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### Reconstructing the Ministry of Magic of the United Kingdom: Post Second War 1998

It is July 1998, two months after the death of the notorious dark wizard Lord Voldemort. The Ministry of Magic collapsed in the Fall of 1997, one year earlier, and the Wizarding World has lacked a government for the past year. It is time for the wizards to rejuvenate the Wizarding World, by empowering a new Minister of Magic, sparking a sense of unity throughout the wizarding nations, and regulating magic so that dark magic is observed and monitored.

### **About the Ministry of Magic**

The Ministry of Magic is a community that ties together the wizarding exchange, communication, and bylaws of the United Kingdom. It is headed by the Minister of Magic. The Minister of Magic strives to connect the wizarding world to the British government in order to gain a better understanding of unity and diversity. The headquarters of the Ministry are in White Hall in central London. There are several ways to access the Ministry of Magic, some of which are through telephone booths and elevators. Please send an owl to the Ministry of Magic Headquarters for various ways to arrive here.

The Ministry of Magic was founded during the 1600s, as a result of the earlier Wizards' Council. It was part of the International Confederation of Wizrds' decision to create the Statute of Secrecy and is still active today.

# By-laws to address and amend:

#### **Appointing the new Minister of Magic**

Several reports have put Kingsley Shacklebolt in the limelight as the next Minister of Magic. Although he is extremely qualified for the position as an auror, it is crucial that the board continues to search for a competent and motivated witch or wizard. Keep in mind that this individual must meet the qualifications of an experienced wizard, and must be able to lead the newfound community out of the post-war apprehension and into a blooming beginning. Therefore, it is this committee's priority to decide who should be the next Minister of Magic.

### **Eradicating Typecasts Regarding Half and Pure Bloods**

It is a preconceived notion that wizards of pure blood are more worthy and honorable than others. This is a misleading and ill-informed way of looking at the wizarding world, and half bloods and muggleborns should not be frowned upon by the rest of the community. We would like to instill the idea of unity within the wizarding community of England, and so it is our duty to find ways to eliminate old and ill tidings and begin fresh.

# **Regulation of Dark Magic (particularly in Knockturn Alley)**

Dark magic has been evident for thousands of years, rooting as early as the initiation of the Slytherin House by Salazar Slytherin himself. However, being a part of the Slytherin House and performing Dark Magic is simply a correlation, and not causation. We must find a way to regulate Dark Magic in minimal efforts to prevent anger and vengeance from either party.

Knockturn Alley, in particular, is a location with heavy uses of Dark Magic. The Ministry of Magic should find a way to observe the behavior of the region without infringing on their sovereignty.

#### Lowering the Legal Wizarding Age to 16

Currently, witches and wizards are not legal adults until the age of 17. This brings up many contentions, one being that wizards are not allowed to apparate until halfway through their 7<sup>th</sup> year.

The legal age only allows them to practice magic 6 months prior to graduating Hogwarts. If the Ministry decided to lower the age to 16, students will be able to practice magic and apparate during their 7<sup>th</sup> year as well, which could better prepare them for the wizarding world.

Note: there are many precautions when it comes to lowering the legal age: abuse of magic can result in heavy punishment.

## Further Understanding of the Muggle World (in hopes to work with their kind)

It is vital that we are perceived in a positive light to other communities, particularly in the eyes of the Muggle world. After recent events and the end of the Second War, we regret to say that the wizarding world has a lot to do to make ourselves look more professional and civilized. We must work with the Muggle world, specifically the British parliament, to expand our connections and relations. Mr. Aurthur Weasley, an employee of Misuse of Muggle Artifacts, said "We have to pick up the ashes from where we left off. The death of You-Know-Who is great news for the Wizarding world, but we have a lot to clean up. We have to start a [bloody] Ministry again, and we cannot do it without the help of the Muggle world!" Some other profane words were used, but have been omitted.

The only problem with involving the Muggle World is that we cannot be transparent about our lifestyle. If the Muggles know too much about our capabilities and our magic, it can be detrimental to the future of the wizarding community. Thus, we must discuss whether or not, and to what degree, we

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should understand and involve the Muggle world in our community.

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Wishing you all the best, Sana Sareshwala