

Treaty Effecting a Transition of Government for Aurum through Cession of Lands to the Grand Duchy of Varkonia

His Honourable Baron of Aurum and The Honourable Red Duke of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia

ACKNOWLEDGING the deep relationship and close ties between the peoples of Aurum and the Grand Duchy of Varkonia,

RECOGNISING the power of working together in a closer union to achieve their shared goal of peace and stability,

SEEKING to deepen the links of and anchor their bilateral relationship and cooperation on international matters,

ATTEMPTING to impart a long term commitment to their multifaceted bilateral relations and to actively develop them in political, development, economic, trade, scientific, technological, cultural and other fields in the years ahead,

Have accordingly appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

His Honourable the Baron of Aurum: Himself The Honourable Red Duke of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia: Himself

Who, having exhibited their full powers found in good and due form, have agreed as follows—

Part A

Transfer of lands

Article 1

Lands defined

Throughout this Treaty, any reference to the "Aurum lands" refers to all land claimed and held by His Honour The Baron of Aurum at the time this Treaty is ratified by the High Contracting Parties.

Article 2

Cession of lands

Aurum gives, transfers and grants and confirms unto the Grand Duchy of Varkonia (including the heirs and successors forever thereof) the Aurum lands, with all the rights, profits, territories and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, and as well the profits and revenue as the direct, full, and absolute dominion and sovereignty of the said territory, with all royalties thereof, subject to the terms of this Treaty.

Part B

Transition of government

Article 3

Establishment of the Province of Aurum

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that a province of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia named the Province of Aurum exists with its territory of the Aurum lands. The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the territory of the said Province cannot be reduced or made smaller in any way without the consent of the said Province but can be enlarged by the Grand Duchy of Varkonia.

Article 4

Establishment of government of Aurum

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the Province of Aurum shall have its own provincial government that may make and pass laws for the peace and good government of the Province.

Article 5

Self government of Aurum

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the Province of Aurum shall have self government and that the Grand Duchy of Varkonia will not interfere or intermeddle with the internal affairs of the said Province, except to the extent necessary to effect peace and good government of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia.

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the Grand Duchy of Varkonia shall not have power to remove from office any member of the Government of the Province of Aurum. The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the Grand Duchy of Varkonia shall not have the power or competency to modify the system of government in the Province of Aurum and that any changes to this can only be made by and with the consent of the said Province.

Article 6

Application of laws to Aurum

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the laws of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia shall apply to and within the Aurum lands only to the extent that the provision relates to a matter referred to the Grand Duchy of Varkonia by the Assembly of the Province of Aurum.

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the judicature of the Province of Aurum shall have power and jurisdiction to determine whether laws of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia are applicable to the said Province.

Article 7

Saving of laws of Aurum

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the laws in force in Aurum at the time that this Treaty is ratified shall become the laws of the Province of Aurum. To remove any doubt, the Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares the said Province shall be competent to amend or repeal these laws as if they were made by the Province.

Part C

Citizenship

Article 8

Acquisition of Varkonian citizenship

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that all persons who at the time this Treaty is ratified were subjects of His Honour The Baron of Aurum and who are not already citizens of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia shall become citizens of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia. The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that His Honour The Baron of Aurum shall become a citizen of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia.

Article 9

Residency of Aurum

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that the Government of Aurum shall have the power to set requirements for acquisition of residency of the said Province and that this can be independent from acquisition of citizenship in the Grand Duchy of Varkonia.

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that all persons that are from time to time considered by the said Assembly to be residents of the said Province shall be citizens of the Grand Duchy of Varkonia.

Article 10

Nationality of Aurum

The Grand Duchy of Varkonia agrees and declares that there shall be no distinct citizenship for the Province of Aurum but that it shall be denoted on the register of citizens that a particular citizen is a legally recognised resident of the said Province.

His honourable Baron

of Aurum

The Honourable Red Duke of The Grand Duchy of Varkonia

In witness whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty and affixed thereto their Seals.

Done in duplicate at Balmoral this fifteenth day of October, 2019, in the English language.