Committee Title: Princesses and Predicaments

Committee Subtitle: When International Relations is Your Prince Charming

Following Elsa’s annexation of the Crimean Peninsula, the United Nations has slapped new sanctions upon Russia. This follows a long string of deterioration in the diplomatic relations between Kingdoms in Happily Ever After, which was in a purportedly perpetual state of peace. Some citing the democratic peace theory, have criticized these absolutist societies for being regressive and anachronistic in modern day society. A congress of the foremost leading Disney Princesses, and analogues has been assembled at The Hague in order to draft solutions to some of the most pressing problems of the day. The following ideas should be concerned to some degree.

1. Human Rights

In several of the Kingdoms, enlightened absolutism has led to rapid industrialization and urbanization of society. Belle and Tiana have led their respective kingdoms to new heights of prosperity. In France, where Belle reigns, the literacy rate approaches 97% and GDP growth has soared to 8% year over year growth. By contrast, in numerous other kingdoms, the populace suffer from administrative neglect, or worse, actively repressive regimes. Ariel, in her underwater kingdom, has been accused of repressing the freedom of speech. When pressed for comment, she merely shrugged and indicated her apathy towards having a voice.

2. Environmental Issues

Merida’s hunting of fauna has decreased biodiversity in Scotland by dramatic levels. Hunts have been popularized after this popular queen took office. However, as a result of new arms developed by France, hunting has become wasteful and game has been taken down with ease. Even the terrifying human-bear are no longer serious threats to even the most amateur of hunters. Magic Scotland, which has many undiscovered species, has seen the extinction of at least four species.

3. Porous Borders

The easy transit between Wonderland, Earth, and Oz has become concerning to a variety of state powers. Citing illegal immigration, concerns about jobs, drugs and crime related violence, a codified and unified standard for immigration must be established broadly. Anti-Ozian protests have spread across the American South, leading to high tensions between multiple parties.

4. Rights of Nonhumans

Many human legislative bodies have adopted an anthronormative approach to legislating rights and privileges. Protests over discrimination have erupted; reactionaries cite the lack of hearts and brains as a reason for different treatment. From healthcare to legal rights, this is an issue that plagues almost every single nation across the globe. An alarming 17% of nonhumans have experienced racial violence at some point in the last year, according to latest Red Cross reports.

5. Economic Co-Development

The free interchange of magic and real-life have dramatically reshaped industries and economies across Earth and its parallel locations. Unemployment fluctuates, and underemployment abounds. Magic and
Science unions have clashed extensively as well. Trade barriers have been erected and trade wars have been threatened across multiple national lines. There exists a need to soften the impact of inter-world trade, but also allow the market to proceed as normal.

List of people in committee: (suggested)

Ariel: Nominal Heiress to the Sea
Snow White: Queen of Northern German Confederation
Alice (in Wonderland): Queen of Wonderland
Aurora: Queen of Dreamland
Cinderella: Queen of Italy
Jasmine: Queen of the Middle East
Esmeralda: Queen of the Gypsies
Megara: Consort to Hercules, Emissary of the gods
Rapunzel: Queen of Austria-Hungary and Bavaria
Tinkerbell: Queen of the Fairies
Nala: Queen of the Lions
Kida (Atlantis): Queen of Atlantis
Mulan: Grand Marshal of Chinese Armies
Pocahontas: Tribal Leader of Native Americans
Belle: Queen of France
Tiana: Queen of the American South
Merida: Queen of Scotland
Elsa: Queen of Russia
Dorothy: Queen of Oz
Daenerys Targaryen: Queen of the Andals and the First Men
Michelle Obama: First Lady of the United States
Agnes (Despicable Me): Queen of Being Ridiculously Cute