

Global Declaration for Transparency in Public Office and Prohibition of Secret Society Membership

Preamble

Recognizing that secret societies—such as **Skull and Bones**—have historically fostered networks of undue influence, undermining public trust and democratic accountability;

Reaffirming global commitments to **transparency, integrity**, and the prevention of **covert power structures**;

Invoking historical legal precedents including the **Carlsbad Decrees of 1819**;

This Declaration seeks to establish a **universal standard for public office holders**.

Article I: Definitions

1. **"Public Office Holder"** refers to any individual elected, appointed, or otherwise holding a position of authority in local, regional, national, or international governance.
 2. **"Secret Society"** denotes any organization that: - a. Requires secrecy or non-disclosure of membership; - b. Engages in clandestine rituals, oaths, or initiation rites; - c. Does not publicly disclose its leadership, membership, or internal operations.
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Article II: Prohibition of Membership

1. **No Public Office Holder** shall, during the period of their tenure, hold active membership in any Secret Society.
 2. Engagement in any **initiation rites, clandestine meetings, or secret communications** related to such societies is strictly prohibited.
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Article III: Mandatory Disclosure

1. All Public Office Holders must declare, under oath, any **past or present membership** in Secret Societies.
2. Such declarations shall include:
3. a. Full name of the society;

4. b. Dates of membership;
 5. c. Roles and positions held within the organization.
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Article IV: Sanctions and Enforcement

1. **Violations** of this Declaration shall result in **immediate removal from office**.
 2. Additional sanctions may include:
 3. a. Monetary fines;
 4. b. Permanent disqualification from future public service;
 5. c. Public disclosure of violations.
 6. An **Independent Ethics Oversight Body** shall be established in each signatory nation to investigate and enforce compliance.
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Article V: Global Applicability and Jurisdiction

1. **Signatory States** agree to integrate this Declaration into their domestic legal frameworks.
 2. **International Organizations**, including but not limited to the **United Nations** and regional assemblies, shall adopt equivalent provisions for their officials.
 3. **Cross-jurisdictional enforcement mechanisms** will include visa restrictions, accreditation denials, and diplomatic sanctions for non-compliant individuals.
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Article VI: OSINT Justification and Precedents

1. The **Carlsbad Decrees of 1819** serve as historical precedent for the prohibition of secret society influence in governance.
 2. Modern governance **ethics codes** universally demand transparency and conflict-of-interest avoidance.
 3. Existing legal frameworks banning secret organizations in **educational** and **governmental contexts** substantiate the legal viability of this Declaration.
 4. National constitutions (e.g., **Poland, Italy**) already prohibit secret political organizations, providing a blueprint for broader application.
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Article VII: Implementation Guidelines

1. Each nation shall enact **mirror legislation** or constitutional amendments reflecting this Declaration.
 2. **Ethics Oversight Bodies** shall maintain a **public registry** of declared memberships.
 3. **Regular audits** and mandatory ethics disclosures will ensure continuous compliance.
 4. An **international treaty annex** will establish reciprocal enforcement protocols among signatories.
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Article VIII: Review and Amendment

1. A comprehensive **review** of this Declaration shall occur every **five years**.
2. Amendments shall be proposed based on **stakeholder input**, including ethics commissions, civil society organizations, and legal scholars.

Adopted this [Date] by the undersigned representatives committed to global democratic integrity and public trust.

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OSINT References:

- Carlsbad Decrees, 1819 ([Britannica](#))
- Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act, Canada ([PPSC](#))
- Oregon State Law on Secret Societies in Schools ([Oregon Public Law](#))
- Italian Constitution, Article 18; Polish Constitution, Article 13 ([Wikipedia](#))