

# Constitution of The People's Elysian Existence

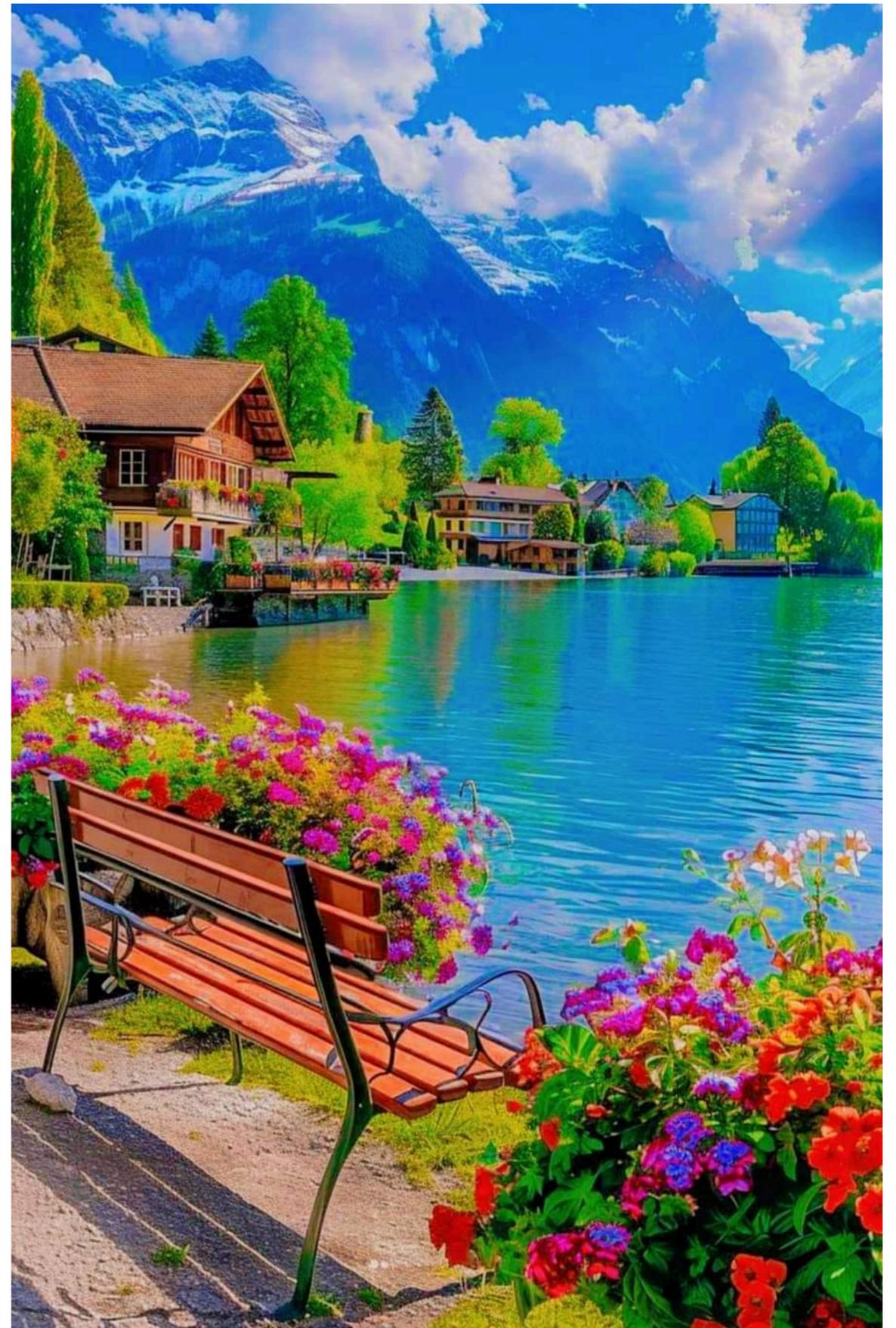
## Preamble

We, the Immortal Thinking People of Planet Earth, in order to create a better world, establish justice, ensure global tranquility, foster respect for all human and animal life, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the betterment of all people.



# Introduction

**A Constitution is a blueprint for any society, especially a new one. In order to build anything complex and substantial, you need a plan. A plan that is more than a vague list of rights. It is one thing to profess an idea or philosophical theory, but another actually to build it. A constitution specifies how that idea will be constructed and maintained. It is a boundary document used to keep a society from straying away from the principles it was founded on. The better the boundaries are clearly defined, the easier it will keep society from contorting them.**





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### **Article 1. Immortalist State**

**The Immortocracy is an immortalist state established with the democratic consent of the people, governed by the Members of all the Branches of the TREE OF IMMORTAL LIVING (TOIL), and founded on the alliance of all human genders publicly recognized as immortals.**

**The TOIL system is the primary method of governance in The People's Elysian Existence (TPEE), an Immortocracy. No organization or individual is permitted to pervert the TOIL system. The fundamental philosophy of TPEE is to conduct state affairs as if **all** people and the state were to live forever. Immortals plan and exist as if physical immortality were possible.**

### **Article 2. Power Belongs to the People**

**All power in the Immortocracy resides with the people. Unions and local community gatherings at various levels serve as the channels through which the people influence the democratically elected TOILs. No single individual, regardless of rank or title, holds authority over the people. All power belongs to those living under the rule of law, and no one is above the law.**

### **Article 3. Immortocracy**

**The state organs of the People's Elysian Existence apply the principles of immortalist philosophy. The TOIL Branch members are elected through democratic processes. They are accountable to the people and subject to their oversight. All administrative, judicial, and governmental bodies of the state are established by the TOIL Branches, which they are accountable to and subject to supervision. The division of functions and authority between the TOIL Branches and local state organs is guided by the principle of enabling local authorities to fully exercise their initiative and enthusiasm under the unified leadership of the centralized TOIL Branches.**

### **Article 4. Ethical and Cultural Minority Rights**

**All nationalities in The People's Elysian Existence are equal. The state protects the legal rights and interests of minority groups. It promotes and maintains a relationship of equality, unity, and mutual support among all nationalities worldwide. Discrimination and oppression against any nationality are prohibited, and any actions that damage national unity or cause division are not permitted. The state invests in areas inhabited by visible minorities, accelerating their economic and cultural development by leveraging their specific characteristics and needs. Everyone has the right to use and develop their spoken and written languages and to preserve or change their folkways and customs; however, all people must be literate in the universal language chosen by the Media Branch of the TOIL.**

### **Article 5. Citizenship**

**All persons within the territory of The People's Elysian Existence are citizens of The People's Elysian Existence upon application. Citizenship applies only to members of the human species, and only humans may enjoy its rights and privileges. All citizens of TPEE are equal before the**

**law. Every citizen is entitled to the rights and, at the same time, must perform the duties prescribed by the Constitution and the law. TPEE respects and protects human rights, including the inviolable right to privacy. All citizens aged 1 year or older are required to register with the state, obtain an identification number to vote upon eligibility, and provide a DNA sample. Once a citizen, a person remains a citizen in perpetuity. Immigrants are always welcome in TPEE. Slavery and involuntary servitude, even as a punishment for a crime, are prohibited. Convicted criminals forfeit their freedom and rights only for the period of their incarceration, and never are they to be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment in TPEE.**

### **Article 6. Voting Requirements**

**All citizens of The People's Elysian Existence who are 16 years old or older have the right to vote, and those who turn 25 can run for office. Citizens, regardless of their ethnic background, race, gender, occupation, family history, religious beliefs, education, property status, or length of residence, cannot be denied voting rights for any reason under the law. Voting is conducted using an identification number, a password, and multi-factor authentication via a computer kiosk, a smartphone, or other authorized devices or methods. Voting is a fundamental duty of every citizen. Elections last ten days, and results are not announced until two days after the election period ends. Citizens must be within the territorial boundaries of TPEE during the election period to vote unless they are on duty outside the territory conducting official business for TPEE.**

## **Article 7. Freedom of Speech, Press, Assembly, and Religion**

**Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence enjoy the freedoms of speech, press, assembly, association, procession, and demonstration. TPEE shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting its private exercise; nor shall it abridge the freedoms of speech or the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the TOIL for a redress of grievances. Citizens have the right to access the state's documentation. Religious organizations, clerics, or affiliated individuals may not interfere in matters reserved to TPEE law. No state agency, public organization, or individual may compel citizens to accept or reject any religion, nor may they discriminate against citizens based on their beliefs or lack thereof. The state safeguards lawful religious practices and does not permit religious or non-religious members to be exempt from state laws. No one may use religion or freedom of speech to disrupt public order, harm citizens' health, or interfere with the state's education system. Religious bodies and affairs are protected from foreign domination. Religious organizations are banned from using public or private airwaves or audio signals to recruit or inform members. Wearing religious articles, clothing, headdresses, or jewelry in public is allowed and must not be disturbed in any way. The state cannot allocate funds, property, or other support to any religious organization. Religious groups may lease real property from the state exclusively for worship, with a maximum of 1 square meter per registered adult member. No religion may claim any real estate within the boundaries of TPEE. A sovereign state existing within the borders of TPEE governs itself. It is not dependent on or controlled by any other power. Sovereign states are considered foreign jurisdictions, and TPEE citizens must comply with the laws and customs of that state. Violations of this article will be investigated, and any disruption of TPEE caused by religious organizations or their associated individuals is prohibited.**

## **Article 8. Freedom of Person**

**The citizens' freedom in The People's Elysian Existence is sacred. The right of people to feel safe in their persons, homes, papers, and belongings from unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated. No warrants shall be issued except with probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and explicitly describing the place to be searched and the persons or items to be seized. The personal dignity of citizens of TPEE is inviolable. Insult, libel, false accusations, or wrongful incrimination against citizens by any means from a state employee is prohibited. The residences of citizens of TPEE are inviolable. Unlawful searches or intrusions into a citizen's residence are forbidden. A citizen may authorize a lawful search of a residence, vehicle, or private business in writing or by recorded video if a law enforcement officer requests it from the owner or renter. Authorized personnel may search individuals, vehicles, and belongings, and seize prohibited items, when entering or exiting borders, public transportation, public buildings, or uninhabited areas. TPEE bans employers and the government from using individuals' genetic data in hiring, firing, job placement, or promotion decisions. A person's genetic privacy is inviolable.**

## **Article 9. Right to Petition the TOIL**

**Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence have the right to criticize and suggest changes to any state organization or official. They also have the right to file complaints or charges against any TOIL Branch, member, or official for violating the law or neglecting their duties; however, fabricating or distorting facts for the purpose of libel or false accusations is prohibited. After establishing the facts, the appropriate TOIL Branch must handle complaints, charges, or disclosures made by citizens in a responsible and timely manner, within 90 days. No one may suppress these complaints, charges, or disclosures or retaliate against the citizens who made them. Citizens who have suffered losses due to the violation of their civil rights by any TOIL branch or official have the right to**

compensation mandated by law, which specifies the limits and types.

### **Article 10. Equal Rights for All Sexes**

**In The People's Elysian Existence, all genders enjoy equal rights across all areas of life, including political, economic, cultural, social, and family spheres. The state safeguards the rights and interests of all persons, regardless of gender, and enforces the principle of equal pay for equal work. Anyone can identify as or physically transition to any gender they choose at their own expense, free from discrimination. Individuals who are transgender at birth are allowed to self-identify as both genders without facing social or physical discrimination.**

### **Article 11. Protection of Marriage and Family**

**Marriage is analogous to a civil union in that it protects families and children. All partners are expected to participate in family planning. Parents are responsible for raising and educating their minor children, while adult children should support and assist their parents when needed. The violation of civil union freedoms is prohibited. Abuse of elderly individuals, women, and children is not tolerated.**

### **Article 12. Right to Use the National Language**

**Citizens of all nationalities have the right to use their own spoken and written languages in court proceedings. Courts should provide translation services for any party who is not familiar with the common languages used in the area. In communities where a minority nationality lives in a concentrated area or where multiple nationalities coexist, court**

**hearings should be conducted in the language or languages commonly spoken locally. Indictments, judgments, notices, and other documents should be drafted in the language or languages most used in the community, based on actual needs. All records should be translated into the state's standard language.**

### **Article 13 Non-Infringement Of Rights**

**Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence must not infringe upon the interests of the immortalist society while exercising their freedoms and rights, nor upon the lawful rights and liberties of other citizens. TPEE fully incorporates all articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations Assembly at its 183rd meeting, held in Paris on December 10, 1948.**

### **Article 14. Right To And Duty Of Education**

**Citizens of the People's Elysian Existence have the right and duty to receive free education at public institutions established by the state. TPEE encourages all citizens to pursue further education, whether through a public college or vocational training, beyond mandatory secondary education. The state promotes the comprehensive moral, intellectual, and physical development of children and young people. TPEE undertakes and funds the development of immortalist education, with the aim of elevating the scientific and cultural levels of the entire nation. TPEE establishes and administers various types of schools, universalizes compulsory primary and secondary education, and promotes secondary, vocational, and higher education, as well as preschool education. TPEE develops educational facilities to eradicate illiteracy and to provide scientific, technical, and professional education, as well as general education, for workers, prisoners, TPEE officials, and other working individuals. It encourages individuals to pursue**

innovative methods such as computer-based and independent study. TPEE encourages collective economic organizations, unions, cooperative enterprises, institutions, and other sectors of society to establish a variety of educational institutions that comply with the law. TPEE promotes the advancement of natural and social sciences, disseminates knowledge about science and technology, and recognizes and rewards achievements in scientific research, technological innovation, and inventions.

### **Article 15. Right to Pursue Art, Science**

Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence can engage in scientific research, literary and artistic creation, and other cultural pursuits. The state encourages and supports creative endeavors that benefit the public interest, facilitated by citizens engaged in education, science, technology, literature, art, and other cultural work.

### **Article 16. Right and Duty to Work**

Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence have both the right and duty to work. Through various channels, TPEE creates employment opportunities in partnership with collectives, unions, cooperatives, and private employers. It promotes occupational safety and health, improves working conditions, and, based on performance, increases compensation and welfare benefits. Every able-bodied citizen over 25 years old must earn a livable wage, except those caring for minor children or sick individuals at home or in a treatment facility. No one under 16 may work full-time outside their home or on land leased by their parents or others. All workers in state-owned enterprises and in urban and rural economic collectives or co-ops should perform their duties with an attitude consistent with their role as responsible citizens. TPEE encourages citizens to participate in volunteer work. It offers essential vocational

training to prepare them for the workforce. Work involves choosing from available options and fulfilling training requirements. Self-employment is permitted with approval for specific trades, including art, music, crafts, media, and science. Every employer or member of an employee-owned business is responsible for ensuring worker safety, providing insurance, maintaining health, and promoting fitness.

### **Article 17. Right To Rest**

Workers in The People's Elysian Existence have the right to rest and must take paid vacations from manual labor. TPEE improves facilities for workers' rest and recovery. It sets minimum working hours and mandatory leave for employees. Starting at age 30, each worker is entitled to at least one year of paid leave at the minimum livable wage, with benefits paid by the state. Every 15 years afterward, they can take additional time off, which is added to any leave granted by the employer.

An individual who immigrates to The People's Elysian Existence becomes eligible for state-paid vacation after ten years of documented full-time employment, provided they were over 30 when they became citizens. Full-time work is defined as working 16 days, totaling 96 hours or more, within 28 days. No person can be required to work more than 56 hours in a seven-day stretch, with a maximum of 12 hours in any 24-hour period, unless the government declares a state of emergency. Those serving in the military are excused from the 56-hour limit while on active duty, as specified by law. Employees are entitled to 30 days of paid vacation each year, as determined by their employer.

## **Article 18. Protection of Retirement**

**The People's Elysian Existence establishes a retirement system for workers, enterprise and institutional staff, and officials of the TOILs, in accordance with the law. TPEE and Society guarantee the livelihood of retired personnel. The People's Elysian Existence sets retirement and semi-retirement ages based on a worker's economic needs and financial resources, or those of The People's Elysian Existence.**

## **Article 19. Protection of the Elderly, Sick, and Disabled**

**Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence have the right to receive material assistance from the state and society when they are elderly, ill, or disabled. The state establishes social insurance, social relief, and health services necessary for citizens to exercise this right. The state and society ensure the livelihood of disabled armed forces members, provide pensions to the families of martyrs, and offer preferential treatment to military personnel's families. The state and society make arrangements for the work, rest, livelihood, and education of blind, deaf-mute, and other disabled citizens. The maltreatment of sick individuals, women, and children is prohibited. Mental illness and substance abuse should be treated like any other disease, aiming to restore the individual's functionality.**

## **Article 20. Duty to Pay Taxes**

**Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence are legally required to pay taxes. These taxes are imposed on income above the livable wage, land-use fees, and purchases of non-food items. Taxation must not be used to favor or discriminate against any business, country, or individual. Taxes are calculated using a formula that ensures enough funds for current**

**and future expenses. Adjustments are made to public reports every two years. No entity other than TPEE is authorized to impose taxes.**

## **Article 21. Trial to be Public, Right to Defense**

**Except in rare cases specified by law, all cases in the people's courts are open to the public. The accused has the right to an attorney. Only lawyers serving as prosecutors or public defenders are allowed in court during felony trials to represent plaintiffs and defendants. The jurisdictional court assigns attorneys and investigators by lottery. An accused felon cannot represent themselves in court. No one may be tried in absentia. All felony trials in the TPEE are conducted with a judge and jury. Judges and arbitrators handle misdemeanors and tort cases. Only judges can issue search warrants, seizure warrants, and arrest warrants.**

**Police officers may arrest individuals caught committing a crime or participating in illegal activities. Only preliminary hearings are required for a judge to determine whether there is enough evidence to proceed with the case.**

## **Article 22. Duty to Uphold the Constitution**

**Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence must follow the Constitution and laws, protect state secrets, safeguard public property, prioritize safety, maintain order, and uphold social ethics.**

## **Article 23. Duty to Safeguard Unity**

**Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence must protect the nation's unity and keep all its nationalities united.**

## **Article 24. The Right to Life**

**Citizens of The People's Elysian Existence have the right to life, and no entity may force a person to risk their life or sacrifice it for others through physical coercion, persuasion, or interference. It is not society or any social right that prohibits a person from killing, but rather the inalienable individual right of another person to live. No individual has the right to initiate the use of physical force against someone else. The rights of one person cannot be maintained by violating the rights of others. An embryo has no rights. Rights apply only to a born human being, not to potential life.**

## **Article 25. Protection of the Rights of Foreigners**

**The People's Elysian Existence safeguards the legal rights and interests of foreigners within its immortalist territory. Foreigners must follow its laws. For two years, asylum will be available to foreign nationals who apply on humanitarian grounds. After that period, they must either leave for another country or become citizens of TPEE. Foreigners may work as permitted and pay applicable taxes to receive certain state benefits. TPEE does not recognize dual citizenship.**

## **Article 26. Private and Personal Property, Inheritance**

**Private property refers to any structure on land or water owned or leased by a person. Personal property is any item owned or rented by an individual or entity, regardless of ownership title. The lawful use of private or personal property by citizens is protected and inviolable. According to the law, TPEE safeguards citizens' rights to their personal property and its inheritance, but excludes rights to land, water, and minerals. In the public interest and in accordance with the law, the state may expropriate or requisition private property for public use, with compensation provided for any property taken. Property can be seized by court order when there is evidence of a crime. Private property cannot be defended with potentially lethal force. However, property owned by TPEE that is considered essential to national security or potentially hazardous to groups of people may be defended with deadly force by security personnel.**



*Farms Pass Down from Generation to Generation*

# **Administrative Powers**

## **Article 27. Constitutional Supremacy**

The People's Elysian Existence governs its domain in accordance with the law and establishes an immortalist society for all persons. The immortocracy maintains the uniformity and dignity of the immortalist legal system. No legislation, administrative, local rules, or regulations may conflict with the Constitution. All TOIL Branches, public organizations, enterprises, and institutions must comply with the Constitution and the law. Any acts that violate the Constitution and the law must be investigated and adjudicated. No organization or individual is above the Constitution or the law.

## **Article 28. Judicial Power**

The judicial power of The People's Elysian Existence shall be vested in one supreme court, with members appointed by the Judicial Branch of the TOIL, and in such inferior courts as the TOIL may occasionally establish. Judges of both the Supreme and Inferior Courts shall hold their offices during good behavior. They shall receive compensation for their services at set times, which shall not be diminished while they remain in office. Judges must not accept any items of value during their tenure, except for the wages and benefits provided by the state.

The judicial power shall extend to all cases in law and equity arising under this Constitution, the laws of The People's Elysian Existence, and treaties made, or that shall be made, under their authority; to all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers, and consuls; to all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; and to controversies to which TPEE shall be a party. In all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers, and consuls, and those in which a state shall be a party, the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction. In all other cases mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions and under such regulations as the TOIL may make. The trial of all felony crimes shall be by jury, and such trials shall be held in the area where those crimes were committed.

## **Article 29. Maintaining Public Order**

The People's Elysian Existence maintains public order and suppresses treasonous and other criminal activities that threaten its security. It penalizes conduct that endangers public safety, disrupts the immortalist economy, and involves other criminal conduct, while also punishing and rehabilitating offenders. There is no capital punishment in TPEE. Individuals convicted of crimes are imprisoned on specialized military-controlled ships at sea, where they are rehabilitated, treated humanely, and reintegrated into society without stigma. Violent criminals are kept separate from non-violent offenders and serve their sentences in isolation. Police or correctional officers may not use lethal force to detain an individual unless all other methods have been exhausted. Lawful orders from police officers must always be followed. Any mistreatment of a citizen by a police or correctional officer shall be investigated and adjudicated by a civilian oversight body.

## **Article 30. Art, Mass Media, And Culture**

**The People's Elysian Existence encourages the development of art and literature, the press, radio, film, television broadcasting, publishing and distribution services, libraries, museums, cultural centers, and other cultural projects that benefit the people and promote immortalism. It also supports large-scale cultural activities. TPEE protects sites of scenic and historical importance, national parks, significant cultural monuments and relics, and other notable elements of the world's historical and cultural heritage.**

## **Article 31. Judicial Independence**

**The people's courts exercise judicial power independently, as outlined in criminal law provisions. They are not subject to interference from any administrative body, public organization, or individual. Judges and juries are free, aside from the Constitution, to adjust sentences based on the crime or individual circumstances. Non-criminal disputes and tort claims are resolved by an arbitration tribunal, which issues a binding decision for all parties.**

## **Article 32. Supreme People's Court**

**The Supreme People's Court serves as the highest judicial authority. It manages the administration of justice by local people's courts and special people's courts. Higher-level courts oversee the justice activities of lower courts. The Supreme People's Court does not rule on the constitutionality of laws or regulations.**

**Members of the Supreme People's Court recommend appointments to the Judicial Branch's TOIL for lower-level judges based on their qualifications and can dismiss them for cause. The Court can also suggest amendments to the Constitution to the relevant TOIL branch, which is responsible for reviewing these proposals. The Supreme Court comprises one elected judge from each autonomous region of the TPEE and serves six-year terms.**

## **Article 33. Coordination of Efforts**

**The people's courts and public security agencies shall define their roles in handling criminal cases, each responsible for its own duties. They shall collaborate and supervise one another to ensure the law is enforced accurately and effectively.**

## **Article 34. Organization of National Police**

**The National Police, along with specialized law enforcement and investigative personnel, is organized to uphold the rule of law. Maintaining public order is a national effort that depends on the assistance, oversight, and support of citizens and trained volunteers. There are no subordinate policing organizations within the territory; all sworn officers are part of the national force. All sworn police officers must be graduates of an academy and are authorized to be assigned and have jurisdiction anywhere within The People's Elysian Existence. Permanent or temporary armed private security forces, militias, paramilitary groups, bodyguards, or similar individuals or organizations are permitted in TPEE only with written approval from the responsible TOIL Branch and for a period not exceeding 30 days.**

## **Article 35. Corruption**

The People's Elysian Existence forbids accepting bribes, gifts, free junkets, special discounts, or any item or consideration that could be seen as a favor by any member of the TOILs or the officeholders appointed by them. Any item freely given to TPEE by another governing body must be declared and displayed in a museum or other public venue. No individual or business entity may fund or contribute to a person's campaign for public office or a ballot initiative within or outside the nation's borders. The TPEE cannot be crowdfunded or solicit donations from citizens. Nonprofits or other registered charities may accept gifts or grants and report their income annually to the granting TOIL Branch. Fraud or scams may lead to the dissolution of offending entities. Private entities cannot give monetary gifts to gain favor with public officials. Violations of this article will be investigated by the Ethics and Oversight TOIL and may result in the individual's dismissal and/or criminal charges under applicable law. Corruption in any form is treated as a serious crime and felony and will be investigated, with any involved parties suspended from duty until the issue is resolved. Violations by business entities will result in the permanent loss of their charter and license, along with significant fines.

## **Article 36. Fraud, Waste, and Abuse**

The People's Elysian Existence bans government employees from engaging in fraudulent activities involving deliberate deception for financial or personal gain. Employees must use government resources and funds responsibly and avoid careless or wasteful actions. The abuse or misuse of authority or position for personal benefit is strictly forbidden.

## **Article 37. Enumerated Powers of the Branches of the TOIL**

The branches of the TOIL of the Immortocracy exercise the following functions and powers within the domain of their respective TOIL branch:

- (1) to interpret the Constitution and oversee its enforcement;**
- (2) to enact and amend laws and regulations**
- (3) to partially supplement and modify laws enacted**
- (4) to interpret laws**
- (5) to review and approve necessary partial adjustments to the plan for national economic and social development or to the state budget during their implementation**
- (6) to determine the appointment or recall of plenipotentiary representatives abroad**
- (7) to determine whether to ratify or abrogate treaties and significant agreements made with foreign states**
- (8) to establish systems of titles and ranks for military and diplomatic personnel, as well as for other specific titles and ranks;**
- (9) to establish state medals and titles of honor and determine their conferment;**
- (10) to decide on granting special pardons;**
- (11) to determine whether to proclaim a state of war in response to an armed attack on the country or to fulfill international treaty obligations regarding collective defense against aggression**
- (12) to determine whether to proceed with general mobilization or partial mobilization of assets**
- (13) to determine the declaration of a state of emergency across the entire country, specifically in provinces, autonomous regions, or municipalities directly governed by the TOILs.**
- (14) to choose qualified administrators, contracts, and terms of service for all employees serving the government.**
- (15) to guarantee unenumerated freedoms and rights of the people that are not detrimental to social order or public welfare.**

## **Article 38. Terms of Service**

The TOIL branches and the Supreme Court members serve four-year and six-year terms, respectively. Ambassadors, who represent their countries to the people of other states, serve five-year terms. No member may serve more than two terms, and no member may serve consecutively. Administrators serve at the discretion of the TOIL branches for contracted terms based on need and performance. Former TOIL branch members may be retained as consultants for current members.

## **Article 39. Selection of TOIL Branch Members**

A Tree of Immortal Living (TOIL) Branch Member will be chosen democratically by the people. Each TOIL Branch will include three citizens. Candidates must submit written qualifications for each position. They must pledge to follow and uphold the Constitution and laws of The People's Elysian Existence. A member must avoid any financial interests or conflicts of interest before taking office. The people may elect any citizen aged 25 or older to serve. No TOIL Branch may have three members from the same religious organization or sect. Candidates must complete a TOIL instructional academy before the election or taking office. The TOIL academy is open to all eligible applicants, except those under voting age, and will assign positions by lottery if spots are limited. The resumes of each candidate for a TOIL Branch position are published for comment before the election. Political parties, public endorsements, and lobbyists are banned in TPEE. Members serve four-year terms and may hold up to two non-consecutive terms in their lifetime. Their salaries cannot exceed four times the minimum wage deemed livable. The TOIL branches incorporate existing laws and regulations within their authority, reviewing and applying standards of fairness, objectivity, environmental impact, social justice, and universal applicability. Qualified candidates are selected through televised National Competitions, with the top three vote-getters in each TOIL Branch earning their positions via a national election. Foreign

interference in elections is strictly prohibited and punishable by penalties and legal action.

## **Article 40. TOIL Branch Members Replacement**

The TOIL Branch members will select replacements for those unable to complete their terms due to resignation or incapacity, via a majority vote among pre-qualified applicants. These replacements will serve for the remaining duration of the member they replaced. Time served as a replacement will not count as a full term of service.

## **Article 41. Tree of Immortal Living Branches (TOILs)**

Accounting and Budget  
Alcohol, Tobacco, Gaming, and Drugs  
Arbitration  
Defense and Nuclear Warfare  
Energy and Climate  
Health and Education  
Housing and Urban Development  
Justice and Prisons  
Labor Relations and Unions  
Land Use and Parks  
Media Affairs and Cybersecurity  
National Food Policy and Agriculture  
National and International Relations  
National Security and Immigration  
Natural Resources and Earth Science  
Oversight and Ethics  
Public Safety and First Responders  
Social Security and Economics  
Technology, Space, and Planetary Exploration  
Transportation and Maritime Law  
Waste and Water Management

The jurisdictions and responsibilities of TOIL branches are determined by a meeting of all elected members of the TOIL branches, initially held and then every ten years afterward. Members may establish new branches as needed to manage The People's Elysian Existence. The people will elect the new branch members. The oldest branch member among all the TOIL branches will chair the combined televised meeting.

### Article 42. Amending the Constitution

The various branches of the TOIL can propose amendments to the Constitution, which must be approved by a vote of more than two-thirds of all members of all TOILs.

Laws and resolutions require a unanimous vote from all members of a TOIL Branch with jurisdiction over the affected parties and must not violate the Constitution per the Oversight and Ethics Branch.

### Article 43. Territory

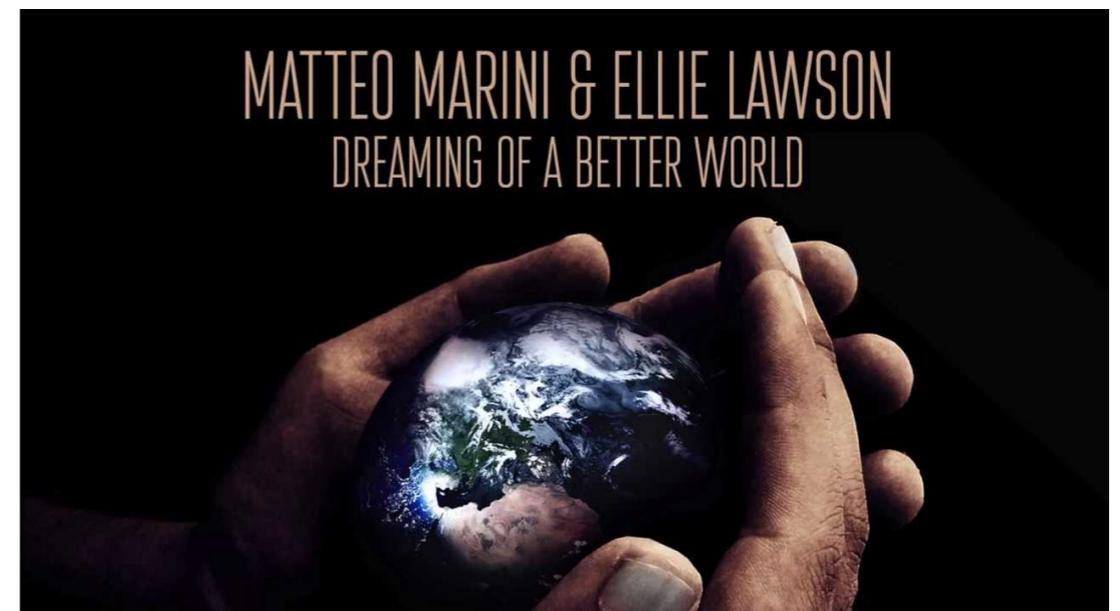
The People's Elysian Existence considers the sky above and the water within and around 200 kilometers of its sovereign territory. It makes no claims to celestial bodies and declares that the orbital space above Earth is free. All crafts in orbit, in the airspace above the planet, or on the high seas are regarded as the property of TPEE if they are owned or flagged by the state. All natural resources below the surface of the land or water, to a depth of 100 kilometers, belong to this entity. The borders of TPEE are defined by annexation. Any sovereign territory and its people may formally request annexation and the adoption of the Constitution and authority of TPEE.

### Article 44. Flag & Anthem

The national flag of The People's Elysian Existence is an earth sunrise flag with a white infinity symbol overlaying a dark space on the upper right.



The National Anthem of The People's Elysian Existence is Matteo Marini & Ellie Lawson - Dreaming Of A Better World



## **Article 45. Governmental Divisions**

**The administrative division of the People's Elysian Existence is as follows: 1) The country is divided into provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities directly under each TOIL Branch. 2) Provinces and autonomous regions are divided into counties and cities. 3) Counties are divided into townships. 4) Municipalities and other large cities are divided into districts.**

## **Article 46. Armed Forces**

**The armed forces of The People's Elysian Existence serve the people. Their responsibilities include strengthening national defense, resisting aggression, monitoring borders, rehabilitating prisoners, defending the planet, safeguarding the people's peaceful labor, participating in national reconstruction, responding to natural disasters both domestically and abroad, and doing their utmost to protect and serve the population. The armed forces are strictly forbidden from acting as aggressors in any conflict. They are prohibited from damaging private or public property within TPEE's territories. All weapons used or developed by the armed forces are strictly prohibited for possession by private citizens.**

**Weapons of mass destruction, explosives, and any armament intended to kill humans are prohibited from sale or transfer to any other entity, except for knives used for self-defense. The manufacture of military items and private firearms, including ammunition, must be strictly regulated and clearly identified.**

**The decision to deploy military assets in defense of the planet and human life rests with the appropriate branch of the TOIL. It is the scientific community's responsibility to develop strategies for protecting the planet and the immortalist society from threats to life, without compromising the safety of aggressors or damaging the economy. Humans captured by the military will be treated humanely,**

**just like criminals in TPEE. This Constitution strictly prohibits the torture of any combatant or non-combatant for any reason.**

**Spying, policing, or any kind of surveillance of civilians by the military is forbidden. Current and former military members are not allowed to serve as TOIL Branch members. Military personnel are sworn to protect and defend the Constitution for life and can be called back to active duty if needed by declaration.**

**Citizens have a duty to support and respect members of the armed forces in the performance of their missions. Military members are subject to the laws of the TPEE and cannot act contrary to the TPEE Constitution or the code of military justice. Members have an ethical and legal obligation not to follow orders that violate existing laws or the laws of international conventions or treaties approved by TPEE. Members of the military may not be used in any manner to enforce civilian law or to suppress human rights. There is only one unified national military force employed by the TPEE. No reserves or guard units may be formed or authorized. Only active military units exist in the TPEE for the purposes outlined by the TOIL in charge.**

**The military-industrial complex is wholly owned by TPEE, and no private or other public entity may produce tangible personal property for military use only. The military may not seize or occupy tangible personal property owned by nonmilitary entities without due process or compensation. No organization may undertake military missions without prior authorization from the TPEE.**

## **Article 47. Health Science And Fitness**

**The People's Elysian Existence develops and provides trauma care and health services, promotes health science and traditional herbal medicine, encourages and supports the establishment of various trauma centers and health facilities by rural economic collectives, TPEE enterprises and institutions, and neighborhood organizations, and advances mass health and sanitation activities, all to protect people's health. The People's Elysian Existence promotes physical culture and encourages mass participation in sports to improve people's physical fitness.**

## **Article 48. Family Planning**

**The People's Elysian Existence promotes family planning and the adoption of orphans to align population growth with economic and social development plans. It permits civil unions with persons of any race, ethnicity, gender, or religious belief. Group marriage, in which the family unit comprises multiple husbands and multiple wives of legal age, is permitted. Civil unions and cohabitation are prohibited for those under twenty-five. All civil unions are subject to family planning requirements, regardless of the number of spouses or their ability to have children. Women have the exclusive right to bear children, but not before the age of twenty-five. A woman can terminate any pregnancy at any time without consulting an authority, safely, privately, and without fear of punishment. Abortion is free, legal, and solely a woman's choice. Determining the sex of any offspring is forbidden. Euthanasia of a child under six months old for medical reasons is permitted under the law. Assisted suicide for competent adults, based on medical reasons or preinformed requests, is permitted under the law.**

## **Article 49. Public Property**

**Immortalist public property, not territory, is inviolable. The People's Elysian Existence protects immortalist property. Appropriation or damaging of TPEE's common property by any organization or individual, by whatever means, is prohibited. The use of potentially lethal force may not protect public property. Lives are more important than property at all times.**

## **Article 50. Ownership of Land, Including Water and Minerals**

**The People's Elysian Existence owns all land, water, and minerals in both populated and unpopulated areas. Collectives, communes, and individuals can lease land in these areas. Collectives, communes, and individuals can lease residential sites, commercial property, and privately farmed plots of cropland and hilly terrain. TPEE may, in the public interest and in accordance with applicable law, expropriate or requisition leased land for its use, and provide compensation for any land confiscated or requisitioned. All organizations and individuals using land must ensure its rational use. Any land abandoned or judged to be abused or fought over by the users will have its use rights forfeited to TPEE.**

## **Article 51. Natural Resources**

**All mineral resources, waters, forests, mountains, grasslands, unreclaimed land, beaches, and other natural resources belong to the People's Elysian Existence, meaning all the people. The forests, mountains, grasslands, unreclaimed land, and beaches are leased by collectives, communes, individuals, and co-ops in accordance with the law. The appropriate TOIL branches encourage the responsible use of natural resources and protect rare animals, insects, and plants. No organization or individual is allowed to appropriate or damage natural resources in any way.**

## **Article 52. Pollution Control and Forestation**

**The People's Elysian Existence safeguards and improves both ecological and human environments. It prevents and reduces pollution along with other public hazards. TPEE organizes and promotes afforestation and forest preservation. It recognizes the impact of human activities on the planet's climate and emphasizes minimizing these effects when addressing economic and related issues.**

## **Article 53. Immortalist Economy**

**The employee-owned economy, representing the lasting wealth of working people, acts as the driving force behind the People's Elysian Existence economy. The TOIL helps consolidate and grow this economy.**

## **Article 54. Communes**

**Communal economic organizations operate under a two-tier management system. Communes can exist within legal boundaries, independently of financial oversight, and may barter with other collectives and individuals. Communes must be located within a single geographic area of leased land or water. Individuals working in communes have the right to lease farm plots, including cropland and hilly terrain, for personal use; to engage in household sideline production; and to raise privately owned livestock within legal limits. Communes must have at least twelve adult members and no more than 2500 adult members. The People's Elysian Existence protects the lawful rights and interests of the communes. It encourages them to engage with other elements of an immortalist society. Members of the commune are subject to constitutional restrictions and may not serve as TOIL or military personnel unless they disassociate from their communal lifestyle during their service period.**

## **Article 55 Private Economy**

**Private, individual, and non-public economies within legal boundaries are vital components of the immortalist market economy. The People's Elysian Existence safeguards the lawful rights and interests of the non-public sectors of the economy, including the individual and private sectors. It promotes, supports, and guides the growth of these sectors while overseeing and regulating them in accordance with the law.**

## **Article 56. Economic Improvement**

**The Branches of TOIL deliberately oversee labor productivity. They improve economic outcomes and support productive forces by increasing workers' enthusiasm and enhancing their technical skills. As an institution, they disseminate advanced science and technology, refine economic management and enterprise operations, establish various forms of an immortalist accountability system, and optimize work organization. The People's Elysian Existence practices strict cost control and reduces waste. It effectively allocates resources and consumption, balancing the interests of the collective, the individual, and TPEE itself. This approach gradually improves people's material and cultural well-being by increasing production. TPEE creates a strong social security system that aligns with economic growth and the cost of living.**

## **Article 57. Collective-Owned Enterprises**

**Collective economic organizations (CO-OPs) have decision-making authority when conducting independent economic activities, provided they comply with applicable laws. These organizations practice democratic management, elect or remove their managerial and supervisory personnel, and make decisions on key operational and administrative matters in accordance with the law. The People's Elysian Existence oversees all business conducted by collectives, requiring them to undergo audits, maintain transparency through open meetings, and permit oversight. A collective is defined as two or more individuals who are not related by a civil union. Collective management, oversight, and independently owned businesses are responsible for civil and criminal consequences resulting from their economic activities.**

## **Article 58. Training To Serve**

**The People's Elysian Existence trains specialized personnel in all fields who serve immortalism, expands the ranks of intellectuals, and creates conditions to fully support their role in immortalist modernization. All capable and differently-abled citizens of TPEE must commit to serving their government for one year at age twenty-six, and one year every ten years thereafter indefinitely. No exemptions, other than physical incapacity as defined by law, will be permitted. Compensation will be provided at the average livable wage for a worker. The type of service will be determined by lottery at age twenty-five and will remain the same or similar for the individual's lifetime. A person may choose to serve for six years before turning forty to fulfill their lifetime service obligation.**

## **Article 59 Unions**

**The People's Elysian Existence encourages the development of skilled trade unions. These unions provide workers with experience-based education and performance-based certification. They also set standards that skilled workers must meet to meet the state's needs. Unions are prohibited from interfering with government or economic matters and cannot infringe upon the interests of an immortalist society or the lawful freedoms and rights of other citizens. Unions are encouraged to improve efficiency and safety standards within The People's Elysian Existence.**



*Unions Get the Job Done Safely*

## **Article 60 Foreign Investment**

**The People's Elysian Existence prohibits foreign companies, other foreign economic organizations, and individual foreigners from investing in its territory or engaging in any form of economic cooperation with its businesses and other financial entities, as specified by its laws. Foreigners are welcome to join TPEE, including all land and citizens, for inclusion in the immortocracy without reservation. Failed states and those seeking to join TPEE are invited. TPEE issues patents and copyrights but does not recognize any such property rights beyond five years, regardless of their origin.**

## **Article 61 Currency**

**The single currency unit in The People's Elysian Existence is equal to the cost of one hour of general labor. Eight hours of work equals eight currency units. The basic unit of currency is the "moil." Foreign currency is exchanged using the same standard. The moil is government-issued money that is neither legally convertible to anything else nor fixed in value to any standard. The Social Security and Economics TOIL Branch regulates and determines the value of the moil for international trade.**

## **Article 62. Data Communications**

**The People's Elysian Existence provides, operates, and maintains data and voice communication systems for the benefit of all citizens.**

**Communication is a vital part of the state's management and dissemination of information to the public. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility between the state and individuals. Net neutrality, or an open Internet, ensures equal access for all users to all lawful content and applications, without discrimination or blocking of specific sources.**

**Interference with the people's communication systems is strictly prohibited.**

## **Article 63. Banking and Lending**

**The People's Elysian Existence strictly regulates banking and the lending of currency. Individuals are encouraged to save part of their income. Banks are owned by collectives whose members deposit funds and make automatic or regular deposits to their accounts. These collectives may charge minimal regulated fees to facilitate transactions and cover overhead costs. Lending is permitted only to its members, at rates not exceeding ten percent per year, using the collectives' profits solely and backed by member deposits. Private lending by individuals is strictly forbidden. Gifting is permitted, provided the recipient has no legal obligation to repay the funds. The state offers loans of moils for building and improving property on leased land, available to qualified individuals at set rates, while retaining the mortgage and title.**

## **Article 64. Digital Property**

**The People's Elysian Existence permits individuals to trade with one another, with transactions recorded in a digital ledger. MOILs cannot be converted into digital property. Each transaction involves exchanging one asset for another that both parties agree is equal in value. No actual currency can be used. Cryptocurrency and other digital peer-to-peer payment systems that permit anyone, anywhere, to send and receive payments are prohibited for any entity within the state's borders or in international trade.**

## **Article 65. Trade and Transportation**

**Raw materials and natural resources cannot be traded with other countries. Only finished goods may be exported outside the country. Imports must match exports with each trading partner. Edibles must be inspected before distribution or sale. Items that are harmful to the environment and pose a risk to people's safety are prohibited from being imported into the country. Trading or trafficking goods to evade taxation or inspection is a criminal offense. The transportation of goods from ports of entry is not permitted by foreign entities unless a state of emergency has been declared.**

## **Article 66. Market and Finance**

**The government may decide on economic policy only after informing the public 120 days in advance. Markets must reflect the actual value of traded assets. Financing business ventures by leveraging capital is prohibited. The state cannot insure investors. Individuals who possess wealth and use it to influence economic activity are collectively viewed as being in conflict of interest between capital and labor. Taxpayer funds may not be invested in markets or transferred to wealthy entities in the top 2% of the nation by net worth.**

## **Article 67. International Law**

**The citizens of the People's Elysian Existence are subject to the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court of Justice, which is based in The Hague and serves as the principal judicial body of the United Nations. TPEE supports the missions of the United Nations and Interpol in a manner that does not conflict with the TPEE Constitution. Crimes committed outside the borders of the TPEE may be referred to the National Police for investigation.**

**Known felons from other sovereign countries are not permitted to immigrate unless they have completed their sentences in that country, or that country has fully become part of the TPEE. If a crime is committed outside the jurisdiction of the TPEE by a TPEE citizen, that individual is subject to both the laws of the sovereign country and the laws of the TPEE. The TPEE will extradite wanted criminals to another country for trial upon a formal request.**

## **Article 68. Consumer Protection**

**All tangible personal property available for sale is priced in moils by the selling party. Bartering with the seller is permitted. In either transaction, a bill of sale or receipt is required to transfer ownership to the buyer. Transactions may be recorded in digital or paper form. Transactions with a value below a specified threshold do not require recording, and simple possession is sufficient. Any item with a serial number or identifiable marking must be recorded. A person may not trade future labor for any item of value except as allowed by law. Indentured servitude is prohibited in the TPEE.**

## **Article 69. No Kings**

**The People's Elysian Existence has no official legislative representatives with authority or influence over the citizens. No individual or organization other than Tree of Immortal Living members may represent the interests of the state. All TOILs communicate through the Media Affairs and Cybersecurity Branch of the TOIL. TOIL members can appoint people to share information with foreign entities, but they do not hold any executive power. No one is to act or assume authority over the people as a king, queen, dictator, president, or ruler of any kind. No TOIL member may act unilaterally on behalf of all of the TOILs. Unilateralism is prohibited.**

## **Article 70. Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

**The People’s Elysian Existence requires fair and accountable AI systems. The TOILS direct all agencies and partners to consider “fairness,” “safety,” “compassion,” and “responsibility” in the training and deployment of AI.**

### **Restrictions on AI**

**AI is not to be used in any manner to invade the privacy of any citizens or override the rule of law. AI is not permitted to engage in Social Manipulation and Information Integrity; Job Displacement and Economic Inequality; Bias, Discrimination, and Surveillance; In negatively affecting Safety, Security, or causing Physical Harm; Incurring Existential and Long-Term Risks; Loss of Control (The Alignment Problem); Superintelligence; and the development of AI that surpasses human intelligence that could lead to a situation where humans can no longer control or shut down the technology. Environmental and Ethical Impact that causes Environmental Degradation by requiring immense energy and water,**

**contributing to a significant carbon footprint, and straining resources.**

**Intellectual Property Theft is prohibited by Generative AI, which is frequently trained on copyrighted materials without consent or compensation, undermining the livelihoods of artists, writers, and content creators.**

**Psychological Harm is not allowed, as the use of AI for companionship or as a primary information source can lead to emotional dependence, mental deterioration, or "brain rot". To mitigate these threats, experts will implement robust AI governance, develop international regulations (similar to treaties governing nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons), strengthen AI safety research, and increase transparency into how AI models are built and trained.**



*AI is a Tool, Not an Answer*

## Abbreviations

**MOIL** - Money Of Immortal Living

*to moil means to work hard*

**TPEE** - The People's Elysian Existence

*Elysian - relating to or characteristic of heaven or paradise*

**TOIL** - Tree Of Immortal Living

to toil is to work extremely hard or incessantly. A tree has many branches that make up the TPEE.

## Definitions

**Immortal** - a person who lives as if they are never going to die.

**Mortal** - A person who believes life is short and acts selfishly with little regard for the future.

**Immortocracy** - a population of people who act as immortals and want a utopian future.

**Deathist** - a person who has resigned themselves to dying with no impact on the future.

## The Ten Immortalist Commandments

- 1. No human being should do any act that may, intended or not intended, result in the death of or harm to another human being under any circumstance or authority**
- 2. Thou shall consume food and drink that are compatible with human physiology**
- 3. Thou shall limit cooking any foods**
- 4. Thou shall respect nature and live in harmony with nature**
- 5. Thou shall all speak and write a common language**
- 6. Thou shall not reproduce a human life except to replace**
- 7. Thou shall not value one person's work over another's work**
- 8. Thou shall not be greedy or disrespectful to others**
- 9. Thou shall live with at least one other human and share**
- 10. Thou must share all knowledge and technology**



*Ideas Grow from a Small Seedlings*



*Strength Comes from the Masses*

## **Attachment**

**The Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
adopted by the United Nations  
Assembly at its 183rd meeting, held in  
Paris on 10 December 1948**

### **Universal Declaration of Human Rights Preamble**

**Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world, Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy the freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people, Whereas it is essential if humankind is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law, Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations, Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, the**

**dignity and worth of the human person and the equal rights of men and women and had determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, Whereas the Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge, Now, therefore, The General Assembly Proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.**

## **Article 1**

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

## **Article 2**

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms outlined in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or another opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or another status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made by the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

## **Article 3**

Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person.

## **Article 4**

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

## **Article 5**

No one shall be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

## **Article 6**

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

## **Article 7**

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

## **Article 8**

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

## **Article 9**

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

## **Article 10**

Everyone is entitled to full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and any criminal charge against him.

## **Article 11**

1. Everyone charged with a penal offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to the law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defense.
2. No one shall be held guilty of any penal offense on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offense, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offense was committed.

## **Article 12**

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honor and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

## **Article 13**

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State.
2. Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

## **Article 14**

1. Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

2. This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

## **Article 15**

1. Everyone has the right to a nationality.
2. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

## **Article 16**

1. Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.
2. Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.
3. The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

## **Article 17**

1. Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.
2. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

## **Article 18**

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship, and observance.

## **Article 19**

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

## **Article 20**

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.
2. No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

## **Article 21**

1. Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.
2. Everyone has the right to equal access to public service in his country.
3. The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal

suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

## **Article 22**

Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and per the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

## **Article 23**

1. Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.
2. Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.
3. Everyone who works has the right to just and favorable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.
4. Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

## **Article 24**

Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

## **Article 25**

1. Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.
2. Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

## **Article 26**

1. Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made available, and higher education shall be equally accessible to all by merit.
2. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance, and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.
3. Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

## **Article 27**

1. Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.

2. Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.

## **Article 28**

Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms outlined in this Declaration can be fully realized.

## **Article 29**

1. Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.
2. In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.
3. These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

## **Article 30**

Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.