

## THE “SMART CIVILIZATION” FUTUROLOGIC CHARTER

All parties-signatories to the below Charter shall acclaim and support the following development principles for the modern world:

1. The world is comprised of idiosyncratic cultural-historical civilization-communities, each unique in its traditions, values, and historical experiences. Each civilization has a right to its own vision of the future and its own development principles.
2. The economic, humanitarian and technological development of civilizations is determined by their cultural and historical code. At the same time, effective development, a decent quality of life and mutual cultural enrichment of peoples are feasible only through dialogue and cooperation between modern civilizations.
3. The majority of people across all civilizations strive towards building a peaceful, conflict-free future.
4. The human right to an ethnocultural, spiritual and value-defined identity along with the inherent human dignity is to be guaranteed.
5. Such values as progress and innovation are crucial to the development of civilizations. Virtual reality technologies are meant to support humanity’s desire for infrastructural and fundamental technological development on our planet and aspirations to explore and settle outer space. Scientific and technical advancements are not to be at variance with the cultural and religious traditions.
6. The manifold talents and creative drive intrinsic to representatives of every civilization represent the source of development for humanity as a whole. The future is to see prioritized spheres including but not limited to: education, science, culture, sport, leisure, innovational entrepreneurship, and the non-profit sector with the intent to achieve intellectual, cultural, and physical development for each human being in their respective fullest capacities.
7. Work brings to life the human aptitude for creativity and creative transformation of reality. Maintaining the human right to work is paramount, and regardless of any possible technological advancements - the emergence of “redundant” human beings, bereft of professional and social self-fulfillment - is to be prevented. The multiformity of work, professions and industries is a feature of civilizational identity.
8. Each civilization may find its own sound ecological balance between technological-economic development and preserving natural diversity on the planet for the purposes of safeguarding the natural and cultural environments – perceived as a cohesive home for humanity.
9. The differences in lifestyles among the present-day civilizations shape the beauty and

the cultural diversity of the world. The lifestyle of each civilization reflects its identity and nature. Civilizational traditions, expanding upon the experience of generations past, are the heritage of humanity.

10. A smart development of humanity lies in the accrual of the diversity palette, and not in its global unification; in concord, rather than domination; in complementarity rather than conflict; in a balance between technological and cultural development, between growth and the quality of life for nations by and large.

Pursuant to the principles Hereof, the parties henceforth propose the following initiatives:

1. To develop BRICS “cities of the future”, embodying the future of civilizations, and which would maintain a balance of natural, technological, and cultural development. An example of the indicated approach may be found in the Russian project of the smart city-park “Uspenskoye”, developed as per the initiative of forum participants.
2. To contribute to the establishment of the BRICS International Web University infrastructure at the smart city-park “Uspenskoye” to allow for scientific-, research- and educational activities, aimed at studying and developing the economies and the cultures of BRICS countries.
3. To arrange annually the international futurological “Smart Civilization: The Human Being and the Lifestyle of the Future” forum, which is to become a communication platform to exchange visions of the future for BRICS countries and the rest of the world.
4. To arrange annually in Ulyanovsk region in the smart city-park “Uspenskoye” the BRICS International Youth Camp, which is to become a communication platform for young leaders.

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