

IMPERIAL CIRCLE



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Chapter I

Introduction and Principles

ARTICLE 1. Recognizing that in an era of changing circumstances and uncertainty, new patterns, unprecedented threats to peace and security, and a surge in popular demands for democracy, human rights and broadened opportunities, the potential of and need for the union between micronational projects as a compelling force for good and as an effective network for co-operation and for promoting development – has never been greater, we create the Imperial Circle.

ARTICLE 2. The Imperial Circle is a voluntary association of independent and equal sovereign states that accept to be autonomous within the Empire, but not annexed; each responsible for its own policies, consulting and co-operating in the common interests of our peoples and in the promotion of international understanding and world peace, mastered by our imperial principles, and influencing international society to the benefit of all through the pursuit of common principles and values.

ARTICLE 3. The special strength of the Imperial Circle lies in the combination of our diversity and our shared language, culture and rule of law; and bound together by shared history and tradition; by respect for all states and peoples, also mastered in our multicultural Empire; by shared values and principles and by concern for the vulnerable, to be protected by us and guided by our know-how and respected presence within the micronational society.

ARTICLE 4. The Imperial Circle seek for consensus between its associates through consultation and the sharing of experience, especially through practical co-operation, and further affirming that the Imperial Circle is uniquely placed to serve as a model and as a catalyst for new forms of friendship and co-operation in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations.

ARTICLE 5. The role of the Imperial Circle is to be recognized as an intergovernmental champion of small micronations, advocating for their special needs; providing policy advice on political, economic and social development issues; and delivering technical assistance.

ARTICLE 6. The validity of and our commitment to the values and principles of the Imperial Circle as defined and strengthened over the years include the principles exposed by the Imperial and Royal Constitution of Karnia-Ruthenia, that have in its core respect, inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, legitimacy, and responsiveness, for a proper environment to democracy, human rights, peace, security, tolerance, understanding, freedom of expression, separation of powers, rule of law, good governance, sustainable development, protection of the environment, social equality and recognition of the needs of small and vulnerable micronations and its citizens.

ARTICLE 7. The Imperial Circle is an effective association, responsive to members' needs, and capable of addressing the significant global challenges of the future, aspiring to develop a strong and respected voice in the micronational society, speaking out on major issues; that strengthens and enlarges its bonds with another projects; that should have a global relevance among our peers; and that is devoted to improving the micronational practice.

Chapter II

Defender of the Imperial Circle

ARTICLE 8. The Head of the Imperial Circle, named "Defender of the Imperial Circle", have a role that includes only symbolic functions, with no maximum fixed term to exercise his role, and this position must traditionally be offered to the Emperor-King of Karnia-Ruthenia. The choice of successive Defenders will be made collectively by the Imperial Circle leaders.

Chapter III

Vicar of the Imperial Circle

ARTICLE 9. The Vicar of the Imperial Circle is the responsible for representing the Imperial Circle publicly, and is the Chief Executive Officer which supports dialogue and collaboration between member governments at the intergovernmental level. The Vicar is selected by the Imperial Circle leaders and can serve a maximum of two one-year terms.

Chapter IV

Convention of the Imperial Circle

ARTICLE 10. The Convention of the Imperial Circle, presided by the Vicar, deals with serious subjects or persistent violations of the Imperial Circle political values by its members or third parties, and can recommend measures for collective action. The Convention may be convoked by any governor of the state-members or the Vicar at any time, and can also consider situations of concern in member countries in a proactive, engaged and positive manner.

Chapter V

Joining the Imperial Circle

ARTICLE 11. Any micronation, monarchical or republican, may join the Imperial Circle, as long as they recognize the Karno-Ruthenian Emperor as the Defender of the Imperial Circle and swear respect to the principles established by the Article 6 of this law.

ARTICLE 12. A member state must accept the English Language as the means of Imperial Circle communication, be established at least for a month at the time of the application, that must be directed formally to the Government of Karnia-Ruthenia and respect the wishes of the general population with regard to Imperial Circle membership.

Chapter VI

Violation of principles by member of the Imperial Circle

ARTICLE 13. If any member occur to promote serious or persistent violations of the Imperial Circle political values, the other members must decide its suspension and other plausible punishments. If the violations continues after the suspension, the member may be expelled by a session of the Convention in order to vote this subject.

Chapter VII

Other provisions

ARTICLE 14. Other pertinent provisions may be added to this law, in case of necessity and interest.

Imperial City of Persenburg, 04 February 2020.

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Prince of Karácsony-Maryen, Imperial Chancellor.