

Southern Area Treaty Organisation (SATO) Charter

1. Preamble

The Parties to this Treaty,

Recognizing the sovereign equality of all the Parties,

Reiterating their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments,

Reaffirming that they uphold the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and declaring that they will earnestly strive by every peaceful means to promote self-government and to secure the independence of all countries whose people's desire it and are able to undertake its responsibilities,

Desiring to strengthen the fabric of peace and freedom and to uphold the principles of individual liberty and the rule of law, and to promote the economic well-being and development of all peoples in the treaty area,

Intending to declare publicly and formally their sense of unity, so that any potential aggressor will

appreciate that the Parties stand together in the area, and

Desiring further to coordinate their efforts for collective defence for the preservation of peace and

security,

Therefore agree as follows:

2. Mutual defence

Full Member Nations of SATO are expected to resolve any disagreement with another nation through peaceful means if reasonably practicable.

Where Full Member Nation believes that a nation, group, or other entity has declared war on them all other Full Members of SATO are obligated to publicly declare war on the aggressor within 48 hours of SATO Leadership being informed by the aggressed nation.

Where a Full Member Nation believes that the Full Member Nation claiming to have been aggressed has not been aggressed, then this nation may propose that no action should be taken by SATO on this matter. This shall be determined by a vote of Full Member Nations, should this vote pass then Full Member Nations of SATO are not obligated to declare war on the aggressor.

Where a Full Member Nation believes that an aggressed Full Member Nation did not take reasonable steps to peacefully resolve a disagreement, then this nation may propose that this aggression falls outside the scope of the SATO defensive pact. This shall be determined by a vote of Full Member Nations, should this vote determine that the aggressed party did not fulfil their responsibilities to seek a reasonable peaceful resolution then Full Member Nations of SATO are not obligated to declare war on the aggressor.

Full Member Nations shall offer aid and protection to the citizens of other Full Member Nations within their territory when required.

Full Member Nations shall maintain defensive infrastructure within their territory that may be accessed by the citizens of other Full Members of SATO upon request by a Leadership Representative.

3. Law

Citizens of Full Member and Associate Member Nations are expected to obey all local laws whenever in the territory of another Full Member or Associate Member Nation.

Where a citizen of a Full or Associate Member Nation has been determined to have committed a crime within the territory of another Full Member or Associate Member Nation this citizen, or their pearl, shall be turned over to the justice system of the wronged nation. Where a crime has been committed in multiple nations the SATO Leadership shall determine the order in which nations may claim the criminal.

Bounty hunting by individuals without citizenship in Full or Associate Membership in SATO is not permitted in the territory of Full or Associate Members of SATO without the express permission of the appropriate national government.

4. Territorial claims, free trade and freedom of movement

Where a Full Member Nation of SATO wishes to expand their territorial borders but this change would result in a conflicting claim between this nation and another nation, irrespective of SATO membership, this territorial change shall be subject to a vote by Full Member Nations.

Full Member Nations and Associate Member Nations of SATO are not permitted to implement any policy inhibiting, or restricting, trade between SATO nations.

Full Member Nations and Associate Member Nations of SATO are not permitted to implement any policy inhibiting, or restricting, freedom of movement for citizens of SATO nations, with the exception of preventing access to militarily sensitive regions. Such regions shall be clearly marked as off-limits.

5. Citizenry

Where a Full Member Nation of SATO intends to admit a new citizen, but believes that this may be contentious due to the specifics of this potential citizen, it is the responsibility of this nation to inform the Leadership Representatives of this intention.

Leadership Representatives have 48 hours from the time of proposal to challenge the admission of this potential citizen. If a challenge to a nomination is received, then Full Member Nations shall vote on the admission of this potential citizen.

6. SATO Leadership

6.1 Responsibilities of SATO Leadership Representatives

Leadership Representatives are responsible for highlighting and debating topical issues with SATO leadership, for ensuring that their nation's views are represented in such discussions, and for ensuring that the views of the other SATO nations are communicated to their nation.

Leadership Representatives shall be responsible for casting their nation's vote on topics open for
Voting.

All Leadership Representatives shall have access to the #Leadership and #Voting channels of the SATO discord.

6.2 Selection of SATO Leadership Representatives

All Leadership Representatives shall be citizens (i.e. reside in the nation and participate in the nation's affairs) of the Nation that they represent.

Full Member Nations shall propose up to two Leadership Representatives to the Leadership channel in the SATO discord.

It is the responsibility of each Full Member Nation to propose its own Leadership Representatives.

Leadership Representatives have 48 hours from the time of proposal to challenge any nomination for a Leadership Representative. If a challenge to a nomination is received, then Full Member Nations shall vote on the acceptance of the nominated representative to the role of Leadership Representative.

Full Member Nations wishing to nominate additional Leadership Representatives, so that they shall have more than two Leadership Representatives in total, may nominate additional citizens,

however individuals so nominated will incur an automatic vote on acceptance to the role of Leadership Representative.

No individual may act as Leadership Representative for more than one nation. Individuals wishing to change the nation that they represent must resign from their current Leadership Representative role and be nominated to the role of Leadership Representative for their new nation through the conventional mechanisms.

6.3 Removal of SATO Leadership Representatives

Nations may withdraw any of their Leadership Representatives at any time but must inform the SATO Leadership immediately whenever this happens.

Leadership Representatives may resign at any time but must inform the SATO Leadership immediately whenever this happens.

Any Leadership Representative may propose that another Leadership Representative be recalled.

The recall of a Leadership Representative requires a two-third majority vote of Full Member Nations.

7. Voting

Votes are allocated on a national level with each Full Member Nation having one vote on each topic open for voting.

Leadership Representatives shall be responsible for casting their nation's vote on topics open for Voting.

Voting shall remain open for 48 hours, unless otherwise specified by the SATO Speaker or their nominated representative.

Where multiple votes are made by Leadership Representatives from the same nation on a single topic it shall be considered that the most recent vote represents the voting intention of that nation.

Full Member Nations not voting, or otherwise not clearly casting an unambiguous vote, within the allotted time frame shall be considered to have abstained when votes are tallied. Establishing the clarity of a vote shall be the responsibility of the SATO Speaker.

Unless otherwise specified in this document the threshold for a vote to pass is a simple majority.

The outcome of voting, detailing the topic of the vote and the number of votes cast for each option, shall be publicised in the SATO discord unless the topic of the vote is deemed by the SATO Leadership to necessitate secrecy.

8. Membership

8.1 Full membership

No nation which is currently at war with any Full Member or Associate Member of SATO may be considered for Full Membership.

Candidates for Full Membership of SATO may only be proposed by Full Members of SATO.

Acceptance of a nation as a Full Member Nation of SATO requires unanimous acceptance by all Full Member Nations. Abstaining nations shall be considered to have voted not to accept the proposal.

A Full Member Nation may propose that another Full Member Nation be downgraded to an

Associate Member, a Guest Status nation, or removed from SATO entirely. This shall be determined by unanimous acceptance by all Full Member Nations. Abstaining nations shall be considered to have voted not to accept the proposal.

Full Member Nations are required to fulfil the defensive obligations described in the Mutual Defence section of this document.

Full Member Nations will benefit from the defensive obligations described in the Mutual Defence section of this document.

Full Member Nations are required to fulfil the trade and freedom of movement obligations described in the Trade section of this document.

Full Member Nations are required to fulfil the citizenry obligations described in the Citizenry section of this document.

8.2 Associate Membership

No nation which is currently at war with any Full Member or Associate Member of SATO may be considered for Associate Membership.

Candidates for Associate Membership of SATO may only be proposed by Full Members of SATO.

Acceptance of a new nation as an Associate Member Nation of SATO requires unanimous acceptance by all Full Member Nations. Abstaining nations shall be considered to have voted not to accept the proposal.

A Full Member Nation may propose that an Associate Member Nation be downgraded to a Guest

Status nation, or removed from SATO entirely. This shall be determined by unanimous acceptance by all Full Member Nations. Abstaining nations shall be considered to have voted not to accept the proposal.

Associate Member Nations are not required to fulfil the defensive obligations described in the Mutual Defence section of this document but may choose to do so if they wish.

Associate Member Nations will not benefit from the defensive obligations described in the Mutual Defence section of this document, but SATO may choose to temporarily extend these benefits to Associate Members on a case-by-case basis following a majority vote by Full Member Nations of SATO.

Associate Member Nations are required to fulfil the trade and freedom of movement obligations described in the Trade section of this document.

8.3 Guest Status

Nations which are not Full Member Nations or Associate Member Nations of SATO may be invited to join the SATO discord with Guest Status.

No nation which is currently at war with any Full Member or Associate Member of SATO may be considered for Guest Status.

Candidates for Guest Status of SATO may be proposed by Full Members or Associate Members of SATO.

Acceptance of a nation as a having Guest Status of SATO requires unanimous acceptance by all Full Member Nations.

A nation's Guest Status is an honorary status and confers no obligations or benefits beyond providing access to the insecure channels of the SATO discord to the citizens of that nation.

9. SATO Speaker, SATO Deputy Speaker, and external communications

9.1 Responsibilities of SATO Speaker and Deputy SATO Speaker

The SATO Speaker will primarily coordinate SATO's external communication, in line with the discussion of Leadership Representatives, and ensure that SATO discussions remain cordial and on-topic.

All official external communications shall be prepared by, or under the supervision of, the SATO Speaker and such shall be clearly communicated to emphasise that this is the official view of SATO rather than any specific Member Nation or citizen thereof.

The SATO Speaker shall serve for a period of three calendar months from the date of their election.

The SATO Speaker and Deputy SATO Speaker do not lose their status as a Leadership Representative for their nation.

The Deputy SATO Speaker shall assist the SATO Speaker with their responsibilities, and may substitute for the SATO Speaker in situations where the SATO Speaker is unavailable.

9.2 Selection of SATO Speaker and Deputy SATO Speaker

The SATO Speaker will be chosen from within the Leadership Representatives by a majority vote of Full Member Nations.

The SATO Speaker may choose a Deputy SATO Speaker from within the Leadership Representatives.

Leadership Representatives representing the nation for which the SATO Speaker acts as a Leadership Representative shall not be eligible for selection as Deputy SATO Speaker.

9.3 Removal of SATO Speaker and Deputy SATO Speaker

The SATO Speaker or Deputy SATO Speaker may resign their position at any point.

If the SATO Speaker or the Deputy SATO Speaker loses their position as a Leadership Representative they shall be considered to have been recalled.

Any Full Member Nation may propose that the SATO Speaker or Deputy SATO Speaker may be recalled. The recall of the SATO Speaker or Deputy SATO Speaker requires a majority vote of Full Member Nations.

The Deputy SATO Speaker may be recalled by the SATO Speaker at any point.

When a new SATO Speaker is selected the Deputy SATO Speaker shall also be recalled.

10. List of SATO nations

10.1 Full Member Nations

The following are Full Member Nations of SATO:

- Caledonia
- The Commonwealth
- U.W.R.S.R.U.F.R.U.S.R.H.A.R.S.R.F.S.F.U.S.R.H.A.R.S.R.F.S.F.A.R.S. Hjalmland
- Okasima
- Southshire
- Vinland
- Yoahltl

10.2 Associate Member Nations

The following are Associate Member Nations of SATO:

10.3 Guest Status Nations

The following are Guest Status Nations of SATO:

11. Amendments to the SATO Charter

This charter may be modified by a majority vote by Full Member Nations, such votes should clearly outline the text to be changed, removed, or added.

It is the responsibility of the SATO Speaker to ensure that any amendments to this constitution are made in a timely fashion.

12. Record of SATO Speaker Elections

11/29/2018 - Maxopoly elected Speaker of SATO

1/30/2019 - Maxopoly resigns as SATO Speaker to become an Admin

1/30/2019 - Deputy Speaker Wingzero54 takes over as SATO Speaker with consent of the leadership representatives

4/24/2019 Wingzero54 is elected as SATO Speaker for a second term (Nobody caught that he should have stood for re-election at 2/29/2019 as that would've been the end of Maxopoly's original term)