

Charter of the Forum for International Diplomacy

WE THE PEOPLES OF CIVCLASSICS, acting through our respective governments, through representatives, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the Forum for International Diplomacy and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the Forum for International Diplomacy.

Simplified outline

What this Charter covers: This Charter establishes the Forum for International Diplomacy, an international organisation to [facilitate dialogue](#), [non-binding resolutions](#) and [moderated voice chat meetings](#) between member entities.

Members and delegates: Members can join the Forum after being approved by the existing members under chapter 2. Each member can nominate up to two delegates, one of whom may vote on resolutions. All members have equal voting rights.

Resolutions: The Forum can pass non-binding resolutions on any matter they agree upon.

Meetings: Under this Charter, any member can propose that a meeting of the Forum be called. Meetings are held on Discord voice chat and are moderated by the Moderation, applying the rules in chapter 5. Discussion is confined to topics agreed to in advance by members on the subreddit.

Moderation: There are three moderators who are elected by the members under chapter 6. The Moderation are, in their official duties, neutral and impartial. They facilitate discussion among members and perform administrative duties.

*This simplified outline does not form
part of the Charter.*

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Chapter 1 — Purposes and principles

Article 1

1. The purposes of the Forum are—
 - a. to establish, maintain and foster dialogue and diplomacy between its members;
 - b. to develop friendly relations among states; and
 - c. to create a closer-knit international community.
2. Throughout this Charter, where a reference is made to a fraction of a number, the reference means the nearest whole number when rounded down.

Chapter 2 — Membership

Article 2

1. The members of the Forum may, by resolution, authorise an eligible entity (the **prospective member**) to become a member of the Forum.
2. An entity is an **eligible entity**, if, in the members' opinion, it is an autonomous state, sovereign territory, or federation.
3. Authorisation under sub-article (1) is conditional upon the prospective member ratifying and signing this Charter within 15 days of authorisation.

Article 3

1. The members of the Forum may, by a resolution attaining a $\frac{3}{4}$ supermajority, remove a member of the Forum.
2. A member, in writing to the Moderation, may end its membership, effective from the time of transmission.

Chapter 3 — Delegates

Article 4

1. Each member must have 1 delegate, but may have 2 delegates.
2. Notwithstanding any other rule, a delegate must not be a moderator.
3. The method of selecting delegates is a matter of municipal law.
4. Where the selection of delegates is not covered by municipal law, delegates may be selected by, in this order, the member's—
 - a. head of state; or
 - b. legislature, or equivalent.

Article 5

1. A member must communicate to the Moderation, as soon as practicable after joining the Forum, the composition of its delegates.
2. A member may, at any time, communicate to the Moderation a change in the composition of its delegates.
3. If a member has more than one delegate, the member must designate a voting delegate.
4. A communication under sub-article (1) does not take effect until receipt of the change is given by the Moderation.
5. The Moderation must act upon a communication under sub-article (1) within 24 hours of receipt.
6. Throughout this Charter, ***the delegates*** means all communicated delegates of members that have taken effect under sub-article (2).

Chapter 4 — Resolutions

Article 6

1. Any member, through one of its delegates, may propose a resolution to the Forum.
2. A resolution is ***proposed*** by posting it to the subreddit (the ***resolution discussion thread***).
Note—
The subreddit can be found at [/r/DiplomacyForum](https://www.reddit.com/r/DiplomacyForum).
3. After a resolution has been proposed—
 - a. the delegates may discuss the resolution in the resolution discussion thread; and
 - b. 24 hours after the resolution discussion thread was created—the delegate must propose that the resolution be voted on (the ***resolution voting thread***);
 - c. the voting delegates may vote on the resolution; and
 - d. 48 hours after the resolution voting thread was created—the Moderation must tally the votes.
4. Each member has 1 vote per resolution.
5. Any vote purportedly cast after the period in sub-article (3)(d) is invalid and must not be counted.
6. The quorum for a resolution is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the members.
7. Unless otherwise stated, a resolution must attain a $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority to carry.

Article 7 (entrenched)

1. All resolutions of the Forum are non-binding in nature.
2. This article must not be amended.

Chapter 5 — Meetings

Article 8

1. Any member, through one of its delegates, may call a meeting by resolution.
2. A resolution under sub-article (1)—
 - a. must provide a proposed date and time for the meeting; and
 - b. need only attain a simple majority.

Editor's note—

When considering a proposed date and time for a meeting, be aware that a resolution will take at least 24+48 hours to carry.

3. A meeting is **called** once a resolution proposing the meeting carries.

Article 9

1. Once a meeting has been called, the Moderation must post a thread on the subreddit seeking agenda items (the **agenda thread**).
2. Any member's delegate may propose a business item in the agenda thread.
3. Business items must be seconded by another member's delegate.
4. Members may indicate a desire to discuss a seconded business item by replying favourably to the comment proposing the business item.
5. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Moderation must—
 - a. compile an agenda, listing all seconded business items in descending order of discussion desire; and
 - b. distribute the agenda to the Forum by posting it to the subreddit.

Article 10

1. Meetings are to be held by way of voice chat on the Discord server.
2. Meetings must not exceed 90 minutes in length, unless the present delegates agree to extend this period.
3. If an agenda contains more than two business items, the Moderation may direct conversation away from a business item if necessary to ensure that at least three business items are discussed during the meeting.
4. The Forum, by resolution, may create, amend or repeal a set of rules (the **standing rules**) that must be—
 - a. followed by delegates; and
 - b. enforced by the Moderation.
5. The standing rules must not be inconsistent with this Charter and, where they are inconsistent, to the extent of the inconsistency they are invalid and unenforceable.

Article 11

1. The Moderation must ensure that, on the Discord server—

- a. there is a meeting voice channel and meeting text channel (the **meeting channels**);
 - b. all delegates (who are members of the Discord server) are capable of accessing, and speaking in, the meeting channels;
 - c. all non-delegates are capable of accessing the meeting channels but are not capable of speaking in the meeting channels.
2. During a meeting, the Moderation must—
 - a. maintain order of and conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly manner; and
 - b. give all delegates a reasonable opportunity to make comments and ask questions, and ensure that other delegates do not unreasonably burden this opportunity.
 3. If necessary due to the meeting becoming disorderly, the Moderation may—
 - a. establish a talking order;
 - b. by a majority vote of present delegates, establish a time limit per speaker;
 - c. mute a delegate who, unreasonably and repeatedly, interrupts speakers, speaks out of turn or violates validly imposed time limits.
 4. Notwithstanding any other rule, the rights of non-delegates to access meeting channels may be reasonably limited by the Moderation to prevent serious disruption.

Chapter 6 — Moderation

Article 12

1. There shall be a group of three natural persons (each **a moderator**) known as the Moderation.
2. Each moderator shall serve for a term of 8 weeks.
3. The Forum may, by attaining a $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority, resolve to remove a moderator.
4. A moderator may, by posting a thread on the subreddit evincing an intention to resign, immediately resign from their position causing it to become vacant.

Article 13

1. The Moderation must post a thread on the subreddit for interested persons to nominate to stand for election for a vacancy on the Moderation (the **candidacy thread**)—
 - a. if there is a casual vacancy—as soon as practicable after the vacancy arises; or
 - b. otherwise—at least 7 days prior to the end of a term.
2. Once the period of—
 - a. if there is a casual vacancy—2 days; or
 - b. otherwise—7 days;after the candidacy thread was posted has elapsed, the Moderation must post a thread on the subreddit for members, through their voting delegates, to cast their ballot (the **voting thread**).

3. A **ballot** must contain a list of all candidates the voter wishes to vote for.

Note—

This is intended to be an implementation of [approval voting](#).

4. After the voting thread has been posted for a period of 2 days, the Moderation must count the ballots and declare the candidates with the highest number of votes as the winners for each of the vacant positions.
5. If this article applies to a casual vacancy, the electee shall serve the remainder of the term of the previous moderatory

Editor's note—

Please also see [article 18](#) for the initial election rules.

Article 14

1. This article applies where there is a tie in an election held under article 13.
2. The Moderation must post a thread on the subreddit for members, through their voting delegates, to cast their ballot on the remaining candidates (the **run-off voting thread**).
3. The **candidates** are each of the candidates from the voting thread who received the second-highest number of votes.
4. A **ballot** must contain the name of the single candidate the voter wishes to vote for.
5. After the run-off voting thread has been posted for a period of 2 days, the Moderation must count the ballots and declare the candidate with the highest number of votes as the winner.
6. If this article applies to a casual vacancy, the electee shall serve the remainder of the term of the previous moderator

Article 15 (entrenched)

1. In carrying out their official duties, moderators must remain neutral and impartial.
2. This article must not be amended.

Chapter 7 — Amendments

Article 16

1. This Charter may be amended, repealed or added to by resolution attaining a $\frac{3}{4}$ supermajority.
2. Any article that must not be amended may not be modified by this article.

Chapter 8 — Ratification

Article 17

This Charter shall be ratified by the signatory states in accordance with their respective constitutional processes.

Article 18


1. To remove any doubt, at the time this Charter comes into force it is declared that there are three vacancies on the Moderation.
2. For the first election held under article 13, the words “the Moderation” are to be read as “the Interim Moderators as appointed by the Founding Members”.

Ratified by the Founding Members:

FOR Mount Augusta (on 22nd February 2020):

	Citylion	Mayor
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>


FOR The Holy Jaded Empire (on 27th February 2020):

	ComradeNick	Holy Jaded Emperor
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>


FOR Yoahatl (on 4th March 2020):

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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>

FOR The Commonwealth (on 26th February 2020):

	Falvyu	Prime Minister
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>


FOR Varkonia (on 18th February 2020):

	BritishWanderer	Speaker of the Senate
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FOR Icenia (on 27th February 2020):

	ChrisChrispie	President of Icenia
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FOR Communist Cities Caretaker-Protectorate (on 23th February 2020):

SandFalls	SandFalls	Premier of the CCCP
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>

FOR Gensokyo (on 22nd February 2020):

	Ahrimanne von Gensokyo	Kronprinzessin & Generalfeldmarschall
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Ratified by:

FOR Threlkeld (19th March 2020):

<i>RiotAnts</i>	SocialistRuler	High Judge
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>

FOR Bloom (on 19th March 2020):

	Slushhi	President of the Republic
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>

FOR Adina (on 24th March 2020):

<i>matanic1107</i>	matanic1107	President of Adina
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>

FOR Vilsek (on 25th March 2020):

<i>Icypenguin79</i>	Icypenguin79	Personne Impartiale
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Signature

Name

Title