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From Chair of Parliament of Asgardia, Mr Lembit Öpik
To Head of Nation Dr. Igor Ashurbeyli

Ref: PARL-001-03/0007/EXTERNAL

Subject: **Request for extension of nomination period for General Election**

Dear Head of Nation

I am writing to request a Decree to extend the period for the submission of individual nominations for the General Election for the Parliament of Asgardia in 0007. If this proposal is approved, then I also propose we hold the first Sitting of the New Parliament as a digital event, not a physical event, on 07 Leo, 0007 (24th June 2023). I have received feedback from colleagues who believe it would be helpful to have this extension, to maximise the effectiveness of our democratic process in this election. Specifically:

1. This would give time for more people to become candidates.
2. It will increase the opportunity for excellent new talent to join our Parliament.
3. With this extension, we could list the new AMPs as late as the 20 June 2023.

If this is agreed, then, for the first Sitting of the new Parliament, I would propose:

4. 24 June is the exact anniversary of the first Sitting, so it would be very appropriate and historically symbolic to hold the new first Sitting on 24 June.
5. Our professional experience in digital democracy means that we are well equipped to hold the first Sitting in a digital format. This would remove logistical issues that would occur if we have too little time to prepare for a Physical Sitting.

To summarise, these requests have been received by me from colleagues. Parliament discussed it in this evening's Parliamentary Thursday working meeting, and the consensus is that the extension to the nominations period for the election is a wise move. On behalf of the Parliament, I hope you will consider it.

I remain, as always in the service of Asgardia

Lembit Öpik

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Chair of Parliament, Asgardia