How Model Russia Works

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Overview:

During the early ages of this simulation we have decided to simulate solely the State Duma and ignore the Federation Council as well as to ignore the existence of Federal Subjects(which are somewhat similar to states). However, when we grow this handbook will be edited to include information regarding these systems.

State Duma

The State Duma is the lower house of the Federal Assembly of Russia. Each party receives seats via proportional representation and from there they can choose who they desire to make "deputies"

Amongst posting and voting on legislation they also have several special abilities:
- Impeach the President if a 2/3rds majority is received. This triggers an election.
- Consent to the appointment of the Prime Minister by the President.

The President

The President is the highest member of authority within the Russian Government and has executive power. He is directly elected by the people. It involves a two round voting system. After the first round if there is no decisive majority then the two most popular are selected and voted on yet again. A president can hold at most two consecutive terms. Anyone can stand for President within our simulation including independents and this will take place during a post asking for candidates to stand.

The President has several roles:
- He selects the Prime Minister and this choice is then voted on by the Duma
- Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces
- He also consents to the Prime Minister's proposed cabinet.

The Prime Minister

It is informal to refer to him as such as the official term is Chairman of the Government. He is selected by the President and voted on by the Duma. His role is to then select his Cabinet and submit it to the President to be affirmed. He may structure his cabinet in any way which pleases him and may remove/add positions.

Federal Elections

For the sake of simplicity within our simulation we will have the same term length for President and Duma. Whilst this is not true in real life we feel it makes more sense within a simulation. Every Federal Election we will hold concurrently the elections for the President as well as the proportional vote for the Duma Deputies.

After the Duma has been formed the first thing they will vote on is the President's selection of Prime Minister. This will occur as soon as he submits the Prime Minister to the speakership.

Coalitions do not exist because the government does not form from a majority. However we recommend you form alliances as this means you can force the president's hand into selecting a prime minister you desire if your alliance holds a majority. A counter alliance could also be formed that guarantees cabinet positions to each party providing that they support a certain candidate for prime minister.