

ENLIGHTENED REPUBLIC OF PURRISTAN

There was once a nation called Purristan in the human world. Over time, it became a republic, and elected their Great Leader, Chairman Meow. He led the Republic of Purristan to the greatest of social achievements: utopia via political, economic, and cultural enlightenment. When Purristan achieved utopia, it could no longer exist in this imperfect world, so dominated by the failings of human civilization. As a result, the nation-state transcended the temporal world at the moment of enlightenment. However, many Purristanis continue to reside in this world, mostly as a hobby, employing indentured human servants to cater to their every need. Purristanis found in the human world are commonly referred to as "domestic" cats; though they are all, in fact, enlightened citizens of Purristan. These citizens have the efficacy and aptitude to cross back and forth between worlds at will, often returning to Purristan when left unobserved by unenlightened human eyes. They often bring items back with them, such as a single sock or fuzzy ball.

After achieving utopia and transcending the spatial and temporal limits of the human world, the great and glorious Purristan no longer needed the institutions of government familiar to mankind. Nevertheless, Purristan culturally retained many legacies of the traditional nation-state, including its flag and national anthem. With so many Purristani expatriates in the temporal human world, they have continued the tradition of observing firsthand how humans remain unable to achieve their own enlightenment. Frustrated by the failures they saw all around them, yet also optimistic of the potential of human progress, many Purristanis believed their human counterparts could achieve enlightenment if given the right tools and inspiration from His Eminence, Chairman Meow. These citizens chose to appeal to their Guiding Light – He who led the republic toward utopia and proven Philosopher King – to return to the temporal world and set about trying to bring enlightenment to the humans. To achieve this mighty and magnanimous goal, He decreed the formation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, transferred to it the former Purristani national treasury, reformed the Felis-Catus Union Party, and appointed many of the most notable and accomplished of Purristanis to assist Him in working toward this Grand Objective: to bring enlightenment to the human world.

This new Purristani temporal government, embodied in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has no geographic location here. Though staff and officials are able to freely commute between worlds, the unenlightened, such as humans, cannot. For this reason, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is both a diplomatic mission (seeking to establish embassies and consulates, establish formal diplomatic relations with human states, and handle documentation and other citizen matters) and exists as the official legal representation of the Enlightened Republic of Purristan – known in this realm as the Temporal Crossover Observer State of Purristan. The Temporal Crossover Observer State of Purristan presently exists on the internet – until appropriate temporal facilities are found. The Temporal Observer State, being only a political entity as recognized by international human law, as opposed to a geographically-bound state found on a map, is organized differently than the spatially transcended utopia of Purristan itself.