



A TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MERU PACT

Signed March 3rd, 2001/20 in Merunagar, Syrinxian Empire

The Parties to this Pact,

Determined to safeguard the freedom, common interests, and common security of their peoples,

Committed to the principles of security, stability, and cooperation, and to promoting said principles in the region of Craviter and Collandris,

Having resolved to unite their efforts for collective defense and cooperation both militarily and economically,

Agree as follows:

Article I The Parties' Commitments

1. The Parties will commit to contributing toward the further development of harmonious international relations by strengthening their institutions, by bringing about a better understanding of the principles upon which these institutions are founded, and by promoting conditions of stability and well-being. They will seek to eliminate conflict and tension in their international economic policies and will encourage economic collaboration between any or all of them.
2. In order more effectively to achieve the objectives of this Pact, the Parties, separately and jointly, by means of continuous and effective self-help and mutual aid, will commit to maintaining and developing their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack.
3. The Parties will commit to consulting together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the Parties is threatened.
4. The Parties will commit to undertaking not to enter into any international engagement in conflict with this Treaty. Each Party declares that none of the international engagements now in force between it and any other of the Parties or any third State at the signing of this Treaty is in conflict with the provisions of this Treaty.
5. The Parties will commit to pledge perpetual and robust support to the Meru Pact in the name of promoting order and security in the region of Craviter and Collandris, and any associated areas.

Article II
Regarding Mutual Defense

1. The Parties agree that any hostile provocation or, especially, an armed attack against one or more of the Parties shall be considered to be against them all, and consequently they agree that, if such hostile activity occurs, each of them will assist the affected Party or Parties by taking, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the Craviter-Collandris area.
2. For the purpose of the preceding clause, an attack on one or more of the Parties is deemed to include any hostile activity towards sovereign territory of any of the Parties in Craviter and/or Collandris, or on the forces, vessels, or aircraft of any of the Parties, when present in or over these territories or any other area in the world.
3. The Parties hereby establish a Meru Pact Rapid Response Brigade (RRB) to complement their own military assets. Each member of the Pact will staff the brigade by contributing troops and other relevant military assets. Before any military formations from the armed forces of Meru Pact members are tactically able to deploy, the Brigade will.

Article III
Administration of the Meru Pact

1. The Parties hereby establish the Council of Ministers, on which each of them shall be represented, to consider matters concerning the implementation of this Treaty. The Council shall be so organized as to be able to meet promptly at any time. The Council shall meet in the city of Merunagar in the Syrixian Empire and shall be made up of the Ministers of Defense or equivalent officials of each Party, or their designated representatives.
2. The Council of Ministers shall be led by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, who shall be one of the members of the Council. The Chairmanship will rotate automatically every 3 months amongst the Parties, in alphabetical order based on the Parties' names in Mercanti. The Chairman shall serve as the public face and spokesperson of the Meru Pact and is responsible for carrying out communicatory functions with external entities.
3. The Parties may, by way of agreement based upon general consensus, invite any other state on Craviter or any associated areas or areas near it to accede to this Treaty. Any State so invited may become a member of the Pact by depositing its instrument of accession with the Council of Ministers.
4. The Council of Ministers may pass additional articles to this treaty by way of agreement based upon general consensus.

Article IV
Ratification and Miscellany

1. This Treaty shall be ratified and its provisions carried out by the Parties in accordance with their respective governmental processes relating to the ratification of treaties. The Treaty shall enter into force between the States which have ratified it as soon as the ratifications of all founding signatories, including the ratifications of the Syrixian Empire, Ugrian Federation, and Grand Federation of Xentherida.
2. This Treaty, of which the Suchari, Xentheridan, Ugrian, and Mercanti texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the Syrixian Empire. Duly certified copies will be transmitted by that Government to the Governments of other signatories.
3. The seal of the Meru Pact is a sea-blue shield with three points, with a circle inside; surrounded by wings and with stars inside corresponding to the number of member states. The number of stars is to be updated upon an ascension of each new member state.