

# Constitution

*Founding version — amendable solely by collective decision through referenda*

## Definitions

For the purpose of this Constitution, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- **Officina Prima** (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”): an independent international organization founded to uphold democratic legitimacy worldwide through verified and transparent referenda, without exercising sovereign or coercive powers over States or populations.
- **Referendum**: a verified, traceable, and non-coercive vote called by the Association, involving direct participation of citizens in decisions regarding democratic legitimacy.
- **Black Box of Sovereignty**: a publicly replicable physical or digital device used by the Association to perform certified random selections, such as choosing referendum agents and voters, ensuring transparency and impartiality.
- **Congress of Technicians**: the assembly of qualified technical experts elected by the Association’s members, responsible for providing expert analysis and oversight.
- **Popular Congress**: the assembly of elected representatives from the general population candidates, responsible for representation and coordination within the Association.
- **Agent of Referendum**: a citizen selected by the Black Box to collect votes within their territorial area, operating independently and in the name of the people.
- **Mandate**: an explicit and verified directive from the population to the Association to undertake specific actions or organize referenda.

## **Article 0 — Principle of Democratic Safeguard and Justification of Officina Prima**

In a world where entrenched and malfunctioning systems continue to revolve around the interests of a small and numerically minor elite, Officina Prima emerges as an essential instrument to restore democratic legitimacy and ensure the true sovereignty of the people.

Should Officina Prima ever attempt to impose laws directly upon any State or territory, thereby violating its own non-sovereign nature, it is constitutional to act by all necessary means, including the use of force, to restore its original function as a guardian of democracy without external coercive powers.

Officina Prima stands as a living safeguard against the concentration of power in the hands of the few, providing transparent, verifiable, and direct referenda to empower the collective will of the global population.

This Article serves as the foundational justification for Officina Prima's existence, affirming its commitment to liberty, transparency, justice, and the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination.

## **Article 1 — Nature, Limits, and Powers of Officina Prima**

- **1.1** Officina Prima is an independent international association that:
  - Does not hold any territory;
  - Does not exercise legislative, executive, or judicial power over any population;
  - Does not possess permanent armies;
  - May only employ civil and defensive instruments that are non-offensive, solely to guarantee the right to referenda and the security of democratic processes;
  - Acts exclusively under explicit and verified mandates from the population through referenda.
- **1.2** Officina Prima may:
  - Manage its own funds;
  - Build necessary infrastructures;

- Hire personnel and organize internal activities;
- Call referenda and monitor the legitimacy of States and governments.
- **1.3** Officina Prima may not:
  - Impose tariffs, taxes, or any economic burdens on States or private entities;
  - Legislate or exercise sovereign powers externally;
  - Control territories or impose external laws.

## **Article 2 — Fundamental Functions**

- **2.1** Officina Prima evaluates States and territories based on publicly defined and regularly updated Legitimacy Standards, which include, but are not limited to:
  - Guaranteeing freedom of expression and dissent;
  - Ensuring access to food, water, housing, education, and healthcare;
  - Respecting the will of populations and their right to self-determination;
  - Ensuring equal access to opportunities according to the declared economic model;
  - Refraining from interfering with external peoples and respecting internal cultures.
- **2.2** Officina Prima organizes and guarantees referenda:
  - In any State, region, or territory upon request by the population or relevant groups;
  - In a verified, traceable, and non-coercive manner;
  - Including in stateless or conflict zones;
  - With the obligation of impartial and physical presence in critical territories if necessary.

## **Article 3 — Structure and Electoral Process**

- **3.1** Candidate Organization and Voter Assignment: Candidates are divided into two categories:

- a) **Qualified Technicians:** Graduated and qualified experts who run for the Technical Congress;
- b) **Anonymous Popular Candidates:** Individuals who pass the exclusion (“ban”) mechanism and participate anonymously.

Voters are randomly assigned into groups of up to five anonymous candidates to facilitate informed evaluation.

- **3.2 Vote Based on Programmatic Cards:** Each candidate submits a programmatic card with concise points, written in simple language and officially translated. Voters approve or reject each point (yes/no vote). Voters may also cast a “ban” vote to exclude a candidate. If at least 40% of voters issue a “ban,” the candidate is excluded. Groups with rejected candidates are recomposed with new candidates and voters.
- **3.3 Election and Composition of Bodies:** The most approved candidates in each group proceed to the next stage, where representatives are elected for:
  - The **Technical Congress**, composed of experts elected by the entire base;
  - The **Popular Congress**, composed of popular candidates not excluded.

The Popular Congress elects a coordinating representative to liaise with the Technical Congress and manage representation.

- **3.4 Anonymity and Transparency:** Candidate and voter identities remain strictly anonymous until the elections conclude. All operations, votes, and budgets must be public and verifiable.

## Article 4 — Principle of Intervention for Democratic Defense

- **4.1** In extreme cases where a government obstructs legitimate referenda, Officina Prima may exercise defensive measures to guarantee the freedom of voting, including the arming of free populations and support for democratic movements, always within strict ethical and proportional limits.
- **4.2** Every intervention must be jointly approved by both the Technical Congress and the Popular Congress and must have the sole purpose of restoring democracy.

- **4.3** Such interventions shall not be used to impose Officina Prima's authority beyond the restoration and protection of democratic rights.

## **Article 5 — Transparency and Communication**

- **5.1** All decisions and actions of Officina Prima shall be public, documented, and subject to open discussion.
- **5.2** Every global citizen shall have the right to:
  - Access all archives and records;
  - Propose new laws or referenda;
  - Publicly contest decisions of Officina Prima without fear of repression.
- **5.3** Communication must be clear, accessible, and available in multiple languages to ensure universal understanding.

## **Article 6 — Black Box of Sovereignty and Global Verification Committee**

- **6.1** The Black Box of Sovereignty is a public and replicable physical or digital device used by Officina Prima to perform certified random selections, such as choosing referendum agents and voters, ensuring transparency and impartiality.
- **6.2** Referendum agents are citizens selected by the Black Box, operating independently and in the name of the people to collect votes within their territorial area.
- **6.3** Each referendum agent is accompanied by an operational escort composed of citizens and technicians, led by a chief escort, responsible for:
  - Guaranteeing the physical and legal security of the voting process;
  - Ensuring the agent can record votes in a stable and verifiable manner using any permanent means available (audio, video recordings, symbols, etc.);
  - Preventing any form of coercion, irregularity, or abuse.

- **6.4** The presence of the escort not only protects the agent but also verifies their ability to perform the task; agents do not necessarily need literacy but must demonstrate the ability to transmit the collected information accurately.
- **6.5** Agents are independent; they may refuse the assignment, request replacement, withdraw at any time, annul irregular votes, or request a new escort.
- **6.6** Agents have the right to official recognition for their service and to fair compensation according to the means available in the area of operation.
- **6.7** The Global Verification Committee is an advisory body tasked with supervising the coherence and proper application of the *Officina Prima* Constitution. While partly composed of representatives proposed by recognized statal communities, its powers are strictly limited to consultation and oversight within *Officina Prima*'s internal governance.
- **6.8** The Committee includes:
  - One citizen proposed by each recognized statal community, selected through their institutional processes;
  - Two citizens randomly selected by the Black Box among residents of the same territories.
- **6.9** Committee members serve on a rotating basis, may refuse appointment, request training, or withdraw at any time; replacements are selected by new public lotteries.
- **6.10** The Committee's functions are exclusively:
  - To validate constitutional interpretations and their application for consistency;
  - To ensure clear, universal communication and enforcement of internal rules;
  - To report any irregularities in *Officina Prima*'s internal processes.
- **6.11** The Committee holds no legislative, executive, coercive, or referendum-intervening powers. Its role is consultative and supervisory only, fully respecting *Officina Prima*'s anonymous, direct-democracy principles.

## **Article 7 — Annual Legitimacy Referendum**

- **7.1** Every year, Officina Prima shall hold a mandatory and binding referendum among all registered global citizens to assess its legitimacy, mandate, and trust.
- **7.2** The referendum shall be valid regardless of voter turnout; a simple majority of at least 51% of votes in favor is required to confirm legitimacy.
- **7.3** Failure to achieve the required majority shall result in the immediate suspension of Officina Prima's functions and the initiation of an extraordinary review process.
- **7.4** The referendum shall be conducted following principles of transparency, anonymity, and control through the Black Box of Sovereignty.

## **Article 8 — Founders' Temporary Role and Transition to Democratic Governance**

- **8.1** Until the formal establishment of the Technical Congress and the Popular Congress, the Founders shall manage the funds, operations, and administration of Officina Prima.
- **8.2** The Founders are required to perform their duties with full public transparency and accountability. They shall not receive, directly or indirectly, any personal remuneration, salary, or financial benefit from Officina Prima's funds or from any operations conducted with those funds.
- **8.3** Should any Founder receive any financial benefit in violation of this clause, they are constitutionally obliged to:
  - Immediately initiate the dissolution and dismantling of Officina Prima;
  - Return all funds, assets, and resources received or managed under Officina Prima to their rightful owners or to public use as determined by democratic process.
- **8.4** After the first inauguration of the Congresses, the Founders shall have no automatic or permanent powers within Officina Prima.

- **8.5** Any further participation by the Founders shall only be possible through the same democratic, anonymous, and fair means available to all members of Officina Prima, such as:
  - Election or selection by the Popular Congress, Technical Congress, or President;
  - Employment as official staff or advisors under the governance structures.
- **8.6** This transition guarantees full democratization and prevents any concentration of power in the hands of the Founders.

## **Article 9 — Reference to Minimum Standards for Legitimacy**

- **9.1** Officina Prima adopts a separate and detailed document entitled *Minimum Standards for Legitimacy*, which defines the essential criteria States and governing bodies must meet to be recognized as legitimate.
- **9.2** This document is considered an integral part of the constitutional framework and can only be amended through the collective referenda process.

## **Article 10 — Absolute Immutability of the Constitution**

- **10.1** The Constitution of Officina Prima is absolute and inviolable.
- **10.2** No amendments, revisions, or repeals shall be made under any circumstances.
- **10.3** Any attempt to modify, revoke, or override this Constitution shall be considered null and void, and shall not be recognized by Officina Prima or its affiliated bodies.

## **Article 11 — Composition of the Congresses**

- **11.1** To ensure effective deliberation and maintain human-scale relationships within Officina Prima’s democratic structures, both the Popular Congress and the Technical Congress shall each consist of a maximum of 150 members.



- **11.2** This limit respects the cognitive constraints of the average human being, acknowledging that an individual can sustainably maintain meaningful relationships with approximately 300 people; by restricting each congress to half this number, cohesion and communication are enhanced.
- **11.3** Congress members are elected through the anonymous, democratic election processes defined in this Constitution, with mandates lasting five years.
- **11.4** At the end of each five-year term, a referendum as specified in this Constitution shall be held to confirm the legitimacy of Officina Prima and indirectly validate the congresses; members may be re-elected or replaced through the standard anonymous election process.

## **Article 12 — Roles of the Congresses and the President**

- **12.1** The Popular Congress is responsible for representing the collective will of all participants, deciding strategic directions, initiating referendums, and supervising the ethical and political activities of Officina Prima.
- **12.2** The Technical Congress is responsible for providing expert analyses, proposing technical solutions, and ensuring that all actions and referendums of Officina Prima are feasible, safe, and in line with the Constitution.
- **12.3** Both Congresses must collaborate transparently; decisions require mutual agreement through documented and verifiable procedures.
- **12.4** The President presides over both Congresses, coordinating joint sessions and ensuring orderly debate.
- **12.5** The President's powers are strictly limited to:
  - Moderating discussions and managing the procedural flow of assemblies;
  - Exercising a suspensive veto on decisions, which triggers an immediate re-discussion within the Congresses;
  - Certifying and publishing official documents and outcomes of votes, ensuring consistency with the Constitution.
- **12.6** If a veto is applied, both Congresses are automatically convened for a joint session to resolve the disagreement. The President decides whether the dispute requires escalation to a global referendum.

- **12.7** If the President deems a referendum necessary, the debated issue between the Congresses will be included in the next annual legitimacy referendum, allowing all members to decide directly.
- **12.8** The President has no legislative, executive, or coercive powers beyond those explicitly defined; the authority of the Congresses remains paramount at all times.
- **12.9** Once every month, a joint session of both Congresses shall be held. During these united sessions, the President is rotated: a new President is randomly selected from among the members of either Congress using the Black Box of Sovereignty. This ensures fairness, prevents concentration of power, and guarantees broad participation in leadership responsibilities.
- **10.10** The purpose of both Congresses is to collaboratively manage Officina Prima's funds, oversee the construction of infrastructures necessary for secure and verifiable referendums, and progressively expand the scale and reach of referendums. Congresses shall also work to strengthen the enforcement of decisions made through referendums, ensuring that outcomes are respected and implemented wherever possible, in line with the Constitution and the will of the global population.