

Ninth Amendment to the Supreme Directive of the Empire of Adammia

In accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the Supreme Directive, entrenched as the fundamental law of the Empire of Adammia since the 30th of June 2013, the changes to the Supreme Directive outlined in this Amendment shall take effect upon the Supreme Directive if this Amendment gains the support of at least 50% of the voters in a fair public referendum open to all full citizens of the Empire of Adammia.

1. Delete from Article IV Section 2 Subsection d), “Provinces should form a single contiguous area of land, though this is not necessary.”
2. Replace Article VII Section 2 Subsection c) with: “As soon as is reasonably possible after the promulgation of an Imperial Decree, the Monarch shall present the Decree to the Ruling Council. The Ruling Council may then, by simple majority vote, decide to overturn the Decree in question; in such case, the Decree shall immediately cease to be in effect, and all of its actions shall be undone.”
3. Delete Article VIII Section 1 Subsection c) Clause iii).
4. Delete from Article VIII Section 1 Subsection g) “three”.
5. Replace Article VIII Section 2 Subsection a) with: “The composition of the Ruling Council shall be:
 - i) A representative from each Province;
 - ii) A number of national Councilors, which shall be equal to the number of Provinces at the time of the last General Election.
6. Insert new Article VIII Section 2 Subsection b) as follows: “Each Province shall appoint its representative to the Ruling Council by provisions which may only be adopted or altered by the Province’s local council by a two-thirds majority of those present, provided that such provisions do not violate this Supreme Directive. In the absence of such provisions, the landed noble for a Province shall automatically be its representative.” and renumber accordingly.
7. Replace Article VIII Section 4 with: “*National Councilors and General Elections*
 - a) The national Councilors serve for a term of a minimum of one month and a maximum of two years. At any point in this period, the Monarch may call a General Election to elect all of the Councilors. The General Election shall take place on a date specified by the Monarch and shall be at least three weeks after the Monarch calls the election.
 - b) All full citizens of the Empire who are above the age of twelve have the right to nominate themselves as candidates in a General Election. Nominations should be done during the period between the calling of the General Election and the date of the Election itself.
 - c) If, on the day of a General Election, the number of nominated candidates is less than or equal to the total number of Councilors to be elected, then all of the candidates shall be automatically deemed elected, and no poll shall take place.
 - d) If, on the day of a General Election, the number of nominated candidates is greater than the total number of Councilors to be elected, then a poll shall take place, in which all full

citizens of the Empire who are over the age of twelve have the right to vote. Voting shall take place according to the following procedure:

i) Each voter may rank as many or as few candidates as they wish, with a “1” indicating their highest preference, a “2” their second-highest preference, and so forth. Voters wishing only to indicate a first preference may write an “X” instead of a “1”.

ii) At the first count, all of the candidates shall be ordered by their number of first preferences.

iii) A quota shall be calculated, which shall be the number of valid ballots cast, divided by the number of seats available for election plus one. In the event of a fraction, this number shall be rounded up.

iv) If, at any stage of counting, the number of votes for a candidate is equal to or greater than the quota, that quota is elected as a Councilor.

v) When a candidate is deemed elected, if no further seats remain to be allocated, the counting shall end. However, if further seats are to be allocated, the votes cast for the elected candidate shall be transferred to the remaining candidates according to the next-highest preference indicated on the ballot. These transferred votes shall have a weighted value, which shall be:

1. The multiple of the surplus and the value of the ballot when it was received by the elected candidate, divided by the total number of votes assigned to the elected candidate. Here, the surplus is the total number of votes assigned to the elected candidate minus the quota.

2. If a vote does not already have a weighted value from a previous transfer, its value shall otherwise be one.

vi) If, after a round of voting, there are no candidates which have reached the quota, but further seats remain to be allocated, then the candidate with the fewest number of votes shall be eliminated, and the votes shall be transferred to the remaining candidates according to the next highest preference indicated on the ballot.

vii) If, whenever votes are being transferred, there are no remaining preferences on a ballot for candidates which have not yet been elected or eliminated, the ballot shall be discarded. Whenever any ballots are discarded during a round, the quota shall be recalculated at the end of that round.

viii) If, at any stage, there is a tie between candidates, this shall be resolved by random chance.

e) The counting of ballots in General Elections, and the announcement of the results of General Elections, shall be done by the Chancellor, or a representative of the Chancellor appointed by them.

f) If a national Councilor dies or resigns during their term, the seat shall remain vacant until the next General Election. However, if more than half of the national Councilor seats become vacant during the term, the Monarch shall call an immediate General Election.”

8. Delete Article VIII Sections 5 and 6, and renumber accordingly.

9. Delete from Article VIII Section 7 Subsection a) “or of the House of Citizens”, and replace “their respective house” with “the Council”.

10. In Article VIII Section 7 Subsection c), replace “a house” and “that house” with “the Council”.

11. Delete Article VIII Section 7 Subsection d).

12. In Article VIII Section 7 Subsection e), replace “both houses” with “the Council”.

13. From Article IX Section 1 Subsection b), delete”, House of Citizens meetings,”.

14. In Article X Section 5, replace “House of Citizens” with “Ruling Council”.

15. In Article X Section 6, replace all references to “House of Citizens” with “Ruling Council”.

16. In Article X Section 7, replace “House of Citizens” with “Ruling Council”.

17. In Article X Section 8, replace “House of Citizens” with “Ruling Council”.

18. In Article X Section 9, delete “the House of Citizens and”.

19. In Article XI Section 3, replace “Councilor and the landed noble” with “Ruling Council representative”.

Referendum held 28th-31st October 2022

Turnout: 19 of 50 eligible voters (38%)

FOR: 17

AGAINST: 2

and hence proclaimed.

Signed,

His Imperial Majesty Adam the First, Emperor of Adammia, Duke of Deira, Earl of Carew, Founder of Adammia, Lord Chancellor of the State of Adammia, Grand Marshal, Field Marshal, Grand Admiral, Air Chief Marshal, Sovereign of the Order of Adammia and of the Order of the Meerkat, Knight Companion of the Glorious Order of Saint John, Imperial Knight of the Austenasian Order, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Marinus, Knight Commander of the Most Gracious Order of the Marquis, Knight of the Order of Saint Bartholomew, Knight of the Ordo Fidelium, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of Lundenwic, Master of Engineering ---

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE:

Adamus Primus Imperator

3rd November 2022

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