In this state of the Church, in the face of the conflict with the States of France, England, and Spain, and in order to prevent the further conflict, the Church called for the Council of Trent. The Council, among other things, declared the Church's position on the issues of doctrine and discipline. The Church's position was that doctrine and discipline were essential to the maintenance of the Church's authority. The Council also established the Inquisition to combat heresy and protect the Church's teachings. The Church's position on the issues of doctrine and discipline was that they were necessary for the maintenance of the Church's authority and the salvation of souls.