

SCards

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Cards, or as they are often referred to as artwork, has made a grand debut in the Security Council. Several proposals have used them as a base, and a handful have used them as the entire argument for a proposal. An important thing to remember when looking at any Commend or Condemn is that they both serve as badges of honor and are testaments to the incredible achievement of the nation they are bestowed to.

The first of the cards based proposals was “Condemn [Koem Kab](#)” [SC #287](#). This resolution opened the door to other proposals by coining many terms. The author, [Bormiar](#), had an uphill battle to fight, since many people did not think cards should be recognized in character and others thinking that even if a cards-based resolution could be written, no international artwork accomplishment would merit a C&C. Yet with the help of the cards community, the issue was pressed until an official statement was made: Referring to cards as artwork was allowed. Of note is that rather than calling puppet nations “puppets” or “proxy nations”, the term “satellite nations” was used; this term has now become commonplace among cards-based proposals and cards community.

It wasn't long after the passage of “Condemn Koem Kab” that the possibility of more cards-based proposals crossed other authors' minds. Even [yours truly](#) had his hand at drafting one. After some closed door conversations with various prominent figures in the cards

community, it was decided that [Destructive Government Economic System](#), also known as DGES, deserved a commendation for the work put into [writing a comprehensive guide to international artwork](#), which is among the most upvoted of all dispatches, and [a massive Ex-Nation collection](#). After drafting with Ransium for 6 months, I submitted “Commend DGES” [SC #303](#), and with that, the first cards-based commendation came to be. Some time passed—as is healthy for the SC—before an additional cards proposal came to be. [Noahs Second Country](#), a prominent cards player, drafted up an eloquent trip down memory lane for myself with many accomplishments I had forgotten about during my tenure in NationStates. However, the proposal focused on cards without fail. As per special request, Noah submitted the proposal after I reached 100,000 commons—a major milestone that remains to this day unbeaten. Surprisingly quickly after the passage of [my Commendation](#), another proposal came to be: “Condemn Noahs Second Country” [SC #320](#). With this new proposal came a change in terminology, and long last the word “cards” was allowed to be in a proposal. While it was “allowed” in the context of proper nouns like “The Cards Guild”, the mods have suggested avoiding it in order to abide by rule 4. However, “cards” is now an officially acceptable term.

I see a grand future in cards-based proposals as a category similar to that of R/D and any other C&C category. After 4 proposals have passed, people have started to understand cards a bit more as well as accept it as a legitimate part of Nationstates. That being said I would like to see authors go beyond just cards and get more proposals that are well rounded members of many communities. And, especially, C&Cs for players that unify communities. All in all, the SC will continue to operate much the same as it always has, but artwork opens it up to a larger pool of

authors and nominees. We still are waiting for the day that a region gets a C&C based on cards and this author would put money on it that it is coming soon.