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Comrade Citizens,

By now, we are all aware of the malevolent and dastardly attack on innocent, unarmed worshippers at Al-Noor Mosque and Linwood Islamic Centre in Christchurch, New Zealand. We join our friends and allies around the world and in New Zealand in their grief, but we also feel a more and more impassioned call to duty. We must do as our conscience commands us.

Over the past few years, Sandus has been increasingly concerned at the rise of such nefarious ideologies that have precipitated these abhorrent, wanton attacks and acts of violence on innocent people—whether they be at their places of worship or socialising in public life. These terrorist acts deserve to be taken just as seriously as religious ones, and they have not been. These are many acts: Oslo in 2011, Milwaukee in 2012, Charleston in 2015, Charlottesville in 2017, Pittsburgh in 2018, etc.

In November 2018, the CPS Party Congress unanimously condemned the anti-Semitic attack on the Tree of Life – Or L'Simcha congregation in Pittsburgh, PA, USA. The Party in that statement expressed its solidarity with peoples negatively affected by the rise of right-wing populism, the "MAGA" movement, and the "Alt-Right"—in truth, another name for fascists in the 21st century. We reiterated our commitment to our national ideals of internationalism, humanitarianism, and fraternal and peaceful cooperation. We came short, however, of outright condemnation of the associated political and ideological movements.

Today, we change that. In this first diplomatic affairs policy directive since 2012, we reaffirm our commitment to our national philosophy in the world at large, but we also seek to take proactive steps to take resurgent political and ideological white supremacy seriously insofar as we are capable, as small a community as we are.

I. The State of Sandus will not conduct any business with, engage in diplomatic relations with, nor recognise any micronation (broadly defined) known to be engaging in policies, politics, or ideologies linked to fascism, Nazism, the so-called "alt-right," identitarianism, contemporary traditionalist conservatism, white supremacy, white nationalism, ethnic or religious nationalism, white separatism, "meninism," "incels," "MHRMs" and "MRAs/MHRAs," or right-wing populism and extremism.

- 2. The Central People's Government, together with a coalition of our friends and allies, will repudiate excuses and apologies for these ideologies and/or attacks committed by those of these politics; all apologies of policies or acts of violence done according to these politics and ideologies will warrant public repudiation and condemnation.
- 3. We will encourage education and activism against both political and systemic white supremacy, as well as into the social and political workings of them.
- 4. We will encourage Sandum citizens to block, to not subscribe to, and to not share media from relevant organisations; we will, rather, encourage them to consume media from other reporting outlets which follow journalistic ethics.
- 5. We will keep a public blacklist of micronations that support the aforementioned.
- 6. We may cease contact with micronations that cooperate with parties on said list.
- 7. Any and all announcements related to the functions of this directive will be published in all three official languages, either entirely or with a summary in the other language(s).
- 8. The Central People's Government shall execute these functions summarily and without room for redress by other micronations except through indirect routes of communication.
- 9. Chargé e s d'affaires, public officials, and workers of the State of Sandus will make every effort to conform to the spirit of this directive.

The State of Sandus stands for an open, free, and tolerant society, but this does not mean that we ought to be passive when it comes to groups and movements that advocate against pluralism and humanitarianism. We stand against violence in all forms and, with this directive, make a political stance against micronations that advocate for violence, or apologise for and make a defence of it.

While this directive affects our immediate foreign and national policy, we must state *in no uncertain terms* that we will not tolerate politics of division or hatred in the world at large. White supremacy and nationalism are no longer, as they have once been erroneously thought, a fringe group of angry people: these are people who have become increasingly vocal, increasingly visible, increasingly violent.

It is up to each of us individually, wherever we may be, to fight against politics of hate.

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