

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **Principality of New Atlantis**

We the undersigned citizens Vladimir Yordanov Balanov, born on 22.08.1957 in Svishtov, Bulgaria, Galina Lefterova Balanova, born on 15.02.1959 in Svishtov, Bulgaria, and Yordan Vladimirov Balanov, born on 31.05.1980 in Svishtov, Bulgaria, hereby proclaim the Establishment of an Independent, Sovereign State governed by the Rule of Law, which is Constitutional Monarchy – a Principality titled "New Atlantis." Sovereignty extends to the entire territory of "YJNI", a newly formed (in 2012) floating island in the South Pacific Ocean, which at the time of Formation of the State has an area of 26 800 sq.km. and is located at 38 degrees south latitude and 168 degrees 16 minutes west longitude, as well as to the adjacent territorial waters and to the Exclusive Economic Zone around the YJNI island.

The purpose of the Establishment of the New State - the Principality of New Atlantis - is to unite the economic potential that the island offers in its capacity of a country with the intellectual potential of the smartest people in the world which in mutual collaboration will contribute to the welfare of the residents of the Principality, as well to the welfare of all the inhabitants of Planet Earth, in the spirit and traditions of their ancestors from the Ancient Atlantis,

and therefore we establish this

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## 1. Human rights

### Article 1.1

The Citizens of the Principality of New Atlantis and the foreigners legally residing on its territory - earth, water, air or cyberspace - enjoy the rights proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 and further developed in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – both pacts being from 1966. The Legislative, Executive and Judicial powers of the State in their activities respect these rights.

### Article 1.2

Everyone has the right to a worthy life and to physical safety. No one shall be deprived of their freedom of personhood. This right can be restricted only in accordance with fair procedures established by law for the benefit of society.

(1) Everyone has the right to the free development of their personality as far as it does not violate the rights of others.

(2) All persons are equal before the law. No one can be discriminated against because of their gender, origin, race, language, faith or religious beliefs.

(3) All citizens have the right to choose their profession freely. Nobody can be forced to perform a particular job. The exercise of profession may be regulated by law.

## CHAPTER TWO

## 2. Governance

### Article 2.1

The official language in the Principality is Bulgarian. English and Russian are additional official languages.

#### Article 2.2

Head of State of the Principality of New Atlantis is the first citizen who participated personally in its establishment and signed by hand this Constitution. He bears the title of "Prince" and to him belongs the Supreme Power in the State. This Supreme Power is transmitted to his firstborn, which shall be his successor. It is permissible for the Sovereign to designate the next two in line of succession. If the originally designated heir or neither of the next two designated heirs are unable to accept the Supreme Power, the Advisory Council shall take a final decision on the matter. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the Advisory Council has the casting vote.

#### Article 2.3

The Advisory Council consists of the Prime Minister, the President of the State Academy of Sciences, the Ministers, the Governor of the Central State Bank, the President of the Supreme Court, as well as persons appointed with a decree by the Sovereign. Chairman of this Council is the Prime Minister. The function of the Advisory Council is to discuss nation-wide issues and to submit to the Sovereign proposals for solving them. The Advisory Council shall be convened by the Sovereign or its Chairman, it shall work upon matters and schedules accepted by the Council itself and shall decide by a simple majority.

#### Article 2.4

(1) The Head of State possesses Exclusive Jurisdiction over taxes, duties, excise duties, concessions and monopolies. The sizes of income from these sources shall be established by law, approved by the Sovereign upon proposal of the Minister of Economy and Finance, after consultation with other members of the Advisory Council. Changes within the statutory size of taxes and concession fees may be made by the Sovereign upon request of the person concerned in a specific case or any case for a reasonable period of time.

(2) Levying and collection of taxes, duties and charges shall be made by the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Audits of this activity are to be carried out by qualified professionals appointed by the Sovereign.

(3) Income from sources in paragraph 1 shall be allocated between the Sovereign State Academy of Sciences, Ministries, the Central Bank and the State Supreme Court in the ratio laid down by law, which shall be approved by the Sovereign upon a joint proposal of the Minister of Economy and Finance and the Governor of the Central State Bank, in coordination with other Members of the Advisory Council.

## CHAPTER THREE

### 3. Citizenship

#### Article 3.1

Citizens of the Principality of New Atlantis are all persons who accept the Constitution and the Laws of the Principality and have been accepted as citizens by decree of the Head of State.

Citizens of the Principality of New Atlantis by law are the persons who are personally involved in the Formation of the State and have signed this Constitution by hand.

According to the law, all Nobel prize winners, all persons nominated for Nobel prizes, and all members of Mensa International who have expressed in writing their desire to become citizens to the Sovereign, as well as persons who have been involved in the creation of the Principality, are citizens of the Principality of New Atlantis.

The Head of State shall announce their names by a decree.

#### Article 3.2

To persons other than those who are entitled citizens of the State under the preceding paragraph, the Head of State shall grant citizenship by decree upon a report by the Minister of Justice, upon the submission in writing of their request to acquire citizenship. The same rule shall be applied about cessation of citizenship.

### Article 3.3

Deprivation of citizenship under the previous article is permitted only if as a result of the deprivation the person does not remain without any citizenship. The Head of State may derogate from this provision if he determines that such deprivation is in the interest of the citizens of the Principality of New Atlantis.

### Article 3.4

No citizen of the Principality of New Atlantis could be extradited at the request of another country for trial or serving a sentence, unless extradition is authorized by the Head of State by a decree issued upon a report by the Minister of Justice.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### 4. Legislature

#### Article 4.1

The Constitution is the Supreme Law. Ordinary laws and regulations, as well as individual administrative acts cannot be in contradiction with it. Citizens may submit requests to bring them in line with the constitutional provisions.

#### Article 4.2

(1) The Head of State shall approve laws upon the proposal of the Advisory Council. Established laws, regulations for enforcement of laws issued by the respective Ministers, and regulations to implement parts of those rules and regulations, hereby referred to as “normative acts,” shall be published immediately in the official printed organ and/or the website of the State. The laws and regulations shall come into force three days after their promulgation, unless otherwise provided in the specific law or normative act.

(2) Decrees ruled by the Sovereign, and laws and regulations approved by Him must be entered in the State register before publishing.

### Article 4.3

Until the creation of a new legislation for the Principality of New Atlantis, Bulgarian civil, commercial and criminal law and international private law shall apply.

### Article 4.4

When he concludes an arbitration agreement for resolving international disputes, the Head of State can give consent for another national law to be applied to the arbitration, instead of the law provided for in Article 4.3.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### 5. Executive

#### Article 5.1

(1) The Council of Ministers consists of the following Ministries:

- a. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- b. Ministry of Justice
- c. Ministry the Economy and Natural Resources
- d. Ministry Finance
- e. Ministry of Internal Affairs and Development
- f. Ministry of Maritime Transport
- g. Ministry of Science, Culture and Communications

Head of Council of Ministers is the Prime Minister, who leads and coordinates the work of different Ministries. His work is supported by the Deputy Prime Minister.

If necessary, the Head of State, at the suggestion of the Advisory Council, may decide to create Ministries for other national activities.

The Head of State appoints and dismisses the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and heads of Ministries (Ministers) by decree. It is permissible that the Prime Minister and his Deputy can manage one or

several Ministries and one Minister can simultaneously manage different Ministries. The Prime Minister and the Ministers assume office on the day of taking the oath.

(4) The Prime Minister, his Deputies and each Ministry create their own organization and work rules, including rules on contracting and contracts, which enter into force after approval by the Head of State.

#### Article 5.2

(1) The official currency in the Principality of New Atlantis is the Princely dollar - "**ATLANT**", which equals 1/1000 of the current value of one ounce of gold. Princely dollars may be on paper (banknotes), metal coins or electronic money. The issuance of electronic Princely dollars, printing of banknotes and minting of coins are made according to the decree of the Head of State.

(2) The Head of State appoints and dismisses by decree the Governor of the Central State Bank, which is assigned all activities related to the issuing, bringing into circulation and withdrawal from circulation of money lending and licenses, security currency, international payments and the system of clearing with other countries. The Central Bank and its Governor are working according to rules defined by the Sovereign. The Governor of the Central State Bank shall take office after inauguration by oath to the Sovereign.

#### Article 5.3

(1) In order to maintain public order and security in the country a national police force is established, which operates under the overall guidance and supervision of the Minister of Interior and Development.

(2) The police respect the right of all citizens to move freely on the territory of the state. Restrictions to this right may be established only by law for reasons of national security, prevention of epidemics and to avoid natural disasters.

(3) The State guarantees the right to property and the right of inheritance of all citizens and provides protection, including by the police,

against illegal encroachments on objects of ownership. Restrictions on these rights can be provided only by law on one of the grounds referred to in the second sentence of the preceding paragraph.

#### Article 5.4

The State does not grant asylum to a person who is hiding from justice.

## CHAPTER SIX

### 6. Judiciary

#### Article 6.1

Trial Courts are established by order of the Sovereign in different areas of the country as necessary to Justice. The Head of State shall appoint judges among the citizens of the Principality of New Atlantis, persons with higher legal education and recognized judicial capacity. Thus appointed judges take office on the date of their oath before Him, and their release is issued from the date of the respective decree.

(1) The Supreme Court shall be divided into two Colleges. One of them shall consider and decide as a second instance administrative and criminal cases and as first instance constitutional cases. The other College shall consider and decide as a second instance civil and commercial matters. Supreme Court rulings can not be appealed. The Supreme Court President, who is also a member of the Advisory Council, shall be appointed and dismissed by decree of the Sovereign. He shall take office upon his oath.

(2) The Head of State shall appoint by decree judges from among nationals of the Principality of New Atlantis - at least two people in each College who, in addition to higher legal education and legally recognized judicial capacity, must have at least ten years of service. Thus appointed judges shall take office on the date of their oath, and their release is issued from the date of the respective decree.

#### Article 6.2

Any citizen or legal resident of a foreign country may file a request before the Court for protection of a violated or threatened with violation personal or property right.

#### Article 6.3

A person can be convicted and punishment only if guilty of an act that before its execution by that person has been declared by law as a crime.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### 7. Final Provisions

#### Article 7.1

The State symbol is the National Flag. The flag has a rectangular shape. It is red in the upper diagonal half, and blue in the lower diagonal half. A white diagonal band connects the red and blue diagonals of the flag.

#### Article 7.2

With the adoption of this Constitution a new Sovereign State is established which is the Principality of New Atlantis. The State shall exercise its sovereignty over a territory of the 26,800 square miles of the floating island "YJNI" and its adjacent from this day territorial waters within 12 nautical miles, and the newly exclusive economic zone within 200 nautical miles, as well as the air space over the Island and its territorial waters.

#### Article 7.3

All Natural resources found in the depths of the territorial waters, the exclusive economic zone and in the depths of the Island are exclusive State property of the Principality and their extraction and operation can be performed by regulation established by the Head of State.

#### Article 7.4

The Sovereign may authorize the construction of artificial structures in the territorial waters and the exclusive economic zone - these may be floating platforms and islands for industrial use, but also structures on

which to build cities which the Sovereign provide with autonomous management and autonomous tax policy.

#### Article 7.5

Those involved in the formation of the State – the Principality of New Atlantis - are:

- Vladimir Yordanov Balanov, born on 22.08.1957 in Svishtov, Bulgaria
  - Galina Lefterova Balanova, born on 15.02.1959 in Svishtov, Bulgaria
  - Jordan Vladimirov Balanov, born on 31.05.1980 in Svishtov, Bulgaria
- and they agree that under Article 2.2 of this Constitution the first to participate in the formation of State and sign this Constitution is Vladimir Yordanov Balanov and he will be the Head of State - the Sovereign of the new State Principality of New Atlantis and shall bear the title of " Prince."

#### Article 7.6

This Constitution shall enter into force:

- a. after its signing by its Founders and the date of its publication in the official printed organ and/or the website of the Principality of New Atlantis
- b. from the date of signature of the Founders before a Notary.

#### Article 7.7

If necessary, the Constitution can be revised and updated by decree of the Sovereign upon a proposal from the Council.

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**FOUNDERS OF THE STATE – the Principality of New Atlantis  
signing the Constitution:**

**VLADIMIR YORDANOV BALANOV /Signature 1/**

**GALINA LEFTEROVA BALANOVA /Signature 2/**

**YORDAN VLADIMIROV BALANOV /Signature 3/**