

DECREE NUMBER: 1-25 **DECREE TITLE**: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNANCE & MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS (DGMA)

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ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE. This decree establishes the Department of Governance & Membership Affairs (DGMA) to oversee the internal administration of the Union of Progressive Micronations (UPM), manage membership affairs, ensure compliance, and execute decrees.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS.

- 1. Department of Governance & Membership Affairs (DGMA): An official body responsible for governance procedures, membership affairs, and the implementation of policies, including laws and decrees.
- 2. Member States: All micronations that are part of the Union of Progressive Micronations.

ARTICLE 3 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNANCE & MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS.

- 1. The Union of Progressive Micronations shall establish the Department of Governance & Membership Affairs (DGMA) upon enacting this decree.
- 2. The DGMA shall be responsible for:
 - 1. Membership Affairs: Processing applications, ensuring compliance, and managing suspensions, withdrawals, and expulsions of member states.
 - 2. Governance Affairs: Advising on governance matters, maintaining the UPM constitution, and overseeing amendments.
 - 3. Voting Oversight: Managing the UPM Central Portal voting system, ensuring transparency, proper documentation, and implementation of approved legislation.
 - 4. Administrative Oversight: Maintaining a registry of active member states and executing decrees from the active Chairperson.
- 3. The DGMA shall be led by a Director, appointed by the active Chairperson of the UPM.
- 4. The DGMA shall monitor the engagement of member states and may establish initiatives or requirements to ensure active participation in UPM affairs.
- 5. The DGMA shall review and provide guidance on proposals, ensuring that they align with the existing governance framework.

ARTICLE 4 - IMPLEMENTATION.

- 1. The active Chairperson of the UPM shall appoint the DGMA within six (6) months of this decree's enactment.
- 2. The DGMA shall establish procedures and policies to ensure the effective execution of its duties.
- 3. The DGMA shall work in coordination with other UPM bodies to implement governance policies effectively.

ARTICLE 5 - ENFORCEMENT.

- 1. The DGMA shall oversee compliance with UPM governance policies and may issue official notices to member states regarding participation, governance obligations, or policy adherence.
- 2. The DGMA may recommend appropriate actions to the Delegates Assembly, including sanctions, intervention measures, or membership review, in cases where a member state repeatedly fails to comply.
- 3. The DGMA shall submit reports to the Delegates Assembly and the active Chairperson upon request, detailing its activities and governance recommendations.
- 4. All member states shall recognize the DGMA's authority in governance and membership-related matters.

SIGNED this twenty-fifth day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Five (25th February 2025).

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