The Constitution of the Union of Haven

The people of the Union of Haven have come together from the ashes of the Second Empire of Uldarash in order to establish justice, peace, prosperity, individual rights, and liberty. To ensure these rights, we do establish this constitution for the Union of Haven.

Article I - Name

1. The name of this nation shall be the Union of Haven, Haven, or the Union.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the Union of Haven is to serve as an anti-imperialist bulwark against the forces of foreign and domestic threats, a protector of individual rights and liberty, and serve as a place for the people of Haven, Eldham, and Rathnir to make their own destiny. We guarantee the rights of the people and the rights of the nations who choose to fly our colors. We welcome all nations to join our Union and enjoy these rights as we do.

Article III - Joining and Leaving the Union

- 1. Any nation may join the Union of Haven
 - a. An independent nation may choose to join the Union in whatever manner they so choose.
 - b. After an outside nation has expressed interest in joining, a vote must be held in both houses of Congress
 - i. A simple majority vote shall be required in both chambers to accept a new nation into the Union
- 2. After joining, nations will undergo a probationary period of one month
 - a. During this probationary period, their Assembly of Havenor will have the status of a High Advisor
 - b. After the completion of the trial period, that state shall enjoy the full rights and privileges as any other
- 3. Any nation that joins the Union shall enjoy the same equal rights and privileges as any other nation within the Union
- 4. A nation within the Union may choose to leave at any time
 - a. In order to leave, a nation shall submit a letter stating their intention to withdraw no later than two weeks before the date of their withdrawal

Article IV - The Legislative Branch and Process

Section 1

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the Union of Haven, which shall be composed of a senior house in the Assembly of Haven and a junior house in the Senate. Unless stated otherwise, all votes shall require a simple majority.

Section 2

- 1. The Senate shall consist of appointed senators apportioned by population to the states
 - a. States will appoint Senators in a manner of their choosing
 - b. Each state shall automatically receive one senator, with two at a population of 20, three at a population of 40, and so on, increasing by one representative for every 20 citizens.
 - c. A census will be conducted every month to assess the population of each constituent nation, and senators will be apportioned based on these numbers
 - d. Senators shall hold a term of one month
 - e. Sessions of the senate shall last one month
- 2. At the beginning of each session, the senate shall hold an internal election for a Speaker of the Senate
 - a. The Speaker shall hold a non-voting seat on the Assembly of Haven
 - b. The Speaker shall be responsible for setting the time and date of weekly sessions of the Senate
 - i. The Speaker shall host and conduct sessions of the Senate
 - ii. This shall include the creation and administering of votes of the Senate
 - c. The Speaker shall be the primary liaison between the Senate and the Assembly of Haven
 - d. The Speaker shall have the ability to call emergency sessions of the Senate
- 3. The Senate may draft and pass legislation that must be also approved by the Assembly of Haven and signed by the Sentinel

- 1. The Assembly of Haven shall consist of the leader(s) of every constituent nation within the Union.
 - a. There shall be no more than one voting member from each nation on the Assembly of Haven
 - b. It shall be up to each nation to determine their voting member
 - c. The Grand Marshall shall receive a non-voting seat on the Assembly of Haven

- 2. High Advisors, appointed by the Sentinel and approved by the Assembly of Haven, shall receive non-voting status on the Assembly of Haven
 - a. High Advisors can be removed with a resignation or through a vote of the Assembly of Haven
 - b. High Advisors shall be appointed on merit and offer their input to the Assembly of Haven
- 3. The Assembly Secretary shall set the date and times of the weekly sessions of the Assembly of Haven
 - a. The Assembly Secretary will be selected and approved by the Assembly of Haven
 - b. The Assembly Secretary shall host and conduct sessions of the Assembly of Haven
 - c. This shall include the creation and adSecretarying of votes of the Assembly of Haven
- 4. The Assembly of Haven may draft and pass legislation that must also be approved by the Senate and signed by the Sentinel
- 5. It shall be the responsibility of the Assembly of Haven to approve treaties, declare war, and approve other such international actions
 - a. All such actions shall require a 2/3rds vote
- 6. The Assembly of Haven will approve all ambassadors, Secretaries, and justices of the superior court
- 7. No one person can hold both a Assembly of Haven seat and a Senate seat
 - a. This shall not extend to cases where vacancies may arise

- 1. The Congress shall have power to provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the Union of Haven;
- 2. To borrow Money on the credit of the Union of Haven;
- 3. To establish Post Offices and post Roads;
- 4. To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;
- 5. To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;
- 6. To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offenses against the Law of Nations;
- 7. To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;
- 8. To raise and support Armies;
- 9. To provide and maintain a Navy;
- 10. To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;
- 11. To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the military, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the Union of Haven.

- 1. No constituent nation of the Union of Haven may enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation without the approval from a majority of the Congress of the Union of Haven
 - a. This shall not extend to strictly economic and trade treaties

Section 6

- 4. There shall be four kinds of legislation:
 - a. An act, creating or changing a law
 - b. An amendment, amending the constitution
 - c. A resolution, a statement of support, a call to action, or another similar action
 - d. A referendum, this legislation shall only require passage through one house of congress and can be used to gauge the citizenry and inform decisions

Article V - The Executive Branch

Section 1

The executive power of the Union of Haven shall be vested primarily in the Sentinel of the Union, along with their Princeps and Secretaries.

Section 2

- 1. The Sentinel shall be elected by the Assembly of Haven
 - a. The Sentinel shall run with a set Princeps of the Sentinel
 - b. The Sentinel shall hold their office for two months
 - i. A Sentinel can only serve in one consecutive term
 - c. After their election, the Sentinel shall make an inaugural address
 - d. Only citizens of the Union of Haven shall be eligible to hold the office of Sentinel
 - e. The Sentinel may not hold any other officer position in the Union

Section 3

- 1. In the absence of the Sentinel, the Princeps shall act with their authority
- 2. The Princeps can be deemed unworthy by a 2/3rds vote of the Assembly of Haven, and the Sentinel shall have to appoint a different Princeps

- 1. The powers of the Sentinel are defined as follows:
 - a. They shall be commander-in-chief of the Union armed forces

- i. The Sentinel shall appoint, with a vote of the Assembly of Haven, officers to the General Staff, as well as a High Marshall
- b. They shall have the power to grant pardons, only in the case of federal law, except in the case of impeachment
- c. They shall have the power, with the advice and consent of the Assembly of Haven, to make treaties, declare war, and make other such actions
- d. They shall have the primary responsibility in international affairs, and as a liaison between the constituent nations of the Union
- e. They shall nominate, and with the advice and consent of the Assembly of Haven, appoint Ambassadors, Secretaries, justices of the supreme court, and all other officers of the Union of Haven whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for and which shall be established by law
 - i. Congress may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers, as they think proper, in the Sentinel alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of Departments
 - ii. The Sentinel shall have the ability to dismiss all appointments at any time, aside from Justices who serve for life
- f. The Sentinel shall have the ability to call emergency sessions of either house of Congress
- g. The Sentinel shall have the ability to create and propose referenda to the general citizenry
- h. The Sentinel shall have a vote only when such vote breaks a deadlock in the Assembly of Haven
- i. Other powers as provided by law may be established

1. The Sentinel shall hold a monthly State of the Union address to the Congress of the Union of Haven and the general public

- 1. There shall be Departments overseen by the Sentinel
- 2. The Departments shall be as follows;
 - a. The Department of Defense, led by the Grand Marshall;
 - i. This Department shall have the primary responsibility of overseeing the military and associated operations
 - b. The Department of State, led by the Secretary of State;
 - i. This Department shall have the primary responsibility of overseeing the foreign affairs of the Union, including diplomats, treaties, and intelligence
 - ii. This Department shall also have the primary responsibility for public relations
 - c. The Department of Culture, led by the Secretary of Culture;

- i. This Department shall have the primary responsibility of overseeing the culture and traditions of the Union of Haven as dictated by majority of either the Assembly of Haven or senate and informed by relevant entities.
- d. The Department of Justice, led by the Attorney General;
 - i. This Department shall have the primary responsibility of overseeing the judicial aspects of the Union of Haven, including federal prosecutors, jury selection, and federal arbitrators
 - ii. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to update the federal constitution and law code
- e. The Department of Construction and Resources, led by the Secretary of Construction and Resources;
 - i. This Department shall have the primary responsibility of overseeing the infrastructure, building, and collection and distribution of resources as dictated by majority of either the Assembly of Haven or senate.
- 3. The Sentinel can dismiss Secretaries
- 4. Congress shall have the authority to establish or abolish Departments as it deems fit

- 1. The Sentinel, Princeps, and all civil and military officers of the Union of Haven, shall be removed from Office on impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors
- 2. Impeachment proceedings shall be conducted as follows;
 - a. Articles of Impeachment shall be brought forward to the Senate of Haven by any citizen of the Union of Haven
 - i. Articles of impeachment shall be approved by a vote of the Senate in order to proceed
 - b. Once the Senate has passed Articles of Impeachment, the High Court of Haven shall take the case, and all rules of procedure shall be followed

Article VI - The Judicial Branch

Section 1

All federal judicial power shall be vested in the High Court of the Union.

- 1. There shall be five justices of the High Court
 - a. Justices shall be appointed by the Sentinel and approved by the Assembly of Haven
 - b. Justices shall serve for life, or until resignation or impeachment

- 2. The justices shall elect from among themselves a High Justice
 - a. The High Justice shall have the primary responsibility of organizing trials and other duties of the court
 - b. The High Justice shall hold a non-voting seat on the Assembly of Haven
 - c. The High Justice shall hold their office for life, or until resignation or impeachment

- 1. The duties of the court are defined as follows;
 - a. The court shall serve as the court of final appeal;
 - b. The court shall be responsible for any disputes between constituent nations that it is asked to take up;
 - c. The court shall be responsible for any disputes between the federal government and constituent nations it is asked to take up;
 - d. The court shall be responsible for any disputes between the federal government and the citizenry;
 - e. The court shall be responsible for any case between a constituent nation and a citizen of a different constituent nation;
 - f. The court shall have primary responsibility for cases concerning foreign nations or foreign citizens;
 - g. The court shall have primary responsibility for any cases concerning officers of the Union of Haven;
 - h. The court shall have primary responsibility for cases of treason against the Union of Haven:
 - i. The court shall supercede the authority of constituent nation courts
 - j. Congress may assign other duties to the High Court as it deems appropriate.
- 2. All trials, except those of appeal or impeachment, shall be held by Jury
- 3. Treason against the Union of Haven shall consist only of;
 - a. Levying war against the Union or conspiring to do so;
 - b. Aiding and abetting the enemies of the Union;
 - c. Deliberately creating or aiding in the creation of situations that substantially harm the reputation of the Union and risk the lives of its citizens.

Article VII - The Military

Section 1

The military power of the Union of Haven will be vested in the Sentinel as Commander-in-Chief, and secondarily in the Grand Marshal

- 1. In order to promote unity, and taking lessons from the past, the military of the Union of Haven will be jointly held
- 2. Nations shall be allowed to maintain independent armies
- 3. The General Staff will consist of members appointed by the Sentinel and approved by the Assembly of Haven
 - a. The general staff shall be balanced between the constituent nations

Article VIII - Rights of Constituent Nations

Section 1

- 1. Each constituent nation within the Union of Haven will be treated as an equal member, regardless of population, government, or date of admittance
 - a. The exception to this rule shall be in cases of treason by a national government
- 2. Federal law shall supercede national law
 - a. All disputes of this clause shall be brought to the High Court
- 3. All constituent nations shall be protected by the full might and force of the Union of Haven
- 4. Nations shall be respected as sovereign states
- 5. All powers not specifically delegated to the federal government shall fall to the nations

Article IX - Rights of the People

Section 1

All citizens shall have the rights and freedoms as follows;

- 1. Freedom of speech;
- 2. Freedom of the press;
- 3. Freedom to assemble;
- 4. Freedom to petition the government;
- 5. Freedom of and from religion;
- 6. Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures, and the requirement of a warrant;
- 7. Freedom from enslavement:
- 8. Freedom from cruel and unusual punishment, and excessive bail and fines;
- 9. Freedom from arrest without cause or trial, except in the case of a court martial for military personnel;
- 10. The right to citizenship, unless denied with just and supported cause;
- 11. The right to a speedy, public trial;
- 12. The right to due process, and a fair trial by an impartial jury of your peers;
- 13. The right to be informed of the cause for accusations;

- 14. The right to be confronted with witnesses against them;
- 15. The right to not be compelled to be a witness against themself;
- 16. The right to an attorney;
- 17. The right to a jury trial for suits exceeding \$25,000

The rights expressed here shall not be construed to be the only rights of the people. All powers not delegated to the federal government shall fall to the constituent nations, or the people.

Article X - Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1

Congress, whenever 2/3rds of both houses deem necessary, shall propose amendments to the constitution.

Section 2

- 1. An amendment may be proposed in either house of Congress
- 2. When an amendment passes by a 2/3rds vote in both the Senate and the Assembly of Haven, the amendment shall be passed to a referendum of the citizenry
 - a. Voting for the referendum shall be administered by the Speaker of the Senate
 - b. Amendment referenda shall be open for voting for 48 hours
 - c. A simple majority vote of the citizenry shall be required to pass an amendment referendum
 - d. Upon the passage of an amendment referendum, the amendment shall take effect

As signed by the final leaders of the Second Empire of Uldarash, we do so ratify and approve this constitution for the Union of Haven. Imur Haven!

Rakia Ganeff, Sentinel of Haven

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