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**Attendance:** HIM Emperor Adam I, Lord Sir Alexander Helliker, Sir Asher Bond

**Welcome, agenda reading (inc. State Opening of Council):**

The agenda was not amended.

**Decree LV (Office of the Emperor):**

The Emperor (Chair, LIB) explained what the decree did. Lord Helliker (Prime Minister, MOD) asked why Pererria had been moved to the canal-side by the Pitcher & Piano when Lady Admiral Simpson no longer worked there. The Emperor explained that this was not known when the Decree was signed, and that the following Decree rectified it. There was no motion to overturn.

**Decree LVI (Office of the Emperor):**

The Emperor explained what the decree did. Lord Helliker asked to what extent powers had been devolved to Lady Ecart in Upper Paternia. The Emperor responded that full local jurisdiction had been devolved, which can be interpreted as powers equivalent to a provincial local government. The Emperor further explained that Upper Paternia would have general competency within the bounds set by national-level legislation, which further would not apply there unless explicitly stated. There was no motion to overturn.

**Decree LVII (Office of the Emperor):**

The Emperor explained what the decree did. There was no motion to overturn.

**Act 44 – Free Marriage Act 2018 (Lord Helliker):**

Lord Helliker introduced the Act. The Council divided:

AYES: 6 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker, Sir Asher Bond, Lord Gurr (post-meeting), Lady Admiral Simpson (post-meeting), Sir Owain Davies (post-meeting))

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The Act was passed.

**Act 45 – General Amendments Act 2018 (Lord Helliker):**

Lord Helliker introduced the Act. The Council divided:

AYES: 6 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker, Sir Asher Bond, Lord Gurr (post-meeting), Lady Admiral Simpson (post-meeting), Sir Owain Davies (post-meeting))

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The Act was passed.

**Act 46 – GDPR Compliance Act 2018 (Emperor Adam I):**

The Emperor introduced the Act. The Council divided:

AYES: 6 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker, Sir Asher Bond, Lord Gurr (post-meeting), Lady Admiral Simpson (post-meeting), Sir Owain Davies (post-meeting))

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The Act was passed.

**Misc. debate – Austenasian diplomatic proposal (Emperor Adam I):**

The Emperor, in his capacity as Minister of Foreign Affairs, stated that he had been approached by the Emperor of Austenasia regarding the possibility of establishing formal diplomatic relations between Adammia and Austenasia. The Emperor further explained that there was a caveat in that the Austenasians were unwilling to recognise the Emperor specifically as an “Emperor” but rather as a “Monarch” or “head of state”, due to their Imperium doctrine, but that this could change in the future. Sir Asher Bond (Opposition backbench, IND) said that the caveat was minor and that the Empire had little to lose but potentially much to gain. Lord Helliker expressed disapproval of the Imperium doctrine and suggested that there was no reason why the Emperor shouldn't be recognised according to his official title. Sir Asher Bond agreed that he also disapproved of the Imperium doctrine but restated his opinion that it was a minor caveat. The Emperor moved that the Council welcome the diplomatic proposal. The Council divided:

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

The motion was passed.

**Misc. debate – Future business statement (Emperor Adam I):**

The Emperor stated that due to scheduling difficulties during the first quarter of the year, he had taken the unilateral decision to abandon the business motion agreed at the previous meeting. He further stated that the Council would probably meet once or twice again before the end of the term. Lord Helliker confirmed that an Act relating to the judiciary would be tabled at the next meeting and that this would mark the completion of the Moderate Party's legislative agenda. The Emperor stated that he intended to table Acts relating to electoral reform, recognition of non-binary gender status, and public finance. The Emperor moved that the Council accept this statement. The Council divided:

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

The motion was passed.

**Any Other Business:**

The Cabinet held a meeting on the authority of the Prime Minister.