

CRISIS? WHAT CRISIS?

Step 1: Axis aggression		
	Italy (27.3) and/or Germany (27.4) announce an aggression, subject to the restrictions in 27.2.	
Step 2: Allied response		
	Britain and France either: Acquiesce in the aggression, ending the crisis; or Oppose the aggression, and the crisis continues.	
Step 3: Axis response		
	If the Allies oppose the aggression, the resistance level of the target is determined, including by drawing a random tile (except for Ethiopia). The Axis aggressor reveals any secret support event it holds. The Axis aggressor then backs down or continues.	
<p>If the Axis aggressor backs down, the aggression does not succeed and in the next turn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Axis aggressor's support level is reduced by -1, and the support level of each Allied major power is increased by +1. The Axis aggressor may not use one of its 1 activity counters; each Allied major power may use an additional 1 activity counter. 		
Step 4: Allied ultimatum		
	If the Axis aggression continues, Britain and France reveal any secret support events they hold. The Allies then back down or, if they meet the declaration of war threshold (32.6), issue an ultimatum.	
<p>If the Allies back down, either voluntarily or because they fail to meet the declaration of war threshold, the aggression succeeds and in the next turn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Axis aggressor's support level is increased by +2, and the support level of each Allied major powers is reduced by -2. The Axis aggressor may use an additional 2 activity counter; neither Allied major power may use one of its 2 activity counters. 		
Step 5: Over the brink		
If the Axis aggressor rejects the Allied ultimatum and continues its aggression, war breaks out and the game ends.		
<p>27.82: If the Axis aggressor backs down in the face of an Allied ultimatum, the aggression does not succeed and the following consequences apply in the next turn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Axis aggressor's support level is reduced by -3, and the support level of each Allied major power is increased by +3. The Axis aggressor may not use one of its 3 (Germany) or 2 (Italy) activity counters; each Allied major power may use an additional 3 (Britain) or 2 (France) activity counter. 		

Russia is considered to be "Allied" in a crisis if the Nazi-Soviet Pact has not been signed and Germany is carrying out an aggression against Poland, the Baltic States or a minor country containing at least one Russian flag.