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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CULTURE & TOURISM
Nairo, Deathfall

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2021 DF DIP NOTE 2

Note Regarding the Opportunity International Space Station

¶ 1. The Deathfallian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Culture & Tourism presents its compliments to the Ibican Space Administration and has the honor to refer to the Administration's diplomatic note of July 15th, 2021 (Telegram No. 27019746).

¶ 2. The Leader of the Deathfallian Senate, also the Minister for Miscellaneous Affairs, tabled a bill in the Deathfallian Senate to authorize continuing appropriations to assist with anything that the Administration may need in order to further develop the Space Station. However, as noted in the debate—

¶ 2A. “Mx. Speaker, the Opportunity International Space Station Funding Act is an act that will enable the Ibican Space Administration to apply to the Senate directly for funding for the station. I think I speak for colleagues throughout the Senate that the Union has no space agency, and does not intend to have one ... if this Act is passed. I would note for the convenience of colleagues that all this Act does is simply allow the Ibican Space Administration to apply in an expedited manner for funding when it's needed, and to allow Deathfall to invest in space exploration.”

The Prime Minister (Max Harris), *Debate on the Opportunity International Space Station Funding Act of 2021*, 2021 DF HANSARD 2493, ¶ 5 (attached hereto).

¶ 3. The debate further notes that Deathfall does not “have the resources to help them with space modules, but we have more than sufficient monetary resources to help them pay for space modules”. Minister for Misc. Affairs (Skylar Baker), 2021 DF HANSARD 2493, ¶ 19.

¶ 4. Seeing as the bill is due for a third reading (the final stage which last-minute amendments can be offered, debated, and a final vote is held on the bill), we would request an answer as soon as possible on whether or not such funding would prove to be, at the very least, a minimal contribution to the Space Station.

¶ 3. The Deathfallian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Culture & Tourism avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ibican Space Administration, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**DEBATE ON THE OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL SPACE
STATION FUNDING ACT OF 2021**

July 24th, 2021

¶ 1. THE SPEAKER (Zoey Days): The Leader of the Senate.

¶ 2. THE LEADER OF THE SENATE (Skylar Baker (D)): Mx.

Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the *Opportunity International Space Station Funding Act* be considered read the first time, discharged from further consideration in the Miscellaneous Affairs Committee and that the Senate do now read the Act a second time.

¶ 3. THE SPEAKER: Any objection? Hears none... so ordered.

¶ 4. THE SPEAKER: The Prime Minister.

¶ 5. THE PRIME MINISTER (Max Harris (D)): Mx. Speaker, the *Opportunity International Space Station Funding Act* is an act that will enable the Ibican Space Administration to apply to the Senate directly for funding for the station. I think I speak for colleagues throughout the Senate that the Union has no space agency, and does not intend to have one. As such, I have directed that my Right Honorable Friend, the Leader of the Senate, do now take the role of Minister for Miscellaneous Affairs as well as Minister of Finance. The Senate will, therefore, be pleased to hold the Minister for Miscellaneous Affairs accountable for funding related to this Act, if this Act is passed. I would note for the convenience of colleagues that all this Act does is simply allow the Ibican Space Administration to apply in an expedited manner for funding when it's needed, and to allow Deathfall to invest in space exploration. I would also like to bring to the attention of the Senate the diplomatic note sent from the Ibican Space Administration to the Prime Minister. I thus ask unanimous consent that the diplomatic note filed with the Clerk be read, and be reproduced in Hansard.

¶ 6. THE SPEAKER: Any objection? Hears none... so ordered.

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¶ 6A. "The Ibican Space Administration has set out on an ambitious project to put a large, crewed Space Station into orbit. In keeping with our belief that Outer Space is part of the common heritage of humanity, we would like to invite our partners to be involved with Opportunity Station. Opportunities for cooperation include providing modules for the station, maintaining crews on the station, sending up research projects to the station, or providing craft to deliver payloads to the station. No major economic investment is required to participate, though we would appreciate any willing to make an investment into the station by providing modules for it."

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With that being said, I yield to the Minister for Miscellaneous Affairs.

¶ 7. THE SPEAKER: The Minister for Miscellaneous Affairs.

¶ 8. THE MINISTER FOR MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS (Skylar Baker (D)): I beg to mov-

¶ 9. THE SPEAKER: Resume your seat. The Prime Minister has not yielded the floor to the Leader of the Opposition in an attempt to speed through this Act through the Senate. I thus censure the Prime Minister and demand that the Leader of the Opposition be heard.

¶ 10. THE SPEAKER: Sir Lee Barnes.

¶ 11. THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (Sir Lee Barnes (C)):
Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Spea-

¶ 11. THE SPEAKER: Resume your seat. Senators will be aware of the convention that colleagues are to be referred to by their appropriate title, if applicable, and gender title. I thus remind the Honorable Gentleman that I use they/them pronouns, and my honorific is Mx.

¶ 12. THE SPEAKER: Sir Lee Barnes.

¶ 13. THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Madam Speaker, your gender and sex are female. You are dead wrong, and the Government is full of fucking idiots. Go fu-

¶ 14. THE SPEAKER: Resume your seat! At once!

The Leader of the Opposition goes onto unascertainable angry ranting that cannot be transcribed.

¶ 15. THE SPEAKER: Pursuant to the Rules of the Senate, I name the Dishonorable Gentleman and demand that he withdraws from the Senate for the remainder of this day's sitting.

The Dishonorable Gentleman is arrested by the Sergeant at Arms and removed from the Chamber.

¶ 16. THE SPEAKER: I would presume that the Honorable, the Senior Senator for Barrio is prepared to oppose this legislation per convention? Yes? The Senior Senator for Barrio.

¶ 17. AARON PATEL (AFP): Mx. Speaker, on behalf of the Conservatives, I dearly apologize that the Dishonorable Gentleman has once again made a fool of himself. However, the Conservatives refuse to remove the whip from him. So, we are stuck with him. However, I note for the pleasure of the Senate, that the Anarchic Freedom Party is prepared to act as the Opposition when necessary. Anyhow, this Act would essentially allow a foreign "space administration" to ask us consistently for checks to fund their space exploration, when the note has made clear that "no major economic investment is required". So, can the Minister make clear why is this a good idea, or even necessary?

¶ 18. THE SPEAKER: The Minister for Miscellaneous Affairs.

¶ 19. THE MINISTER FOR MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS: Mx. Speaker, the Honorable Gentleman clearly believes that Deathfall shouldn't make any type of contribution, even though we don't have the resources to help them with space modules, but we have more than sufficient monetary resources to help them pay for space modules! I say he's Caracas! Even though he may be Caracas, let me be clear: Deathfall should contribute in some way to space exploration, and this is how we can!

¶ 20. THE SPEAKER: Aaron Patel.

¶ 21. AARON PATEL (AFP): Mx. Speaker, the Honorable Individual opposite yet again forgets the simple language of the diplomatic note: “no major economic investment is required”. So, let me ask the Minister in a different way: Is a contribution necessary?

¶ 22. THE SPEAKER: Skylar Baker.

¶ 23. THE MINISTER FOR MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS: Mx. Speaker, the Honorable Gentlemen opposite doesn’t find it necessary and crucial to our diplomatic standing in the world to not even do the slightest bit to help fund space exploration? A government under the Anarchic Freedom Party would be disastrous for our Union if elected if this is the way they intend to go about our diplomatic affairs!

¶ 24. THE SPEAKER: Does the Senior Senator for Barrio wish to make any further statement? No? Alright then. The Minister for Miscellaneous Affairs has been fully heard in the opinion of the Chair. Yes... the Chancellor.

¶ 25. THE CHANCELLOR (Johnathan Atwood Sr. (AFP)): Thank you, Mx. Speaker. I just wanted to add some thoughts to the debate, Mx. Speaker. First off, space exploration is a good thing for humanity. That’s a fundamental point that I believe has been missed here, as the focus has been primarily on *how* to contribute to space exploration. I encourage the Government, the Opposition, and my own party to go back to their respective quarters and rethink their positions. I thus ask unanimous consent to consider the Act read a second time and to allow the Leader of the Senate to schedule time for the third reading to allow for further debate and amendments. It is clear that this second reading will not allow the Senate to fully consider this Act, and I see the Speaker agreeing with me.

¶ 26. THE SPEAKER: Any objection? Hears none... so ordered.

¶ 27. THE SPEAKER: The Act has been read a second time and the Leader of the Senate shall schedule the third reading at the pleasure of the Government.