

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Preamble

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Nations, while ostensibly an organization of free and equal states, remains fundamentally rooted in the structure and legacy of the former British Empire, a system founded upon and perpetuated through profound historical injustice, exploitation, and economic extraction;

RECOGNIZING that true global equity and the unqualified freedom of all peoples cannot coexist with institutional remnants that perpetuate symbolic hierarchy and impede the full realization of sovereign self-determination;

AFFIRMING the inherent and inalienable right of every nation to **Unconditional Self-Determination**, which mandates complete control over its political, economic, and cultural destiny without deference to or inclusion within any supra-national body inherited from a colonial past;

DECLARING that any genuine future relationship between states must be predicated on absolute equality, mutual respect, and the **Priority of Bilateralism**, moving away from inherited multilateral frameworks that fail to address power imbalances;

SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMING this Universal Declaration as the final act required to sever institutional ties, declare the organization's political and ethical irrelevance, and establish a new global era defined by **Reparation and Restitution** and the **Eradication of Symbolic Hierarchy**;

NOW, THEREFORE, the signatories to this Declaration call for the immediate, complete, and permanent dissolution of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Article 1: Historical Justice, Restitution, and Universal Equity

1. The Commonwealth of Nations shall be officially and permanently dissolved, effective immediately upon the ratification of this Declaration by a simple majority of its current member states.
2. The dissolution shall be formalized as a necessary act of global **Reparation and Restitution**, which hereby mandates the immediate formation of an **Inter-Governmental Commission for Colonial Accounting and Restitution (ICCAR)** to determine the structure, scope, and implementation timeline for material compensation.
3. All assets, funds, and properties held by the Commonwealth Secretariat shall be liquidated. The proceeds shall be distributed to former member states based on a formula weighted by factors including length of colonial rule, documented resource extraction, and current United Nations Human Development Index (HDI) scores, prioritizing justice over simple numerical equality.

4. The role of the Head of the Commonwealth, and all other remaining institutional roles that denote subservience to or association with the British Crown, shall be immediately and permanently abolished, thereby achieving the complete **Eradication of Symbolic Hierarchy**.
5. The dissolution process shall explicitly support the **restitution of land rights, cultural artifacts, and autonomy** to Indigenous and traditionally marginalized peoples whose rights were systematically undermined by colonial structures and their successor institutions.

Article 2: The Affirmation of Absolute Sovereignty

1. Each former member state shall reaffirm its absolute and **Unconditional Self-Determination**, recognizing no authority, charter, or treaty derived from the former Commonwealth framework as binding upon its future actions.
2. Future cooperation on matters of trade, migration, defense, or culture between any two or more former Commonwealth states shall be established solely through new, independently negotiated treaties governed by the **Priority of Bilateralism**, ensuring all relationships are based on current consent and material equality.
3. The use of "Commonwealth" in any official capacity or grouping post-dissolution shall be legally prohibited to prevent the reconstitution of the organization or the perpetuation of its symbolic framework.

Article 3: Declaration of Irrelevance and the Call to the World

1. The Commonwealth of Nations is hereby declared **politically and ethically irrelevant** as a modern mechanism for international cooperation, having failed to adapt to contemporary standards of justice, equity, and sovereign parity.
2. All international and multilateral bodies, including the United Nations and its agencies, the International Court of Justice, and international financial institutions, are formally notified of this dissolution and are called upon to immediately **revoke any special status, privilege, or recognition** previously accorded to the Commonwealth as a collective body.
3. The remaining assets and liabilities of the Commonwealth Secretariat are mandated to be immediately transferred to the custody of the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** until the ICCAR (Article 1.2) determines their final, equitable distribution, thereby preventing the Secretariat from retaining any operational capacity.
4. The international community is called upon to recognize the dissolution as an essential step toward decolonization, and is urged to offer technical and financial support to former member states in their transition toward new bilateral and regional agreements built on genuine material equality, rather than historical ties.

Conclusion

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the signatory nations, having convened and affirmed the principles set forth herein, dedicate themselves to the immediate and complete implementation of this Declaration.

This **Universal Declaration on the Dissolution of the Commonwealth** shall enter into force on the date that a simple majority of current member states formally ratify its terms, thereby permanently closing a chapter of inherited hierarchy and ushering in an era of **Unconditional Sovereignty** and **Global Justice**.

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