Hello residents, I wanted to inform you today that I have decided to veto an amendment recently passed by the Magisterium. This is a decision I've made as Delegate, with the advice and feedback of members of the region. To help you understand why I've made this decision, I've laid out my rationale below.

- 1. The amendment (A-2025-16) or 'Amendment to the Citizenship Act' met a legal majority by one vote. I was wrong to state that it didn't, and this was due to my lack of understanding of the voting process. I do believe that because of this slim majority
- 2. The instantaneous removal of citizenship is a great inconvenience laid on the residents of The East Pacific. The justification is that it takes work off the shoulders of the citizenship office; however, this only places a great burden on the residents of TEP, many of whom will be unjustly and immediately punished for actions they may not have yet even realised they had taken.
- 3. Importantly, this amendment is, by definition, incredibly hostile to foreign military cosmos of TEP, that being members who participate in more than one region and in a military different from TEPs. It essentially forces these soldiers with a mobile WA membership to either permanently move their WA to TEP, which many will undoubtedly be uncomfortable with, or enlist in the EPSA, lest they lose the various benefits their citizenship provides them. Although they can inform the office of their moving WA nation to keep their citizenship, this is a tedious process, especially for people who may be moving their WA often and only for a few hours at a time.
- 4. While the amendment has good intentions, being the strengthening of our regional security, this amendment simply does not accomplish enough to warrant the alienating of a large portion of our region's active community. This amendment will not prevent foreign enemies from infiltrating our region, if they are so determined, and unjustly punish those in our region who simply want to experience what TEP has to offer.

I mean no animosity to those who drafted and voted for this amendment. I can understand the reasoning behind it, however for the reasons detailed above, it just does not sit right with me, and I am clearly not alone in this assessment. I would like to clearly state my appreciation for the hard work of our Magisterium and our Praesidium, and look forward to seeing what alternative amendments they may put forward.