

DECLARATION OF MESSELIA

We, the Heads of Government of the Artemian Union, met in Messelia to strengthen the bonds of friendship between our nations, to further the causes of democracy, freedom and sustainable economic growth, tempered by the development of clean and renewable energies, and the protection of those most vulnerable.

Several decades from the foundation of our Union, our mission remains the same, but our commitment is stronger, and the tools at our disposal are more numerous. We remain committed to building a world safe for democracy, where all peoples are free and where trade and investments are easy to make, yet also responsible and conscious of their environmental and human impact. We strive to build a more prosperous, humane and developed world.

Having so gathered, we have agreed to uphold various standing commitments and establish new ones, based on the evolving nature of our world:

Foreign Policy and Global Threats

We condemn in the strongest possible terms the threats issued by Soltek Leader Edward Yutan to the international community. Any threat of aggression is unacceptable in a civilised society, and must be repudiated by all peace loving nations. We are committed to present a united front with other powers to ensure that any threats issued by Edward Yutan and others cannot be fulfilled.

We are concerned with the intervention of Fydoria in Arizixilega. While there is not yet a clear violation of its sovereignty, we encourage Fydoria to exercise restraint with its actions in Arizixilega, and urge its leadership to discuss further steps with the international community. A common response to instability will be more effective in the long term, and will be more conducive to cordial relations among the various regional powers.

We remain cautious but optimistic with the ascension of Nicolina Anselmetti to Grand Commander of Kalos. While she is regarded as a reasonable leader and willing to display an open mind, it must be pointed out that Kalos has long pursued a foreign policy antagonistic to that of the Union and its member states. We hope for a renewed relationship, and extend such an offer to the Grand Commander, but also renew our commitment to mutual defend in the event of threats against any of our member states.

We condemn terrorism in all its forms. Recent attacks in Sartoria and Parthenopias, and in Alexra, remind us that vigilance is paramount to guarantee a free society. Our law enforcement and intelligence agencies must increase their current levels of cooperation, to ensure that vital information and best practices are shared when necessary, to ensure that all tragedies are avoided, and that all those seeking to instil terror are prevented from carrying out their deeds.

We express our hopes for a measured response to terrorism, and remember that, while vigilance and security have a place, only the example of a free society can truly prevail over terrorism. It is too easy to fall for the trap of xenophobia and authoritarianism, and we remain committed to a comprehensive response to terrorism, one which tempers law enforcement with an open culture and a willingness to uphold the values that make our societies what they are today.

We remain committed to all ongoing security initiatives, and emphasise their defensive nature. While we will not hesitate to uphold our security, and that of our fellow member states, we will not engage in acts of aggression, nor will we cause destructive conflicts, where diplomacy and peaceful consultations might yield a positive result for all parties involved, and avoid the loss of lives in both parties to a conflict.

Mutual Cooperation and Development Initiatives

We agree on the importance of empowering our future generations, and support the continued existence of all components of the Global Education Programme. We restate the importance of a truly international education, and will continue to support the establishment of international education programmes and academic exchanges for students of all ages.

We share the widespread concern for the misuse of funds allocated for the Giorgio Passolides Higher Education Scholarship Programme, and support all member states that undertake efforts to conduct a thorough investigation on the matter. We will revise all procedures related to its funding, to ensure that the Programme is managed according to the Will and Last Testament of Giorgio Passolides, the policies and values of the Artemian Union, and the laws of all its member states.

We encourage all elementary, secondary and higher education institutions to promote the development of education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics, to ensure an able and capable society, as the hallmark of a successful society both now and in the future. We commit to allocating increased funds and resources to support the development of such programmes, and encourage similar action at the level of each member state, and its various subdivisions, as may be applicable.

We express our unconditional support for the continued development of environmentally friendly technologies and renewable energy sources. It is paramount to the long term sustainability of our societies, both within the Union and around the world, that we enable the successful development of environmentally friendly technologies and promote the widespread use of renewable energies. Our environment is fragile, and an environmentally conscious treatment will not only ensure our survival for generations to come, but also that said generations live in a clean and prosperous environment that is available to all.

We affirm our continued commitment to meeting the Green Development Goals by 2025, and support the continued operation of the Green Initiative as a way for peoples within the Union and around the world to gain an increased awareness on the importance of a green and environmentally conscious lifestyle, and for scientists, engineers and innovators to receive the funding they need to develop new technologies and processes to ensure the Green Development Goals become, rather than a set of goals to be reached, the natural lifestyle of our future.

We continue to believe, in consequence with our trust in education and innovation, that continued support for the Artemian Space Agency is necessary. A well-funded and strongly supported Artemian Space Agency will provide increased exploration and innovation opportunities for scientists, engineers, physicists, astrophysicists and all with an interest in the exploration of our universe, far beyond the capabilities of any single space agency, and will lead, consequently, to the development of new technologies to make life on Artemia easier. It is, therefore, in the best interests of humanity to support the exploration of the cosmos.

We support the Aetos Project and the Outer Space Exploration Missions, and agree that further funding should be allocated to both, to ensure the adequate training of astronauts, and to schedule test launch dates no later than the second semester of this year in the case of the former, and definitive launch dates in time for the next available transfer windows. We call on all member states to concentrate the resources of their individual space agencies to the realisation of these goals, for the benefit of the Union and all of humanity, in the shortest time possible, and in such a manner that all vehicles are fit to fulfil their functions to maximum efficiency.

Our commitment to security and peace, to mutual cooperation and sustainable development, shall not waver. As we venture into the future, we renew our promise to pursue these goals, to uphold our values as a Union, and to ensure that we remain conscious of our duties as heads of government, and representatives of diverse peoples, yet united in their search for a better future. With our goals clear, we shall deliver.

We look forward to meeting again in Parthenopias later this year.