurred in Sokovia?

## Timeline

**May 4, 2012:** Battle of New York

**May 5, 2015** – Sokovia Incident

**March 2024** – Lagos Incident

**April 2024** – United Nations Drafts Sokovia Accords

**April 2024** – Vienna Bombing

**April 2024** – Avengers Divided Over Sokovia Accords

**May 2024** – The Raft Prison Is Revealed

**May 2024** – Captain America and Bucky Go Rogue

**May 2024** – Final Battle Between Iron Man and Captain America

**October 2024** – Decision on the Sokovia Accords

## Historical Analysis

The Sokovia Incident was a turning point for superhero regulation. It happened in April, 2015 when the Avengers fought against Ultron who is an artificial intelligence gone wrong - made by Tony Stark and Bruce Banner. This clash took place at Novi Grad of Sokovia where Ultron had plans to unleash his global devastation plan where Ultron lifted and dropped all of Novi Grad, which almost entirely broke the whole of the town. Numerous civilians died due to this action, along with much damage in infrastructure. The incident was a shock for everyone around the globe and initiated an international discussion on whether superheroes' authority is still without limits.

The United Nations reaction was swift. In May, 2015 the UN officially condemned this incident and demanded for more control over the future of superhuman activities. This resulted in presenting Sokovia Accords at UN during June 2015. The Sokovia Accords were created to keep an eye on superhero actions over the world. These rules stated that superheroes must work with United Nations (UN) and also follow international laws.

So, thus, public opinion was split. People who agreed with the Sokovia Accords said they were needed for protecting public safety and making sure superheroes take responsibility as well as accountability for what they do. People brought up the destruction in Sokovia as an instance of risk caused by uncontrolled superhuman activity. Iron Man was and is the main supporter of Sokovia Accords. He saw that control is necessary to avoid more disasters and also keep public confidence and trust in superheroes.

Those who were against the Sokovia Accords, specifically led by Captain America, stated that these accords intrude on civil liberties and personal freedom. They believed it would impact superheroes' capability to work independently and quickly during major worldwide emergencies if they are made to work under the governments control, and not under autonomy.

The conflict about Sokovia Accords increased. Many big protests happened all over the world. Captain America, in a public announcement, stood against Sokovia Accords pointing out how crucial personal freedom and independence are for superheroes. Iron Man supported Sokovia Accords later on in a public way, giving reasons that accountability and control were important to stop events like what happened at Sokovia from repeating again. The Avengers' disagreement became a public dispute, causing even more controversy. It led to superheroes forming groups in favor of the Accords and others against them.

Government representatives and superhero leaders started talking about this in October of 2015. But things were moving very slowly and it seemed like a torpid process. At this time, there were still protests and clashes among pro-Accords and anti-Accords groups within the superhuman society.

This was all until 27th of October, 2024 in which superheroes around the world were called in for a conference to address the Sokovia Accords. In this conference, the super humans will struggle to find a balance between ensuring public safety while allowing freedom for superheroes is shown in this ongoing process. They must come up with a resolution that is agreed upon by all the superheroes.

To handle this problem, it is very important to keep talking and working together with everyone involved. We need a solution which provides responsibility, safety and personal liberty within the superhero group.

## Current Situation

As of October 27, 2024, the discussion about Sokovia Accords still holds a vital and conflicting matter in superhero society. These Accords were, again, brought forth to manage superhero actions worldwide by making it necessary for them to work under United Nations control and follow international rules. This framework has divided the superheroes of MCU into two sides creating a huge dilemma.

Advocates of the Sokovia Accords, such as Iron Man, believe that strict monitoring is necessary to avoid more calamities. They say that this kind of control will improve worldwide safety and bring back people's faith in superheroes. For Iron Man and his group, the almost complete annihilation of Novi Grad along with large number of civilian deaths is evidence of dangers linked when superheroes are unregulated. They stress the importance of Accords to maintain responsibility and avoid repeated disasters, promoting a more systematic method where worldwide norms are enforced to superheroes.

Those who oppose the Sokovia Accords, led by Captain America, believe that these rules contradict personal liberties and affect the capacity of superheroes to react swiftly in times of emergency. Captain America and his companions maintain that it is crucial for superheroes to keep their freedom so they can take quick action without being held back by the government. They are concerned about possible delays caused by government control which may decrease overall efficiency. For the opposed, personal autonomy and the ability to make independent decisions are crucial.

It is also essential to think about the general public's part, and how they are split on this matter too. Those who support the Accords say that regulation is very important for safety of public. They want superheroes to be responsible for what they do. People who back this idea point out that the damage in Sokovia shows why there should be control over powered individuals. On the other hand, there are concerns about possible reduction in civil liberties and the argument that too much control might suppress what makes superheroes so effective.

A few critical issues are at hand that require addressing to solve the current situation. The first is regarding regulation and accountability. It is a complex task to make sure superheroes who follow the Accords do not lose their efficiency, as well as, critically, lose their belief in helping the government. A big concern is the safeguarding of human rights and independence for superheroes. For some superheroes, identity also plays a role as many try to keep their name hidden at all times, however, the accords actively contradicts this. Clearly, it's still difficult to balance control over superhero actions with not taking away their personal freedom.

In fact, another issue is how the UN will enforce and make sure all superheroes follow this Accords. Also, what actions might be taken against those who do not comply with it? Furthermore, there's a question of worldwide cooperation and consistency in applying the Accords since each nation could potentially have its own way of understanding or enforcing them.

Finally, there is the problem of dealing with social, economic and geographic differences among superheroes. Superheroes, some of which might not be included in this conference, must be accounted for. They work in various places and may have different problems and dangers to deal with. This might affect how they view the Accords. It is very important to keep a balance between these varied viewpoints while ensuring that rules are clear and successful for everyone involved in superhero activities.

## Possible Solutions

It's very important to discover some sort of balance between public safety and the freedom of superheroes in dealing with difficulties related to Sokovia Accords. One solution could be modifying these Accords with improved control and adaptability. This way might require changing Sokovia Accords to involve more flexible oversight methods. The extent of these changes are up to you. Autonomy for superheroes could mean they have the freedom to act quickly in emergencies, yet this must be balanced with a structure for responsibility and openness. This might aid in earning trust from the public and superhero society alike. Nevertheless, deciding on an appropriate amount of flexibility may prove difficult, while disagreements over specifics could also arise. Also, if flexibility is taken to an extreme level, it could result in ineffective control that goes against the purpose of the Accords.

To tackle these worries, we can set up a separate group for supervision. This group could consist of superheroes who are well liked and not aligned with any side, along with civilian representatives. It would observe the actions of superheroes and make sure they are accountable without being directly controlled by government, solving issues related to bureaucratic slowness and loss of independence. Nevertheless, picking superheroes then again might lead to arguments while guaranteeing their impartiality could be tough. Also, this answer could encounter opposition from those who either desire more strict control or total independence.

Training and readiness plans for superheroes could also lower the chances of events such as Sokovia. This way concentrates on enhancing response methods and decreasing side effects of fights, highlighting a method that doesn't just limit rules. Training is valuable, but it might not be enough to tackle accountability and control problems. It also requires significant investment and time to implement effectively.

Last but not least, we might think about a model of public private partnership. In this setup, superheroes work through an alliance of government and private organizations where the duty of watching over them is shared. It combines abilities from both sectors to make sure things work well and there is responsibility. Yet, managing coordination among many bodies could become complex and cause conflicts between interests. The model might also be viewed with suspicion by those wary of corporate influence. There are some valid and possible solutions, but, they may need a certain level adjustment to satisfy all superheroes.



## Bloc Positions

At the conference, superheroes may create various blocs according to their opinions and roles towards Sokovia Accords. The first group who is in favor of regulation could include Iron Man, Vision and Black Widow. They support Sokovia Accords because they think it's very important for correct superhuman monitoring to stop situations like what happened at Sokovia. Their main point in the argument is about oversight and responsibility, they say it's very important for building trust with the public and keeping them safe. They look at the Accords as a starting point, prepared to discuss changes for effectiveness but focusing on regulatory setup being needed.

On the opposing side, the Pro-Freedom Bloc, they do not support the Sokovia Accords. This includes Captain America, Thor, Hulk, Ant-Man and Spider-Man along with Hawkeye. They see these accords as a violation of personal freedoms and obstacle to superheroes' effective engagement. The group, they think superheroes must have freedom. This means superheroes can do their actions alone and quickly, without government command slowing them down. As well, their identity and personal history should be kept private. They like answers that keep independence but also guarantee responsibility.

The Moderate Bloc is composed of Black Panther, Doctor Strange and Nick Fury. They advise a method that is in equilibrium. They comprehend the requirement for authority but also stress on autonomy. They propose changing the Accords, so methods of oversight are more flexible and understanding towards certain situations. This bloc highlights the importance of maintaining a collective spirit and ensuring any regulatory framework is both fair and resourceful.

All in all, the three blocs are all valid options that each superhero may pursue. They tend to match with the interests and beliefs of the superheroes. However, during the conference, peoples ideals may shift and change. As well, members in the conference may decide to come up with a completely new bloc, all of which is allowed. Now, it's you're time.

## Discussion Questions

1. How did the Sokovia Incident highlight the need for superhero accountability, and what lessons can be drawn from this event to inform future regulations?
2. What are the key differences in public and governmental responses to the Sokovia Incident, and how do they shape current perceptions of superhero actions?
3. What are the main arguments for and against the Sokovia Accords from both a public safety and personal freedom perspective?
4. How can a balance be struck between ensuring public safety and preserving the autonomy of superheroes in emergency situations?
5. What challenges might arise in enforcing the Sokovia Accords globally, considering the diverse political and legal systems of different countries?
6. What mechanisms can be put in place to ensure that the Sokovia Accords are enforced fairly and consistently across different regions?

## Additional Resources

[https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Sokovia\\_Accords](https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Sokovia_Accords)

[https://marvel-movies.fandom.com/wiki/Sokovia\\_Accords](https://marvel-movies.fandom.com/wiki/Sokovia_Accords)

[https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Sokovia](https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Battle_of_Sokovia)

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