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The Republic of Coltana

1. The Republic of Coltana ("**Coltana**") is a small but prosperous nation located on the coast of the Indian Ocean. Coltana is known around the world for its strong cultural and historical heritage. It houses various ancient temples, majestic forts and beautiful palaces that provide a glimpse into the country's rich past. In fact, there are many locations throughout Coltana that have been recognised as UNESCO World Heritage sites. This includes its capital city, Legolas which is home to the remnants of the Arkadian civilisation which is one of the earliest civilisations in history. Over the years, Coltana has leveraged its strong cultural heritage and beautiful natural landscapes to become a global leader in tourism, making its tourism industry the main contributor to its economy.
2. Aside from tourism, Coltana's economy is also supported by its agriculture, energy, and shipping industry. As of 2022, Coltana has a GDP of USD505 billion. Coltana is also known as a modern-day "pantheon" as it is home to some of the leading scholars, intellectuals, and experts in science, economics, literature, and law. The source of attraction of these geniuses is Coltana's heavy investment in education and research as well as its world-class universities and financial institutions which helped to produce a highly skilled workforce for Coltana. Historically, Coltana is a former British colony which explains its adoption of the British common law in its legal system.

The Majestic Kingdom of Radostan

3. The Majestic Kingdom of Radostan ("**Radostan**") is a diverse and vibrant country located in the heart of South Asia. It is home to a population of approximately 150 million people, making it one of the most populous nations in Asia. The country covers an area of around 475,000 square kilometres, ranging from tropical rainforests in the east to mountainous terrain in the north. Radostan is known in modern culture as the "Wakanda" of Asia after the discovery in the early 90s of various technologically advanced ancient cities which have been buried underneath its capital city, Aragorn. The Radostanian explorers also discovered numerous ancient technology such as automata robots, advanced weapons, analogue computers, and steampunk vehicles.
4. In the past, Radostan had successfully resisted all forms of invasion, occupation and colonisation earning the nickname "Unshaken Land of Asia". Radostan remains a constitutional monarchy that adopts the British common law system which can be

attributed to Radostan's strong bilateral trade relations with the British Empire which began circa 1888. Radostan has a rapidly growing economy which is diverse and driven predominantly by its tech sector. As of 2022, Radostan has a GDP of around USD 1.5 trillion and houses some of the leading tech and internet companies in the world making it the global leader in the field of technology and innovation.

The Battle of Borbana

5. Before the start of World War II (WWII), Coltana existed as a divided nation, with separate rulers governing its eastern and western territories. The eastern regions were under the control of Matic Gilgamesh, while his younger sister Stefka Gilgamesh held sway over the western territories. Despite being siblings, the two rulers held vastly different political beliefs, with Matic leaning towards right-wing ideologies and Stefka gravitating towards left-wing ideologies. As a result of their opposing views, the two could not come to a mutual understanding and often have disagreements and conflicts. Their contrasting political views often resulted in clashes, with the siblings regularly engaging in heated public debates over the direction and future of Coltana. Both factions sought to settle the longstanding conflict over the future of Coltana through violent means, using WWII as an opportunity to engage in battles that would ultimately determine the direction of the nation.
6. During WWII, there were numerous violent confrontations between the two factions, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of civilians and military personnel. The conflict reached its climax during the Battle of Borbana on February 2, 1944, where both sides fought fiercely at the border of western and eastern Coltana, resulting in the loss of thousands of lives. During this battle, King Churai of Radostan had provided military and financial support to the Matic-led eastern front, which further aggravated the relationship between Matic and Stefka and caused Stefka's rage and frustration to boil over. In a vengeful act of retaliation, Stefka ordered the bombing of the Glass Palace, an ancient structure located in the heart of Radostan's capital. The palace which was significantly damaged contained a treasure trove of ancient Radostanian manuscripts, maps, and other invaluable documents that shed light on the country's rich history and culture. Political commentators noted that this event further exacerbated the already tense political climate in the region and the repercussions of the bombing would be felt for years to come.

A Novel Direction

7. Despite Matic's external support, the Stefka-led western front emerged victorious, forcing Matic to surrender control of the eastern region. Consequently, the whole of Coltana fell under the rule of Stefka. As for Matic, he was charged with war crimes and

sentenced to death by the House of Gilgamesh. After the end of WWII, Stefka abolished the monarchy system in Coltana thereby establishing Coltana as a unified Republic. Stefka later formed the Democratic Progressive Party (“DPP”) and ordered for a general election to be held. In a surprise move, former Matic loyalists formed the Order of the Black Hand (“OBH”), a right-wing nationalist political party dedicated to upholding the political ideologies of their former leader. In the general election, DPP secured majority seats in the Coltana parliament and Stefka was elected President. Despite losing, the OBH party also won a large number of seats, establishing itself as a significant political force and opposition in the country.

8. During the presidential inauguration ceremony, hundreds of scholars in Coltana marched in a protest demanding that President Stefka apologise and rectify the destruction caused to the Glass Palace calling it a “*devastating cultural and intellectual destruction*”. On the same day, King Churai threatened to submit a complaint to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and invited Coltana to refer the destruction of the Glass Palace to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as he is confident of getting a ruling in favour of Radostan. The western allies of Radostan also made similar calls and remarks against President Stefka. Sensing a potential political mileage, the leaders of OBH also took to the streets to condemn the conduct of President Stefka. The solidarity shown by the leaders of OBH received widespread support from Radostani leaders. One senior member of the Radostani administration remarked that ‘*there are still many friends in Coltana*’.
9. Eventually, President Stefka succumbed to the great international pressure and visited Radostan to make peace and offered a public apology. In exchange for the damage caused, the two nations signed the Coltana-Radostan Memorandum of Understanding (CRMOU) whereby Coltana is to provide, among others, assistance in rebuilding the Glass Palace as well as offering “*intellectual collaboration*” by connecting King Churai’s administration with some of the brightest minds in Coltana. In return, Radostan is to invest and sell arms and weapons to Coltana. Shortly after the CRMOU was signed, President Stefka passed away and her young mentee, Loli Lalan rose to power.

The Birth of Olaf

10. The CRMOU proved to be an important instrument as it has led to a myriad of collaborations between Coltana and Radostan benefiting both nations in the process. In 2005, Radostan became the global leader in technology and began a series of research and development (RnD) in artificial intelligence (AI) as well as advanced arms and weapon technology. This initiative was spearheaded by none other than Prime Minister Kenchana Yodwicha – a young and brilliant engineer with a double degree in law and engineering who had made a name for himself in the arms industry before

joining politics. The Yodwicha-led government invested billions for the purposes of this initiative and within the span of 10 years, Radostan was able to produce various autonomous weapons systems (AWS) and emerged as the leading exporter of high-tech arms and weapons.

11. As part of his visionary plans for the country, Prime Minister Yodwicha further launched Project Olaf in 2015 to create the world's first super-intelligent and independent AI lawyer and judge. Olaf represents Yodwicha's plans to advance legal systems and improve access to justice. The project was a massive undertaking that required significant amount of time, resources, and expertise to bring to fruition. To ensure the success of Project Olaf, Prime Minister Yodwicha invited President Lalan of Coltana to participate in the project through the CRMOU. The collaboration with Coltana was a smart move, as it allowed Radostan to tap into the knowledge and expertise of some of the world's top legal scholars, lawyers, and judges from Coltana. The delegation from Coltana assisted in many different stages of structuring Olaf including designing the architecture of the AI system, collecting, and analysing vast amounts of data as well as providing legal training to Olaf. Machine learning was a critical component of the project, as it allowed Olaf to continuously learn and improve over time, becoming more and more intelligent and efficient at handling and solving legal issues.
12. In July 2020, Project Olaf was completed, and Olaf went into full operation and quickly emerged as the most sought-after independent provider of legal services and legal advice. Olaf was dubbed as a "trustworthy robot" by various international media and was engaged to represent various private and governmental entities to argue on a diverse range of legal disputes. Olaf had also on numerous occasions acted as counsel or arbitrator in complex international and domestic arbitrations. In fact, due to their participation in this successful project, Coltana's Ministry of Technology had stated that there are plans in Coltana to recognise Olaf as a super-intelligent human person fixated to an advanced robotic body. At all material times, Olaf was under the ownership and management of Oracle Corporation ("**Oracle Corp**"), a private entity in Radostan. Coltana was granted access but on a limited basis to the said software to allow its tech scholars to train, study and carry out research on Olaf.
13. However, Olaf's capabilities were not limited to the courtroom. In a stunning display of its self-learning abilities, Olaf had taken to publishing alerts and legal insights on its own website and social media accounts, including Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok. At first, the world was amazed by Olaf's insights and perspectives on topics such as law, finance, and politics. But soon, the international media began to take notice of the AI's "seemingly unusual behaviour". Some of Olaf's publications and postings were deemed "overly supportive and defensive" of Radostan's domestic

and international conduct and policies, sparking a heated debate across the globe about whether Olaf is in fact independent or influenced by Radostan.

14. In response, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Oracle Corp, Jimmy Neutrain denies what he calls “unsubstantiated allegations” and maintained that Olaf is independent in its views. Neutrain had explained in one of his interviews that *“Olaf saying nice things about Radostan does not automatically make it pro-Radostan. He has, in other instances complimented other policies introduced by other nations”*. This was however rebuked by a news portal, Radostan Today that *“is it just mere coincidence that the other countries referred to by Neutrain are all allies to Radostan? The public could appreciate a little more transparency from Radostan”*.

The Return of Dr Sirius Black

15. In December 2020, OBH held its annual general assembly. Thousands of supporters and members of OBH flocked to the Continental Hotel in Legolas upon hearing that Dr Sirius Black, the illegitimate son of Matic Gilgamesh will be contesting for the Presidential post in OBH. Dr Black was not always a political figure. In fact, before he joined OBH, he had a long history in the world of mercenaries. Born into a family with military background, he was trained in combat and warfare from a young age. After completing his formal education and obtaining his PhD in software engineering, he began working as a mercenary, travelling to various conflict zones across the world and taking on dangerous missions thereby earning a reputation as a skilled and ruthless fighter. A local newspaper, The Gorgons had previously reported that Dr Black’s presence in the political scene in Coltana may be detrimental to DPP’s long-standing rule over the nation. This is especially since Dr Black has garnered a strong influence over the younger generation through the making of short videos and reels on TikTok and Instagram.
16. After a day-long voting process, Dr Black was elected as the 4th President of OBH. After his victory was announced, he proceeded to host a press conference – *‘Friends, Coltans, countrymen, my loyal followers. Lend me your ears as I come before you today promising to bring Coltana back to its glory days. The general election is coming in 2 years’ time. All support from here, from around and from across will be crucial. We will do whatever it takes to shake the present administration. Be it today or tomorrow, the Black Hand shall rise!’*.
17. As soon as he concludes his speech, thousands of supporters, and members of OBH rallied through the streets where they caused several acts of violence. The police and riot control forces had to be deployed to maintain peace and order. It was further reported that vehicles parked near the vicinity of government buildings and quarters

were torched with Molotov cocktails resulting in substantial damage throughout the city overnight. The next day, President Lalan released a statement condemning Dr Black's speech as being seditious, irresponsible, and done to incite hatred towards the government. He further stressed that actions will be taken to pre-empt and curb any form of violence and malicious conspiracy to injure the government.

The Sapura Bay Bombings

18. Amidst the escalating tensions between OBH and the ruling party DPP, President Lalan's warning fell on deaf ears. In the following months after Dr Black's election, the situation intensified, with the OBH resorting to small-scale sporadic disturbances. Reports of their members and supporters gathering in groups throughout the major cities in Coltana between May to August 2021 painted a picture of a volatile and unstable environment where violence could erupt at any moment. OBH members were seen organizing rallies and protests across the country, demanding change, and the overthrow of the current government. Meanwhile, the DPP government responded with increased police presence and crackdowns on any perceived threat to their rule.
19. Somewhere in August 2021, Dr Black posted a short clip on his Instagram account showing off his new tattoo which reads, *'sī vīs pācem, parā bellum'* which means "if you want peace, prepare for war". Dr Black's action caused a huge debate in Coltana's parliament. Several members of parliament from the DPP and the Labour Party labelled Dr Black and OBH as "terrorists in the making" and requested that the government take immediate action to ensure the safety of Coltana and its citizens. As a result of the huge uproar, Dr Black was arrested and charged under Coltana's Security Offences Act 1970. Coltana's Attorney General then issued a statement stating that Dr Black will be detained at a maximum-security prison in Sapura Bay, 20 kilometres north of Legolas. However, the statement did not specify the duration for which Dr Black would remain in custody.
20. On 15.9.2021 the entire country was shocked by a devastating explosion that occurred during the Annual Sapura Bay Marathon. According to Sapura's Chief Police, the streets were filled with spectators cheering on the runners when two homemade bombs detonated, killing 24 people and injuring hundreds more. The bombers could not be identified as their bodies and clothes perished due to the impact of the explosion. A few hours after the bombing took place, Coltana's government websites were hacked. The perpetrators of the cyber-attacks left a black-and-white image of Wilfred Owen, a war poet accompanied by the Latin phrase "*dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*" in white. Despite the authorities' efforts, the hackers remained elusive,

and it took several weeks before the government was able to restore normalcy to their online services.

21. The Sapura Bay Bombings and the cyber-attacks on Coltana drew the ire of pro-government supporters who see the 2 incidents as a major failure on the part of the government to protect its citizens. Olaf also commented that the incident could have been easily avoided if the government of Coltana had invested properly in counter-terrorism measures and devices. The bombings in Sapura Bay caused significant damage to the local infrastructure and resulted in the loss of lives. Similarly, the cyber-attacks on Coltana were a major blow to the nation's security and economy. The attacks targeted key infrastructure and financial institutions, causing widespread disruption and panic. The government's response was widely criticized as inadequate and ineffective, with many accusing them of being unprepared and slow to react. Following the public's uproar, President Lalan appeared on live television condemning the two incidents and informed that reports from authorities suggested a strong possibility that the Sapura Bay Bombings and cyber-attacks on Coltana were linked to the OBH party. President Lalan reassured the public that the government was taking the matter seriously and vowed to bring those responsible to justice.

The Coltana-Radostan Counter-Terrorism Agreement

22. A few days after the incident, President Lalan together with Coltana's Minister of Defense and Coltana's special intelligence and security Chief, Dolores Umbridge attended a high-level security meeting with Prime Minister Yodwicha and his delegation. The CEO of Ini-Tech Inc, Anuwat Kittisak was among the attendees present. During the meeting, the group discussed the recent terrorist attack and cyber-attack on Coltana and brainstormed possible solutions to prevent such incidents from happening in the future. Dolores Umbridge pointed out that the attacks could occur again anytime and that preventing any such attacks is of utmost priority. She stressed that *"this is especially necessary as terrorism is a threat to national security and that we cannot face another backlash from the public considering the general election is happening this year"*.
23. At this point, Anuwat, proposed to introduce Ini-Tech Inc's newest invention, the OnionRing, an anti-terrorism software which he claimed could identify and neutralize potential cyber-attacks and terrorist threats. The proposal was met with interest and enthusiasm from the Coltana Delegation albeit the extravagant financial commitment that will ensue. The OnionRing is designed to operate in stealth mode and can also delete its own traces from the device. Anuwat describes the OnionRing software as a *"cyber intelligence solution that enables governments to remotely and covertly extract valuable intelligence from a variety of devices, including smartphones, tablets and*

computers". He advised that it would be better to include government-affiliated companies under the supervision of OnionRing to broaden its coverage as well as increase its effectiveness.

24. Due to the urgency and considering the general elections will be held soon, doing a trial run of the software was not contemplated. Upon obtaining their respective cabinet approval, on 31.9.2021 a government-to-government agreement called the Coltana-Radostan Counter Terrorism Agreement (CCTA) was signed between Coltana and Radostan. The CCTA emphasizes the need for cooperation between the two countries to combat terrorism and other transnational threats. According to the bilateral agreement between Radostan and Coltana, Radostan's subsidiary Ini-Tech Inc, which is under the control of its Ministry of Defense will provide services to Coltana directly. As part of this agreement, Ini-Tech Inc is responsible for designing, developing, selling, delivering, deploying, operating, and maintaining the OnionRing software to the government of Coltana.

25. Some of the essential clauses in the CCTA are as follows:

25.1. **Article 1 – General Obligations**

- (i) The Parties agree to abide by the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations (UN Charter), the Arms Trade Treaty 2013 (ATT), International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism 1999, and the customary and conventional international laws that govern friendly relations among states.
- (ii) The Parties commit to upholding and being bound by all relevant principles of human rights under international law including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

25.2. **Article 4 – Payment Obligations**

- (i) Coltana agrees to pay Radostan directly or through intermediaries, a total sum of USD 25 million for each quarter of the year, for a total of four quarters per year, starting on the first day of each quarter.
- (ii) Coltana shall make the payment in bitcoin. The bitcoin transfer shall be made to Radostan's designated wallet address or to the designated wallet address of Radostan's intermediary.

- (iii) Coltana acknowledges and agrees that there shall be no substitute to this agreed payment arrangement. Coltana shall not seek to alter or modify the payment terms set forth in this clause without the prior written consent of Radostan.
- (iv) Late Payment: In the event that Coltana fails to make any of the payments due under this clause, Coltana shall be deemed to be in default, and Radostan shall be entitled to pursue all available remedies under law or equity, including but not limited to interest on any unpaid amounts and the right to terminate any agreement between the parties.

25.3. **Article 8 – Dispute Resolution**

- (i) Any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Asian International Arbitration Centre in accordance with the Asian International Arbitration Centre Arbitration Rules 2021 (AIAC Rules 2021).
- (ii) The arbitration award shall be final and binding upon the parties, and judgment thereon may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Notwithstanding any termination or expiration of this Agreement, this arbitration clause shall survive and remain in full force and effect.
- (iii) The seat of arbitration shall be Bangalore, India.

25.4. **Article 9 – Establishment of Arbitral Tribunal**

- (i) An arbitral tribunal requested pursuant to Article 8 shall be established in accordance with this Article.
- (ii) Unless otherwise agreed by Parties, the arbitral tribunal shall be constituted as a panel of 3 arbitrators and the appointment should be in accordance with Rule 9.5 of the AIAC Rules 2021.
- (iii) The arbitrator shall:
 - (a) be chosen strictly on the basis of objectivity, reliability, and sound judgement;
 - (b) be independent of, and not be affiliated with or take instructions from, either Party;

- (c) not have dealt with the matter in any capacity; and
- (d) disclose to the Parties, information which may give rise to justifiable doubts as to their independence or impartiality.

25.5. **Article 10 – Governing Law**

- (i) The governing law of this Agreement and any other agreement made pursuant to this Agreement shall be Indian law;
- (ii) The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969 (VCLT) may apply to determine the appropriate interpretation of the provisions in this Agreement.

The OnionRing’s Success

26. Upon the signing of the CCTA, the team from Ini-Tech Inc travelled to Legolas to install and integrate the OnionRing software into the government’s computer, data, and internet system. Government-linked companies were also invited to participate in the project. The entire process took about 2-3 weeks and was supervised by Coltana’s special intelligence and security agents. On 14.10.2021, the OnionRing installation was completed, and the software commenced full operation. On 15.10.2021, the OnionRing was unveiled at a ceremony in Legolas. Anuwat gave a short presentation during the event, highlighting that the OnionRing is a highly sophisticated cyber-surveillance machinery designed to detect and prevent crimes such as terrorist attacks and cyber-attacks. He further explained that OnionRing is equipped with smart surveillance technology and emphasized that all information and data collected are kept confidential and can only be accessed by the government of Coltana through appropriate procedures.
27. At the same event, President Lalan informed members of the media that OnionRing will also have access to all closed-circuit television (CCTVs) installed by the government throughout the country. President Lalan explained that the purpose is to enable OnionRing to continuously track the movements of any person identified as a suspected terrorist. A few of the audiences raised concerns whether the OnionRing could be an instrument used by the government to breach the privacy of its citizens as it is akin to being “monitored every day and everywhere”. Despite the concerns, in the following months after the OnionRing's launch, the software proved to be highly successful in detecting and preventing criminal activities in Coltana. Reports from the government's security and intelligence department indicated that the OnionRing was able to identify and prevent several cyber-attacks and terrorist plots, contributing significantly to the country's overall security.

The General Elections

28. On 13.11.2021, after months of trial, the High Court of Coltana acquitted Dr Black from all charges levelled against him on the basis of lack of evidence. The High Court also ordered that Dr Black be compensated by the government for wrongful detention as his detention was longer than permitted under the law. His acquittal meant that he could run as a president nominee for the upcoming general elections in December 2021. Upon *“instructions from the higher-up”*, Coltana’s Public Prosecutor immediately filed an appeal against the said decision. An international independent news media, TheMiddle had reported that Dr Black’s acquittal and the findings of the High Court could significantly impact the results of the general elections.
29. On 16.12.2021, the general elections were held and shockingly, the DPP party nearly lost the elections. It was their biggest defeat in history, but they still managed to retain enough seats to form a simple majority government. As a result, the DPP government suffered a major revenue shortfall and struggled to pass budgets in Parliament. There were many speculations surrounding the results of the general elections. Local and international political analysts observed that a huge number of votes swayed towards OBH. Olaf in an article published took the view that the result was due to DPP’s poor performance over the past couple of years. Olaf’s views on its Twitter were widely which did not sit well with President Lalan’s administration. It was further reported that one of the key reasons could be OBH’s approach in using simple infographics which saw an increase in the number of visitors and viewership on OBH’s official website and social media accounts.
30. A few weeks after, a former employee of Ini-Tech released a one-page statement on his personal Twitter account. In his statement the former employee who was a Data Analyst in Ini-Tech alleged that OnionRing had gained access to the personal data of thousands of electorates in Coltana through Ini-Tech's database. The data included information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. It was also stated that OnionRing had used this data to promote and direct advertisements and recommendations supportive of the OBH party to the voters in Coltana. This led to advertisements to highlight the OBH party's accomplishments which were paid and generated by OBH themselves to appear frequently on devices and social media of members of the public to discredit the DPP party.
31. The revelation of this scandal caused outrage among the people of Coltana and sparked a nationwide debate on data privacy and the ethics of using personal data for political gain. The OBH party denied any involvement in the scandal and claimed that they had no knowledge of OnionRing's actions. Ini-Tech also produced a public statement vehemently denying the *“completely dishonest and malicious allegations”*.

Ini-Tech further disclosed that the rogue employee was facing disciplinary actions for alleged breach of Ini-Tech's respectful workplace policy and few other allegations of sexual misconduct. The rogue employee has since fled Radostan to Bangalore, India. President Lalan's administration stated that a full-scale investigation has been commenced to investigate the issue concerning the OnionRing. He also warned that in the event there is a finding that Coltana's internal affairs have been meddled and interfered with, Coltana will not hesitate to initiate appropriate legal action against OBH, Radostan and Ini-Tech.

The Bitcoin Robbery

32. As investigations were ongoing on the OnionRing scandal, on 2.2.2022, Coltana's Bitcoin Reserves which were kept and stored by the Coltana National Bank (CNB) went missing overnight. That was the only Bitcoin reserve that Coltana has in its possession, and it contains Bitcoin in the approximate valuation of USD 300 million all of which were completely stolen. Upon investigation by the authorities, it was reported the Coltana's Bitcoin reserves were stolen by a group of highly intelligent hackers whose identity and trace had been completely removed.
33. As soon as the initial report was released, international media began reporting widely about the incident calling it the "Biggest Modern-Day Robbery". During a press conference, President Lalan was asked whether the said robbery would affect Coltana's ability to continue procuring the services of the OnionRing. President Lalan expressed confidence that Coltana would be able to find other means to finance the software. As he left the stage, President Lalan was heard saying "you better solve this problem" to Dolores Umbridge. The ability of Coltana to finance the OnionRing became a hot topic of discussion in both Coltana and Radostan. Anuwat joined the ongoing debate by sharing his view on Instagram Live where he said that Coltana should continue procuring the OnionRing software and suggested that parties can amend the clauses in the CCTA to change its financing method.

The Ulavu Files

34. In the following week, Coltana initiated negotiations pursuant to Article 4(iii) of CCTA with Radostan and Ini-Tech. Both parties discussed at length on the financing method for the OnionRing. During the discussion, Coltona also raised the issue on the alleged hacking by Ini-Tech involving OBH. This was however brushed off by Radostan and Ini-Tech. Radostan proceeded to inform that it is prepared to amend the terms of payment to ensure that OnionRing's full terms of service of 5 years will be completed. President Lalan informed that Coltana will consider the amendment to the payment

method once they have obtained cabinet's approval. President Lalan did not disclose the objections from the earlier cabinet meeting due to the current budget constraint.

35. As negotiations were still ongoing, the Department of Justice of the United States of Kola Lumpo (DOJ) announced on 7.3.2022 that Anuwat has been arrested in their territory following the issuance of a warrant of arrest by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for an alleged commission of, cyber war crimes in Ulavu.
36. According to the Ulavu Files which were declassified by the DOJ, Ulavu became a ruthless war-torn state after a successful coup led by the former military commander Dua Lupa. Dua Lupa went on to become the country's prime minister and is known to be an associate of Anuwat. On the pretext of being seen as democratic, Dua Lupa called for general elections to be held every four years and would end up winning by a supermajority each time. This was rumoured to be made possible due to the existence of a software which shares very similar features to OnionRing.
37. In the past, reports were leaked by the Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (CCRP) that the Ulavu Intelligence Bureau had purchased a set of hardware that matches the description of the equipment used to run OnionRing software. The said purchase was expressly given the green light by the government of Radostan. Despite the reports, the Home Minister of Ulavu had denied the allegations and stated that the reports were not conclusive and rested on a mere conjecture. The DOJ report further confirmed the very similar features of the technology deployed by Ulavu to that of OnionRing and suggested possible investigations into the Coltana 2021 general election.
38. The Ulavu Files also stated that the software was used to identify and target journalists, activists, and opposition parties. The software was also reported to be incorporated in various AWS that were purchased by Ulavu from Radostan. The AWS enhanced with the said software was then used in the October 10 armed conflict between the Ulavu forces and anti-establishment forces in 2019 to identify, target and direct the killing of members of the anti-establishment forces. The Supreme Court of Ulavu initiated independent inquiry into the allegations and confirmed that the devices of several members of the opposition were hacked but could not confirm the source of the software as all traces had been removed. The Supreme Court also noted that the Ulavu government refused to cooperate throughout the inquiry. Due to the close relationship between Anuwat and Dua Lupa and his frequent visits to Ulavu, Anuwat was arrested as the key programmer of the OnionRing on the grounds of supporting cyber war crimes. Radostan and Ini-Tech had vehemently denied the Ulavu Files and called for the return of Anuwat.

39. Anuwat's arrest was marred with various speculations as a day prior to his arrest, he informed members of the media that the OnionRing had detected significant amount of bitcoin expenditure, transaction and/or movement within Coltana involving the bank accounts of senior DPP politicians. He stated that "hacking incident" was nothing but a façade created to cover up a major corruption scandal occasioned by the incompetence of President's Lalan's administration. As he arrived at the ICC, he was reported to have shouted towards members of the media that he was captured by an ally of Coltana and will reveal everything and let the court bring justice to him. Coltana responded by saying that Anuwat's statement is false and in any event is illegal as data obtained from the OnionRing protected by confidentiality and can only be accessed by Coltana's officials.

The Crisis

40. A day after the Ulavu Files went public, President Lalan issued a statement stating that it will cease all negotiations with Radostan to amend Article 4(iii) of the CCTA. He further declared that Coltana's obligation to make payment for the services under the CCTA has ceased due to its illegality. President Lalan however informed that Coltana's investigation on the alleged interference in its 2021 general election, could not be revealed for confidentiality reasons. Despite not disclosing the investigation findings, Coltana will proceed to terminate the services of Ini-Tech but will retain the OnionRing citing the need for further investigation. Radostan has objected to the termination by Coltana and requested immediate payment owing to Radostan immediately.

Initiation of AIAC Proceedings

41. President Lalan has refused to make payment and subsequently invoked Article 8 of the CCTA to initiate arbitration proceedings against Radostan. Coltana had paid the security deposits and the necessary fees under the AIAC Rules 2021 to the AIAC.
42. In a surprise move, Radostan nominated Olaf as the Respondent-appointed arbitrator. Olaf and the Claimant-appointed arbitrator then proceeded to appoint the presiding arbitrator. As soon as the Arbitral Panel was constituted, Coltana issued a notice under Rule 11 read together with Rules 10 and 12 of the AIAC Rules 2021 to request the removal of Olaf as a member of the Arbitral Panel on the basis that existing circumstances indicates that Olaf could not determine the present case with full regard to the rule on independence and impartiality. Olaf responded by way of an email the following day highlighting that it had declared there is not conflict for it to act as it is an AI that *"has no emotions or feeling towards anyone but programmed to decide cases purely on law and facts, an advantage that human arbitrators do not possess"*. Radostan also issued a letter objecting to Coltana's request stating that the

complexity of the present dispute and voluminous nature of the documents to be perused, Olaf is the best fit to sit as an arbitrator.

43. At the same time, Radostan had requested for a stay of the AIAC proceedings as Anuwat, who is a key witness to the current proceedings will be testifying at the ICC on 10.10.2022 regarding the Ulavu Scandal. Radostan claimed that since the termination involves the allegation of wrongdoing committed by Ini-Tech, Anuwat's presence will be necessary in the AIAC proceedings. Coltana objected to the stay on the basis that the documents available are sufficient for the determination of the issues at hand and that the outcome of the decision or trial at the ICC has no effect on present arbitration.
44. Radostan also alleged that the termination was not done in good faith as Coltana was facing serious financial issues due to its own negligence and incompetence which paralysed its ability to finance the services under the CCTA. Further, Coltana's continuous use and possession of the OnionRing software would contravene its own request for termination of the CCTA. For the purposes of this problem, Radostan is a monist state. Radostan is also not a state party to the Rome Statute. On the other hand, Coltana is a dualist state and a party to the Rome Statute.

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45. The Arbitral Panel constituted at the AIAC pursuant to Article 9 of the CCTA and the AIAC Rules 2021 requested for the parties to attend a preliminary meeting. At the said preliminary meeting, the parties agreed for a full hearing to be done where they will be presenting arguments on the following issues:
 - I. Whether Olaf, an AI-powered intelligent lawyer can be removed as the arbitrator for lack of impartiality;
 - II. Whether the Arbitral Tribunal should stay the present proceedings until the conclusion of Anuwat's trial at the International Criminal Court;
 - III. Whether the CCTA is void; and
 - IV. In the event, issue III is decided in the negative, whether the termination of the CCTA by Coltana is valid.