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Formal guidance on diplomacy

Introduction

As noted in Article 1 of the Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States, "[t]he state as a person of international law should possess...(d) capacity to enter into relations with the other states (Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States, 1933)." This document seeks to establish a set of standards states must meet before receiving recognition from the Ipsissium of Verdisolia. Additionally, this document provides procedures and guidance to the Templum of Foreign Affairs regarding how diplomatic correspondence should be handled.

Standards

States seeking bilateral recognition from the Ipsissium of Verdisolia must meet the following standards:

- (a) The state must demonstrate control over a defined territory and population;
- (b) The state must have a functioning, active government capable of exercising authority over its territory;
- (c) The state must possess the capacity to enter into diplomatic relations with other states, either by de facto or de jure policies and procedures;
- (d) The state must recognize and respect the borders of other micronations and refrain from making extravagant, unenforceable claims;¹
- (e) The state must demonstrate a political culture of peaceful dispute resolution;
- (f) The state must demonstrate an adequate level of professional decorum from its officials.²

Procedures

Upon solicitation of bilateral recognition from another micronation, the Magister of Foreign Affairs or their appointed representative will begin an evaluation of the soliciting state based on the standards outlined in the previous section. Utilizing resources including but not limited to MicroWiki articles, websites, forums, and

¹ Extravagant, unenforceable claims, within the context of this document is defined as assertions of territorial sovereignty that exceed a micronation's practical ability to govern. For example, while a claim to a specific neighborhood might be considered reasonable depending on the circumstances, claiming sovereignty over an entire region or state like Wisconsin would likely be deemed extravagant and unenforceable.

² Professional decorum is defined as a standard of behavior befitting a head of state or government, diplomat, or statesperson.

Discord servers, the Templum of Foreign Affairs will determine whether the state in correspondence qualifies to for recognition by the Ipsissium of Verdisolia.

In the event a state fails to meet the standards for recognition by the Ipsissium of Verdisolia, the Magister of Foreign Affairs or their designated representative will compile a detailed report outlining the specific standards that have not been met. This report is required to provide thorough evidence and justification based on the standards outlined in the previous section.

States who meet the standards for recognition may propose a treaty of bilateral recognition authored by the soliciting state. Additionally, the Templum of Foreign Affairs may author and propose a treaty of bilateral recognition.

The Templum of Foreign Affairs may terminate a treaty in the event an essential term is breached.

Provisions required in treaties

Each treaty is required to have an article, section, or provision outlining how disputes will be settled. Acceptable dispute settlement methods include but are not limited to: negotiation, consultation, mediation, and arbitration.

Treaties signed on behalf of the Ipsissium of Verdisolia must include a termination clause.