



# Ruling Council of the Empire of Adammia

## Act 38

### Internal Procedures Act 2017

This Act of Council amends the Internal Procedures Act 2014 so as to improve the functioning of the Ruling Council.

#### Section 1

- a) There will no longer be a distinction between legislative and non-legislative items on the Agenda.
- b) The Agenda shall consist of the following types of items:
  - Welcome / Agenda reading
  - Acts of Council (which may include Amendments)
  - Appointments and other motions
  - Consideration of Imperial Decrees
  - Miscellaneous debates
  - Any other business, including Cabinet
- c) The Welcome / Agenda reading is automatically part of the Agenda, and is always the first item. It is defined by Section 7 Subsection b) of the Internal Procedures Act 2014.
- d) Any other business, including Cabinet, is automatically part of the Agenda, and is always the last item. The Chair shall begin caucus during this item. This item shall allow any business which members wish to raise which was not covered in the meeting to be dealt with, and shall include a meeting of the Cabinet. During the Cabinet phase of this item, members who are not part of the Cabinet may, at the request of the Prime Minister, be required to temporarily leave the meeting.
- e) All other points on the Agenda must be tabled by a member of the Council, with the exception of Consideration of Imperial Decrees, which shall automatically be considered tabled by the Office of the Emperor whenever an Imperial Decree has been issued since the previous meeting.
- f) Acts of Council, where tabled on the Agenda, refer to proposed Acts of Council. The Motion to Introduce an Act is abolished, and the only means of tabling an Act shall be by adding it to the Agenda. An Act of Council, in addition to being tabled by a member of the Council, must also be seconded by a different member of the

Council in order to be added to the Agenda, unless the Act has been forwarded by the Colonial Council.

h) Amendments to a proposed Act of Council on the Agenda may be tabled on the Agenda, and shall be considered sub-items for the Act of Council item in question. During discussion of an Act of Council item, general discussion for the Act will take place, followed by discussion of any amendments and motions to pass those amendments, before more general discussion and the motion to pass the Act.

i) Appointments and other motions refers to discussion of non-procedural motions relating to powers conferred upon the Ruling Council by the Supreme Directive, Imperial Decrees and other Acts of Council.

j) If a meeting of the Council is adjourned and any items on the Agenda have not been concluded, they shall automatically be added to the Agenda of the next meeting. An item shall be considered to have not been concluded if it was never reached on the Agenda, or if the item was an Act of Council or an amendment to such an Act, a Motion to Advance the Agenda was passed instead of a Motion to Pass an Act / Amendment or an Objection to Consideration.

## Section 2

a) When a speaker in the Ruling Council has finished speaking they may now only yield to the Chair.

b) If a member is asked a direct question by the Chair, it shall be considered that they have been given the floor by the Chair.

## Section 3

a) A Motion to Pass an Act, if passed, shall conclude an Act of Council item on the Agenda, though it may only be moved by the Chair (or by the member who tabled the Act at the Chair's request), and is now non-debatable. It otherwise has the same effect on the proposed Act of Council as specified under Section 5 Subsection g) of the Internal Procedures Act 2014.

b) An Objection to Consideration may be moved by any member, is debatable, and if passed also concludes an Act of Council item. If passed when an amendment is being debated, it will conclude the sub-item for that amendment instead.

c) A Motion to Introduce an Amendment may be moved by any member, is not debatable, and may only be moved when an Act of Council is being debated. If passed, it has the effect of modifying the agenda to add a new amendment sub-item within the Act of Council item in question, which will be considered to have been tabled by the member who moved the motion. It will no longer be possible to introduce amendments to Acts of Council which have already been passed, although any such amendments passed prior to this Act shall still hold effect.

d) A Motion to Pass an Amendment may only be moved by the Chair (or by the member who tabled the amendment at the Chair's request) and is not debatable. If passed, it shall conclude an amendment sub-item on the Agenda, and shall apply the amendment to the proposed Act of Council for which the amendment was tabled.

e) Motions which come under items for Appointments and other motions may only be moved by the Chair (or by the member who tabled the motion at the Chair's request)

during the item which relates to that motion. All such motions will be non-debatable, as debate will have taken place before the motion is formally moved.

#### Section 4

- a) Section 6 Subsection b) of the Internal Procedures Act 2014 is declared null and void.
- b) A motion passes when those voting in support make up more than 50% of those who voted in total, unless stated otherwise.
- c) Votes for Motions to Pass an Act, Motions to Overturn an Imperial Decree, Motions to Begin a Regency, Motions to Impeach the Chancellor, Motions to Begin a State of Emergency and Motions to Declare War also require a minimum turnout of more than 50% of the total members of the Ruling Council in order to pass. If this turnout is not met, the Chair may collect additional votes from members at any point before the next meeting.

#### Section 5

- a) Procedural motions are defined as motions created by the Internal Procedures Act 2014 with the exception of the Motion to Pass an Act, the Motion to Pass an Amendment, the Objection to Consideration, any motions falling under Section 5 Subsection g), and the Motion to Suspend a Member. Non-procedural motions are any motions which are not procedural.
- b) The Office of State shall be required to publish records of all Ruling Council meetings, including the Agenda (including the names of those who tabled items and those who seconded Acts), summaries of all Motions and Points made, summaries of debates, and the names of those who voted in favour and against non-procedural motions.

Written by HIM Emperor Adam I

PASSED                    6 in favour, 6 not present

AYES

NOES

Adam I

Prince Jake

Emperor Mother Jayne

Reginald Hall

Julie Foster

Crown Prince Daniel

Signed,

*Adamus Primus Imperator*

18<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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