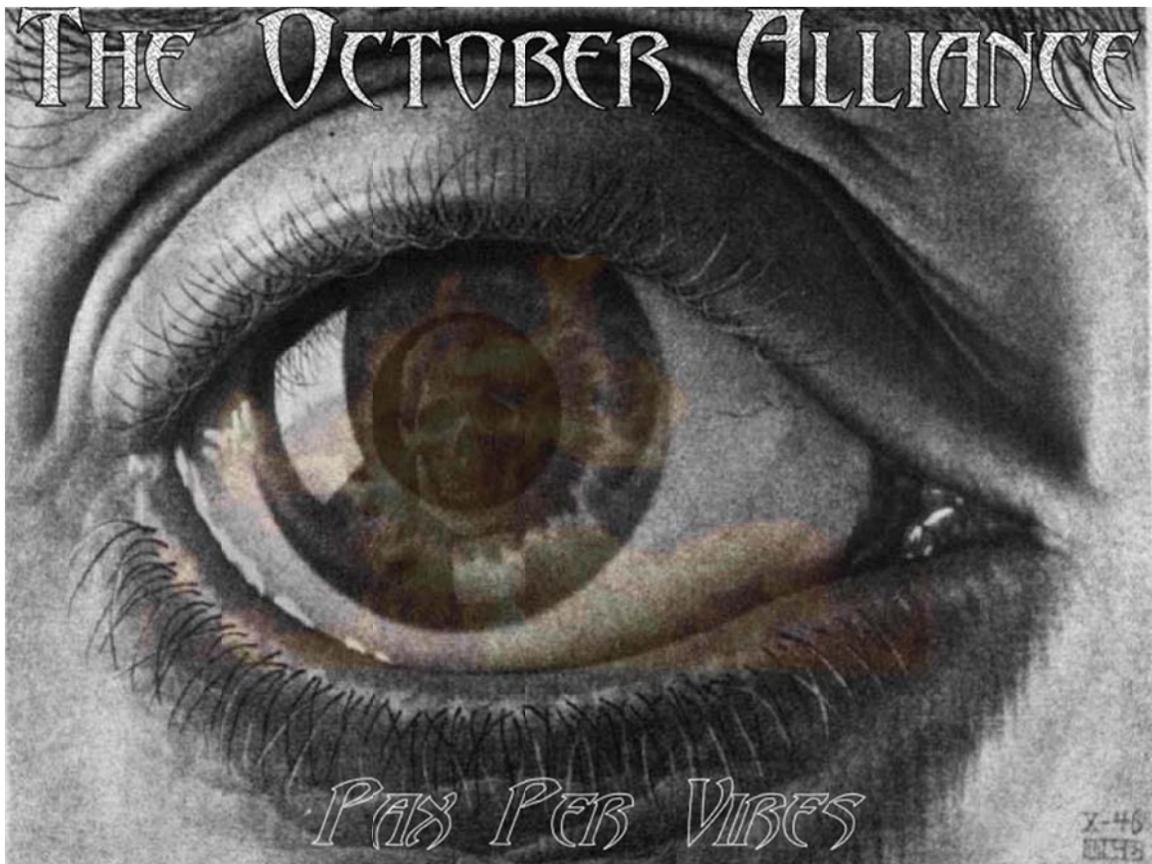


The Charter of the The October Alliance



Preamble

- The October Alliance is an alliance of nations who share common interests, goals, and ideals. It is an alliance built upon respect for the individual sovereignty of its member-states. The October Alliance is a foremost an alliance for the mutual protection of all of its member-states but it is also an alliance that seeks to foster international cooperation, peace, and prosperity amongst its member-states. The member-states of The October Alliance will be held to a high level of esteem, they must be of notable character and they must espouse to the ideals of this charter.

Article I: Naming and Definitions

- **Section I:** The name of this alliance shall be "The October Alliance", abbreviated henceforth as "TOA" or "T.O.A."
- **Section II:** Each member of this alliance shall be henceforth known as a "member-state."
- **Section III:** Each state in a trial period is henceforth known as a "trial-state."
- **Section IV:** The oath of each member-state, upon joining this alliance shall be:
 - *I, (state name here), hereby agree to the aforementioned terms of The October Alliance. I pledge my full support to The October Alliance and its member-states without contestation and I shall do everything within the power to uphold and protect this charter, its member-states, and its ideals throughout the world.*

Article II: Rights of Member-States

- **Section I:** Each member-state of The October Alliance shall never have its sovereignty violated or infringed upon by this alliance or any member-state herein.
- **Section II:** The domestic policies, agendas, programs, and actions of each member-state are held paramount and they never should be infringed upon by member-states.
- **Section III:** Each member-state can request the help of alliance members whether it is for conflict, trade, resolution, or aid. Each member-state is obligated to provide as much help as they can afford without jeopardizing the stability, sustainability, and survivability of their own state and government.
- **Section IV:** Each member-state must always look out for its own vested interests, placing its sustainability and survivability at the forefront. However, this does not exclude a member-state from its duties to its alliance members, unless during times of extreme domestic peril whereby the sustainability and survivability of the ruling government is in question.
- **Section V:** The allies and enemies of each member-state do not necessarily have to be the allies and enemies of the alliance. However, an unwarranted attack upon a member-state by one of said states will make it an enemy of this alliance.
- **Section VI:** Each member-state has the right to accept or deny assistance from other member-states in the event of crisis.
- **Section VII:** Each member-state has the right to deny the direct involvement of its forces to another member-state in instances of offensive war but it shall never work in contravention of said member-state.
- **Section VIII:** Each member-state has the right to accept a position of neutrality in instances where offensive war is being waged by another member-state but this neutrality cannot be superficial.

Article III: Membership Obligations

- **Section I:** No member-state shall engage in the support of terrorism or communism; and as such, communist and terrorist states cannot be admitted to this alliance.
- **Section II:** No member-state shall seek unwarranted war with another member-state of this alliance nor shall it seek unwarranted war with any other state outside of this alliance, especially if doing so could jeopardize the sovereignty, sustainability, and survivability of this alliance.
- **Section III:** No member-state shall seek to undermine the sovereignty, sustainability, and survivability of another member-state within this alliance.
- **Section IV:** No member-state shall question or infringe upon the governmental system and style of another member-state unless it actively or passively supports terrorism or communism within its borders.
- **Section V:** No member-state shall put this alliance in jeopardy by divulging secret and classified information that is held within the alliance proper.
- **Section VI:** No member-state shall disrespect the domestic laws and decrees of another member-state nor shall it promote any doing of such.
- **Section VII:** No member-state shall supply, arm, support, or assist a belligerent against another member-state nor shall it supply, arm, support, or assist an insurrectionist group who acts against another member-state.
- **Section VIII:** No member-state shall promote the fall or the collapse of a government of another member-state, nor shall it wage covert war or conduct acts of espionage against another member-state.
- **Section IX:** No member-state shall allow another member-state to be taken over, whether through revolution, coup, or outside intervention by forces that are hostile to the member-state, this alliance, and the ruling government, unless it is the will of the ruling government.

Article IV: Justice Obligations

- **Section I:** All member-states shall respect and abide by each other's domestic laws and decrees while in said member-states.
- **Section II:** All member-states shall extradite all criminals of each other's member-states, should they take refuge in their respective territories and all punishments shall be respected, regardless of the severity of them.
- **Section III:** All member-states shall share information and intelligence concerning criminal entities such as but not limited to organized mafias, drug cartels, terrorist groups, and crime syndicates with respective member-states.
- **Section IV:** All member-states shall maintain a unified database of convicted felons and dangerous criminals so that their flight from prosecution shall be interrupted, should it ever happen.

Article V: Military Obligations

- **Section I:** All member-states are bound henceforth under the concept of a mutual defense pact. An attack upon one member-state is an attack upon the alliance as a whole and it should be treated as such.
- **Section II:** In situations where a member-state is attacked, that member-state has the right to accept or deny help by member-states.

- **Section III:** In situations where a member-state is attacked, other member-states have a duty and an obligation to assist that state by whatever means necessary to repel aggressors unless doing so jeopardizes the sustainability and survivability of that member-state, in which instances, the member-state is still obligated by duty to provide whatever assistance it can provide to the survivability and sustainability of the attacked member-state.
- **Section IV:** All member-states shall establish military bases within each other's respective lands, and promote fly-over and transport rights to all member-states. The quantity and size of deployed forces is at the discretion of both parties. Furthermore, all member-states shall establish an alliance-wide, personnel exchange program.
- **Section V:** All member-states shall always make their military installations open to each other's' respective forces equally in both times of peace and war. The exception to this includes only highly classified military facilities and installations.
- **Section VI:** All member-states are required to share intelligence with each other pertaining to enemies, allies, and neutral states, especially in times when said intelligence could include evidence of upcoming attacks and plans as well as other alliances, particularly pacts and agreements between mutual enemies and allies.
- **Section VII:** All member-states shall share equipment and technology with each other with the exception of classified military projects, which can be divulged at the discretion of the owning member-state. All sales of military equipment to other member-states shall be sold with a twenty-five (25) percent discount.
- **Section VIII:** In instances where a member-state enters into conflict with the ally of another member-state, it is the option of the member-state to not wage war against that ally. In instances where there is a coalition of enemy nations and only some are allies and not others, the member-state may choose to engage other enemy forces and limit their involvement. However, a member-state shall always put its duty to its fellow member-states at the highest regard though it should not be forced into a position whereby its sovereignty, sustainability, and survivability are put in question. Neither should any member-state forcibly put another member-state into such a position.
- **Section IX:** In situations where intercontinental, theater, or submarine based missiles are launched upon a member-state, it is the duty and obligation of member-states, if capable, to engage, intercept, and shoot down said missiles. A member-state shall do everything within its power to ensure that an inbound missile is not allowed to hit its target. All missiles of such capabilities shall be always regarded as nuclear, chemical, biological, or radiological and should they be conventional, they will not be regarded as such.
- **Section X:** Wherever possible, all member-states shall endeavor upon commonality and standardization for military equipment, hereby known as Standardization Agreements - October Alliance (STANOG).
- **Section XI:** All member-states shall provide permanent representatives to a centralized, high-command posting related to the military obligations of this alliance.

Article VI: Trade Obligations

- **Section I:** All member-states are required to establish embassies within each other's respective lands. Consulates shall be established as well but are at the discretion of both parties.

- **Section II:** All member-states are required to sign a free trade agreement with each other, supporting the ideals of cultural exchange, free trade, and commerce.
- **Section III:** All member-states have the right to limit the amount of materials traded if it poses a clear and present danger to the survivability and sustainability of the member-state.
- **Section IV:** All member-states are obligated to protect the trade routes and trade vessels of each other's' nations from but not limited to piracy, crime, terrorism, and hostile actions.

Article VII: Immigration and Emigration

- **Section I:** All member-states shall allow visa-free travel to one another's citizens free of restriction and quota for upstanding citizens. However, in times of heightened domestic security, member-states shall have the option of protecting national interests by whatever means necessary but they shall agree not to infringe or impede upon the basic travel between member-states.
- **Section II:** Each member-state shall allow citizens of other member-states shorter waiting periods and less restrictions for citizenship to their respective member-state, unless the individual could violate or infringe upon the national security of the member-state. Furthermore, each member-state shall allow and recognize poly-citizenship to other member-states.
- **Section III:** All immigrants or emigrants of a member-state shall, if they commit criminal acts, be tried the same as naturalized or born citizens of the respective member-state and member-states may have the option to request that their nationals, if found guilty of their crimes, serve their sentences in their homelands.
- **Section IV:** Citizens of each, individual member-state shall be regarded as a different class of immigrants or emigrants and shall be regarded more highly than immigrants or emigrants from non-member-states.

Article VIII: Voting

- **Section I:** Each member-state shall have one (1) vote on issues.
- **Section II:** All issues of voting shall require a simple majority to pass.
- **Section III:** Each member-state can mount one (1) appeal to any issues that are passed without their approval and that appeal can only be brought if concerns raised are concerns not raised during initial voting.
- **Section IV:** In instances where voting takes place and a majority is obtained before all member-states can vote and regardless of their vote, it shall not cause a majority in the other direction, the issue is, by default, passed.
- **Section V:** In instances where the continued membership of a member-state is in question, the voting majority shall move from a simple majority to more than two-thirds (67) percent. The member-state, in question, shall not have the right to vote in this instance but can retain its right to appeal.

Article IX: Membership

- **Section I:** States may only be eligible for membership if they are recommended by a member-state of this alliance, who shall present their case and the reasoning why they believe they should be a member-state of this alliance.

- **Section II:** Should a state be accepted through vote and become a member-state it shall enter a thirty (30) day trial period. If the trial-state is shown to contradict the ideals of The October Alliance, its membership will be discontinued by a majority vote of the alliance. If the trial-state does not contradict the ideals of this alliance and its character upheld, it shall be entitled to full benefits of this alliance.
- **Section III:** Each trial-state is not guaranteed the full provisions of this charter and alliance but is entitled to mutual defense and unhindered diplomatic relations.
- **Section IV:** Membership, once obtained, is lifetime and shall not be repealed unless by choice or forcible expulsion.
- **Section V:** The member-states of The October Alliance are as follows: the Empire of Apilonia, the Realm of Cotland, and the Empire of Layarteb.
- **Section VI:** The heads of each member-state shall meet biannually, at minimum, to conduct alliance-related business. The location for this meeting shall revolve equally among the member-states.