

## **Press Statement**

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## Statement on the Ongoing Situation in Excelsior and the Recent Diplomatic Developments

SUNSET STATE. - The Republic of Soundland unequivocally condemns the egregious self-coup and establishment of a military junta orchestrated by the administration of the United Federation of the Terra Excelsior Republic.

On December 28th, Excelsior's President and Chancellor executed a self-coup, dissolving the existing government and forming a military junta with themselves as leaders. They subsequently conducted arbitrary arrests of citizens and, in absentia, arrested representatives and members of foreign governments, including the President and Secretary of State of Soundland. The junta further declared all treaties signed with the previous government null and void.

In response to these actions, the Republic of Soundland has taken decisive measures, severing all diplomatic ties with Excelsior. All Excelsioran diplomats have been expelled from Soundlandian social platforms, and the President declared all members of the junta persona non grata. In retaliation, the junta rescinded all recognition of the Republic of Soundland, in addition to voiding the mutual recognition treaty signed last July.

The actions taken by the new military junta of Excelsior demonstrate a shocking disregard for international customs, democratic principles, human rights, and the rule of law. The unilateral dissolution of the government, along with reported arrests of elected officials in absentia and the annulment of established treaties, not only violate diplomatic norms but also pose a significant threat to regional stability.

The Republic of Soundland condemns these actions unequivocally, viewing them as a direct affront to shared values within the global community. Such regressive measures undermine the foundation of democratic governance, dismantle trust built through diplomatic channels, and jeopardize the rights and freedoms of the people within Excelsior. The Republic of Soundland calls upon the international community to condemn these violations and advocate for the swift restoration of democratic governance in Excelsior.

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