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Attendance: HIM Emperor Adam I, Lord Sir Alexander Helliker, Lady Madam Hermione Peace, Sir Owain Davies

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

The agenda was not amended.

Act 49 – Court Procedures Act 2018 (Lord Helliker):

Lord Helliker (Prime Minister, MOD) introduced the Act. Lady Peace (DNK, Opposition backbench) suggested that the new court system should be tested, and jocularly stated that if the Dank Party were elected they would carry out mass arrests in order to test the system. Lord Helliker and the Emperor (Chair, LIB) agreed that this would be unconstitutional, but agreed that a mock trial could be useful. Lord Helliker suggested holding an e-trial over the summer, whereas the Emperor expressed a preference for a holding a physical trial in the autumn. The Council divided:

AYES: 8 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker, Lady Peace, Sir Asher Bond (post-meeting), Lord Gurr (post-meeting), Lady Admiral Simpson (post-meeting), Lord Maude (post-meeting), Sir Jack Sykes (post-meeting))

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Sir Owain Davies)

The Act was passed.

Act 50 – Public Finance Act 2018 (Emperor Adam I):

The Emperor introduced the Act. Lady Peace asked whether the Monarchy would be able to supply funds to itself for improper purposes without checks and balances. The Emperor clarified that himself, acting through the Imperial Bank, would simply act as a source of income, and that the spending of Sovereign Grant money would remain the remit of the government of the day and would be approved by the Ruling Council in its annual Budget. Lady Peace asked what specific rewards might be offered to participants in the reformed Contributions Scheme. The Emperor stated that the Act merely offered a framework and that the specific rewards would be up to the government of the day to decide. Lady Peace asked what specific rewards the Emperor's party would propose. The Emperor admitted that he had not given this much thought, and said that he would give the matter some thought over the summer; he suggested that branded products such as flags could be offered. Lady Peace suggested that events such as barbecues, or trips to locations such as Thorpe Park, could be offered. The Emperor was sceptical, saying that national events such as Foundation Day should be open to the whole nation, not just those who opt in to the Contributions Scheme. The Emperor further stated that he was keen on using public funds to host events and was open to the possibility of trips, but that this should be considered general expenditure, rather than as rewards for contributors. The Council divided:

AYES: 7 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker, Lady Peace, Sir Asher Bond (post-meeting), Lord Gurr (post-meeting), Lady Admiral Simpson (post-meeting), Lord Maude (post-meeting))

NOES: 1 (Sir Owain Davies)

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The Act was passed.

Misc. debate – Dissolution of VI Legislature (Emperor Adam I):

The Emperor gave the official notice of the dissolution of the Council, listing the Acts that had been passed during the term. The Emperor stated that he was pleased with the work done during the term, with a productive past few weeks following an inactive start to the year. The Emperor further stated that he was pleased that the rule of law had been strengthened in Adammia. The Emperor stated that he would be ruling by decree until October, when the new Council would be convened. The Emperor stated that a decree would be issued at the start of September ceding Paternia back to the United Kingdom and moving Alluria to its new location. The Emperor then stated that elections would take place in mid-October, with the aim of holding the State Opening of Council for VII Legislature and the next Budget by the end of October. Lord Helliker also stated that he was pleased with the work of the legislature during his government's first term despite a few inactive months, and that he was looking forward to seeing the Council again in October. Lady

Peace expressed alarm that the Emperor would be ruling by decree for nearly half a year. The Emperor explained that would not be taking any substantial actions during this time and would be acting on the advice of his ministers, and further stated that any decrees passed during this internal would be reviewed by the Ruling Council when it reconvened.

Any Other Business:

Lord Helliker appointed himself as Minister of Defence, and Lady Peace as Minister of National Development. Lady Peace asked when the scheduled referendum would take place. The Emperor stated that the AV referendum would be taking place in a few weeks. Lady Peace clarified that she was referring to a referendum on changing the national anthem suggested by Lady Admiral Simpson (NUC, Leader of the Opposition). The Emperor stated that there had been no bill tabled to this effect. Lady Peace stated that it was unlikely that Lady Admiral Simpson would be tabling any bills at this stage. The Emperor agreed, and Lady Peace suggested that she herself may table such a bill. The Emperor stated that this would have to wait until the autumn, and further stated that although he himself was keen on changing the national anthem, he was considering having one commissioned rather than adopting another existing tune. The Council then listened to a number of Lady Peace's proposed national anthems, which were generally considered to be humourous in nature. The Council then sat off-record to discuss [REDACTED]

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