



# The Provisional Charter for the United Territories

## La Provizora Ĉarto por la Unuiĝintaj Teritorioj

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That I, J. Starr and the subsequent undersigned hereby certify the sui generis existence of the United Territories, as recorded and evidenced on the following blockchains. **WITNESSETH:**

<https://etherscan.io/token/0xbb7717299d2aeb52aee61a470b8ed438bbf62697>

<https://omniexplorer.info/asset/2147484137>

<https://explorer.bitcoin.com/bch/token/b746e1a7a105385cf9a292a1c9ce50938113c88c74f2ab35b59c13df06bdd93c>

The United Territories is hereby ordained and constituted a sovereign country, enjoying a separate and distinct legal personality, founded on the principles of self-ownership, non-aggression, and voluntarism.

### **PREAMBLE**

The United Territories is both a refuge for people and a sanctuary for nature: a neutral, secular, pluralistic, polycentric, and anti-collectivist post-national state. It is open to all peaceful patriots of freedom and all conservationists.

## **PART I COMMUNITY**

Moreover, in honour and recognition of certain fabulous groups, the United Territories welcomes and proclaims that it shall serve as a homeland for:

- 1.) Artists, academics, intellectuals, and inventors, regardless of their medium.
- 2.) Non-heterosexual, non-cisgendered, and non-binary people.
- 3.) Refugees fleeing violence and environmental disasters.
- 4.) Persons of Jewish origins, regardless of observance.
- 5.) Speakers of Esperanto and the B'nei Noach community.
- 6.) Special needs persons.

Subscription and signage to this non-proprietary provisional Charter is open to all, though United Territories citizenship is granted only by invitation.

## **PART II ADOPTION OF TREATIES AND DECLARATIONS**

Because the United Territories is the world's first private country, in order to best execute the preceding. The United Territories adopts, and forks off from the below body of open-source multilateral law cumulatively and concurrently:

1. The United Territories accedes to the **1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties**. Reservations include but are not limited to Part I Article 4 and all of Part VIII. This attests to the capacity of the United Territories to enter into and exit from treaties.
2. The United Territories accedes to the **1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights** with reservations over articles 14.2, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 29. This attests to the recognition and invocation of universal human rights as a prelude for self-determination.
3. The United Territories accedes to the **1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights** with reservations including but not limited to Part IV and Part VI. This attests to the acknowledgment, invocation, and exercise of the right to self-determination.
4. The United Territories accedes to the **1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights** with reservations on Articles 6.2., 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and all of Part IV and Part V. This further attests to the acknowledgment, invocation, and exercise of the right to self-determination.
5. The United Territories accedes to the **1959 Antarctic Treaty** with reservations on Article IV, Article X, and Article XIII.

## PART III GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THE UNITED TERRITORIES

### AREA I

1. The United Territories adopts the area of West Antarctica known as **Marie Byrd Land** in its entirety. The land area is 1,610,000 square kilometres.

(a) Marie Byrd Land is the portion of West Antarctica lying east of the Ross Ice Shelf and the Ross Sea, and south of the Pacific Ocean, extending eastward approximately to a line between the head of the Ross Ice Shelf and Eights Coast. It stretches between 158°W and 103°24'W. This includes the area between the Rockefeller Plateau and Eights Coast. More specifically, the United Territories adopts the following area:

<b>Saunders Coast</b>	<b>158°00'W</b>	<b>146°31'W</b>
<b>Ruppert Coast</b>	<b>146°31'W</b>	<b>136°50'W</b>
<b>Hobbs Coast</b>	<b>136°50'W</b>	<b>127°35'W</b>
<b>Bakutis Coast</b>	<b>127°35'W</b>	<b>114°12'W</b>
<b>Walgreen Coast</b>	<b>114°12'W</b>	<b>103°24'W</b>
<b>Marie Byrd Land</b>	<b>158°00'W</b>	<b>103°24'W</b>

(b) This claim includes but is not limited to the corresponding air, sea, and subterranean space. 99,90 % of this claim constitutes a natural environmental preserve.

2. This is a non-exclusive claim or parallel claim which in no manner, shape, or form denies, diminishes, or disparages any past, present, or future claimants to the area. The United Territories shall cede part or all of the foregoing claim to any peaceful member(s) of the United Nations upon the conclusion of good faith negotiations.

3. In furtherance of the above,

(1) The United Territories accedes to the **1933 Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States**. This asserts that the United Territories has met the criteria therein and is a state, having a population, a territory, a government, and a capacity to enter into relations with other such entities.

(2) The United Territories accedes to the **1920 Spitsbergen Treaty**. This does not deny, diminish, or disparage the suzerainty of the Kingdom of Norway over the archipelago.

(3) The United Territories accedes to the **1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**. This applies to all current and future United Territories claims. This extends to the territorial waters and exclusive economic zones of all areas claimed by the United Territories to the maximum permitted therein.

(4) The United Territories accedes to the **1967 Outer Space Treaty** with reservations on Article II.

(5) The United Territories accedes to the **1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**.

(6) The United Territories accedes to the **1951 Refugee Convention** and the **1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees**.

(7) The United Territories accedes to the **1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide**.

(8) The United Territories accedes to the **2008 United Nations Declaration on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**.

(9) The United Territories accedes to the **Yogyakarta Principles plus 10, the Declaration of Montreal, and the Brazilian Resolution**.

(10) The United Territories accedes to the **1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women**.

(11) The United Territories accedes to the **2006 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.

(12) The United Territories accedes to the **1905 Declaration of Boulogne** with reservations on Article IV.

## **AREA II Bir Tawil**

1. The United Territories adopts the area known as the **Bir Tawil** in its entirety. Bir Tawil is 2,060 square kilometres in land area.

(a) The length of its northern and southern borders are 95 kilometres and 46 kilometres respectively. The length of its eastern and western borders are 26 kilometres and 49 kilometres respectively.

In the north of the area is the mountain Jabal Tawil (جبل طویل), located at 21°57'56"N 33°48'05"E, with a height of 459 metres.

In the east is Jebel Hagar ez Zarqa, with a height of 662 metres.

In the south is the Wadi Tawil (وادي طویل), also called Khawr Abu Bard, located at 21°49'25"N 33°43'42"E.

(b) This claim includes but is not limited to the corresponding air, sea, and subterranean space. 99,00 % of this claim constitutes a natural environmental preserve.

2. This is a non-exclusive claim or parallel claim which in no manner, shape, or form denies, diminishes, or disparages any past, present, or future claimants to the area. The United Territories shall cede part or all of the foregoing claim to either the Arab Republic of Egypt and/or the Republic of the Sudan upon the conclusion of good faith negotiations.

3. In furtherance of the above,

(1) The United Territories accedes to the **1997 Edinburgh Declaration**. In no capacity does this abridge the neutrality of the United Territories.

### **AREA III Gornja Siga**

1. The United Territories adopts the area known as **Gornja Siga** in its entirety and other terra nullius areas along the Danube River.

(a) The claim is centred at 45° 46'N, 18° 52'E, is at least 7 square kilometres in area, and is principally on the west bank of the Danube river.

The nearest towns are Zmajevac (Croatia) and Bački Monoštor (Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Serbia).

(b) This claim includes but is not limited to the corresponding air, sea, and subterranean space. 90,00 % of this claim constitutes a natural environmental preserve.

2. This is a non-exclusive claim or parallel claim which in no manner, shape, or form denies, diminishes, or disparages any past, present, or future claimants to the area. The United Territories shall cede part or all of the foregoing claim to either the Republika Hrvatska and/or the Republika Srbijan upon the conclusion of good faith negotiations.

3. In furtherance of the above,

(1) The United Territories accedes to the **1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations**.

(2) The United Territories accedes to the **1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations**.

(3) The United Territories accedes to the **1961 Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents**.

### **PART IV DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

1. The United Territories accedes to the **1899 Cour Permanente D'Arbitrage** as located at The Hague in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. This does not place the United Territories under Dutch jurisdiction.

2. The United Territories reserves the right to transfer any case or decision to another impartial neutral arbitrator with cause.

3. *Domicilium citandi et executandi*

Service of process against the United Territories may only take place via the Confédération Suisse until an accredited United Territories embassy is established at a United Nations

Member State, at which time service of process may take place at such a location. This does not place the United Territories under the jurisdiction of Switzerland.

#### **PART V INTERNATIONALLY WRONGFUL ACTS**

1. The United Territories accedes to the **2001 Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts**.

#### **PART VI RATIFICATION**

1. This provisional Charter constitutes ratification of the above multilateral agreements.

(a) Its publication serves the purpose of depositing the instruments of ratification.

(b) If that is deemed unsatisfactory by other parties, it shall have no impact on the United Territories.

(c) Furthermore, upon receiving contact by another party of depository or ratification defects, the United Territories shall take necessary steps to remedy the alleged ratification or depository issues in order to remain in good standing amongst the community of states.

#### **PART VII RESERVATIONS AND COROLLARIES**

1. The United Territories subjects the above entered into international agreements, conventions, declarations, and treaties to reservations and corollaries.

#### **PART VIII COMPENSATION FROM POLLUTERS**

1. The United Territories reserves the right to seek compensatory and punitive damages from private or public polluters causing environmental degradation to the claimed areas of the United Territories.

#### **PART IX LEGAL STATUS OF THIS CHARTER**

1. This provisional Charter is a deed poll and is a contract entered into amongst its signatories. Signatories are free to withdraw from this document at any time.

2. This provisional Charter shall always be interpreted *contra proferentem*.

3. This provisional Charter may be invoked as a defence by United Territories citizens.

4. If a competent authority or tribunal declares any portion of this provisional Charter illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of this document survives.

(a) The United Territories reserves the right to set aside any such declaration of illegality or unenforceability with cause.

## **PART X DECLARATION OF FIRST CITIZEN AND PRESIDENT**

In consideration of having breathed life into the United Territories, thus causing its creation in part through exercising my universal human rights; in part by invoking self-determination, acceding to international protocols, claiming terra nullius, and authoring this document; and in part by signing this provisional Charter for the United Territories I, J. Starr, hereby receive and accept citizenship of the United Territories.

As the first citizen, I, J. Starr, elect myself President, replete with full plenipotentiary powers.

## **PART XI PRESIDENTIAL POWERS**

Those powers include but are not limited to the following:

1. Serving as the Head of State and as the Head of Government and thereby holding the power to organise and institute the governance of all existing and new territories entered into by the Union of the Territories until such time as devolution becomes both appropriate and feasible.
2. Receiving the credentials of foreign Ambassadors and other diplomatic officials.
3. Appointing and dismissing individuals to serve as Ambassadors to foreign entities.
4. Establishing international diplomatic relations.
5. Maintaining the neutrality of the United Territories.
6. Entering into, and exiting from negotiations, agreements, and international treaty accession. This includes communiqués, conventions, and declarations with or without reservations or corollaries. It also includes entering into and exiting from commercial business agreements.
7. Securing the purchase of tangible sovereign territory through peaceful voluntary exchanges.
8. Laying claim or making parallel claims to international or *terra nullius* areas.
9. Admitting other nations into political unions with the United Territories.
10. Admitting other peaceful political jurisdictions as new territories.
11. Entering into political condominiums with foreign entities over tangible sovereign territory.
12. Working for the development of a blockchain and or virtual jurisdiction.
13. Entering into arrangements for Oceanic colonisation, including Seasteading.

14. Entering into arrangements for Extra-Terrestrial and Outer-Space colonisation.
15. Working with public or private entities on joint-sovereignty projects.
16. Serving as, appointing and/or terminating the appointment of a Chief Technology Officer charged with the following duties: the defence of all digital assets and the maintenance official keys, passwords, and pins for the United Territories; the registration of domain names, alternate root domain names, and the formation of a United Territories domain name extension; entering into and exiting from cloud and web hosting agreements; the creation and maintenance of an e-mail list; the coding of digital assets such as the official website; and procuring blockchain, decentralised, and open-source solutions.
17. Serving as, appointing, and terminating the appointment of the Sovereign Wealth Trust Fund Trustee.
18. Serving as, appointing, and terminating the appointment of a Treasurer. This office includes the power to establish crypto-currency wallets and a crypto-currency.
19. Serving as, appointing, and terminating the appointment of a Secretary.
20. Serving as, appointing, and terminating the appointment of the United Territories General Counsels.
21. Serving as, appointing, and terminating the appointment of the Immigration Board Chairman.
22. Serving as, appointing, and terminating the appointment of an Ombudsman.
23. Causing the general promotion of the United Territories. This includes but is not limited to the employment of publicists and social media specialists.
24. Causing the lawful solicitation of private monies to execute the aforementioned powers, including the power to cause an initial coin or token offering.
25. Issuing necessary and proper decrees to facilitate the execution of the above.
26. Employ and terminate the services of independent contractors to facilitate the execution of the above. The United Territories shall have no employees. The United Territories as an entity shall not accept the unionisation of contractors.
27. Any other action that is required to achieve the above mentioned principles of self-ownership, non-aggression, and voluntaryism.



## **PART XII DEVELOPING SYMBOLS OF STATE**

Prior to this becoming the permanent Charter for the United Territories, and prior to calling forth an elected legislature vested with full legislative powers and separate from the executive or judiciary, the first President may convene ad hoc consultative assemblies and fora. The principal purpose of such assemblies and fora is to crowd-source ideas, improvements, and solutions, including but not limited to website design, and the adoption of a permanent flag and anthem.

Further to the above:

- (a)** Feronia is the personification and symbol of the United Territories.
- (b)** The provisional flag for the United Territories shall be a horizontal tricolour. The bands of colour shall be equal in portion and size. The top band is hexadecimal #fabcf. The middle band is hexadecimal #a9eee. The bottom band is hexadecimal #f8fb8f.
- (c)** The provisional anthem is inspired by “Jupiter the Bringer of Jollity” from Gustavus Theodore von Holst's Opus 32, The Planets, composed in 1914.

## **PART XIII FUTURE HEADS OF STATE**

1. All future Heads of State after the first President shall be female; whether the actual Head of State, or as a representative the Head of State as a Governor-General.
2. The first President may not name a successor as Head of Government.

## **PART XIV ELECTION OF FUTURE PRESIDENTS**

1. In the event that the first President resigns, becomes incapacitated, or is no longer alive, Presidential elections shall take place within ninety days of the event.
2. To ensure continuity of governance, the first President shall in due course organise the electoral roster.

## **PART XV IMMIGRATION AND NATURALISATION**

1. All prospective citizens must sign this provisional Charter as the first President did below.
2. The first President, or whomever is appointed to the office of Chairman of the Immigration Board, shall handle all citizenship matters on a provisional basis.
3. Subsequent to two United Nations Member states granting full *de jure* diplomatic recognition, the United Territories will enact more comprehensive naturalisation laws.
4. These laws will, in part, be aimed at accommodating and preferring groups cited in this provisional Charter's preamble, those being:

- 1.) Artists, academics, intellectuals, and inventors, regardless of their medium.
- 2.) Non-heterosexual, non-cisgendered, and non-binary people.
- 3.) Refugees fleeing violence and environmental disasters.
- 4.) Persons of Jewish origins, regardless of observance.
- 5.) Speakers of Esperanto and the B'nei Noach community.
- 6.) Special needs persons.

5. The Immigration Board will promote citizenship and settlement matters as well as retain sole responsibility for initiating, directing, and facilitating further citizenship invitations.

#### **PART XVI PASSPORTS AND PERMISSION TO TRAVEL OR SETTLE**

1. No ordinary passports shall be issued by the United Territories until at least two or more United Nations Member states grant full *de jure* recognition.

2. United Territories citizens require permission to travel to or settle in areas claimed by the United Territories.

3. Before permission to travel is considered, the applicant must obtain adequate travel insurance, post reasonable bond, be of good character, sound mind and body, respect the natural environment, and understand that the United Territories provides no emergency services in its territories at this time.

4. Right of Abode is only granted on an individual, case-by-case basis at present.

#### **PART XVII ECONOMIC DIRECTIONS**

1. The United Territories as an entity precludes itself, and prohibits all entities and persons within its jurisdiction from establishing or operating businesses making use of, or acquiring the services of an abattoir, alcohol, gaming, offshore financial services, narcotics, pornography, tobacco, and those that are not carbon neutral.

2. Nonessential United Territories-owned entities shall refrain from operation during Shabbat and Yom Tov.

3. To further the above direction, The United Territories shall:

- (a) Establish a Sovereign Wealth Trust Fund
- (b) Fund the operation, expansion, and infrastructure of the Sovereign Wealth Trust Fund through real estate ventures and user fees for voluntary services
- (c) Establish a universal basic income as a dividend for its citizens as the sole form of state-sponsored relief for its population. The programme may be expanded to cover all humanity

4. The United Territories shall never borrow money on credit from domestic or international lenders. This means there will be no United Territories Debt.

5. Further to the above obligation:

(a) The United Territories shall adopt no legal tender laws. This does not preclude the United Territories from preferring one species over another or from creating a non-compulsory crypto-currency and/or gold-based currency.

(b) The United Territories shall adopt no minimum or maximum wage laws, nor shall any price control legislation be enacted.

(c) The United Territories shall establish no central bank except as a depository of governmental funds in the form of a treasury.

(d) The United Territories shall not regulate interest rates or usury.

## **PART XVIII CRIMINAL AND CIVIL INFRACTIONS**

### **1. Mala in se offences**

1.1 The United Territories will cooperate with competent peaceful entities in the pursuit of individual(s) accused of mala in se offence(s).

1.2 Cases resulting in capital or corporal punishment, involuntary servitude or solitary confinement require enhanced due process review.

### **2. Mala Prohibita conduct**

*Mala Prohibita* offences are civil, not criminal, infractions.

### **3. Civil rights**

The enactment of an enumerated bill of rights will not deny or disparage the rights of the people. Common law rights and reliefs are herein affirmed. This affirmation includes usage of the **Clameur de Haro sans recitation of the L-rd's prayer**.

## **PART XVIV ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

The Public Defender's office must receive the same funding as the Attorney-General's office.

## **PART XVV IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CHARTER**

1. This provisional Charter becomes permanent one (01) calendar year after the United Territories receives full diplomatic recognition from at least two (02) United Nation Member states.

2. Until such time, the first President has the authority to amend this document for stylistic reasons, to further its clarity, to better the interest of advancing individual human liberty,

to promulgate decentralised self-governance, and to further the diplomatic recognition of the United Territories.

3. After such time as this Charter becomes permanent, further alterations and amendments as promulgated by the President shall be prohibited until a formal mode has been agreed upon by the legislature.

4. The first President may not alter the underlying ethos of this document, being the principles of self-ownership, non-aggression, and voluntaryism.

5. The first President should seek the advice of citizens in the form of online forums and online polling, as well as legal counsel before exercising his authority under section 2 of this Part of the Charter.

#### **PART XXVI LIMITATION OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER**

This extraordinary power contained in this Provisional Charter may never again be repeated: no precedent is hereby set, and future Presidents shall not hold full plenipotentiary powers.

#### **PART XXVII SUPREMACY OF THE CHARTER**

This provisional Charter is the supreme law of the United Territories until the permanent Charter comes into force.

**This is the entirety of the provisional Charter for the United Territories.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, J. Starr, an unmarried male conceived after Hanukkah 5741 and the subsequent undersigned, free from threat, duress, or coercion, being of sound mind and body, hereby sign and thus execute this provisional Charter for the United Territories, after Tu BiShvat 5780 in the quinquagenary of Stonewall.

*J. Starr, 20-02-2020*



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