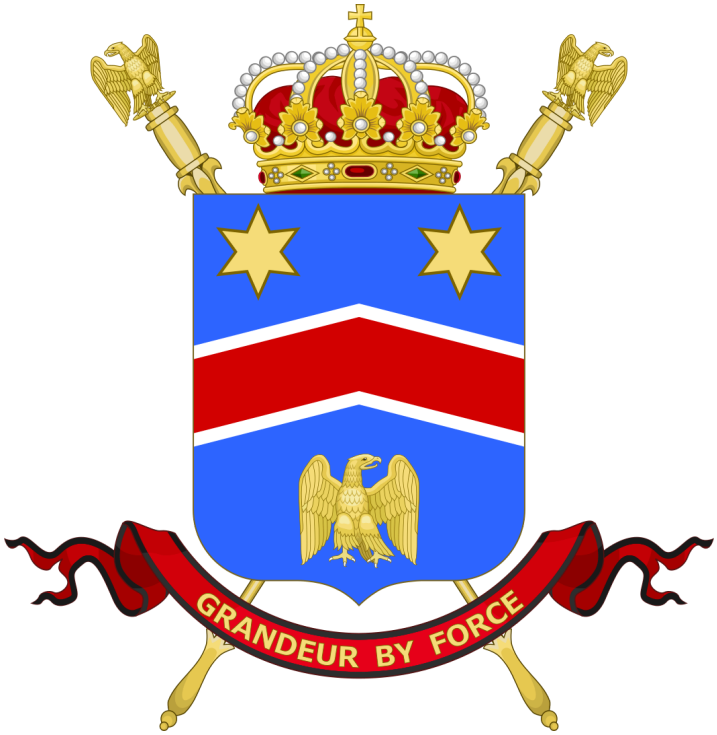
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Introduction and Preliminary Matters

On the 18th of July 2024, at 00:19 BST the Honourable Member for the Hind Seat, Alexandra Irikladis abruptly left the Grand Republic of Cycoldia's primary communications network, without having been formally dismissed from her position, presumably due to the release of unspecified allegations against her character, despite the credibility of said allegations being put in question.

Immediately after her departure, the General Assembly held an emergency meeting to determine how the Hind Seat should be filled, with Her Imperial Majesty reporting that Her Imperial Majesty's Office of the Exchequer could not afford a special election. It was decided by an informal and unanimous vote of all present Honourable Members to form the Committee to Select a Member for Vacancy Replacement, whose expressed purpose is to determine a method of selection for and select a candidate to serve for the remaining eleven and a half months of Alexandra Irikladis' term in the General Assembly. Its decision, the rationale for that decision and any other information deemed worthy of inclusion is written in the sections below for the benefit of the General Assembly at large, so that they may vote on the proposition put forward by the Committee to Select a Member for Vacancy Replacement.

The Selection Process

After examining the simulation of a hypothetical June 2024 General Election without Alexandra Irikladis' participation, which resulted in the election of Monarchist Party candidate Christopher Ramsay, Her Imperial Majesty and Hon. Lewis Ross put forward Ramsay as their preferred choice. Hon. Plamen Iliev II then presented the Committee with an alternative, namely selecting one of the two unsuccessful Unitary Party candidates in the same election, justifying his proposal by appealing to the principle of representative democracy. Following the resulting debate between the two proposals, Hon. Mats Seifert put forward a third course of action, granting the authority to select Irikladis' replacement to the Monarchist Party under the pretext that the mandate given to her must be kept within the party she was elected under.

More debate followed amidst the committee membership, which, along with a statement made by His Highness the Chancellor of the Exchequer, led to the Hon. Plamen Iliev II's shift in position in favour of Christopher Ramsay. Whilst most members of the committee were by that point in support of selecting Ramsay, the Director of the Office of Parliamentary Affairs, Willow Dziedzic, cautioned the committee at large and the Hon. Mats Seifert in particular against limiting the power to select the replacement to only members of the Monarchist Party on the basis that, should a by-election be held, the electorate would include all citizens regardless of political affiliation.

After a brief discussion between Director Willow Dziedzic and Her Imperial Majesty, the former began supporting the leading selection proposal, which now stood at just one vote short of a committee majority.

Her Imperial Majesty then proposed the appointment of the Honourable Lewis Ross to the position of Vice-Chair of the committee. The question was put to a vote, with Her Imperial Majesty, Hon. Mats Seiterf, Hon. Taniel Petrosyan, Hon. Lewis Ross and Hon. Plamen Iliev II voting aye and His Highness the Earl of Brookhaven expressing support for the motion after it had passed.

Causation of Vacancy

A major matter of concern in regards to the vacancy of the Hind Seat is the causation of this. As cited by Her Imperial Majesty, the reason for such a vacancy was due to a false allegation made against Alexandra Irikladis, in which she instead opted to resign rather than refute, made by an individual in a foreign state.

Alexandra Irikladis has not been found to have violated any laws of the Grand Republic of Cycoldia other than violations of procedure in the chamber of the General Assembly by improperly vacating her office, and the Committee to Select a Member for Vacancy Replacement hereby refers this as requiring disciplinary action to be overseen by the Office of Parliamentary Affairs and relevant magistrates.

It should be as well noted that Her Imperial Majesty formally removed Alexandra Irikladis' citizenship as of 18 July 2024 under Section II: Article 2, Paragraph 5 of the Constitution of the Grand Republic of Cycoldia, and that therefore as of 18 July 2024, Alexandra Irikladis was no longer a citizen of the Grand Republic of Cycoldia. This came following her vacating her seat and debate surrounding the formation of the Committee to Select a Member for Vacancy Replacement.

Conclusion and Summation of Remarks

The Committee to Select a Member for Vacancy Replacement hereby formally recommends that the General Assembly adopt the appointment of Christopher Ramsay as Member for the Hind Seat, owing to his provided mathematical theoretical win if Alexandra Irikladis had not run for office in the June 2024 General Election. Upon the adoption of this report, Christopher Ramsay will receive the office and be properly authorised to the relevant levels of a member of the General Assembly.