

# **Constitution of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis**



**“The only country in the world that  
doesn't want its land inhabited by people”**

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The Constitution is the most important state document and highest national law of Flandrensis. It sets out the rules for our government and the fundamental rights of citizens. The text and format of the current Constitution mostly originated in 2008. Since then, the Constitution changed 9 times. This is the official English version of the present text.

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## **1. THE GRAND DUCHY OF FLANDRENSIS: STATE STRUCTURE AND TERRITORY**

### **State Structure**

**Art 1.1** Flandrensis is a constitutional monarchy in the form of a Grand Duchy

### **Territory**

**Art 1.2** Flandrensis is located upon five West Antarctic islands: Siple Island (73 ° 39'S, 125 ° 12'W), Carney Island (73 ° 57'S 121 ° 00'W), Maher Island (72 ° 58'S 126 ° 22 'W), Cherry Island (73 ° 45'S 123 ° 32'W) and Pranke Island (73 ° 14'S 124 ° 55'W).

**Art 1.3** The boundaries of Flandrensis shall only be modified by the approval of the Grand Ducal Cabinet and should be established by constitutional amendment.

## **2. ENVIRONMENT**

### **Our mission**

**Art 2.1** We believe that Antarctica is one of the few places on this planet to remain relatively untouched by human activity. We strongly believe that it should remain an environment only available for scientific research, well beyond the expiration of the Antarctic Treaty in 2048.

### **Nature in Antarctica**

**Art. 2.1** Antarctica is a “natural reserve, devoted to peace and science.” All living resources, whether mammals, birds and their eggs, terrestrial or aquatic invertebrates and plants, are protected at every stage of their life cycle.

**Art. 2.2** With the claim to be “*The only country in the world that doesn't want its land inhabited by people*” Flandrensis wants to make a statement to the international community.

**Art. 2.2 § 1** Tourists are not allowed to enter the Flandrensian Antarctic territory.

**Art. 2.2 § 2** Only scientists that seek research which positively impacts humankind are allowed to enter the Flandrensian Antarctic territory.

**Art. 2.2 § 3** Everyone who enters the Antarctic territory shall take into account and show concern for the Antarctic environment.

**Art. 2.3** It is prohibited in the Flandrensis Antarctic territory:

- to discard hazardous and other solid non-flammable wastes;
- to dispose of flammable materials which the owner cannot dispose of outside the Antarctic by any means other than combustion in a low-emission incinerator;
- to dispose of other wastes through: 1) deposition in freshwater systems, or 2) deposition in an area that is free from ice during the Antarctic summer, or on or in the soil;
- to perform a nuclear detonation or the disposal of radioactive waste;
- to damage or remove historical sites or monuments;
- to import dead plants or animals not of an indigenous species for any purpose other than food;
- to import live animals not of an indigenous species;
- to explore or exploit mineral resources.

**Art. 2.4** It is also prohibited in the Flandrensis Antarctic territory:

- to prospect for the presence of minerals;
- to cause harm to living resources or act against their populations;
- to bring the deceased remains of a living resource outside the Antarctic;
- to remove animals or plants belonging to an indigenous species;
- to import pesticides, polychloroprene, non-sterile soil, polystyrene beads or similar packing materials;
- to deposit waste water on inland on ice or snow;
- to emit sewage into the sea.

### **3. FOREIGN POLICY OF FLANDRENSIS**

#### **Diplomatic relations (micronation)**

**Art 3.1** The Grand Duke represents Flandrensis abroad. He is free to appoint a Minister or Secretary of Foreign Affairs to carry out this responsibility.

**Art 3.2** When a micronation offers diplomatic relations to Flandrensis, they must demonstrate that their state has existed actively for at least six months and are not involved in a current conflict with another nation.

**Art 3.2 § 1** Micronations which apply for diplomatic recognition must complete truthfully a fact sheet on the Flandrensis website. This will be the basis for the assessment of their request.

**Art 3.2 § 2** Micronations which sign a treaty of mutual recognition with the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis are recognized until they inform the Grand Duchy of the dissolution of their nation, or until they violate the treaty.

**Art 3.2 § 3** Flandrensis holds the right to review existing bilateral relations. If a micronation that Flandrensis wish to review relations with, has not responded within a month, the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis will consider them to be either defunct, or not wishing to continue a relationship.

**Art 3.3** When a recognized micronation interferes with the

government, their status will be considered according to the seriousness of the situation. In the worst cases, diplomatic recognition will be withdrawn.

**Art 3.4** Flandrensis does not recognize micronations or countries who claims Flandrensian territory.

**Art 3.5** Flandrensis does not recognize micronations that claim territory pertaining to a micronation already recognized by the Grand Duchy.

**Art 3.6** Flandrensis is neutral in all conflicts and will not be coerced by any other government to enter a conflict.

**Art 3.7** Micronations requesting diplomatic relations with Flandrensis must respect human rights. If a recognized state is found to have infringed upon human rights, racism or intolerance recognition will be withdrawn.

**Art 3.8** Flandrensis shall withdraw all recognition of states shown to have committed illegal Internet activity.

**Art. 3.10** Flandrensis will only recognize micronations with Antarctic claims who have ecologic and realistic projects, that have sensible, respectful and inclusive viewpoints for the benefit or their citizens, land, waters and animals.

**Art. 3.12** Flandrensis is a member of the following micronational organizations: the Union Against Micronational War (UAMW) and La MicroFrancophony (OMF).

### **Diplomatic Relations regarding macronations**

**Art 3.13** Flandrensis acknowledges all member countries (macronations) of the United Nations. This does not change the recognition status of micronations within the borders of these countries.

**Art 3.14** Flandrensis acknowledges the territorial claims on Antarctica of Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, New Zealand, Norway and the United Kingdom. This does not change the recognition status of micronations within the borders of these claims.

## **4. THE FLANDRENSIAN PEOPLE**

### **The Flandrensians and their rights**

**Art 4.1** All Flandrensians are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act toward one another in a spirit of respect and equality.

**Art 4.2** Each Flandrensian is entitled to the rights and freedoms set forth in this Constitution, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, sexuality, gender, socioeconomic status, disability status or other status.

**Art 4.3** Each Flandrensian has the right to life, liberty, and the security of their person.

**Art 4.4** No one shall be held in slavery or involuntary servitude. Slavery and the slave trade in all their forms are abolished.

**Art 4.5** No one shall be subjected to torture, inhumane, or degrading treatment or punishment.

**Art 4.6** Every Flandrensian has, wherever they are, the right to be recognized as a person before the law.

**Art 4.7** Every Flandrensián is equally entitled to a fair and public hearing by an impartial tribunal in the determination of their rights and obligations and to determine the merits of a criminal charge against them.

**Art. 4.7 § 1** Because the Grand Duchy is not legally recognized internationally, the law of the country of origin of the Flandrensián holds precedence over Flandrensián law.

**Art 4.8** No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon their honor and reputation. Everyone has the right to protection by the law against such interference or attacks.

**Art 4.9** Without any restriction due to race, nationality, or religion, men, women and those who identify as a third or different gender of marriageable age have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage, and at its dissolution.

**Art 4.10** Marriage shall be entered into with the free and full consent of both spouses.

**Art 4.11** The family, regardless of makeup or quantity of members, is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and by the State.

**Art 4.12** Every Flandrensián has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.

**Art 4.13** No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of their property.

**Art 4.14** Every Flandrensián has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, provided it does not infringe upon the rights and freedoms of others. This right includes freedom to change one's religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest their religion or to confess belief in teaching, practice, worship, and observance of religious commandments and regulations.

**Art 4.15** Every Flandrensián has the right to freedom of opinion and expression. This right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers, provided it does not infringe upon the rights and freedoms of others.

**Art 4.16** Every Flandrensián has the right to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.

**Art 4.17** Every Flandrensián is entitled to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which they are the creator.

**Art 4.18** In the exercise of their rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and to meet the just requirements of morality, public order, and the general welfare in a democratic society.

**Art 4.18 § 1** Because the Grand Duchy is not legally recognized internationally, the law of the country of origin of the Flandrensián holds precedence over Flandrensián law.

## **Application for citizenship**

**Art 4.19** Because the Grand Duchy is not legally recognized internationally, the candidate for citizenship accepts that Flandrensisian citizenship does not supersede their present nationality.

**Art 4.20** Because the Grand Duchy is not recognized in international law, it cannot be held accountable in relation to citizenship or documents of the country of origin.

**Art 4.21** The candidate for citizenship accepts that they may at any time renounce their citizenship, provided they notify by letter to the Grand Duke.

**Art 4.22** The candidate for citizenship shall provide through the Flandrensisian website a document in which the candidate promises that all provided information is accurate and that they agree to the following conditions:

- Flandrensisian citizenship is subject to the laws of the country of origin and international law. Flandrensisian citizenship is not to be used in any way on official travel documents.
- Flandrensisian citizenship is held with pride. Intolerant behavior, such as racism, and illegal activities that may harm the image of Flandrensis shall result in the revocation of Flandrensisian citizenship by the Senate.
- To pledge to protect the earth and respect the environment and all living things.
- To understand the legal difference between a micronation and an official recognized country.

**Art 4.23** Only Flandrensisian identity cards issued by the Flandrensisian state are valid. All third-party documents regarding Flandrensisian citizenship are illegal.

## **Freedom of religion**

**Art 4.24** The separation of church and state is guaranteed and shall never be violated.

**Art 4.25** The Grand Duchy of Flandrensis recognizes all religions. Religion is defined as "any specific system of belief about deity, often involving rituals, a code of ethics, a philosophy of life, and a worldview."

**Art 4.25 § 1** Flandrensis opposes all forms of fundamentalism and religious groups that discriminate against others.

## **5. THE HEAD OF STATE**

### **Rights and obligations**

**Art 5.1** The Grand Duke is the official head of state.

**Art 5.1 § 1** The founder of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis is Niels Vermeersch and is known by the title of *His Royal Highness Grand Duke Niels I of Flandrensis*.

**Art 5.1 § 2** By virtue of civil and religious marriage in accordance with Art. 4.7 §1, Delphine de Wendelbourgh is the Grand Duchess of Flandrensis and is known by the title of *Her Royal Highness Grand Duchess Delphine of Flandrensis*.

**Art 5.1 § 3** The Grand Ducal House and Family shall be styled and known as the House and Family of *Saint Gilliens*, and that all the descendants in the



male and female line of Niels Vermeersch shall bear the said Name of *Saint Gilliens*.

**Art 5.2** The Grand Duke is inviolable, he cannot be forced to resign the throne.

**Art 5.3** The Grand Duke, or his appointed representative, is empowered to sign treaties with other nations.

**Art 5.3.1** Due to Art. 3.6 and Art 4.7, the Grand Duke may appoint and dismiss a Minister or Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

**Art 5.4** The Grand Duke appoints and dismisses his ministers and secretaries of state.

**Art 5.5** The Grand Duke is the commander-in-chief and bestows military ranks.

**Art 5.6** The Grand Duke appoints and dismisses ambassadors.

**Art 5.7** The Grand Duke has the right to implement and produce currency.

**Art 5.8** The Grand Duke has the right to bestow titles of nobility in corporation with the Flandrensiens Institute for Nobility & Heraldic.

**Art 5.9** The Grand Duke has the right to bestow military orders and heraldic titles in corporation with the Flandrensiens Institute for Nobility & Heraldic

**Art 5.10** The Grand Duke and members of the royal family have no right to financial provisions from the Government.

## **The throne**

**Art 5.12** The constitutional powers of Grand Duke are through the natural and legitimate offspring of the direct line of Grand Duke Niels I of Flandrensis and Grand Duchess Delphine of Flandrensis.

**Art 5.13** After the death of the Grand Duke the successor will be elected by a special royal college that consists out of all members of the royal family, the Grand Ducal Cabinet and all registered Flandrensiens nobles.

**Art 5.13 § 1** The heirs of the House of Saint Gilliens are the first entitled to the throne, after which are the descendants of the House of Le Grand.

**Art 5.14** The Grand Duke is of full age at sixteen years. If they accede prior to this age, the Grand Duchess or the Prime Minister of Flandrensis serves as their regent.

**Art 5.15** If, after the death of the Grand Duke, no successor has been officially appointed; the Throne remains vacant until the Cabinet appoints a successor according to Art. 5.13 § 1.

**Art 5.16** If the ruling head of state is unable to reign, the Grand Ducal Cabinet, immediately after the declaration of his or her inability, shall appoint a regent for a set amount of time. Only one regent may be appointed.

**Art. 5.17** The heir to the Flandrensiens throne bears the title of Duke / Duchess of Carney and Prince / Princess of Flandrensis. All other members of the House of Saint Gilliens and the House of Le Grand have the right to the title Prince / Princess of Flandrensis.

**Art 5.18** The Grand Duke carries no crown or other royal regalia. The Grand Duke and members of the royal family have the right to wear a ribbon in the national colors of Flandrensis.

**Art 5.19** The Grand Duke takes possession of the Throne after swearing the following oath before the Cabinet of Flandrensis:

*"I swear to observe the customs and laws of the Flandrensisian people, to defend the Constitution, and to maintain our country's independence and territorial integrity."*

## **6. THE GRAND DUCAL CABINET**

**Art 6.1** The Grand Duke is responsible for the legislation in all Flandrensisian territories. The Grand Duke is supported and advised by a Cabinet. The Cabinet consists of Ministers and Secretaries who are appointed by the head of state.

**Art 6.2** The Cabinet shall ensure the immediate civilian, democratic, transparent, and efficient exercise of its powers. It shall involve to the extent possible the public with policy, and ensure open government.

**Art 6.3** The Cabinet consists of a number of members who are active Flandrensisians and are willing to spend time in consultation together. They are appointed by the Grand Duke according to Art. 5.13

**Art 6.4** The Cabinet is the executive power in Flandrensis. The Cabinet is above all a chamber of reflection, where important social problems are examined.

**Art 6.5** A Minister or Secretary who wishes to resign their mandate shall inform the Prime Minister in writing. The resignation is final as soon as the Grand Duke is informed of it.

### **Ministers & Secretaries**

**Art 6.6** The Grand Ducal Cabinet can exist out of Flandrensisians with an official function: the "Prime Minister", the "Minister of Internal Affairs", the "Minister of Media & Communication", the "Minister of Multimedia", the "Minister of Finances & Economy", the "Minister of Antarctic affairs, environment & climate change", the "Minister of Culture", the "Minister of Justice, Human Rights, Diversity" and the "Minister of National Happiness". The Cabinet can also exist out of the "Secretary of Foreign Affairs", the "Secretary of Heraldry" and the Grand Duke can enlarge the Cabinet with Secretaries of State without an official competence. The Grand Duke, may appoint any minister or secretary as he sees fit. For any determined period.

**Art 6.7** The powers of the Ministers & secretaries are:

- To implement decisions of the Grand Ducal Cabinet according to their portfolio;
- To determine whether decisions made are appropriate to be implemented by the assigned minister.

### **Functioning of the Cabinet**

**Art 6.8** The Grand Duke is the Chairman of the Cabinet and has the right to delegate this office to a Minister of his choice.

**Art. 6.9** The Chairman of the Cabinet determines to convene the Cabinet and the agenda of the meeting. Ministers may add business to the agenda at least two days before the meeting. To this end, they deliver their proposal to the Secretary.

**Art 6.10** The announcement of a meeting of the Cabinet shall state at least the place, date, time and agenda of the meeting and include and list the proposals to be presented. The agenda must be sufficiently clear. Each item on the agenda shall be made available to all Ministers.

**Art 6.11** The Chairman of the Cabinet chairs its meetings and declares them open and closed.

**Art 6.12** Each meeting of the Cabinet shall be public except when:

- It discusses matters that affect privacy. When such an issue arises, the Chairman shall recommend a closed session.
- The Cabinet by two-thirds majority decides to treat a matter in a closed session in the interest of public order or because of serious public objections.
- It discusses matters of national security.

**Art 6.13** The Chairman of the Cabinet is responsible for maintaining order at meetings. He or she may, after giving prior warning, remove any spectator who openly expresses approval or disapproval of proposals or causes disorder in any way.

**Art. 6.14** The Cabinet shall meet as often as a need within its jurisdiction arises.

## 7. CULTURE

### National symbols

**Art 7.1** The national colors of Flandrensis are red, white, black, and yellow.

**Art 7.2** The Flandrensiian flag consists of three horizontal stripes: red, white, and black. The white field contains the Flandrensiian arms.

**Art. 7.2 § 1** On 24 July 2010, a patent was taken on the national flag of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis. Commercialization or reuse of the flag without the consent of the patent holder (the Flandrensiian State) is prohibited.

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**Art 7. 3** The Flandrensiian coat of arms consists of two reclining lions sable on a gold field.

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**Art 7.4** The penguin is the national animal of Flandrensis.

### **Language**

**Art 7.5** The national languages are Dutch / Flemish and English.

### **National anthem**

**Art 7.6** The national anthem of Flandrensis is *Long Live Flandrensis* and is composed by Anil Altinsoy of the Conservatorium of Izmir (2015).

### **Holidays**

**Art 7.7** The national holiday of Flandrensis is 4 September.

**Art 7.8** Flandrensis has 2 holidays to celebrate micronationalism: Emperor Norton Day (8 January) and MacGregor Day (4 December).

**Art 7.9** Flandrensis has 3 environmental holidays: Penguin Awareness Day (20 January), World Penguin Day (25 April) and World Environment Day (05 June)

**Art 7.10** All the holidays of the Roman Catholic Church are recognized by Flandrensis.

**Art 7.11** Labour Day on 01 May is a national holiday in Flandrensis.

### **Events**

**Art 7.12** The Grand Duchy cannot be held responsible for any accidents or damage caused by civilians during official activities.

## **8. JUSTICE**

### **Court**

**Art. 8.1** The Chief Justice is the supreme judge and representative of the judiciary. When he or she is personal involved in the case the Minister of Justice, Human Rights, Diversity may appoint a replacement.

**Art. 8.1 § 1** The Chief Justice is appointed by the Grand Ducal Cabinet for the period of 1 legislature.

**Art. 8.1 § 2** The Chief Justice will deliver the final judgement to the Grand Ducal Cabinet who announce the punishment.

**Art. 8.2** Everyone charged with a crime is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a public trial at which they have been granted all that is necessary for a good defense.

**Art. 8.3** Only that which is prohibited by law is punishable.

**Art. 8.4** The highest punishment is the revoking of citizenship, which may be temporary or permanent. The punishment is pronounced by the Grand Ducal Cabinet.

**Art. 8.5** Flandrensiens have the right to appeal to the Minister of Justice, Human Rights, Diversity.

**Art. 8.6** Only the Grand Duke may grant amnesty.

**Art. 8.6 § 1** Grants of amnesty can only be granted to citizens who have committed crimes against the Flandrensian State and Constitution.

## **Penal code**

**Art. 8.7** Flandrensiens who deliberately cause psychological or physiological damage to their fellow citizens shall be revoked their citizenship.

**Art. 8.8** All forms of cybercrime are prohibited in Flandrensis.

**Art. 8.9** The freedom of expression is limited by law with regard to scornful language, inciting hatred, insulting officials, and spreading lies.

**Art. 8.10** Under Art. 2.2, Flandrensis prohibits discrimination on the basis of the following criteria: age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, religion or belief, marital status, birth, wealth, political convictions, language, current or future state of health, physical or genetic characteristics, and social origin.

**Art. 8.11** The distribution of state secrets outside of Flandrensis is prohibited. The Grand Duke has the power to declare what is a state secret.

## **9. NATIONAL SECURITY**

**Art 9.1** The Flandrensian defense contains two subdivisions: the F.S.I.S. (Flandrensis Secret Intelligence Service) and the F.N.A.F. (Flandrensian National Army Forces).

### **Defense**

**Art. 9.2** The commander-in-chief of the F.N.A.F. is the Grand Duke. The Minister of National Safety carries the rank of Major-General.

**Art 9.2 § 1** Due to Art. 9.4 concerning permanent neutrality, the Flandrensian military is purely symbolic in nature.

**Art. 9.3** The F.N.A.F. consists entirely of volunteers, with ranks given by the Grand Duke.

**Art. 9.4** Flandrensis is a neutral country and preserves its neutrality in any conflict between other nations.

**Art. 9.5** Flandrensis condemns micronational wars and refuses to participate in them. The only exception to Flandrensianness is when another country seeks to cause physical and psychological damage to the Flandrensianness and State.

**Art. 9.6** Flandrensis condemns the use of illegal Internet activities for the purposes of espionage or conflict. If these practices are used to inflict harm, Flandrensis will notify the competent authorities of the country of origin.

### **Secret Service**

**Art. 9.7** The F.S.I.S. is responsible for the national security of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis. The Secret Service has the sole purpose of collecting information on individuals and other micronations regarding possible threats and foreign opinion of Flandrensis.

**Art. 9.8** The identities of the agents are completely secret from each other. Only the Grand Duke and Prime Minister know who is working in the F.S.I.S.. This secret service is active on the intermicronational level and is separate from the F.N.A.F.

## **10. NOBILITY AND TITLES**

**Art 10.1** Due to Art. 5.8 and Art 5.9, the Grand Duke has the right to bestow titles of nobility and awards.

**Art 10.1 § 1** Noble titles and awards are granted on Flandrensis Day, 04 September. The Grand Duke can give titles to everybody who contributes to the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis or the Antarctic environment. This contribution can exist of actions of words. The Grand Duchy of Flandrensis doesn't sell any title.

**Art 10.1 § 2** Due to Art. 4.22 new citizens pledge to protect the Earth, respect the environment and all living things and to wear the Flandrensianness with pride. Therefore every Flandrensianness citizen holds the title "Knight in the Order of the Melting Mountain", a worldwide initiative of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis to create awareness for global warming and its impact on our world and lives.

**Art 10.1 § 3** Following titles can be granted to Flandrensianness citizens or foreign micronationalists:

- Knight in the Order of the Melting Mountain: for all citizens of Flandrensis;
- Knight Grand Cross in the Order of the Melting Mountain: for Flandrensianness citizens, foreign micronationalists, scientists and everyone who contributes to Flandrensis, micronationalism or the protection of Antarctica.
- Baron / Count of Flandrensis: the highest award for Flandrensianness for a long time activity or extraordinary achievement. Due to Art. 5.13 they are member of the special Royal Council to elect the successor of the Grand Duke.

**Art 10.2** All Flandrensianness titles are juridical not recognized by international laws. Therefore titles cannot be used on official documents of the country of origin. The Flandrensianness titles are only legitimate in Flandrensis and the micronational community.

**Art 10.3** Flandrensiian titles of nobility, honors and ranks do not confer land grants, pensions or payments of any kind, nor rights of settlement, privileges or extraordinary treatment by the Crown or State of Flandrensis.

**Art 10.4** All Flandrensiians have the right to wear a personal coat of arms. These coat of arms need to be registered in the Flandrensiian Institute of Nobility & Heraldry.

## **11. NATIONAL BANK OF FLANDRENSIS**

**Art 11.1** The National Bank of Flandrensis is dedicated to providing diverse investment solutions to meet the evolving needs of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis. The National Bank is only a partner from the government and cannot deliver services to citizens. The Grand Duke and the Minister of Finances & Economy are responsible for the management of the National Bank.

**Art 11.2** The National Bank of Flandrensis will publish an annual report with a complete summary of all costs and expenses of the past year.

**Art 11.3** The National Bank of Flandrensis can only make financial transactions after a positive advice from the Grand Ducal Cabinet.

## **12. COPYRIGHT AND INTELLECTUAL PROTECTION**

**Art 12.1** On 24 July 2010, a patent was taken on the name, the national symbols and the intellectual concept of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis.

**Art 12.2** Commercialization or reuse without the consent of the patent holder (the Flandrensiian State) is prohibited.

**Art 12.3** Any appropriation of the identity of the micronation Flandrensis is forbidden.

## **13. FINAL PROVISIONS**

This Constitution is in force from the date of its entry into force until its repeal.

This Constitution shall enter into force on the day after the signing of this law. The signature shall be submitted to the Grand Ducal Cabinet for inspection and approval.

All articles of this Constitution are equal in importance. There is no hierarchy of importance among the articles. The Constitution stands above all other law in Flandrensis.

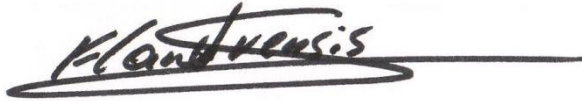
This law may be cited as the Constitution.

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I order and command that this Constitution be published on the website of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis, and that all ministries, authorities, bodies, and officials whom it may concern implement it precisely.

Done at the

Flandrensiian Embassy in in the Kingdom of Belgium , 14 May 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niels of Flandrensis', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

HRM Grand Duke Niels of Flandrensis

