

Title: The Galactic Yard Conglomerate Reorganisation Act

BE IT ENACTED by the Galactic Senate of the Republic:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the Galactic Yard Conglomerate Reorganisation Act or GYCRA.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(a) Findings: Recognising the enormous power that the newly formed Galactic Yard Conglomerate wields, and the inappropriate use of its power and influence thus far, the Senate is resolved to intervene. Where a company grows in size and strength to the point that it can field armies, intimidate sovereign worlds, and control significant sectors of key strategic industries, it poses a clear and present threat to the Galactic Republic's security, stability, political integrity, and economic prosperity.

(b) Purpose and interpretive guide: This Act seeks to ensure the Galactic Yard Conglomerate is dealt with in a manner that seeks not to restore the previous (unjust) arrangements or create new monopolies, but rather creates an appropriate environment for a dynamic and just market. It is explicitly a bill to dismantle the Conglomerate into smaller corporations. Although justified by a broader, underlying imperative, this Act is to be given effect specifically on the GYC question. It should be interpreted in a manner especially mindful of the Republic's security interests, as well as the rights of workers and consumers to have clarity, stability, and certainty for their economic decisions.

SECTION 3. ARBITRATION PROCESS AND STRUCTURE

(a) There shall be an Arbitrator, appointed by the Chancellor from amongst the judges of the Republic OR the Jedi Order, who shall be responsible for convening hearings on the break-up GYC, chairing negotiations for GYC's break-up, and make orders in accordance with those hearings and negotiations. Pursuant to this responsibility, the Arbitrator may ask the Chancellor to make additional appointments or resource allocations as necessary to achieve their aims.

(b) The discussions and hearings chaired by the Arbitrator are to be conducted impartially and with due consideration to the interests and rights of all parties present. The Arbitrator retains the right to exclude or include any parties as they deem appropriate.

(c) The orders made by the Arbitrator shall be limited solely to GYC. The Arbitrator shall not make an order concerning any other issue or entity except for dealings with GYC or allocations of GYC assets. The order must be clear and cover the totality of an issue. If an order is labelled as a final order, it cannot be subsequently amended. All orders liable to amendment must be labelled interim orders.

(d) The orders made by the Arbitrator shall be otherwise subject solely to the Arbitrators discretion. They may take any form, compel any action, or devise any structure/schema that the Arbitrator deems appropriate to the purpose of the order. Nothing in this Act shall be taken to limit the *methods* by which the Arbitrator achieves a stated aim. This shall include the power to nationalise, separate, reallocate, merge, or take any other relevant power pertaining to the assets and arrangements of the matters the order seeks to

resolve. The orders made by the Arbitrator are binding with full force of Republic law.

(e) Subsection (d) shall not apply where an order contradicts either a recognised fundamental right or any existing Republic Law. In such a case, the order shall be unrecognised only to the extent of the conflict, and otherwise preserved as far as possible.

(f) The Arbitrator must provide a monthly report on their progress to the Senate, which shall be publicly available except where a party specifically requests partial redaction due to commercial in confidence (in which case only the Senate shall have access). The monthly report shall contain what measures have already been taken, what measures are expected to soon be taken, and how long the process is foreseen to continue, as well as any recommendations for additional actions by the Senate, Chancellor, or Courts of the Republic.

(g) The Arbitrator shall not be subject to a formal time-constraint, but should give great consideration to speedy resolution of the matters before them as part of minimising disruptiveness.

(h) The Arbitrator may take into account matters not discussed in a formal impanelled discussion or included in this Act for the purposes of an order but must list these specific additional reasons when making a relevant order. This shall include the conduct of parties before this Act's passage or outside of relevant proceedings.

(i) The process of liquidating and breaking up GYC shall conclude once the Arbitrator has issued all the final orders they deem appropriate. They shall petition the Chancellor to be dismissed from their duties, and the Chancellor may accept or decline as they see appropriate. If the Chancellor declines the petition, specific instructions must be given for the further actions expected. If the Chancellor accepts the petition, the matter will be considered closed, but the Senate reserves a right for a period of one galactic year to overrule this acceptance by a simple motion containing specific instructions for the further actions expected. This is not to be considered a veto.

SECTION 4. DESIRED OUTCOMES WITH REGARDS TO SHIPYARDS

(a) The Arbitrator shall devise a settlement that ensures that no private entity retains more than one shipyard. For the purposes of this Act, a yard shall be defined as all shipbuilding operations within a given system. The Kuat Drive Yards, for example, are all shipyards in the Kuat system. This Act shall also apply to break up Kuat Drive Yards into the main shipyard at Kuat and its various subsidiary shipyards.

(b) The Arbitrator shall award yards to the entity or entities that have a clear and inherent interest in the yard's operation and control. Either the closest planetary government of that shipyard or the former owner of that shipyard will be taken to have superior interests over all other parties.

(c) Subsection (a) of this section shall not be taken to apply to the Galactic Republic itself. Where shipyard operations are structured so that multiple yards must be dealt with in conjunction and cannot be limited to individual yards, the arbitrator shall be required to give serious consideration to the nationalisation of that group.

(d) The Arbitrator must be constantly mindful of the security interests of the Republic in the allocation of Yards. The Arbitrator should not allocate any yard to an entity where there is reason to believe the entity will not reliably act in the Republic's interests in a crisis. All arrangements concerning shipyards must contain some arrangement for the Republic to have unobstructed access to the yards for legitimate Defence purposes.

(e) The Arbitrator may, if concerned about misuse, make orders concerning the supervision and demilitarisation of shipyards where the yard must be allocated to an entity that petitions for control of a shipyard for exclusively peaceful purposes.

(f) Korriz Shipyards should only be allocated to the Midwan Compact if the Midwan Compact make a petition for it to be used for solely peaceful and civilian purposes and thus come under the jurisdiction of s4(e). The Shipyards should otherwise be reverted to the control of the Republic, but available to the Midwan Compact as a priority client for contracting.

SECTION 5. DESIRED OUTCOMES WITH REGARDS TO OTHER OPERATIONS

(a) The Arbitrator shall endeavour to (while recognising the benefits of economies of scale in Galactic Logistics) ensure that Inter-Galactic Shipping is a competitively sized entity. The Arbitrator may merge, split, or rearrange IGS as it sees fit. It may only allocate the remaining GYC share to the Commerce Guilds if it is satisfied this will not cause the Commerce Guilds to wield an inappropriate level of market influence in logistics.

(b) The Arbitrator shall endeavour to ensure that AgriCorps is a competitive entity and that no private arrangements undertaken by that entity, or any orders made under this Act, threaten a planet's food security. The Arbitrator shall have total discretion as to how AgriCorps is to continue and what size it is to be, but preference should be given to either outright nationalisation or a bidding process for either the whole or part of the entity. Competitive shall therefore be taken to mean either nationalised or appropriately sized.

(c) GYC Security is to be disbanded. Any military assets GYC controls are to be taken into the custody of the Republic.

SECTION 6. MISCELLANEOUS PRINCIPLES AND CONSIDERATIONS

(a) Where a decision must be made pertaining to ventures where GYC itself was the actor, such as Conglomerate-created businesses, the Arbitrator should be mindful of the financial interest provided by GYC investors, but prioritise allocations on the basis of efficiency and public interest.

(b) All decisions made must have adequate care and consideration in their orders for the workers of the companies affected, preserving their job security and labour rights. The Arbitrator may make any order not otherwise prohibited by Republic Law that they see fit in order to ensure the protection of affected workers.

(c) All decisions made must have adequate care and consideration in their orders to the satisfaction of outstanding GYC contracts. The Arbitrator may make any order not otherwise prohibited by Republic Law that they see fit as part of an attempt to prevent this Act from interfering with lawful contractual arrangements. Any prioritisation decision surrounding the satisfaction of contracts should be done on the basis of detrimental reliance of the client, and the Republic's security interests.

(d) No decision shall be made by the Arbitrator which would strengthen the interests of an individual or entity the Arbitrator deems likely to act contrary to the Republic's security interests, violate Republic Law, aid others in violating Republic Law, forward the interests of foreign powers, or act without due regard to their workforce.

(e) The Arbitrator must act with due regard to preventing the internal militarisation of the Republic. If the allocation of any asset would give a particular PDF or large entity a significant capacity to independently conduct hostile actions against a Republic World or a foreign power, the Arbitrator must do everything in their power to craft an order capable of mitigating that risk.

(f) The Arbitrator should act with due regard and make appropriate allowances for their orders to act synergistically with other contemplated Republic policy initiatives, regardless of whether or not these have been approved. The orders made by the arbitrator should be done so with due consideration to emerging policy opportunities. This shall be taken to mean (inclusively) further colonisation efforts, any Great Works programs or programs substantively similar, and any significant Republic needs that may arise from foreseeable initiatives.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION

(a) **Effective Date:** The provisions of this Act pertaining to arbitration administration shall take effect immediately upon being passed by the Galactic Senate and signed into law by the Chancellor. Provisions concerning the ultimate outcome of the arbitration are to be of immediate relevance, but the Arbitrator shall not be under a date-specific time-constraint, although it is the clear will of the Senate that haste is urged.

(b) **Regulations:** The Chancellor may make regulations under this Act, subject to approval of the Senate via an authorising motion, on any matter relevant to the Act. Orders made by the Arbitrator are to be functionally considered as regulations.

(c) **Funding:** The Chancellor shall have the power to allocate resources of the Republic earmarked for security or law enforcement purposes to achieving the aims of this act at their discretion.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 9. ENFORCEMENT

(a) The Galactic Senate shall have the power to enforce this Act by appropriate legislative statement.

(b) Any individual or entity that violates this Act shall be subject to penalties, which may include fines, imprisonment, or other measures deemed appropriate by the Senate.

(c) Any individual or entity that believes they have been adversely affected by a violation of this Act may seek legal redress. Galactic Yards Conglomerate or its trustees/shareholders/creditors shall not have a claim against the Republic for any action undertaken lawfully within this Act's authority. Only claims against other individuals or entities pertaining to violation of arbitrator orders may arise.

(d) No cause of action shall arise against the Arbitrator or the Republic. The Arbitrator's decisions are binding and unchallengeable, except via petition to the Senate, who has right of review over the decision. The Arbitrator's decisions are otherwise empowered with full force of law and may not themselves cause an action to arise, including perceived failure under s6(c).

SECTION 10. EFFECT ON EXISTING LAW

This Act shall supersede any conflicting provision of law.

SECTION 11. AUTHORITY

This Act is enacted pursuant to the powers vested in the Galactic Senate under the Constitution of the Galactic Republic.