

Western Canada Economic Alliance – Agreements in Principle

Revision 1: (I.F.R.)

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- Whereas the group of Members participating onto this Collaborative Agreement, managed by the organization of the 'States of Buffalo' is referred to as : **The Association**
- Whereas the group of Members appointed from the Association, as delegates to the Agency, being representatives of their Provinces/ Territories, is referred to as : **The Council**
- Whereas the Members of 'The States of Buffalo's' organization, such as Directors and Staff, directing Procurement, Support and Communications, and Information Management is referred to as : **The Agency**
- The **Secretary General** and **Deputy Secretary General** appointed by the 'States of Buffalo' organization will oversee all matters during the assembly of the **Council** and **Agency** to ensure having the best interest of the Association and its members.

The only 'Signatory Jurisdictions' qualified is limited to include only the following:

(4) Provinces: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and

(3) Territories: Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The Council delegates appointed to the Agency of the Western Canadian 'States of Buffalo' should be populated by the appointed members in the Association, in the following amounts: Provinces **(2)** each: Territories **(1)** each.

(Allotments are subject to change upon initial start)

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Item 1. The Association's action on the international scene shall be guided by the principles which have inspired its own creation, development and enlargement, and which it seeks to advance in the wider world: democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for human dignity, the principles of equality and solidarity, and respect for the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law.

The Agency's Council and its Members shall seek to develop relations and build partnerships with third countries, and international, regional or other global organizations which share similar principles as referred to in the first paragraph. It shall promote multilateral solutions to common problems, in particular in the framework of the Association within the jurisdictions of Western Canada / USA / other Canadian trade alliances.

Item 2. The Council and Agency shall collaborate to define and pursue common policies and actions within the membership, and shall work for a high degree of cooperation in all fields of international and domestic relations, in order to promote and advance, to:

- (a)- safeguard its values, fundamental interests, security, independence and integrity;*
- (b)- consolidate and support democracy, the rule of law, human rights and the principles of international law;*
- (c)- preserve peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security for our members operations abroad, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.*
- (d)- foster the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of the members jurisdictions, with the primary aim of eradicating economic barriers.*
- (e)- encourage the integration of all members jurisdictions into the world economy, including through the progressive diplomatic front for international trade;*
- (f)- help develop domestic and international measures to preserve and improve the quality of the environment and the sustainable management of global natural resources, in order to ensure sustainable development;*
- (g)- assist with technological and innovative processes for populations, countries and regions confronting natural or man-made disasters:*
- (h)- promote an international, domestic and regional system based on stronger multilateral cooperation and good global and domestic governance.*

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Item 3. The Agency and its Council shall respect the principles and day-to-day individual businesses of the Membership, and pursue the objectives set out in Items 1 and 2 in the development and implementation into the different areas of the Association's external actions and of the external aspects of future policies.

Item 4. The Council and Secretary General will be tasked to develop the strategic interests and objectives of the Association as it relates to the common foreign and security policies and to other areas of the external actions required of the Membership. Such decisions may concern the relations of the Association with a specific country or region or may be thematic in approach. This also includes dealing with any “Force Majeure” from external forces. In which case the Agency and its Council shall define the duration of the impacts, and the means available to mitigate exposure against such impacts. An “Impact mitigation” response plan will be required on a go forward basis to be made readily available by the Agency, Council and its Members, under the direction of the Secretary General.

Members Internal Protection Measures and Dispute Mechanism

**** Security and Economic Agreements****

Part 1

The Members of the Association undertake, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, to settle any international dispute in which they may be involved by peaceful means in such a manner that internal peace and security and justice are not endangered, and to refrain in from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the Agency of the ‘States of Buffalo’ Agreement.

Part 2

The Associated Members will contribute toward the further development of peaceful and friendly international relations by strengthening their own free institutions, by promoting conditions of stability and well-being. They will seek to eliminate conflict in their international and domestic economic policies and will encourage economic collaboration between any or all of them.

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Part 3

In order for more effectively achieving the objectives of this agreement, the Members and all Parties, separately and jointly, by means of continuous and effective self-help and mutual aid, will maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist and counter any and all economic opposing forces.

Part 4

The Parties will consult together with the Agency's Council and whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the Parties is being threatened.

Part 5

The Association, Council, and Agency collectively agree that an economic attack against one or more of them in the jurisdiction of the Western Canadian or any other jurisdictions within North America shall be considered an act of aggression and economic opposition against them all, and consequently they agree that, if such an event occurs, each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defense, will assist the Member(s) under economic force by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Associated Members, Council and Agency, such action as it deems necessary, to restore and maintain the security and economic balance of the whole of the Western Canada Economic Alliance.

Any such economic aggression encountered and all protective measures taken as a result thereof, shall immediately be recorded, and mitigated to full force, or as required to stabilize any disruptions. Such measures shall be terminated when the Agency's Council has taken the proper measures with the initial point of aggression, and has deemed economic conditions to be stabilized.

Part 6

This Agreement within the jurisdiction of Western Canada's Economic Alliance and its Associated Members shall be ratified in a manner to be determined by the initial Council in place and the Secretary General of the Agency of 'States of Buffalo'.

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Part 7

After the initial implementation of the Authorized Western Canada Economic Agreement, by the oversight and Authority of the Agency of 'States of Buffalo', it may be necessary to review the design of any future and related agreements more often until such time that conformance is optimal. This will include membership registry and de-registry.

Key Points: (These sections are purposely left incomplete, to be populated by the Agency and Council respectively)

- **Founding:**

The proposed Western Canada Economic Agreement was signed in:

(By the collective members and the Governing body)

- **Purpose:**

The Western Canada Economic Agreement's primary goal is to safeguard the freedom and security of its member's economic conditions throughout any political instability and encounters of "Force Majeure" within the boundaries of the Western Canada.

- **Collective Defense:**

A pillar of the Western Canada's Economic Agreement and Security provisions is that any one member can operate their economy with minimal disruptions and excel with the strength of a full compliment in a collective foundation.

- **Membership:**

Terms and conditions will be reviewed periodically by the Council/ Agency

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- **Constitution and By-Laws for the Association and the Agency :**

This will need to be developed with the input of the Council, with both, the Association and the Agency, as to determine the internal distribution of powers and authorities of the internal organization's day-to-day operations.

- **Definition of Status and Authority:**

The Council and the Secretary General are tasked with the determination of the assumption and distribution of Powers and Authority to those assigned to work collaboratively for the best interest of the members of the Association, being current Members in the Western Canada Economic Agreement.

- **Governing and enforcement :**

The Agency of 'States of Buffalo' and its Council will need to determine an auditable process of monitoring compliance (internal and external) and determine the enforcement process for non compliance events, based on simplified and efficient methodology, in such manner to produce efficiencies in Regulations, Enforcement, Review Processes, Environmental applications, etc.

- **Evolution:**

In any case where the Agency and its' council may encounter requirements from the Association to navigate through processes concerned with cross border developmental projects, it may become necessary to evaluate from time-to-time the plan going forward about the methodology applied to maintain compliance of the permitting process. It may also be an advantageous concept that the Agency of 'State of Buffalo' to develop required competencies to assume the position to issue construction permits based on the requirements of Western Canada.

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- **Military Defense Development:**

The Council with the input of the Agency and the Secretary General may make determinations of the usage of military training bases within Western Canada to determine if it may be feasible to have US participation on those sites as part of our Western Canada military alliance plan, or with other N.A.T.O. members that may be interested, and also provide military services to Western Canada in return. This would greatly reduce our military cost.

- **Governance Statement:** (Applicable to the Agency of 'The State of Buffalo')

As a Western remnant of a historic establishment once governed by solid and established Christian principles, infused in the many pillars of our societies, it will remain our foundation that we will carry forward, on which we will build with those values of our past era. Those same values that carried the founding of a nation that was once steeped in honesty and integrity with common purpose will be maintained and protected in the development of a new Western Canadian Economy.

****May He who Breathes Life into all Living things be ever before us moving forward****
(This is my Declaration: CEO and Founder, Luke Lacasse)

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- **Go Forward Plan:**

As this current version of the Agreement-in-Principle is only a very basic template to facilitate the on-start of this new Concept for developing a New Western Economic re-alignment. It will be required that the appointed Council members, the Agency 'States of Buffalo', the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General duly take to task, to develop the remainder of this agreement in concert with the requirements of the whole body. And modify the existing portions as required.

The Agency of 'States of Buffalo' will continually pursue Free Trade partnership on an evolutionary basis.

It is our intent that we prosper our Members with our external alliances, be it locally or globally, base on long term agreements, which may need restoration to a working model, confirmed in integrity, strengthened by innovations and established with mutual respect in an economic shared foundation.

“The President of the ‘Business Council of Alberta’.

Canada must act strategically in the face of the US tariffs. We recommend three actions:

- 1. Free trade with the United States must continue to be a Canadian economic priority.*
- 2. Canada must respond but avoid measures that will hurt us in the short and long terms.*
- 3. This should serve as a wake-up call: We must do better at home to put Canada in a stronger position.*

Adam Legge, President, Business Council of Alberta

It is our shared objectives.

Regards,

Luke Lacasse, CEO and Founder, States of Buffalo, (A Western Canada Economic Solution)