



## **PROCLAMATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF TARTUPALUK**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Reigning Prince of Tartupaluk, expressing the will of the people of the Principality of Tartupaluk, who unanimously authorize him to do so; aware of his responsibility for the destiny of the nation; reaffirming his respect for the dignity and the rights of all people residing in the territory of the Principality; expressing his respect for the sovereign rights of all the peoples of the world; considering the Principality a full and independent member of the world community; acting in conformity with the principles of universally recognized international legal instruments hereby solemnly proclaims:

The full State sovereignty and independence of the Principality of Tartupaluk;

The appropriation by the Principality of territory which at the time of this Proclamation is neither actually subject nor recognized by the world community as being subject to the sovereignty of any other State;

The current effective and constructive occupation and use of this territory by the people of the Principality of Tartupaluk and the intention of the Principality to continue to settle and to possess this territory and to do so permanently and within a reasonable period of inchoate title, taking into consideration the extant technological challenges to establishing persistent and continuous colonization of the territory;

The supremacy and absolute effective control of the Principality within its territory;

The establishment of an efficient State Government of the Principality, the investiture of the Prince of Tartupaluk as its Head of State, and the enforcement of its Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms of its people;

The competence of the laws of this Government and the effectiveness of its authority;

The independence of the Principality in foreign relations;

And declares his determination to secure universal recognition of the Principality of Tartupaluk by the world community as an international legal entity committed to the preservation and promotion of human dignity and the rule of law for all peoples throughout the world.



## ARTICLE I

The Principality of Tartupaluk has proclaimed its sovereignty and independence and has assumed actual jurisdiction over its territory. Wherefore, the Principality of Tartupaluk as an international legal entity, in the full sense of the term, and in conformity with principles of the unification of sovereign States, seeks association with other States and membership and participation in alliances of States or nations. The sovereignty and the independence of the Principality must be understood as a condition of its entering into integrational processes within the frameworks of such alliances. Moreover, the Principality will strictly adhere to the founding documents, declarations, and other acts of all alliances of States or nations or other international bodies to which it is admitted, as well as to other international treaties to which it becomes a Contracting Party.

The establishment of the Principality of Tartupaluk as a sovereign and independent State on the bases of the right to self-determination and the belief that State sovereignty is the best vehicle to realize the aspirations of a people is not an act against any foreign political unit. The Principality wishes to exercise its right to sovereignty and to association with other sovereign States in a peaceful manner by mutual agreement, through talks and dialogue, in conformity with the standards of the international community, which means that all future relationships with foreign States or alliances of nations or States regarding the territory of the Principality of Tartupaluk should stand on democratic principles, without changing the external borders of the territory of the Principality, which shall from the time of this Proclamation be unchangeable except by consent of the Principality.

## ARTICLE 2

The Principality of Tartupaluk as a sovereign and independent State hereby proclaims:

That the constitution of no other sovereign and independent State is now in force on the territory of the Principality of Tartupaluk, being the contiguous land mass located at approximately 80°49'41" N , 66°38'46" W in the Nares Strait. The Principality of Tartupaluk has succeeded in assuming actual rule on its territory. The procedure has been completed without encroaching on the internationally recognized territorial rights of other sovereign and independent States.

That it is prepared to enter into negotiations regarding the possible forms of association with the States with the territories of which the Principality shares water boundaries. On the basis of mutual recognition, the Principality of Tartupaluk is prepared immediately to initiate talks in order to reach an agreement on an association of sovereign States on the territorial waters surrounding Tartupaluk. Within this association, member States would be free to pursue their joint economic, political, international, and other interests. The reaching of such an agreement, or at least a joint declaration of the desire to reach such an agreement, would guarantee that the process of assuming authority in the territorial waters surrounding Tartupaluk for the purposes of its protection and the process constituting an association of the member States would not cause undue conflict.

With reference to and in compliance with Article 2(2) of the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Government of Canada relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Greenland and Canada of 17 December 1973, the Principality of Tartupaluk recognizes and agrees to respect the sovereignty claims of the Kingdom of Denmark and Canada in all waters in the vicinity of the territory of the Principality except for the waters of the heretofore non-delimited area spanning the Nares Strait between geodesic lines approximately as follows: that line intersecting the point 80°49'2" N, 66°29'0" W and perpendicular to the geodesic line segment connecting 80°45'0" N, 67°07'7" W to 80°49'2" N, 66°29'0" W; and that line intersecting the point 80°49'8" N, 66°26'3" W and perpendicular to the geodesic line segment connecting 80°49'8" N, 66°26'3" W to 80°50'5" N, 66°16'0" W. The Government of the Principality of Tartupaluk is prepared immediately to initiate talks with the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark and with the Government of Canada in order to reach bilateral agreements on the delimitation, in accordance with the principles of the Convention on the Continental Shelf of 29 April 1958, of the territorial waters of Tartupaluk within the area thus described.

All persons residing at the time of this Proclamation in the territory of the Principality of Tartupaluk or the waters of the non-delimited area surrounding it as described herein shall have the right to citizenship of the Principality if they desire it and request it from the Prince or the Government of the Principality.

All outstanding issues such as the restoration of foreign property within the territory of the Principality of Tartupaluk at the time of this Proclamation will be dealt with in a special agreement jointly reached by the Principality of Tartupaluk and the corresponding foreign bodies.

### ARTICLE 3

In its capacity as an international legal entity, the Principality of Tartupaluk pledges to:

Respect all the principles of international law. The Principality of Tartupaluk will honour its international financial obligations towards other States and international organizations; ensure the free flow of goods, services and people across its borders; and ensure the uninterrupted flow of transport and communication on its territory and in its territorial waters.

Observe faithfully and strictly the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on the bases of equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of all States, and respect for the sovereign rights of all peoples and their territorial integrity.

Endeavour to gain the approval of the international community regarding this Proclamation of Sovereignty and Independence of the Principality of Tartupaluk and to establish or to improve economic, cultural, political, financial, and other ties with the international community. Furthermore, the Principality of Tartupaluk seeks legal recognition from all countries which respect democratic principles and the right of all nations to self-determination. The Principality of Tartupaluk also anticipates that the international community will use its influence to contribute to the demarcation of territorial water boundaries surrounding its territory and thus contribute to the multilateral and peaceful implementation of the decision to create the sovereign and independent State of the Principality of Tartupaluk.

## ARTICLE 4

The Principality of Tartupaluk is a legal entity and a social State, the environment of which is suitable for a market economy. The Principality pledges to observe human rights and civil liberties, the special rights of autonomous nationalities, as well as the achievements of industrial, technological, and social progress and the freedom of association in a civil society. The Principality guarantees that political or other forms of persuasion will not be used as a basis for instigating inequality or discrimination of any kind. The Principality further pledges to solve all contentious internal and external issues in a peaceful, non-violent manner and to strive to improve co-operation, on an equal footing, with all countries and citizens of the world where the people, regions, nations, and States are free and equal under the law.

Signed at Suursaq on 13 August 2006 by order and in behalf of the people of the Principality.

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His Serene Highness Prince Cavan of Tartupaluk, van Ulft