

# Charter of the Lyrean Community

## Article I:

### *Statement of Core Principles*

§1.1 Signatories to the Lyrean Community agree to work towards and uphold four **Core Principles**;

1. *Peace and Friendship*
2. *Economic Cooperation and Integration*
3. *Regional Defence*
4. *Transparency and Communication*

§1.2 These principles are to be seen as the *spirit* of the Lyrean Community, not strictures. Their pursuit will serve as the guiding intention of the Community at all times. Notwithstanding the Binding Commitments in Article II, they are to be interpreted and applied as the Community sees fit.

## Article II:

### *Binding Commitments*

§2.1 While the Lyrean Community is to be an organization primarily led by principle and intended to develop organically, there are four legally **Binding Commitments** required for membership. They are as follows;

§2.2 **Commitment to Peace**; All signatories agree to peaceful and amicable relations between themselves.

§2.2.1 Where disputes arise between signatories, they are to be solved via arbitration conducted through the channels of the Lyrean Community, and not to come to violence.

§2.3 **Recognition and Affirmation of Territory**; All signatories agree to recognize and affirm one another's extant territorial claims, as of the signing of this document.

§2.3.1 Future expansions of territory may be ratified in this same way by a Resolution of the Lyrean Council as per §3.2.

**§2.4 *Freedom of Movement and Trade***; All signatories agree to permit the free flow of people, labour, and goods between their territories, to be conducted without unreasonable barriers and for the mutual betterment of the region and its peoples.

**§2.4.1** Where inexorable circumstances risk damaging regional unity and good-neighbourliness, *individual persons* of one signatory may be barred from entering the territory of another.

This caveat is to be exercised as a last resort, and not before the application of other means of dispute resolution. Any decisions of this nature must be well-communicated between signatories.

**§2.4.2** Signatories have the right to designate specific areas and structures within their territory which as exempt from this clause, where the unrestricted passage of individuals would inhibit their own national security.

**§2.5 *Sharing of Information***; All signatories agree to communicate openly and often with regards to their own national situations, policies, world outlooks, interests, and concerns.

**§2.5.1** To facilitate this, meetings of the Lyrean Council are to be held no less than once every month. All members are required to send one or more delegates from their Council membership as defined in **§3.1.1**, including *at least one* national leader.

Meetings should give signatories the opportunity to update one another on new developments, discuss regional projects, potential Resolutions or Associations, external relations, and the general state of the Lyrean Community.

**§2.5.2** Council meetings are to be held in-game in a designated Lyrean Council office to be constructed in each signatory. The hosting member will rotate each month following alphabetical order.

**§2.6** Should a signatory fall into repeated, flagrant, and severe violation of these Binding Commitments, they are to be removed via the process laid out in **§3.5**.

### **Article III:** ***The Lyrean Council***

**§3.1** The ***Lyrean Council*** is to be the primary voting and representative body of the Lyrean Community. It is vested with the power to set the policies and orientation of the Community as a whole.

§3.1.1 The Lyrean Council is to consist of the National Leaders of each signatory, as well as Representatives - the government officials and key persons of each country. The criterion for Representative status falls to each signatory.

§3.1.2 Each signatory is to appoint a *single individual* with the authority to cast that signatory's vote in the Lyrean Council.

This individual may be recalled and appointed at the will of the signatories via whatever internal decision-making processes they establish.

§3.1.3 Should a signatory have multiple National Leaders, the voting member is not to be considered any more authoritative or influential, but to serve only in the interests of efficacy in the context of voting procedure.

§3.1.4 The Lyrean Council is entitled to hold private discussions amongst its own membership, but any voting processes must be transparent and visible to the Lyrean citizenry at large.

§3.2 **Resolutions** may be passed by the Lyrean Council via a majority vote of signatories to exercise the collective will of the Lyrean Community.

§3.2.1 Resolutions and their contents are to be considered generally binding to all signatories, but may contain specific provisions and exemptions within their text.

§3.2.2 Should an enacted Resolution conflict with a signatory's constitution or fundamental way of life, signatories have the right to invoke a **Notwithstanding Clause**, and exempt themselves from the requirements of a Council Resolution.

Invocations of the Notwithstanding Clause should not conflict with the Core Principles of Article I, and may not be used to override the Binding Commitments of Article II.

§3.3 **Associations** are to be mediated sub-groups of signatories within the Lyrean Community which signatories may sign up to or withdraw from freely. They may exist on whatever terms they wish; for example a Lyrean Security Association which shares snitch access between members.

§3.3.1 All Associations must have a transparent and reasonable process and criteria for any signatory to join.

§3.3.2 Associations are intended to serve as a means to *further* cooperation and communication, and are not to atomize or divide the signatories of the Lyrean Community. No Association should in any way inhibit regional unity.

**§3.3.3** No Lyrean signatory may be penalized on account of membership or non-membership in any Association.

**§3.4** New countries may become signatories of the Lyrean Community via a unanimous vote of the Lyrean Council.

**§3.4.1** The accession of a new signatory involves the unqualified ratification of this Charter and the addition of their signature to the document.

**§3.4.2** Any new signatory is entitled to equal representation on the Lyrean Council, which is not to be prejudiced on account of signatory seniority.

**§3.5** signatories may be removed via a majority vote of the Lyrean Council where there is a severe violation of the Core Principles of Article I, or the Binding Commitments of Article II.

**§3.5.1** The nature and specificity of these violations must be proven and communicated to the signatory before their removal.

**§3.6** This Charter can be modified by a two-thirds supermajority vote within the Lyrean Council.

**§3.6.1** All modifications to the Charter are to be recorded comprehensively in a separate document, noting the date, voting details, and specifics of the amendment.

## **Article IV:** ***Formalities***

**§4.1** The Lyrean Community is to be represented by the *Flower Flag*;



§4.2 This flag is to be displayed on all Lyrean Community infrastructure and buildings, and to serve as a recognizable symbol of our region and community on the international stage.

§4.3 Likewise, the four-pointed, four-petalled Lyrean flower itself is to serve as our symbol in circumstances where a flag would be inappropriate, taking the place of a coat of arms or an emblem.

For example, all Resolutions and official documents of the Lyrean Community should bear the Lyrean flower.

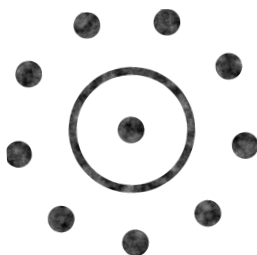
Signed,



*Hitobashuru*, on behalf of the **Principality of Pavia**



*Kaprediem*, on behalf of the **Republic of Lambat**



*The Mery People*



*Smol\_Bee*, on behalf of the **City of Letos**



*Seekinq*, on behalf of the **High Kingdom of Griffin**



*Soon\_Forgotten*, on behalf of **Moloka**