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164th session

Asian-Oceanic Session
22 January 2022
Speaker: Pun Watta
Agenda: 164th Session Agenda

Delegations in Attendance:

1. New Athens
2. Novus Hierosolymis
3. Orientia
4. Waterside Park
5. Aarland
6. Avalonia
7. Galte
8. Berry Empire
9. Elava

Discussions and Proposals:

First discussion: Nonprofit Act
Majority in support of the act.

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Session transcript:

[9:13 AM] Pun Watta - Orientia: @Members @Provisional Members @Observers Asian Session is starting, I apologize for the delay.
[9:14 AM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Berry Empire is present.
[9:14 AM] Jayden I - Novus Hierosolymis: Novus Hierosolymis is present.
[9:14 AM] Christopher Miller - Galte: Galte is present
[9:14 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: Waterside Park is present
[9:14 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: Aarland is present.
[9:15 AM] Pun Watta - Orientia: Today's session will be very short.
[9:15 AM] Pun Watta - Orientia: Here is the agenda:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UddJdnEgswQroQYxCmiQnvdUFuPsMasL
[9:16 AM] Christopher Miller - Galte: That's a meagre agenda
[9:16 AM] Pun Watta - Orientia: I concur, the last two sessions have been quite short.
[9:16 AM] James Murray - Avalonia: Avalonia is present.
[9:17 AM] Pun Watta - Orientia: We will begin with the first (and last) topic in the agenda, the Nonprofit Act:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W-77vaOB9waD3mpGAwn5uiMovk3nf_7a/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112791137795829699631&rtpof=true&sd=true
[9:18 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: I am absolutely in support of this act. It legitimises the Cupertino Alliance as a proper organisation, gives members tangible, real-world benefits, allows for funding for projects such as Lincolnshire, and the funding pool could even be used for CAoNI, along with reviving GreenCities.
[9:18 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: Furthermore, it could be used to help with in-person meetings in the future should they take place.
[9:19 AM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I fully support the nonprofit act.
[9:20 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: I am definitely supporting this act. Although it lacks benefit for non-US delegates and member states, it's a massive step-forward for the popularisation of micronationalism, which is one of our main missions.
[9:20 AM] James Murray - Avalonia: I think that as long as funding is taken care of, which it is for the time being, I think it is worthwhile
[9:20 AM] James Murray - Avalonia: Could you expand more upon this?
[9:20 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park:
it lacks benefit for non-US delegates
We still get discounts on software for the organisation, for Adobe, Apple, etc.
[9:21 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: I'm happy to cover admin fees yearly, I've pledged £5 a month, which means there's already a £30 excess in the fund, plus Tyler's pledge.
[9:21 AM] Pun Watta - Orientia: I concur with Mr. Martin and Redberry. I think it can benefit the organization as a whole and will legitimize the CA.
[9:22 AM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Micronear will also benefit from this. We could get the Apple developer license (normally 100$/y) for free and make Micronear available in the app store.
[9:22 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: From my perspective, which, to be fair, lacks knowledge of the US taxation bureaucracy, it's benefits will be largely limited to the programs which are US-centric
[9:22 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: Furthermore, we could get discounts on .org domains for the organisation and subsidiaries should we want to buy some (although I personally think .ca is a better option)

[9:22 AM] James Murray - Avalonia: How so?
[9:23 AM] James Murray - Avalonia: I don’t think the act is discriminatory to specific regions
[9:23 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: Whilst many benefits do apply only to the US, we do still get other discounts. Seed subsidies and/or the like won't be region centric, so that's not an issue. Only US-only one I can think of is USPS discounts.
[9:24 AM] Redberry - Berry Empire: Obviously, some benefits will be limited to the country where the organization is registered, but majority of the benefiits will be available worldwide, I believe.
[9:24 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: Although that could still be used for international mail iirc.
[9:24 AM] Harrison Dosen Grunning - Elava: Elava will be observing this session
[9:24 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: Also, I'm slightly concerned about what can this do to member states from sanctioned countries, i.e. Russia and Iran, although again, I'm heavily lacking knowledge about the american tax system
[9:24 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: It won't do anything about that, afaik.
[9:24 AM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I'm certain it won't do anything.
[9:25 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: I'm not even sure if we have any russian/irani member states in the first place.
[9:25 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: If that's the case, I see no reason nor ground to oppose it at all, seems like a great step forward for the community.
[9:25 AM] Redberry - Berry Empire: I concur.
[9:25 AM] Christopher Miller - Galte: This s a pretty solid act. I read through it all. On that note, Galte is no longer present.
[9:26 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: Some of Aarland claims are within Russia and most of our citizens hold dual Russian-Aarlandian or German-Aarlandian citizenship
[9:26 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: Ah, sorry.
[9:26 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: Just realised that Kranoya might be Irani, but I don't think anyone here actually knows where Kranoya is.
[9:27 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: New Athens is present
[9:29 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: To answer your question, this wouldn't affect member nations at all. Nonprofit status would apply to the CA itself, but the CA would be able to use the benefits it receives to assist member nations through programs.
[9:30 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: Then my comment is no longer valid.
[9:30 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: It was a good question
[9:31 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: Also, I would suggest making it obligatory for the Treasurer to regularly present the financial reports, for example every 4 sessions, instead of upon request. I believe it will increase transparency.
[9:32 AM] James Murray - Avalonia: That’s a good point
[9:32 AM] James Murray - Avalonia: Reports should be released maybe every month or so?
[9:32 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: I'd say quarterly, on par with most other organisations.
[9:33 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: So every 3 months.
[9:34 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: We could do that, but I wrote it this way so that Parliament could request it on any interval we want. If it's upon request, then parliament can simply request that it become the standard to report it every fourth session.
[9:34 AM] Larry Martin - Waterside Park: That seems like a good provision.
[9:34 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: But we could also do every fourth session, and upon request.
[9:35 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: That seems good.
[9:35 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Alright, I'll amend it to include that.

[9:36 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Well, it would need to be every 12th session, since we do 3 sessions at a time.
[9:36 AM] T. Landa - Aarland: Good point.
[9:38 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I'll figure out the phrasing. The report should be prepared ahead of time so it can be presented at all 3 sessions for that day.
[9:44 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: Financial reports may be requested by Parliament at any time, but must also be presented to Parliament during the first session of each region each month.

How's this? It probably wouldn't work out to being every 4 sessions unless we keep the current schedule, but monthly reports are pretty reasonable in my opinion.
[9:47 AM] James Murray - Avalonia: I like this
[9:51 AM] Jayden I - Novus Hierosolymis: On the matter at hand, my support remains. In regards to the timing of financial reports, I support it being both at the request of Parliament and also regularly presented to Alliance members every quarter.
[9:52 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: I also think quarterly would be good as a minimum, since it could be requested any time as well
[10:01 AM] Tyler Mullins - New Athens: @Pun Watta - Orientia I think we're in a good spot to end this session.
[10:02 AM] Pun Watta - Orientia: Alright, I thought there was going to be some more discussion
[10:02 AM] Pun Watta - Orientia: This session is adjourned.