

TREATY OF SACULIUM

ON THE FORMATION OF A MERIDIAN UNION

**BETWEEN GUANDMARE, LUTHIONIA, RS DYNASTY AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF CANADA AND BRITAIN**

Signed in Saculium, on March 10th, 2014

PREAMBLE

THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE SOCIALIST STATES OF GUANDMARE,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LUTHIONIA,

THE GROßMEISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC STATE OF RS DYNASTY,

HIS MAJESTY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF CANADA AND BRITAIN,

CONSIDERING that regional peace may be safeguarded only by combined efforts of its nations;

CONVINCED that the contribution which an organized Meridia can bring to civilization is indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations;

CONSCIOUS of the fact that Meridia can be built only by concrete actions which create a real solidarity and by the establishment of common bases for economic development;

DESIROUS of assisting through the expansion of their basic production in raising the standard of living and in furthering the works of peace;

RESOLVED to substitute for historic rivalries a fusion of their essential interests; to create a military that will protect the continent as a whole; to establish, by creating an economic community, the foundation of a broad and independent community; and to lay the bases of institutions capable of giving direction to their future;

HAVE DECIDED to create a Meridian Union and to this end have designated as plenipotentiaries:

THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE SOCIALIST STATES OF GUANDMARE

Head of State and Foreign Relations of Guandmare

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LUTHIONIA

Prime Minister of Luthionia

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Luthionia

THE GROßMEISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC STATE OF RS DYNASTY

Delegat Foreign of RS Dynasty

HIS MAJESTY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF CANADA AND BRITAIN

Head of Government of the UKCB

Foreign Secretary of the UKCB

ARTICLE 1

By this Treaty, the High Contracting Parties establish among themselves a Meridian Union, hereinafter called 'the Union'.

This Treaty marks the first stage in the process of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Meridia, in which decisions are taken as closely as possible to the citizen.

The Union's task shall be to organize, in a manner demonstrating consistency and solidarity, relations between the Member States and between their peoples.

ARTICLE 2

The Union shall set itself the following objectives:

- to assert its identity on the international scene, in particular through the implementation of a common foreign and security policy including the formation of a coherent, high-readiness, joint force package;
- to promote economic and social progress which is balanced and sustainable, in particular through the creation of an area in which a Union passport is sufficient to allow undeterred passage across borders, through the strengthening of economic and social cohesion and through the establishment of economic union;
- to strengthen the protection of the rights and interests of the nationals of its Member States through the introduction of a citizenship of the Union;
- to develop close cooperation on justice and home affairs;

ARTICLE 3

We underscore that our efforts to unite Meridia and create a mutual task force should not be perceived as a threat by any country or organisation, but rather as a demonstration of our determination to protect our populations, territory and forces from any armed attack, including terrorist attack, directed from abroad. We are determined to deter, disrupt, defend and protect against any attacks on us. In order to carry out the full range of its missions, the Union must be able to field forces that can move quickly to wherever they are needed, upon decision by the Meridian Council, to sustain operations over distance and time, including in an environment where they might be faced with nuclear, biological and chemical threats, and to achieve their objectives. Effective military forces, an essential part of our overall political strategy, are vital to safeguard the freedom and security of our populations and to contribute to peace and security in Mazeria. We have therefore decided to:

- a. Create a Meridian Response Force (MRF) consisting of a technologically advanced, flexible, deployable, interoperable and sustainable force including land, sea, and air elements ready to move quickly to wherever needed, as decided by the Council.

- b. Structure the MRF so that it can work optimally. There will be two strategic commands, one operational, and one functional. The strategic command for Operations, headquartered in RS Dynasty, will be supported by a Joint Force Command able to generate land, sea and air Task Forces. The strategic command for Advancement, headquartered in Guandmare, will be responsible for the continuing transformation of military capabilities and for the promotion of interoperability of Union forces.
- c. Improve intelligence sharing and crisis response arrangements for defence against terrorism. Terrorism, which we categorically reject and condemn in all its forms and manifestations, poses a grave threat to Union populations, forces and territory, as well as to international security. We are determined to combat this scourge for as long as necessary. To combat terrorism effectively, our response must be multi-faceted and comprehensive.
- d. Endorse the implementation of four nuclear, biological and chemical weapons defence initiatives, which will enhance the Union's defence capabilities against weapons of mass destruction: a Deployable NBC Analytical Laboratory; a NBC Event Response team; a Biological and Chemical Defence Stockpile; and a Disease Surveillance system.
- e. Strengthen our capabilities to defend against cyber-attacks.
- f. Examine options for addressing the missile threat to Meridian territory, forces and population centres in an effective and efficient way through an appropriate mix of political and defence efforts, along with deterrence. We shall create a WMD Centre to help tackle this threat. We reaffirm that disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation make an essential contribution to preventing the spread and use of WMD and their means of delivery. We stress the importance of abiding by and strengthening existing multilateral non-proliferation and export control regimes and international arms control and disarmament accords.

ARTICLE 4

The governing institution of the Union will be the Meridian Council, hereafter referred to as 'the Council'.

The Council shall provide the Union with the necessary impetus for its development and shall define the general political guidelines thereof.

The Council shall bring together the Heads of State or of Government of the Member States and the President of the Council. They shall be assisted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States. The Council shall meet at least twice a year in

Saculum, under the chairmanship of the Head of State or of Government of the Member State which holds the Presidency of the Council.

The Council shall publish a yearly written report on the progress achieved by the Union.

ARTICLE 5

The Council shall elect its President, by a qualified majority, for a term of two and a half years, renewable once. In the event of an impediment or serious misconduct, the Council can end the President's term of office in accordance with the same procedure.

The President of the Meridian Council:

- a. shall chair it and drive forward its work;
- b. shall ensure the preparation and continuity of the work of the Council;
- c. shall endeavour to facilitate cohesion and consensus within the Council;

The President of the Council shall not hold a national office.

ARTICLE 6

All citizens of nations in the Union are hereby entitled to a Meridian nationality, next to their native one. If in possession of a Meridian passport or identity card, one can cross national borders within the Union freely, exempt of any further security checks. Further security checks may be performed if the person in question is suspected of posing a threat to the Union or one of its member nations.

ARTICLE 7

Meridian Embassies will be constructed in States outside of the Union.

The functions of the Embassies consist of representing the Union and its members in the receiving State; protecting in the receiving State the interests of the Union and of its nationals, within the limits permitted by international law; negotiating with the Government of the receiving State; ascertaining by all lawful means conditions and developments in the receiving State, and reporting thereon to the Council; promoting friendly relations between the Union and the receiving State, and developing their economic, cultural and scientific relations.

ARTICLE 8

Other Meridian nations may accede to the Union, if all current members of the Union are in agreement. Before allowing a nation into the Union, a panel of experts will determine if the candidate upholds the basic human rights that the Union sees as elementary.

If a nation is accepted into the Union, it will be subject to all the rights and obligations that are described in this and following treaties.

ARTICLE 9

The present Treaty, drawn up in a single copy, shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the Republic of Luthionia, which shall transmit a certified copy thereof to each of the governments of the other signatory States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have placed their signatures and seals at the end of the present Treaty.

Done at Saculium, the tenth of March two thousand and fourteen.

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Fait à Saculium, le dix mars deux mille quatorze.

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