

GOVERNING CHARTER

OF

SOLMERIA

Established by the Founding Members

PREAMBLE

We, the founding members of Solmeria, establish this Charter to create a fair and lasting framework for our shared community. This document defines our government, protects each member's voice, and ensures that no single group of members can seize control at the expense of others.

ARTICLE I — THE COUNCIL

Section 1. Establishment

The governing body of Solmeria shall be the Solmerian Council (hereinafter "the Council"). The Council is the supreme governing authority of Solmeria and is composed of all current members.

Section 2. Membership

Every member of Solmeria holds a seat on the Council. Membership is permanent unless a member voluntarily resigns in writing or is removed per Article V. The Council begins with five (5) founding members; additional members may be admitted per Article VI.

Section 3. Powers of the Council

The Council holds collective authority over all matters of Solmeria, including:

- Enacting, amending, and repealing laws and rules
- Managing any shared resources or finances
- Admitting or removing members
- Overriding or vetoing any Presidential action by supermajority vote
- Amending this Charter per Article VII

Section 4. Voting Thresholds

Different decisions require different levels of agreement to prevent a small group from dominating:

Simple Majority (more than half of all members):

- Routine day-to-day decisions and housekeeping matters

Supermajority (at least 4 out of every 5 members, rounded up):

- Overriding a Presidential decision
- Removing the President from office
- Admitting a new member
- Any decision that significantly affects all members' rights or responsibilities

Supermajority scaling example: with 5 members, 4 votes are required. With 10 members, 8 votes are required. This ensures a large enough consensus is always needed for major decisions.

Section 5. Anti-Coalition Protections

To prevent any small group of members from seizing control of Solmeria against the wishes of the rest, the following protections are in place:

One Role Per Member:

No member may hold more than one formal office or appointed role at the same time. The President may not simultaneously serve as a designated treasurer, secretary, or any other appointed position.

Cooling-Off Period:

Any proposal for a Supermajority vote must be announced to all members at least 48 hours before the vote is held, unless all members unanimously agree to waive the waiting period. This ensures no member is caught off guard or pressured into a rushed decision.

No Binding Agreements Without Full Notice:

No group of members may make commitments or agreements on behalf of Solmeria without first notifying the full Council and allowing the standard voting process to proceed. Any such agreement made in secret is automatically void.

Equal Access to Information:

All members have the right to access any records, communications, or decisions made on behalf of Solmeria. No member may be excluded from official discussions.

Section 6. Meetings

The Council may meet in person, by message, or by any agreed method of communication. Any member may call a meeting. Minutes or a summary of any formal vote should be recorded and shared with all members.

ARTICLE II — THE PRESIDENT

Section 1. Role

The President of Solmeria serves as the head of state and chief representative of Solmeria. The President carries out the day-to-day decisions of the Council and acts as the official voice of Solmeria in dealings with outside parties.

Section 2. Election

The President is elected by a Supermajority vote of the full Council. Any member may be elected President. The President serves a term of four (4) years with no term limit and may be re-elected indefinitely.

With the founding five members, this means 4 out of 5 votes are needed to elect a President, ensuring broad support rather than a slim majority.

Section 3. Powers of the President

The President may:

- Represent Solmeria in official communications and ceremonies
- Propose new laws, rules, or initiatives to the Council for a vote

- Make minor day-to-day decisions on behalf of Solmeria without a full Council vote
- Call emergency Council sessions when necessary

Section 4. Limits on Presidential Power

The President may not unilaterally create or change laws, commit Solmeria to any major obligation, or take any action that the Council has voted against. The Council may override any Presidential action by a Supermajority vote.

The President retains their regular Council seat and voting rights at all times. The President is not above the rules that apply to all members.

Section 5. Removal

The President may be removed from office by a Supermajority vote of the Council, not including the President's own vote. A removed President retains their Council seat as a regular member. The Council shall elect a new President within a reasonable time following removal.

ARTICLE III — RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

All members of Solmeria are guaranteed the following rights regardless of their position or seniority:

- The right to vote on all Council matters
- The right to propose new rules, laws, or changes
- The right to be notified of all upcoming votes with adequate time to respond
- The right to access all official records and communications of Solmeria
- The right to be treated fairly and without discrimination
- The right to resign from Solmeria voluntarily at any time
- The right to contest any decision through a new Council vote

No Charter amendment, Presidential action, or Council vote may strip a member of these rights.

ARTICLE IV — CONFLICT RESOLUTION

When a dispute arises between members that cannot be resolved by normal voting, the following process applies:

Step 1 — Discussion:

The members involved must first attempt to resolve the dispute through open discussion with the full Council present.

Step 2 — Council Vote:

If discussion does not resolve the matter, any member may call for a formal Council vote on the issue.

Step 3 — Mediation:

If a vote produces a tie or the dispute involves a fundamental rights concern, the Council may agree to bring in a neutral outside party to help mediate, though this is optional.

ARTICLE V — REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

A member may be removed from Solmeria only by a Supermajority vote of the Council, not including the vote of the member being considered for removal. Removal requires a stated reason that the Council agrees is serious and warrants removal.

A removed member loses their Council seat and all associated rights within Solmeria. Removal is a last resort and should only be considered when other conflict resolution methods have failed.

ARTICLE VI — ADMITTING NEW MEMBERS

Section 1. Eligibility

Solmeria is not limited to its five founding members. Any person may be considered for membership in Solmeria, subject to the approval process below.

Section 2. Admission Process

To admit a new member:

- Any current member may nominate a candidate

- The nomination must be announced to all Council members at least 48 hours before a vote
- Admission requires a Supermajority vote of the current Council

Section 3. Rights of New Members

Upon admission, a new member receives a full Council seat and all the rights described in Article III. New members are equal in standing to founding members and may run for President after their admission.

Section 4. Scaling of Voting Thresholds

As Solmeria grows, the Supermajority threshold scales automatically. A Supermajority is always defined as at least four-fifths ($4/5$) of all current members, rounded up to the nearest whole number. The Council should update its shared records whenever membership changes.

Examples: 5 members = 4 votes required. 6 members = 5 votes. 8 members = 7 votes. 10 members = 8 votes.

ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be amended by a Supermajority vote ($4/5$ of all current members, rounded up) of the Council. Proposed amendments must be shared in writing with all members and a 48-hour cooling-off period must pass before the vote is held.

No amendment may remove or reduce the fundamental rights guaranteed to members under Article III, nor may any amendment be used to entrench any single member or group in permanent power.

ARTICLE VIII — FOUNDING & RATIFICATION

This Charter takes effect upon the signature of all five founding members of Solmeria. By signing below, each member affirms their commitment to the principles and rules set forth in this document.

— FOUNDING MEMBER SIGNATURES —