



## The Constitution of Kerblakistan

The old government of Kerblakistan is in shambles and Kerblakistan is on the verge of a major secession from Moltara, which would result in Kerblakistan losing a third of its territory, which would mean losing 70% of its farmland and some valuable land that had materials for the industrial sector. A constitutional convention has been held on November 14th, 2022, and concluded on December 2nd, 2022. Muhammad Abargil, the leader of the majority Kerblak Populist Party (KPP) made a speech at 2:45 PM, on the following day announcing what the future of Kerblakistan will look like for the Kerblaks under the new bipartisan constitution. The constitution was constructed with help from the opposing parties the Kerblak Labour Party (KLP) as well as the Moltara Liberation Party (MLP) and has received approval from the dominant church leaders of Kerblakistan. The new constitution has high hopes from both sides, as secession will result in an economically crippled Kerblakistan and a Moltara that doesn't have well-established allies to trade for necessary resources. The speech has been transcribed, translated, and divided into headings as follows:

### 1. Speech Introduction

Hello to my fellow Kerblaks. You all have gathered here today in hopes of a greater Kerblakistan. A country in which every Kerblak regardless of their religion, class, or ethnicity can take pride in their country. Many bright and intelligent leaders that some of you may support and some not, have come together, putting aside our biases, in order to create a constitution that will withstand the test of time, opposition, and conflict. I wanted to discuss some of the main points of the constitution and how it will affect the average Kerblak's day-to-day life. Nothing we can do will be a perfect constitution, as it is up to us to make the constitution run perfectly, although I have great faith that we Kerblaks have had enough conflict and that most will agree with the idea of doing everything we can to make this work. Let us listen to what we hope is a constitution that will provide a fruitful future for our children, grandchildren, and many generations to come.

### 2. Rights and Freedoms

Many countries around the world have varying opinions when it comes to group-based rights. The most successful countries can either have none, or some countries have many. We have decided to reduce the group-based rights to protect three main groups in Kerblakistan. First and foremost, we want the future of Kerblakistan to not be hindered by language barriers, so we have put a heavy focus on linguistic group-based rights. The previous government had failed partly due to too many group-based rights, and due to that mistake, we are going to push for little linguistic problems federally and allow local governments to act on the details. This will include things such as any federal documents being available in Kerbish and Molvanian, and our educational systems being offered in any primary language with a required curriculum in a secondary domestic language. As for the labor force, there shall be no discrimination

based on language, we want to pursue a united labor force to expand our reach in the economic field. We hope to see a labor force and educational system free of language divides which will soon result in less poverty and a middle class that has more employment and a higher quality of life for all Kerblaks. We also want to extend rights to any religious persons, by supporting the freedom of religion. No government in Kerblakistan can interfere with the citizens' belief in their religion. Lastly, every citizen of Kerblakistan, regardless of their ancestry, will be guaranteed the right to work in safe conditions and the right to own property. Economic rights are difficult to maintain, but we think that every citizen of Kerblakistan has the right to choose work with safe conditions for a house they can live in. The government of Kerblakistan will work for the citizens to ensure these rights stand for a long time to come and that these rights raise the average quality of life of Kerblaks around the country.

### 3. System of Government

The new system of government for Kerblakistan will primarily be federal. Kerblakistan is a diverse country with many different beliefs, ethnicities, and languages. Creating a unitary government that could adapt and responds quickly to all the differences of our citizens would be impossible and would most likely result in a dictatorship or another failed government. By instituting a federal government, we hope to be able to respond to problems that affect every Kerblak with our strong central government and to address more minor local issues with our trustworthy local governments. The country of Kerblakistan shall be divided into 12 districts, with each district having its own smaller government. All these districts will be semi-autonomous and have leeway to make their own quick decisions with certain matters. We have not forgotten the ethnic minorities in this constitution, and because you matter in this new constitution, you will have a semi-autonomous district in which you will have your own civil liberties, along with help from the federal government to remain a united Kerblakistan. The federal government's exclusive powers shall be postal services, any form of foreign conflicts or trade, coining money, and creating federal laws that will apply to every district equally. The concurrent powers shall be to make and enforce laws, handle the judicial system, and regulate taxes and banks. The district's powers shall be regulating trade between other districts, public education, elections, and protecting the health and safety of its citizens. The districts shall also have any powers not given to the federal government or denied to the districts. This distribution of powers shall ensure that no matter how diverse our country is, and how diverse our conflicts will be, we shall have a local government ready to respond to the problems quickly and a federal government to protect any district that either reaches foreign conflict or has trouble adjusting.

### 4. Regime Type

Kerblakistan will be a parliamentary system going forward. During the constitutional convention there were many supporters of a presidential system, although, in the end, we ultimately decided on a parliamentary system to ensure that the prime minister will always be someone with experience, and someone whose party holds a majority in the legislature. We also decided it would be best to avoid presidential, as electing a bad

candidate can lead to a lame-duck president that cannot leave office unless they resign or commit a crime, which would essentially repeat our past mistakes. We want a trustworthy parliament, elected only by Kerblakistan citizens that will bring forward a strong prime minister, and for the said prime minister to always be held accountable, and removable at any time through a vote of no confidence. With this in place, never again shall Kerblakistan have a weak-kneed leader doing nothing as an executive and standing by as our beautiful country is in free fall. The prime minister shall be our figurehead executive and said prime minister shall select members of their cabinet to watch over various branches of government. They can advise the prime minister on certain key decisions as well as make said decisions themselves should the prime minister give them the liberty to do so. The prime minister will be our strong executive, and they are responsible for handling foreign relations, as well as selecting and removing cabinet members. A key role of the prime minister shall be to keep the peace with the differing views of the legislature, which will surely be plentiful. The parliamentary shall always diplomatically solve their solutions, and the prime minister shall be holding regular meetings to ensure that diplomacy prevails. We have high hopes that Kerblakistan will be able to adapt to any problem given this system and respond quickly to crises no matter how big or small.

## 5. Legislative Branch

As I mentioned earlier, there will indeed be a house in which the legislature will reside. To further explain, there will be an upper house and a lower house for a bicameral legislature. Kerblakistan is a very diverse country both linguistically and ethnically. We want to make sure that those who are representing the citizens will be able to bring many viewpoints to the table and that everyone will be heard. We believe that a bicameral legislature will fulfill its duty by quickly acting on issues and being sure to act as a check on each other, as well as the prime minister. Our upper house shall be referred to as the Garrison, and the lower house shall be referred to as the Commons. Both houses will have equal powers, and neither will be able to overpower the other. Our symmetrical legislature shall be of the people, by the people, for the people, and it will be able to contain and discuss the many viewpoints that exist within the diverse Kerblakistan. As I also stated before, the legislature shall be able to remove an unpopular executive through a constructive vote of no confidence, whilst also instating a new executive to perform the will of the people. The executive shall be making his own decisions in his role as an executive whilst maintaining peace in our legislature, to ensure that all disputes are quelled, or compromised. This is all in the pursuit of a healthy balance of power between the executive and the legislature. With the balance of power between the branches, Kerblakistan will not be vulnerable to a dictator easily taking power for himself.

## 6. Elections and Electoral System

The constitution we have drafted does discuss how our elections will give us our leaders, however since we desired the districts to be semi-autonomous, the districts will all have certain liberties on how they conduct their elections. The constitution does state

that every district will send two members to the Garrison, resulting in 24 members of the upper house, and how many members of the Commons each district will have will depend on the population of said district. For example, our capital, Donkut, has a population of about 2.9 million, and so the number of members of the Commons this district will send is roughly thirty. Since the goal of this constitution was to make every district semi-autonomous, we have decided to allow every district to decide on its own what electoral system it will employ. The only mandate of this constitution is that the elections be regularly held on December 28th every three years. During these elections, the citizens are to vote for their preferred representatives for their district for both the lower and upper houses. As of right now, every district is under the guidance of a temporary district manager. Most are members of the constitutional convention who signed our new constitution. They will manage and run the elections in each district for the coming elections at the end of December. Please be ready with a form of Kerblakistan ID to vote for your representatives, as well as a district manager. The constitution will not require that certain groups be guaranteed legislative seats, the reason being that we are confident in the distribution of districts and that every Kerblak will be represented in the legislature. Molvanians and Slobovians will surely have representation in the legislature, we have heard your pleas and we hope to be a united Kerblakistan in which every party can be satisfied with what Kerblakistan can provide. The goal is that every citizen whether they be a Kerblak, Molvanian, or Slobovian can be proud of their country, and I have the utmost confidence that this constitution will do just that.

## 7. Speech Conclusion

It may be a trying time here in Kerblakistan, and many are most likely uneasy about the future of Kerblakistan. I would like to conclude my speech with reassurance for every Kerblakistan that feels this way. As someone who was present at the constitutional convention and was working with individuals who had near opposite viewpoints to mine, I know that in that room, everyone wanted nothing more than to reach an understanding. Many of the members of the constitutional convention will be running for some form of office, myself included. Whether they be running for either house or as district manager, I know that all the runners will be passionate about making the constitution work and making changes for the better that the previous government left us without. The moment that the legislature is in session and at work, they will meet to appoint a prime minister based on what the will of the people desires. This new government is not going to sit around and watch Kerblaks fight against each other, and the country tears itself apart. Thank you for allowing me the time to speak today, may Kerblakistan prosper and the lives of every Kerblak improve under this new constitution, under this new government, and under this new mindset of every Kerblak.