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CC: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prof. Ibrahim Ghandoor
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Declaration of the Theocratic Republic of Kekistan

I am writing to you on behalf of His Holiness Prince-Bishop Luke, of the House of Nash-Jones, to inform you that we have declared the Theocratic Republic of Kekistan, claiming as our territory the 2,060 km² the uninhabited, stateless and former British territory of Bir Tawil (terra nullus bordering Egypt and Sudan) at 21°52' 14" N 33°44' 14" E to which neither Sudan or Egypt lay claim.

We seek recognition of our state from, and for peaceful co-existence alongside, both Sudan to the south, and Egypt to the north, not least considering that access to our state requires passing through your land. Further, we request that any Sudanese forces that patrol the Nubian desert let us establish residence on our land. Further, we seek regular trade with Wadi Haifa in Sudan,

one of the nearest trade points. Finally, we seek cooperation with the Ministry of Energy & Mining of Sudan so as to trade with your state electricity produced by a solar panel farm in Bir Tawil.

We realise a number of persons have sought to lay claim to this land, but only the claim of Prince-Bishop Luke is legitimate. The constitutive theory of nationhood defines a state as a person of international law only if it is recognised as such by other states that are already a member of the international community. On the 29th of March 2015, Prince-Bishop Luke claimed the territory as the Principality of Jonesia. However, on the 1st of April 2017, His Holiness deemed it fitting to acknowledge the ancient Egyptian deity of the region, Kek, and hence decreed the alternate name of the region to be Kekistan. The Russian Embassy to the UK, representing a member of the international community, have made written acknowledgement of our state, and therefore, we are a legitimate state.

With regards to the declarative theory, on the first requirement, a defined territory, we meet such. However, this requirement is not stringent, because to be fair, The Sovereign Military Order of Malta has no territory at all. In similar style, Prince-Bishop Luke has established the fraternal order of the Knights of Kekistan. Unlike the territory of for example, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, our land is not inhabited by another state.

Regarding the expectation of a government, Prince-Bishop Luke has appointed a Round Table of Cardinal Ministers, who drew up at his instruction the Constitution of the Theocratic Republic of Kekistan, and various laws, including The Homesteading Act (2017), which were approved by His Holiness.

On the third requirement, we have the capacity to enter into relations with other states, as we have done with Russia, and now seek with your good selves.

Regards to the fourth requirement, a permanent population, we view ourselves as the government in exile, and in this regard we are similar to many countries, including Liberland. Funds are being raised, and we are carefully planning a visit to the area where we shall plant a flag and seek to reside permanently.

We seek peaceful diplomatic relations with our neighbours, including Egypt, and therefore, may I ask you to confirm with a written response in the affirmative that you do recognise our state. Please do this by responding to the email address listed above, to the attention of Nick Cardinal Hurley, our Cardinal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. If you accept the honour, consider your president, Omar al-Bashir, and your Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prof. Ibrahim Ghandoor, to

have both been offered honorary Kekistani knighthood by Prince-Bishop Luke, of which you may also accept by an affirmative response with your correspondence acknowledging our state.

Thank you for your time. If you have any queries in the meantime, I will be happy to answer them. You can contact me by the email address above. We would be most grateful to receive your acceptance of the award.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corey Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Corey Cardinal Smith,
His Holiness's Cardinal Secretary for Justice and Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
The Principality of Kekistan (Jonesia)

