



Das Gemeinschaft Charter

Treaty of Highton City (November 21st, 1969)

We the People of the Gemeinschaft:

Recognizing the need for co-operation amongst nations who share a common bond in an ever-changing modern world, particularly economically and in trade,

Emphasizing the strength drawn from common aspects of culture, history, and language,

Affirming that consultation and co-operation are key to building beneficial international relationships,

Recalling that the Gemeinschaft shall be a union of fully sovereign, independent, and equal states whose common heritage and ideals brought together in pursuit of said goals,

Affirming that these ideals include but are not limited to democracy, human rights, security, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, faith in the rule of law, international co-operation, celebration of unity and diversity, respect, tolerance, and global peace,

Hereby establishes the Gemeinschaft as an organization of nations working together for their mutual benefit and the benefit of the world as a whole.

Section 1: Membership

1. Any nation for whom the entirety or a significant portion of territory was at some point under the administration of the Aleman or Hightonian realm may apply for full membership into the Gemeinschaft
2. Any nation for which a minor portion of territory was at some point under the administration of the Aleman or Hightonian realm may apply for observer membership in the Gemeinschaft.
3. Should a nation outside of these requirements with a notable history with Highton wish to apply for observer membership, it must submit a request for membership which shall be approved by a unanimous vote of full members.

Section 2: Internal Structure

1. The power of the Gemeinschaft shall be vested in the Gemeinschaftskonferenz.
2. The Gemeinschaftskonferenz shall meet biannually.
 - a. The location of the meeting shall rotate between full members.
 - b. The date of the meeting of the Gemeinschaftskonferenz shall be set at the conclusion of the previous meeting.
 - c. Emergency meetings may be called at any time by any member and the location of the meeting shall correspond with the member who called for it unless there are special circumstances preventing that location from hosting the meeting.
3. The Gemeinschaftskonferenz shall be a council consisting of one representative for every member.
 - a. Members may select their representative in any manner they see fit.
 - b. There shall be no limits on eligibility for representatives.
4. A President shall preside of meetings of the Gemeinschaftskonferenz.
 - a. The President shall be elected at the commencement of each biannual meeting of the Gemeinschaftskonferenz.
 - i. Any representative may declare candidacy or nominate another representative.

- ii. Candidacy declarations shall be completed in a succinct manner.
 - iii. Once candidacy declarations are closed, each candidate shall be given a maximum of six minutes to speak, followed by a ten minute debate.
 - iv. The debate may be closed with a motion to move into voting procedure.
 - v. The vote shall be conducted on a first past the post basis.
 - vi. In event of a tie, the two candidates with the most votes shall move into a runoff.
 - vii. If after a runoff the vote is still tied, the outgoing president shall cast the deciding vote.
 - viii. The elected president shall begin duty immediately following the declaration of the results of the election.
- b. The President may serve an unlimited number of terms.
 - c. The President shall serve until the start of the next biannual meeting of the Gemeinschaftskonferenz.
 - d. The member from which the President has been elected shall replace their seat on the council with another member of its delegation.
 - e. The President shall preside over any emergency meeting throughout the duration of the term.
 - f. If the President is unable to serve at any point during their term, they may appoint a temporary replacement, or the most senior representative present may fill the role.
5. The Gemeinschaftskonferenz may pass legislation to benefit the members of the Gemeinschaft.
- a. Legislation shall require a simple majority to pass.
 - b. Legislation may not infringe upon the sovereignty of members.
6. Gemeinschaft privileges and presence on the Gemeinschaftskonferenz of any member may be suspended for any reason by a four/fifths vote.
7. The reigning Sovereign of Highton shall be the ceremonial President of the Gemeinschaft.

Section 3: Inter-member Relations

1. There shall be free trade of good between all full members.
2. There shall be free movement of people between all full members.
3. Citizens of Gemeinschaft members should be permitted to vote in local elections if residing in another member for a minimum of six months.
4. Members shall not wage war on another member.
 - a. In case of a conflict between members, the aggressor may be suspended from the Gemeinschaftskonferenz by a four/fifths vote.
 - b. The suspended nation shall lose all privileges of membership until the suspension is lifted.
 - c. Any suspension may be lifted by a simple majority.

Section 4: Miscellaneous

1. This charter shall come into effect on the Twenty-Second of November, the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-Nine.
2. This charter shall be binding in its entirety.
3. Any section of this charter may be amended by the Gemeinschaftskonferenz.
 - a. Amendments may be proposed by any full member at any meeting of the Gemeinschaftskonferenz.
 - b. Amendments shall require a four/fifths majority to take effect.
4. The first biannual meeting of the Gemeinschaftskonferenz shall be held in Highton City beginning on the First of January, the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy.

Signed:

Princess Gabrielle of the Crowned Republic of **Highton**

Duke Jérémy Grosjean of the Royal Duchy of **Peuporfile**

President Andrew Westen of the Crowned Republic of **Highton**

President Opokin Valeryevich of the **Oclusi** Democratic Republic

President Olaresh Kanbe of the **Lawstoner** Republic

Delegate Premier Romataŭ Serci of the Commonwealth of **Demescia**

Chancellor Manuel Bäcker of the Crowned Republic of **Highton**

Chancellor Petruso Aleksandrovič of the **Oclusi** Democratic Republic