Guardians of the galaxy, a decentralized peacekeeping order

War is too important to be left to nation states

In our modern times, the world has become more global and so did wars. We used to have local armies fighting each others in a well defined territory. Now we had two world wars, cyberwarfare and the threat of a nuclear conflict. We can't just look at wars from an observer eye hoping that those happening in far away land will not come to our doors. Everyone is concerned about what is currently happening. Westphalian nations states¹ have been great at reducing the frequency of conflict. However they are showing their limits as today divisions are not between nations, but about different visions of the world. Liberty VS Authoritarianism, Democracy VS Dictatorship, Distributed Systems VS Central Command. Those are the divisions relevant today. And for each of them we cherish the former and fear the later.

Who wins now will determine the future

Current time is gonna be decisive for the future of humanity. In the old times, empires could develop separately, leading to a diversity of cultures and values. In the internet age, this is not possible anymore, values of a regime spills over on others. The Russian government runs propaganda medias in multiple languages to try to recruit supporters to its dictatorial vision of the world. It interferes in other nations affairs to keep dictators in power (Belarus² and Kazakhstan³).

If one vision of the world wins today, there is a chance for it to win forever:

- Internet censorship, propaganda, mass surveillance and social credit systems are new tools to prevent the emergence of opposition forces. And once those technologies will become well mastered by dictatorial regimes, even the simple thought of change may become impossible.
- Encryption and decentralized systems (crypto/blockchain) can prevent the emergence of dictatorships. Encryption protects from surveillance systems. Decentralized systems (when properly set up) can be resistant to government enforcement as there is no single party to target. Finding and jailing/killing an opposition leader is way easier than shutting down a DAO composed of anonymous people.

Harm reduction

The main goal of force is dissuasion. However, there can't be any dissuasion without the possibility of action. *Si vis Pacem*, *Para Bellum*⁴.

We believe violence should only be used at a last resort, but is sometimes inevitable. We cry for people affected by our actions, but only so we don't have to cry for those affected by our inaction. Our goal to prevent nuclear and conventional wars.

Nuclear wars could lead to chain reaction of catastrophes where even the existence of humanity would be endangered.

National conflicts could lead to nuclear wars as it gives a well defined territory to retaliate on. To prevent it, we will fight outside of the scope of nation states. When entering in the Guardian of the

¹ States having exclusive sovereignty over their territories. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westphalian sovereignty

² See https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/aug/27/belarus-protests-putin-ready-to-send-lukashenko-military-support

³ See https://abcnews.go.com/International/russian-paratroopers-arrive-kazakhstan-end-protests/story?id=82108982

^{4 &}quot;If you want peace, prepare war" in Concerning Military Matters by Roman writer Vegetius.

Galaxy order, everyone has to leave their nationality at the door. Disclosing one nationality isn't allowed as it could give some target for retaliation.

Conventional wars lead to innocents dying on both sides. Dictator Putin is well comfy in Russia recording press conferences while Russian kids are sent to die for him. Russians are part of us. Even higher ranked officials are displayed frightened by Putin on national TV. Russians should be seen as victims, victims of the dictatorship, not our enemies.

So what can we do? Cut at the root and remove Putin from power by any mean necessary.

How can we do it as a decentralized collective? The answer is damn simple: Pay for it.

As the first act of the Guardian of the Galaxy collective, we will put a bounty given to whomever will remove Putin from power.

Lot of Russians would like to see Putin gone, but only a few are ready to take such a risk without compensation. Centralized forces pay their army, decentralized ones should pay freedom fighters as well.

Operation Root

Therefore, we are launching the operation root⁵: Any Russian⁶ who would like to see Putin removed from power will be able to cryptographically commits⁷ to a date where he would be removed. Once it is done, they will reveal their commitment (which would show that they knew in advance the date of the action) proving that they are the ones behind his removal. They would then be awarded the bounty provided that:

- Their commitment indicated the correct date of removal (+\- 24h).
- Putin did not recall the Russian troops from Ukraine.

The bounty will be crowdfunded and participants will receive tokens as a receipt. If Putin recalls its troops, the participants will be able to use those tokens to get their contribution back. If he doesn't and the operation is a success, those would become historical collectibles.

How to help

- Pass the word, talk about it in your circles on social media, etc. Note that if you do it from a public account and fear retaliation, you don't need to say you support the project but merely "inform" other people.
- If you have more time, we seek people for handling communication channels.
- If you are a dev, you can propose to help. We need solidity auditors (should be just 1 day of your work) and web3 devs.
- If you have some money, you can participate in crowdfunding the bounty (details to be given when the smart contract will be deployed).
- If you are well known and we trust you, we are seeking multisig members.
- If you are Russian (political opponent, higher ranked official, soldier or oligarch, it's open to everyone), you can try to claim the bounty. We understand it's risky and that's why you should deserve a reward.

Contact (want to help or press): groot@airmail.cc

Ethereum address (donations for the order, not for the operation root which will use a smart contract): 0x7aC476a319B07FaF75fdD07A72800732d8B59d94

⁵ As we are going to the root of the issue.

⁶ We don't advise non Russian to do it, as it could lead to conflict escalation, remember Ferdinand. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria

⁷ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commitment scheme