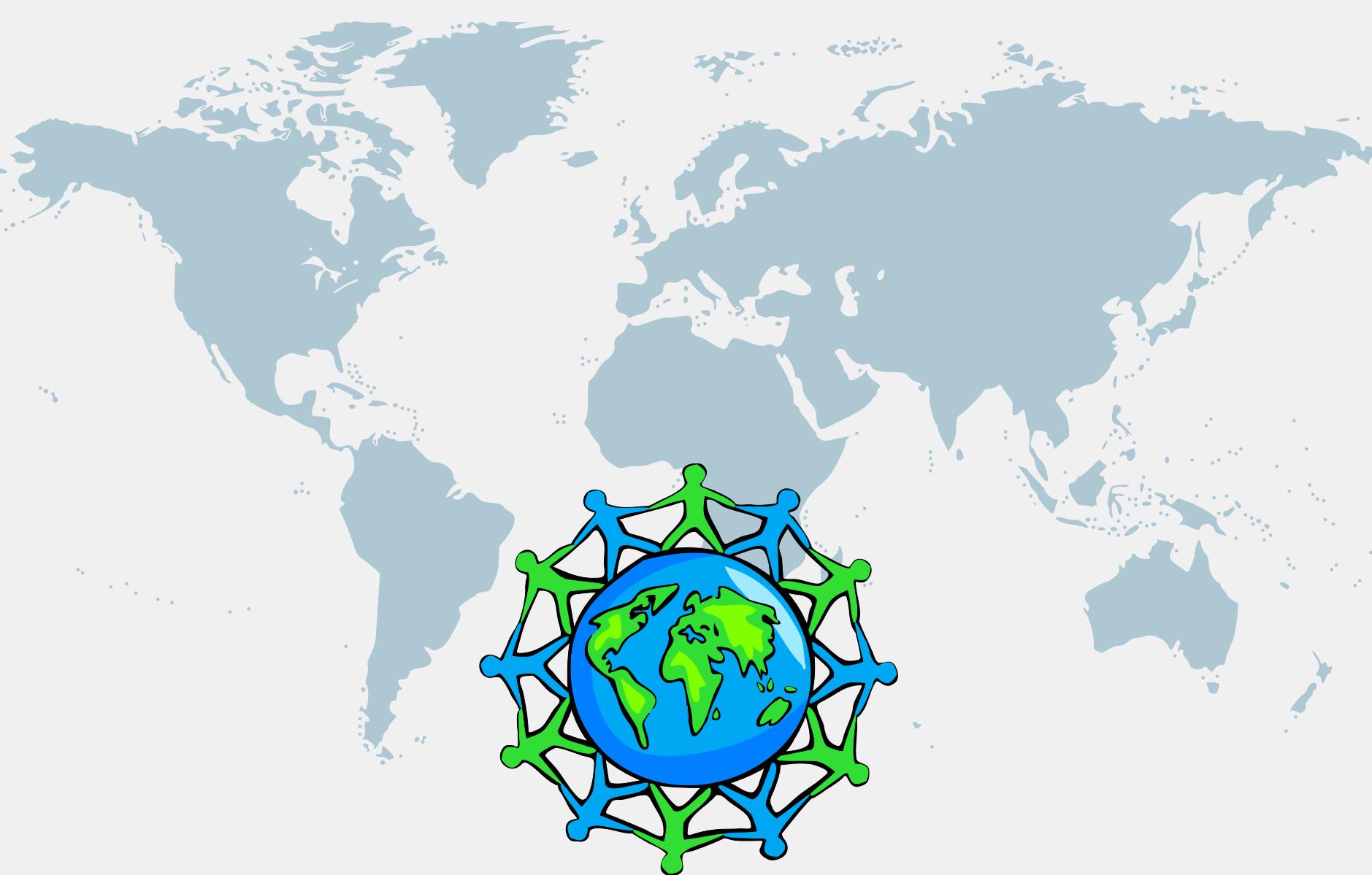




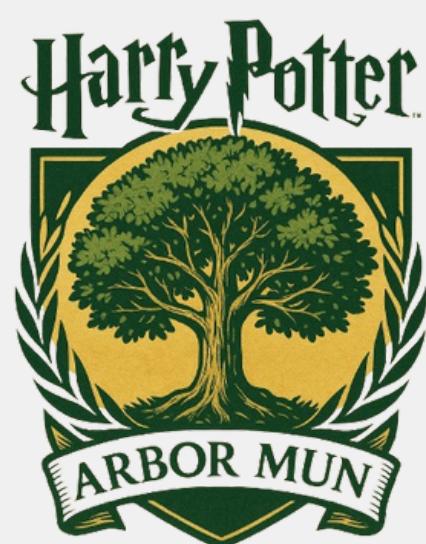
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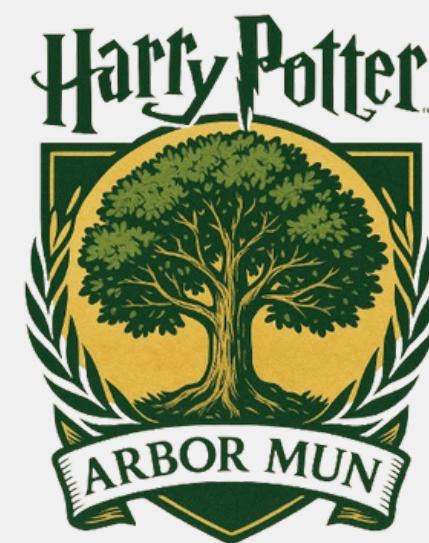
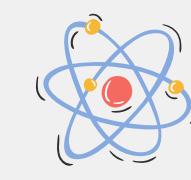
BACKGROUND GUIDE



Regulation of Dark Magic and
Unforgivable Curses in the Post-
Voldemort Era

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Committee: Fantasy Committee- Wizarding Council

Agenda: Regulation of Dark Magic and Unforgivable Curses in the Post-Voldemort Era

1. WELCOME LETTER

Dear Delegates,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the Council of Magical Affairs, a committee that explores the intricate political, ethical, and societal structures within the wizarding world. As your Chairperson, I look forward to guiding you through what promises to be a compelling, challenging, and intellectually stimulating debate.

This year's agenda delves into a subject of critical importance — the Regulation of Dark Magic and Unforgivable Curses in the Post-Voldemort Era. With the recent end of the Second Wizarding War, the magical community finds itself at a crossroads. The decisions you take in this committee will shape the policies and protections that govern the wizarding world for generations to come.

Wishing you all the best in your research and preparation. May your debates be diplomatic, your strategies sharp, and your spells—purely metaphorical.

Sincerely,

Abdul Fozail

Chair, Wizarding Council

2. COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The Council of Magical Affairs is a newly constituted international body formed in the aftermath of the Second Wizarding War. It seeks to bring together leaders, representatives, and key stakeholders from across the global magical community in order to build consensus and enact safeguards for peace, justice, and the responsible use of magic.

This committee includes:

- The Ministry of Magic (UK)
- MACUSA (Magical Congress of the United States of America)
- Representatives from Beauxbatons, Durmstrang, and Hogwarts
- Non-human representatives including Goblins, House-Elves, and Centaurs
- Order of the Phoenix affiliates
- Independent magical scholars and legal experts

This committee operates in an advisory and legislative capacity, aiming to pass international agreements or guiding frameworks regarding the use and regulation of Dark Magic and associated practices.



3. AGENDA BACKGROUND

- The fall of Lord Voldemort brought an end to a period of terror, persecution, and deep moral corruption within the magical world. Dark Magic, and particularly the Unforgivable Curses — the Imperius Curse, the Cruciatus Curse, and the Killing Curse — were central to the tools of war and oppression used by Death Eaters and other dark forces.
- With the war concluded, the magical community must now decide whether these forms of magic should be banned entirely, regulated, or restricted under specific conditions. The ethical dilemma arises from the fact that magic, in itself, is not inherently good or evil — rather, its morality lies in the intent and use.
- Some magical institutions argue that a complete ban on Dark Magic is necessary for lasting peace. Others maintain that understanding, regulating, and even studying these arts in a controlled environment is vital to defend against future threats.

4. PAST INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS

1. **Ban on Unforgivable Curses (18th century)**: Previously criminalized with life imprisonment in Azkaban under British magical law.
2. **International Statute of Secrecy (1692)**: While not directly related to Dark Magic, it influences how magic is governed internationally.
3. **Post-War Trials (1998-2002)**: Held by the Wizengamot and various other magical courts to prosecute Death Eaters and collaborators.
4. **Reform Policies (Post-2002)**: The Ministry of Magic proposed educational and research restrictions on Dark Magic, but enforcement varied widely.

5. CURRENT SITUATION

While Voldemort is gone, the ideological tensions remain:

- Illegal Dark Arts trafficking has increased, particularly in Knockturn Alley and black markets worldwide.
- Durmstrang and some Eastern European bodies still teach certain aspects of the Dark Arts, claiming academic freedom.
- Goblin-led factions have advocated for the use of powerful magic in self-defense, citing centuries of magical oppression.
- MACUSA is calling for a centralized international magical registry for known curses and cursed objects.
- Activist groups argue that criminalizing magic instead of intent may repeat the mistakes of the past.

This committee must now determine whether regulation, reform, or restriction will best serve the interests of safety, justice, and ethical magical practice.



6. BLOC POSITIONS (INDICATIVE)

- Ministry of Magic (UK): Advocates a complete prohibition of Unforgivable Curses and tight restrictions on any form of Dark Magic.
- Durmstrang Institute: Supports the study of Dark Magic for academic and defensive purposes. Opposes total bans.
- MACUSA: Endorses a monitored system involving international magical regulation and identification of high-risk magic.
- Goblins and Non-Human Races: Demand equitable access to all forms of magic and oppose discriminatory regulation.
- Order of the Phoenix Representatives: Support case-by-case legal frameworks that prioritize prevention and education over prohibition.
- Wizengamot Conservatives: Call for immediate reformation of magical law to prevent another dark uprising.

7. QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Should the use of Unforgivable Curses ever be legally justified, such as during wartime or for self-defense?
- What role should magical education institutions play in the teaching (or suppression) of Dark Magic?
- Can and should non-human magical beings be granted the same magical liberties as witches and wizards?
- Is international regulation feasible in a world governed by diverse magical traditions and sovereign laws?
- What safeguards can be introduced to prevent misuse of Dark Magic while maintaining academic freedom?

8. REFERENCES & FURTHER READING

- The Rise and Fall of the Dark Arts – Historical perspectives on Dark Magic
- Hogwarts: A History – Educational traditions and reforms
- The Daily Prophet archives – Post-War developments and public sentiment
- Ministry of Magic Reports (1998-2005) – Trials and new legislation post-Voldemort
- International Confederation of Wizards (ICW) Publications – Comparative magical law studies