

## Sed Nomine Tua Da Gloria

# A Constitution for Project Graceland

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# The Constitution of Project Graceland

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I, David Verchere, by the Grace of God, Archon of Project Graceland offer this constitution for Project Graceland this 1st day of January, 2020.

Chapter I

## The BlockChain

Article 1

1) Project Graceland is a blockchain based transnational distributed polycentric autonomous organisation consisting of multiple governing syndicates. The project is based on enabling the members of the governing syndicates to live in peace, exercise freedom, and securitize assets.

2) EOS is the Blockchain of the Council and the Assembly.

#### Article 2

The Project is a constitutional, hereditary, polycentric governorate on a democratic and parliamentary basis; the power of the project is inherent in and issues from the Archon and the Members of the syndicates and shall be exercised by both in accordance with the provisions of the present Constitution.

#### Article 3

The succession to the Office of the Archon, hereditary in the Office of the Archon, the coming-of-age of the Archon and of the Heir Apparent, as well as any guardianship which may be required, are to be determined by the Office of the Archon in the form of a succession protocol.

#### Article 4

1) Changes in the blockchain of the Project may only be made by a regulation. Blockchain changes between chains and forks and the union of existing ones also require a majority decision of the transacting members on the respective block chains, side chains, sister chains, and forked chains.

2) Individual syndicates, block chains, side chains, sister chains, and forked chains have the right to secede from the project. A decision to initiate the secession procedure shall be taken by a majority of the transacting members on the respective blockchains, sidechains sisterchains, and forked chains.

3) Secession shall be regulated by rule or, as the case may be, treaty. In the latter event, a second ballot shall be held in the chains after the negotiations have been completed.

#### Article 5

The project is inspired by the The Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon also known as the syndicate of Solomon's Temple, the Knights Templar who ran an early multinational banking empire.

The coat of arms of the Office of the Archon ; a saracen's head with a tyrant's crown that signifies the transient and tyrannical nature of earthly power; and the words "Do What Must Be Done" written in Latin as *Age Quod Agis*.

The Coats of Arms of the Project is the Red Cross with the words "Not to us lord, not to us, but to thy name let the glory be given," written in latin as "Non Nobis Domine, Non Nobis, Sed Nomine Tua Da Gloria;" the project colours are blue and red.

#### Article 6

The English language is the project language.

#### Chapter II

## The Archon

#### Article 7

1) The Archon is the Sovereign Head of the Project and shall exercise his sovereign authority in conformity with the provisions of the present Constitution and of the other regulations.

2) The Archon is not subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and does not have legal responsibility. The same applies to any member of the Office of the Archon who exercises the function of head of project in accordance with Art. 13bis.1

#### Article 8

The Archon shall represent the Project in all its relations with foreign organisations and foreign countries, without prejudice to the necessary participation of the responsible members of the Syndicates, Project Operations and Councils.

2) Treaties and contracts by which project assets are ceded, project property alienated, rights of sovereignty or project prerogatives disposed of, any new burden for the project or its members imposed or any obligation to the detriment of the rights of the members of the project contracted shall not be valid unless they have received the assent of the Councils.

#### Article 9

Every project regulation shall require the sanction of the Archon in syndicate to acquire validity.

#### Article 10

The Archon shall appoint the Judges in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution.

#### Article 11

The Archon shall take, through the Administration, and independently of the council, the steps required for the implementation and enforcement of the regulations, and any action required in pursuance of the powers of administration and supervision, and shall issue the requisite ordinances. In urgent cases he shall take the necessary measures for the security and welfare of the Project.

2) Emergency decrees may not set aside the Constitution as a whole or individual provisions of it but may only limit the applicability of individual provisions. Emergency decrees can neither limit every members right to life, the prohibition of torture and inhuman treatment or the prohibition of slavery and forced labour nor place any restriction on the "no punishment without regulation" rule. Moreover, the provisions of this Article cannot limit the scope of Art. 3, 13ter and xxx. Emergency decrees shall cease to apply six months after they have been issued.

#### Article 12

1) The Archon shall possess the prerogative of remitting, mitigating or commuting sentences which have been legally pronounced, and of quashing prosecutions that have been initiated.

2) Only at the instigation of the Council shall the Archon exercise his prerogative of remission or mitigation in favour of a member of the Administration sentenced on account of his official acts.

#### Article 13

Every successor to the Office of Archon shall, before receiving the oath of allegiance, shall declare upon his honour and dignity in a written proclamation that he will operate the Project in conformity with the Constitution and the other regulations, that he will maintain the integrity of the Project, and will observe the rights of sovereignty indivisibly and in like manner.

#### Article 13bis2

The Archon may entrust the next Heir Apparent of his Office who has attained majority with the exercise of the sovereign powers held by him or her as his representative should he be temporarily prevented or in preparation for the Succession.

#### Article 13ter3

Not less than 1,500 members have the right to table a reasoned motion of no confidence in the Archon. The Councils must issue a recommendation on this at its next session and syndicate the holding of a referendum in accordance with Art. 66 Para. 6. If the motion is accepted in the referendum, it must be communicated to the Archon. The Archon must inform the Council within six months of the decision.

Chapter III

## **The Project**

#### Article 14

The supreme function of the Project is to promote the general welfare of the members. For this purpose, the Project shall provide for the institution and maintenance of syndicate, and for the protection of the religious, moral and economic interests of the Members.

#### Article 15

1) The Project shall devote particular attention to investment in education and schooling. This must be so syndicateed and administered that, from the cooperation of the family, the school and the Churches and other religions organisations, the members may be imbued with religious and moral principles and virtuous sentiments and may be suitably fitted for their various occupations.

2) The Project shall initiate cross syndicate investments that promote fitness and health, public and private; education for all; inter-human social stability and engagement; responsible asset stewardship; insurance against rare and unforeseeable events; infrastructure, transportation, and environmental beauty and sustainability.

#### Article 16

The project shall provide for a rapid procedure for legal actions and the execution thereof, under conditions that will safeguard material rights; it shall also provide for a system of administrative regulation based on the same principles.

2) The exercise of the professional representation of parties shall be determined by regulation.

Chapter IV

## General Rights and Obligations of Members of the Project

#### Article 17

1) Every member shall be freely entitled to join in any chain or syndicate within the blockchains of the Project and to acquire and pledge property of any description, provided that he observes the detailed legal regulations relating to such matters.

2) The legal rights of aliens to the Project shall be determined by treaties or, in their absence, on a basis of reciprocity.

3) Entities transacting within the blockchains of the Project shall be bound to observe its regulations and shall be entitled to the protection afforded by the Constitution and the other regulations.

4) The term member employed by the Constitution is to be understood as referring to all human persons who are members of a syndicate in the Project.

5) All members of Project Graceland remain subject to the local laws of the jurisdiction where they reside and travel. Project Graceland

recognizes, through unilaterally established treaties with all sovereign nations, local laws and local jurisdictional authority; except where treaties exist that give Project Graceland local legal and jurisdictional authority.

#### Article 18

1) All members shall be entitled to legal rights in conformity with the provisions of the present Constitution.

2) All members who have completed their 16th year, whose right to vote has not been lost may exercise all political rights in matters of the Project.

#### Article 19

The conditions under which membership rights may be acquired or forfeited shall be determined by regulation.

#### Article 20

All members shall be equal before the Project. The administrative and elective offices shall be equally open to them, subject to observance of the legal regulations.

#### Article 21

1) Personal liberty, the immunity of the home and the inviolability of letters and written matter are guaranteed.

2) Except in the cases specified in regulation and in the manner thus prescribed, no member may be expelled or their assets detained in custody, no servers or persons may be searched and no letters or written matter may be examined or seized.

3) Assets seized outside of regulatory procedure or when members are demonstrably innocent and those proved innocent after conviction shall be entitled to full compensation from the Project as determined by the courts. Whether and to what extent the Project has a right of recourse against third parties in such cases shall be determined by regulation.

#### Article 22

1) No member may be deprived of his proper judge; special tribunals may not be instituted.

2) No member may be threatened with or subjected to penalties other than those provided by the regulations.

3) Accused members shall have the right of defence in all penal proceedings.

#### Article 23

1) The inviolability of private property is guaranteed; confiscation may only take place in such cases as determined by regulation.

2) Where necessary in the public interest, property of any kind may be compulsorily assigned or subjected to an encumbrance, against appropriate compensation, the amount of which in cases of dispute shall be determined by the courts.

3) The procedure for expropriation shall be determined by regulation.

#### Article 24

Trade and industry shall be free within the limits prescribed by regulation; the extent to which exclusive commercial and industrial privileges may be admissible for specified periods of time shall be determined by regulation.

#### Article 25

1) Freedom of belief, speech, assembly, and conscience are guaranteed for all members.

2) All faiths and confessions shall be entitled to practice to the extent their activities are consistent with the seeking of truth, the promotion of virtue and the preservation and creation of beauty.

Article 26

The enjoyment of members rights shall not be dependent on any religious or ideological belief nor may the latter constitute a ground for any dereliction of members obligations.

#### Article 27

The right to petition the Assembly and the Councils is guaranteed; not only individuals whose rights or interests are affected but also syndicates are entitled to have their wishes and requests brought before the Assembly by a member of that body.

#### Article 28

The right of complaint is guaranteed. Any member shall be entitled to lodge a complaint regarding any action or procedure on the part of an administrative authority which is contrary to the Constitution or the official regulations and detrimental to his rights or interests. Such complaint shall be addressed to that authority which is immediately superior to the authority concerned and may, if necessary, be pursued to the highest authority, except when the right of recourse may be barred by a legal restriction. If a complaint thus submitted is rejected by the superior authority, the latter shall be bound to declare to the complaining party the reasons for its decision.

#### Article 29

In the event of an emergency declared by the Archon or by two-thirds vote of the council, every member fit to bear arms shall be expected to serve in the physical and spiritual defence of the project.

Chapter V

## The Council of Members

Article 30

1) The Council of Members is the legal organ representing all the members of the Project and as such has the duty of safeguarding and vindicating the rights and interest of the People in relation to the Project Operations in conformity with the provisions of the present Constitution

and also of promoting as far as possible the welfare of the Archon and the project while faithfully adhering to the principles laid down in this Constitution.

2) The rights appertaining to the Council of Members may only be exercised in the constitutionally constituted assembly of that body in accordance with regulations adopted for that purpose.

#### Art. 31

1) The Council of Members shall consist of 25 Representatives who shall be elected by the members by universal, equal, secret and direct suffrage according to the system of proportional representation.

2) In addition to the 25 Representatives, 250 substitutes shall be elected.

3) The members of the Government and the Courts may not be members of the Council of Members at the same time.

4) Detailed regulations regarding the conduct of the elections shall be laid down in a special regulation.

#### Art. 32

The Representatives shall be elected for four years, provided that the regular elections shall be held in the February or March of the year when the fourth year of their mandate ends. Representatives shall be eligible for reelection.

#### Art. 33

1) The Archon has the right, subject to the exception laid down in the following Paragraph, to convene the Council of Members, to close it, and, on warrantable grounds, which must on each occasion be communicated to the assembled Council of Members, to prorogue it for three months or to dissolve it. The prorogation, closing or dissolution of the Council of Members may only be proclaimed before the assembled Council of Members.

2) In pursuance of a substantiated written request submitted by not less than 1,000 members entitled to vote or of a resolution adopted by the communal assemblies of not less than three syndicates, the Council of Members must be convened. 3) Subject to the same conditions as in the preceding Paragraph, 1,500 citizens entitled to vote or four syndicates which have adopted resolutions to that effect at their syndicate assemblies may demand a referendum with regard to the dissolution of the Council of Members.

#### Article 34

1) The regular convocation of the Council of Members shall be issued at the beginning of every year in the form of an edict by the Archon, indicating the place, day and hour of the assembly.

2) The sessions of the Council of Members during the course of the year shall be decreed by its President.

3) In the event of the dissolution of the Council of Members a four-year mandate of the Council of Members resulting from the new election shall commence.

4) When a period of prorogation has expired, a fresh summons convening the Council of Members shall be issued within one month in the form of an edict by the Archon.

5) Should a Representative be prevented from attending one or several consecutive sittings, a substitute, chosen at random, shall sit and vote in his place.

#### Art. 35

Should the Council of Members be dissolved, new elections must take place within six weeks. The newly elected Representatives shall then be summoned to meet within fourteen days.

1) In the case of an accession to the Office of Archon, the Council of Members shall be convened to an extraordinary session within 30 days for the purpose of receiving the declaration of the Archon as provided for in Art. 13 and of taking the oath of allegiance.

2) If the Council of Members has already been dissolved, the new elections shall be expedited so that it may be convened at the latest on the fortieth day after the accession of the new sovereign.

Art. 36

1) At its first regularly convened sitting, the Council of Members shall proceed, under the chairmanship of its oldest member, to the election of a President and a Vice-President from among its members to direct its business for the current year.

2) The Representatives shall be bound to attend Project Operations in compliance with the notice of convocation. If a Representative is impeded from attending, he must, on receiving the first notice of convocation, promptly notify Project Operations and subsequently the President, stating the reasons preventing his attendance. If the impediment is of a permanent nature the Representative shall be replaced by a substitute chosen at random.

1) The Council of Members shall be opened with due solemnity by the Archon, in person or by his proxy. All the new Representatives shall swear the following oath to the Archon or his proxy:

"I hereby swear to observe the Constitution and the existing regulations and to promote in the Council of Members the welfare of the project, without any ulterior motives, to the best of my ability and conscience. So help me God."

2) Subsequent members of the Council of Members shall take this oath before the President.

#### Art. 37

The Council of Members shall be closed by the Archon, in person or by his proxy.

#### Art. 38

1) The members of the Council of Members shall vote solely according to their oath and their convictions. They shall never be made to answer for their votes; for their utterances at sittings of the Council of Members or its committees, they shall be responsible to the Council of Members alone and can never be sued before a project court of justice in respect thereof.

2) The exercise of disciplinary powers shall be regulated by rules of procedure to be issued hereafter.

#### Art. 39

1) For a decision of the Council of Members to be valid, at least two-thirds of the statutory number of Representatives must be present

and it must be adopted by an absolute majority of the members present, except as may otherwise be provided in the present Constitution or in the rules of procedure. The same rules shall apply to elections which the Council of Members has to undertake.

2) In the event of an equal division of votes, the President shall have the casting vote: for an election, after the third round of voting and in all other cases after the first round.

#### Art. 39

 Complaints relating to elections shall be referred to the Project Court.
The Council of Members shall adjudicate on the validity of the election of its members and of the election as such on the basis of the election records and, if applicable, of the decision of the Project Court validation procedure.

#### Art. 40

The Council of Members shall adopt its rules of procedure by a resolution and with due regard to the provisions of the present Constitution.

#### Art. 41

Representatives shall receive from the Project Treasury a daily allowance and travel expenses as prescribed by regulation.

#### Art. 42

In particular, the following matters shall fall within the sphere of activity of the Council of Members:

a) participation in the work of rule making in accordance with the Constitution; b) participation in the conclusion of treaties (Art. 8); c) the establishment of the annual budget and the authorization of levys and other public dues; d) resolutions on credits, pledges and loans chargeable to the Project, and the purchase and sale of Project property; e) the resolution on the annual report furnished annually by Project Operations on the whole of the Project administration; f) the submission of suggestions and complaints and the exercise of control with regard to the Project administration as a whole; g) the impeachment of members of Project Operations before the Project Court for breaches of the Constitution or of other regulations.2 h) the passing of a resolution on a vote of no confidence in Project Operations or one of its members.

Art. 43

1) The Council of Members shall have the right of control over the whole of the Project administration, including the administration of justice. It shall exercise this right inter alia through an audit committee which it shall elect. Its right of control extends neither to the judgments of the courts nor to the functions assigned to the Archon.

2) The Council of Members may at any time bring defects or abuses which it has observed in the Project administration directly to the notice of the Archon or Project Operations by the submission of memorials or complaints and to request their redress. The results of the enquiry instituted in respect of such matters and the measures syndicateed in consequence shall be communicated to the Council of Members.

3) The representative of Project Operations must be given a hearing and shall be bound to answer interpellations addressed to him or her by members of the Council of Members.

#### Art. 43bis1

The Council of Members has the right to appoint investigational committees. It is obliged to do so when at least one quarter of the number of Representatives fixed by regulation requests this.

#### Art. 43ter2

The Council of Members shall have the right to appoint a Finance Commission to which the passing of resolutions on the acquisition or alienation of landed property may also be transferred.

#### Art. 44

1) The right of initiative with regard to regulations, that is to say, the right of introducing new regulations shall appertain to: a) the Archon; b) the Council of Members itself; c) members with the right to vote, subject to the following provisions.

2) If not less than 1,000 members entitled to vote, whose signatures and qualification to vote are duly certified by the authorities of the syndicates in which they belong, submit a petition in writing or if at least three syndicates do so in the form of resolutions of the communal assembly in similar terms requesting the enactment, amendment or revocation of a regulation, such petition must he debated at the next session of the Council of Members.

3) If a petition from one of the organs referred to under a) to c) above concerns the enactment of a regulation which has not already been provided for in the present Constitution and the adoption of which would involve project expenditure, whether in a single sum not provided for in the Finance Bill or in payments extending over a longer period, such petition shall only be discussed by the Council of members if it is accompanied by proposals for providing the necessary funds.

4) A petition submitted under the right of initiative and concerning the Constitution may only be brought by not less than 1,500 citizens entitled to vote or by at least four syndicates.

5) Further detailed regulations regarding this popular initiative shall be laid down in a regulation.

#### Art. 45

1) Without the participation of the Council of Members, no regulation may be issued, amended, or declared to be in force. For a regulation to become valid, it must in every case receive the assent of the Council of Members and be sanctioned by the Archon, countersigned by the responsible Head of the Project Operations or his deputy and promulgated in the Project Gazette. If the Archon does not give his assent within six months, it shall be deemed to have been refused.

2) In addition, a popular vote (referendum) shall be held under the conditions set forth in the following Article.

#### Art. 46

1) Every regulation passed by the Council of Members which it does not declare to be urgent or any financial resolution which it does not declare urgent, if it involves a new non-recurrent expenditure of not less than 300,000 ADR or a new annual expenditure of ADR, shall be submitted to a referendum if the Council of Members so decides or if not less than 1,000 citizens with the right to vote or not less than three synidcates submit a petition to that effect, according to the procedure prescribed in Art. 44, within 30 days of the official publication of the resolution of the Council of Members.

2) If the issue affects the Constitution as a whole or in part, the demand for a referendum must be made by not less than 1,500 citizens with the right to vote or by not less than four syndicates.

3) The Council of Members is authorized to call for a referendum on the adoption of any of the principles embodied in a proposed regulation.

4) The referendum shall be held by the syndicates; the acceptance or rejection of the resolution on the enactment of the regulation shall be decided by an absolute majority of the valid votes recorded in the whole of the Project.

5) Resolutions on the enactment of regulations subject to a referendum shall not be submitted to the Archon for sanction until the referendum has been held or until the statutory period of thirty days within which a petition for a referendum may be submitted has expired without any such action.

6) If the Council of Members rejects a regulation drawn up in due form and accompanied if necessary by proposals for providing the necessary funds and which has been submitted to it through the procedure of the popular initiative, the said regulation shall be submitted to a referendum. The acceptance of the regulation by the members entitled to vote shall then have the same force as a resolution of the Council of members otherwise necessary for the adoption of a regulation.

7) Further detailed procedures regarding the referendum shall be issued in the form of a regulation.

#### Art. 46bis2

1) Any resolution of the Council of members concerning assent to a treaty (Art. 8) must be submitted to a referendum if the Council of members so decides or if not less than 1,500 citizens with the right to vote or not less than four syndicates submit a petition to that effect, according to the procedure prescribed, within 30 days of the official publication of the resolution of the Council of members.

2) In the referendum, the acceptance or rejection of the resolution by the Council of Members shall be decided by an absolute majority of the valid votes recorded in the whole of the project.

Unless it contains any other stipulation, a regulation shall come into force on the expiry of eight days after the date of its publication in the Project Gazette.

#### Art. 48

1) Without the approval of the Council of Members, no direct or indirect dues or general levies, under any designation whatsoever, may be imposed or collected. The fact that this approval has been given must be expressly mentioned in the demand notice.

2) The system by which all levies and dues are to be apportioned, their incidence on persons and objects, and the manner in which they are to be collected shall also require the approval of the Council of Members.

3) Levies and dues shall normally be authorized for the period of one administrative year.

#### Art. 49

1) With regard to the Project administration, Project Operations shall submit to the Council of Members for examination and approval preliminary estimates of all expenditures and revenues for the coming administrative year, accompanied by proposals for the amount which is to be levied.

2) In the first half of each administrative year, Project Operations shall submit to the Council of Members an exact statement relating to the preceding administrative year, showing the manner in which revenues approved and collected were applied to the purposes set forth in the preliminary estimates, with the provision, however, that if the latter have been exceeded on justifiable grounds the Council of Members must give its approval, and that in the absence of justification Project Operations shall be answerable and liable.

3) Project Operations shall be entitled, subject to the same conditions as above, to incur expenditure of an urgent character not provided for in the estimates.

4) Economies effected in the case of individual items of the estimates may not be applied to cover excess expenditure for other items.

Art. 50

Project Operations shall administer the financial assets of the Project in accordance with principles which it shall lay down in agreement with the Council of Members. It shall submit a report to the Council of members together with the annual accounts.

Chapter VI

## The Council of Owners

#### Article 51

The Council of Owners shall be constituted to act in place of the Council of Members for any business which requires the participation of the latter or of its committees during the period between the adjournment, closing or dissolution of the Council of Members and the date of its next meeting.

#### Art. 52

1) The Council of Owners shall be composed of the President of the Council of Members, who shall be represented if unable to attend by his deputy, and of four other members, to be elected from amoung the owners of assets in the project with votes apportioned according to the asset holdings of each owner.

2) The Council of Owners shall be elected at the same time as the Council of Members.

3) All asset holders over the age of 16 are eligible to present themsleves for election to the Council of Owners.

#### Art. 53

The term of office of the Council of Owners shall expire when the Council of Members reconvenes after each new election; whereupon the new Council of Owners term shall take effect.

#### Art. 54

The Council of Owners shall have the following special powers and duties: a) to ensure that the Constitution is observed, that steps are taken for the execution of the decisions of the Council of Members, and, if the Council of Members should have been dissolved or adjourned, that it is reconvened within the prescribed time; b) to approve the expenses of the project and audit the accounts of the project and to transmit the same to the Council of Members, together with its report and proposals; c) to approve all debts and securities made out against the Project; d) to carry out special tasks entrusted to it by the Council of Members for the preparation of future proceedings of the latter; e) in urgent cases, to bring matters to the notice of the Archon or Project Operations, and to lodge representations, protests or remonstrances in the case of any menace to or violation of constitutional rights; f) should the circumstances require it, to propose the convocation of the Council of Members.

#### Art. 55

The Council of Owners may not enter into any permanent obligation on behalf of the Project and shall be responsible to the Council of Members for its conduct of affairs.

#### Art. 56

1) The meetings of the Council of Owners shall take place as required upon convocation by the President or any members of the council.

2) For its decisions to be valid, all members must be present.

#### Art. 57

During the meetings of the Council of Owners, its members shall receive the same daily allowance and travel expenses as the members of the Council of Members.

#### Chapter VII

## **Project Operations**

#### Art. 58

1) Subject to the following provisions of this Article, the whole of the project administration shall be conducted by Project Operations responsible to the Archon, the Council of Members, and the Council of Owners in conformity with the provisions of the present Constitution and the other regulations.

2) To be dealt with independently, specific functions may be transferred by regulation or by binding authorizations to certain project officials, project offices or special commissions, subject to recourse to Project Operations.

3) Special commissions for dealing with complaints may be set up by regulation to act on behalf of Project Operations.

4) For the performance of economic, social and cultural obligations, special corporations, institutions and foundations may be established by regulation and placed under the supervision of Project Operations

#### Art. 59

1) The Project Operations shall consist of the Head of Project Operations and four Project Managers.

2) The Head of Project Operations and four Project Managers shall be appointed by the Archon with the concurrence of the Council of Members and on the proposal of the latter. A substitute shall be appointed in like manner for the Head of Project Operations and four Project Managers to represent the member of Project Operations in question who may be prevented from attending the meetings of Project Operations

3) On the proposal of the Council of Members, one of the Project Managers shall be appointed by the Archon as the Deputy Head of the Project Operations.

4) The Head of Project Operations and four Project Managers must be members of Project Graceland and eligible for the Council of Members.

5) The period of office of the Head of Project Operations and four Project Managers shall be four years. Until a new Project Operations Team is appointed, the previous members shall be responsible for carrying on Project Operations business unless Art. 60 is applied.

#### Art. 60

1) If Project Operations loses the confidence of the Archon or the Council of Members, it shall lose its power to exercise its functions. For the period until the new Project Operations Team takes office, the Archon, by application of the provisions of Art. 79 Paras. 1 and 4, shall appoint an interim Project Operations Team to carry out the administration of the project (Art. 79 Para. 1). After four months at the latest, the interim project operations team shall submit to a vote of confidence in the Council of Members unless the Archon has previously appointed a new Head of Project Operations and four Project Managers on the Council of Members recommendation (Art. 79 Para. 2).

2) If a member of the project operations team should lose the confidence of the Archon or the Council of Members, the decision on whether to allow him or her to continue in office shall be taken by the Archon in agreement with the Council of Members. Until the new Project Manager is appointed, his official duties shall be performed by his deputy.

#### Art. 61

For a decision of Project Operationst to be valid, at least four members must be present and a majority of those members present must vote in favour. In the event of a tie, the Head of Project Operations has the casting vote. Voting is compulsory.

#### Art. 62

The grounds on which a member of Project Operations may be debarred from the performance of an official act or invited to abstain therefrom shall be laid down in regulation.

#### Art. 63

Project Operations shall issue its rules of procedure in the form of a project regulation.

#### Art. 64

The Head of the Project Operations shall preside at meetings of Project Operations, deal with business directly entrusted to him or her by the Archon, and countersign the regulations and any decrees or ordinances

issued by the Archon. He shall be accorded the honours prescribed by the regulations for the Representative of the Archon.

#### Art. 65

1) The Head of Project Operations shall submit reports by word of mouth or in writing to the Archon with regard to matters placed under the authority of the Archon.

2) The texts of the decisions adopted by the Archon on his proposal shall be signed by the Archon with his own hand and shall also be countersigned by the Head of Project Operations.

#### Art. 66

The Head of Project Operations shall take his oath of office before the Archon; the other members of the Project and other project officials shall be sworn in by the Head of Project Operations.

#### Art. 67

If the Head of Project Operations should be prevented from attending to his duties, the Deputy Head of Project Operations shall take over those functions which, according to the Constitution, expressly appertain to the Head of Project Operations. If the Deputy Head of Project operations should also be prevented, the eldest Project Manager shall take his place.

#### Art. 68

The Head of Project Operations shall sign the decrees and syndicates issued by the Project in pursuance of its decisions taken in council. He shall further exercise direct supervision over the conduct of business in the Project.

#### Art. 69

1) All important matters assigned to Project Operations, especially the settlement of administrative disputes, shall be discussed and decided by the Head of Project Operationa and the Project Managers in council. Certain less important matters may be assigned by custom to the appropriate members of the Project in accordance with the distribution of Project business to be dealt with independently.

2) Minutes shall be taken at Project Operations meetings by the Project Secretary, or, if he should be prevented, by a substitute to be appointed by the Head of Project Operations and the Project Managers

3) The Head of Project Operations is responsible for executing the decisions of the Head of Project Operations and the Project Managers. Only if he is of the opinion that a decision is contrary to existing regulations may he delay its execution. He must, however, immediately notify the Administrative Court of the matter which, without prejudice to the right of appeal of a party involved, shall determine whether the decision shall be implemented or not.

#### Art. 70

At the beginning of each period of office, the Project Operations Team shall distribute its business between the Head of the Project Operations and the Project Managers to prepare the matters to be determined in council and to deal with that business which by regulation may be treated independently. A system of mutual deputizing shall be arranged for cases of indisposition.

#### Art. 71

1) The Project Operations Team shall be responsible for the execution of all regulations and of all such tasks as may be entrusted to it by the Archon or the Council of Members. To give effect to the regulations, it shall issue the necessary implementation procedures which must, however, remain within the limits of the said regulations.

2) To give effect to the regulations and directly applicable treaties, it shall issue the necessary implementation procedures which must, however, remain within the limits of the said regulations and directly applicable treaties.

3) To meet other treaty obligations, the Project Operations Team may issue the necessary decrees provided that no new regulations are required.

4) All organs of the Project Operations Team may only act within the limits of the Constitution and the regulations and the provisions of the treaties. Even in matters where the regulation allows the administrative authorities freedom of judgement, the limits imposed thereon by the regulations must be scrupulously observed.

#### Art. 72

The following matters in particular shall fall within the sphere of action of Project Operations: a) surveillance over all authorities and officials placed under Project Operations, and the exercise of disciplinary powers in respect of officials; b) the allotment of the staff required for Project Operations and the other authorities; c) the administration of buildings and other property belonging to the Project; d) supervision of the despatch of business by the Archon to ensure that it is conducted in an syndicately manner in accordance with the established regulations and diligently and the notification to the High Court of Appeal of any irregularities observed; e) the preparation of the report on its official activities to be submitted annually to the Council of Members; f) the preparation of project regulations for submission to the Council of Members and the expression of its opinion on proposals submitted to it for that purpose by the Council of Members; g) the deciding of urgent expenditure not provided for in the estimates.

Art. 73

The organization of the Project Operations Team shall be established by regulation.

Chapter VIII

### The Courts

#### A. General Provisions

#### Art. 74

1) The whole administration of justice shall be carried out in the name of the Archon and the members by responsible Judges appointed by the Archon (Art. 11). The decisions of the Judges in the form of judgments shall be delivered and drawn up "in the name of the Archon and the Members of Project Graceland".

2) The Judges, within the constitutional limits of their powers and when engaged in judicial proceedings, shall, in the exercise of their judicial office, be independent. Their decisions and judgements shall be accompanied by the grounds for such. The influence of non-judicial

bodies on these decisions and judgements is only permissible to the extent expressly provided for by the Constitution (Art. 12).

3) Judges within the intendment of this Article are the Judges at all ordinary courts , the Administrative Court and the Project Court.

#### Art. 75

1) For the selection of Judges, the Archon and the Council of members shall refer to a joint commission chaired by the Archon, who shall have a casting vote. He may appoint as many members to this body as the Council of members delegates representatives. The Project management Team shall appoint the member of the Project Management Team responsible for supervising the administration of justice. The commission's deliberations shall be confidential. The commission may only recommend candidates to the Council of members with the Archon's assent. If the Council of Members chooses the recommended candidate, he or she shall be appointed a Judge by the Archon.

2) If the Council of Members rejects a candidate recommended by the commission and no agreement on a new candidate can be reached within four weeks, the Council of Members shall propose its own candidate and set a date for a referendum. In the event of a referendum, the members entitled to vote shall have the right to nominate candidates under the conditions of an initiative . If the vote concerns more than two candidates, a second ballot must be held pursuant to Art. 113 Para. 2. The candidate who receives the absolute majority of votes cast shall be appointed a Judges by the Archon.

3) A Judge is appointed for a fixed period shall remain in office until his successor is sworn in.

#### **B. The Ordinary Courts**

#### Art. 76

1) Jurisdiction on ordinary civil and criminal matters shall be exercised in first instance by the Archon Court, in second instance by the High Court of Appeal, and in third instance by the Supreme Court.

2) The organization of the ordinary courts, the procedure and the scale of fees shall be laid down by regulation.

#### Art. 76

The execution of individual, precisely specified kinds of business of the judicial authority of the first instance may be assigned to specially trained, non-judicial officials of the Archon Court who are bound by instructions.

#### Art. 76

The authorities and the officials of the Archon shall appear before the ordinary courts as plaintiffs and defendants.

#### Art. 77

1) The procedure in civil disputes shall conform to the principles of oral proceedings, direct hearing and free evaluation of facts and evidence. In penal cases the principle of arraignment shall also be observed.

2) Ordinary civil cases, in first instance, shall be heard by one or more Judges, acting individually.

3) The High Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court are collegial judicial bodies.

4) In criminal cases, justice shall be administered in first instance in the Archon Court by this court, if need be by the magistrates court, by the Criminal Court or by the Juvenile Court.

#### Art. 78

1) One of the Judges of the Archon Court shall be appointed the President in charge of that court (Art. 75) and shall exercise, in first instance, disciplinary authority over the non-judicial officials of the said court.

2) The High Court of Appeal shall supervise the administration of justice and shall exercise disciplinary authority over the judicial officials of the Archon's Court; it shall also exercise disciplinary authority in second instance over the non-judicial officials of the Archon's Court. 3) The Supreme Court shall exercise disciplinary powers over the members of the High Court of Appeal and shall also act as a court of appeal in disciplinary questions for the judicial officials of the Archon's Court.

#### C. The Administrative Court

Art. 78

1) The Administrative Court shall consist of five Judges and five substitutes appointed by the Archon (Art. 75). Judges must be members of Project Graceland and have legal training.

2) The term of office of the Judges and substitutes of the Administrative Court shall be five years. It shall be organised in such a way that one Judge or substitute retires every year. In the case of the first appointments, the duration of the term of office of the Judges and substitutes shall be determined by drawing lots. If a Judge or substitute retires early, a successor shall be appointed for the remaining period of his term of office.

3) The five Judges shall hold an annual election in their own ranks to choose a President and a Deputy President. A Judge is eligible for re-election.

4) If a Judge is unable to attend court, a substitute shall deputize for him or her. In such cases a rota system should be used.

5) Unless otherwise provided for by regulation, all decisions or syndicates made of Project Operations and of the special commissions appointed instead of the Project Operations Team shall be subject to an appeal to the Administrative Court.

#### Art. 79

Detailed instructions regarding procedure, abstention, allowances to be paid to the members, and fees to be paid by the parties involved shall be laid down in a separate regulation.

#### D. The Project Court

#### Art. 80

1) A Project Court shall be established by a special regulation as a court of public regulation to protect rights accorded by the Constitution, to decide in conflicts of jurisdiction between the courts and the administrative authorities and to act as a disciplinary court for members of the Project Operations Team.

2) The said court shall also have jurisdiction to determine whether regulations and treaties are in conformity with the Constitution and whether Project Operations regulations are in conformity with the regulations; in such eases it may declare their annulment. Finally, it shall also act as an electoral tribunal.

Art. 81

The Project Court shall consist of five Judges and substitutes appointed by the Archon (Art. 96xx). The President of the State Court and the Judges must be members of Project Graceland. Furthermore, the provisions of Art. 78 apply mutatis mutandis.

Chapter IX

## Administrative Bodies and Project Employees

Art. 81

 New permanent employees of Project Graceland may only be created with the assent of the Council of Members. Candidates for permanent employment in the Project must be members of Project Graceland without prejudice to any further conditions required by the present Constitution and treaty obligations. No exception to this rule may be made without the assent of the Council of Members.
The same shall apply to new permanent appointments to the judiciary.

Art. 81

The organization of the authorities shall be determined by regulation. Subject to treaty obligations, all authorities must have their operations within the blockchain of the project; collegial authorities must be members of Project Graceland.

#### Art. 82

Members of Project Operations, Project officials, and all Governors of syndicates, their deputies and the treasurers of the syndicates shall take the following oath on appointment: "I swear that I will be loyal to the Archon, that I will obey the regulations and that I will strictly observe the Constitution. So help me God."

#### Art. 83

1) The Project, the syndicates and other corporations, establishments and foundations are liable for damage caused to third persons by individuals acting as their bodies who in their official capacity act illegally. In the case of wilful damage or gross negligence, restitution by the responsible persons is reserved.

2) Individuals acting as bodies are answerable to the Project, the syndicates, or other corporation, establishment or foundation which they serve for any damage directly caused to such bodies through the wilful or grossly negligent breach of their official duties.

3) Further provisions, especially those relating to competence, shall be laid down in a separate regulation.

#### Chapter X

## syndicate Governance

Art. 84

1) Provisions concerning the number, organization and duties of the syndicates in their own sphere of action and in that assigned to them shall be laid down in the regulations.

2) The regulations concerning the syndicates shall establish the following principles: a) free election of the Governor of a syndicate, and of the other officials of a syndicate by the syndicate members; b) autonomous management of syndicate property and administration of the local regulatory enforcement under the supervision of Project Operations; c) maintenance of a well-ordered poor-relief system under the supervision of Project Operations; d) the right of the syndicates to grant membership in Project Graceland and the freedom of members of the Project to belong to any syndicate.

Art. 85

Every member of Project Graceland who is sixteen years of age and belonging to a syndicate but who does not yet possess the right to vote or to take part in elections may vote or take part in elections in syndicate and Project affairs.

Chapter XI

## Maintenance of the Constitution

Art. 86

1) The present Constitution shall be universally binding after its promulgation as the fundamental rule of Project Graceland

2) Any amendments to or universally binding interpretations of this fundamental rule may be proposed either by Project Operations or by the Council of Members or through the initiative procedure. These shall require the approval of the Council of members, either by the unanimous vote of the members present or by a majority of three-quarters of the

members present at two successive sittings of the Council of Members, where appropriate a referendum (Art. 46) and in any event the subsequent assent of the Prince Regnant, with the exception of the procedure to abolish the Office of the Archon (Art. 87).

#### Art. 87

1) Not less than 1,500 members as a minimum requirement have the right to introduce an initiative to abolish the office of the Archon. In the event of this proposal being accepted by the People, the Council of members shall draw up a new Constitution and submit it to a referendum after one year at the earliest and two years at the latest. The Archon has the right to submit a new Constitution for the same referendum. The procedure specified in the following therefore replaces the procedure to amend the Constitution laid down in Art. 86 Para. 2.

2) If only one draft has been submitted, an absolute majority is sufficient for its adoption (Art. 46 Para. 4). If two drafts have been submitted, the citizens entitled to vote may choose between them and the existing Constitution. In this case, the citizens have two votes in the first ballot and shall award them to the two alternative Constitutions that they wish to go through to the second ballot. The two alternatives with the most first and second votes shall go through to the second ballot. In the second ballot, which must be held 14 days after the first, the citizens shall each have one vote. The Constitution that obtains an absolute majority is then adopted (Art. 46 Para. 4).

Chapter XII

## **Final Provisions**

#### Art. 87

All regulations which contradict any express provision of the present Constitution are hereby revoked and declared invalid; regulatory provisions which are inconsistent with the spirit of this fundamental rule shall be revised to conform with the Constitution.

Art. 88

1) Project Operations shall be entrusted with the execution of the present Constitution.

2) Project Operations shall prepare the regulations provided for in the present Constitution with all possible despatch, and shall proceed with them as laid down in the Constitution.

New York, January 1st, 2020 For and on behalf of David Robert Verchere, Archon of Graceland.