

**THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF EGYPT, THE CITY OF OLBIA AND THE
HELLENIC CITIES OF SYRACUSE AND MILETUS**

PREAMBLE AND ASSURANCES

A.

In 339 BC, Thales of Miletus initiated and endorsed the foundational agreement to establish the city of Olbia. **Thus**, this Tripartite Agreement is hereby established between the city-state of **Olbia**, the polis of **Syracuse**, the polis of **Miletus**, and the kingdom of **Egypt**. This agreement aims to foster economic collaboration and cultural exchange and promote investment, meaning every kind of asset owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by an investor of a Contracting Party that is made in the Territory of the other Contracting Party in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party, between the Parties, ensuring mutual prosperity and stability in the region.

B.

Each Contracting Party shall in its Territory accord to investors of the other Contracting Party and to their investments treatment no less favourable than the treatment it accords in like circumstances to its and any other foreign investors and their investments with respect to investment activities.

C.

Neither Contracting Party shall expropriate or nationalise an investment in its Territory of an investor of the other Contracting Party. In case of expropriation, compensation shall be equivalent to the fair market value of the expropriated investments.

D.

Each Contracting Party shall accord to investors of the other Contracting Party that have suffered loss or damage relating to their investments in the Territory of the former Contracting Party due to armed conflict or war or any other similar event in the Territory of that former Contracting Party, treatment, as regards restitution, indemnification, compensation or any other settlement, that is no less favourable than that which it accords to its own investors or to investors of a non-Contracting Party, whichever is more favourable to the investors of the other Contracting Party.

CITY OF OLBIA

*Mayor: Timotheos
Representatives:
Democritus of Abdera (Diplomat)
Polias (Merchant)*

POLIS OF SYRACUSE

*Chief Ambassador: Diodorus
Representatives:
Chrysippus (Merchant)*

Sophocles (Civic Leader)

POLIS OF MILETUS

Chief Ambassador: Euripides

Representatives:

Anaxagoras (Merchant)

Callimachus (Philosopher)

KINGDOM OF EGYPT

Pharaoh: Nectanebo II

Representatives:

Ptolemy (Royal Advisor)

Ammonius (Merchant)

(hereinafter designated as 'Parties' or individually as 'Party')

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

Article I: Trade and Shipments

The Parties undertake to perform regular, quarterly shipments of the following:

From Olbia to Syracuse:

Quantity: 1,000 amphorae of premium-quality wine (from the region's finest vineyards).

Price: 25 staters per amphora.

From Olbia to Egypt:

Quantity: lapis lazuli statuettes

Small statuettes (up to 30 cm): 100 staters each.

Medium statuettes (30 to 60 cm): 300 staters each.

Large statuettes (over 60 cm): 1,000 staters each.

Additionally, lapis lazuli jewellery and ritual items, including:

Necklaces: 150 staters each.

Bracelets: 100 staters each.

Ritual tablets: 200 staters each.

From Syracuse to Olbia:

Goods: fine textiles from soft wool and linen, olive oil only from ripe olives, and amphorae with the best decoration.

From Egypt to Olbia:

Grains: Wheat, barley

Papyrus: fine-grained papyrus scrolls, coarse papyrus scrolls

Perfumes: myrrh, frankincense and cinnamon oils.

Article II: Responsibilities of Each Party

1. **Olbia** shall:
Ensure the quality and timely delivery of blue dye to Syracuse and lapis lazuli statues and jewellery to Egypt.
Maintain a well-equipped harbour to facilitate shipping and trade.
2. **Syracuse** shall:
Act as the principal market for the blue dye produced in Olbia.
Provide Olbia with essential grain and luxury goods, ensuring quality and timely shipments.
3. **Miletus** shall:
Support trade activities and facilitate the logistics of shipments between Olbia and Syracuse, ensuring safe and efficient transport of goods.
4. **Egypt** shall:
Supply Olbia with papyrus, grains, and luxury goods.
Facilitate the safe passage of Olbian ships through Egyptian waters.

The Parties shall respect this Agreement as long as they stand.

Article III: Diplomatic Engagements

Biannually, the agora of Olbia will hold regular meetings to assess the agreement's terms and address any emerging issues.

Each party shall appoint ambassadors responsible for maintaining communication, ensuring that the provisions of this agreement are upheld and respected.

Article IV: Resolution of Disputes

In the event of disputes arising from this agreement, parties shall first seek resolution through mediation involving representatives from all four parties.

If mediation fails, disputes shall be taken to the nearest civilised city with arbitration capabilities for final resolution.

Signatories

For the City of Olbia

Timotheos, Mayor

Democritus of Abdera, Diplomat

Polias, Merchant

For the Polis of Syracuse

Diodorus, Chief Ambassador

Chrysippus, Merchant

Sophocles, Civic Leader

For the City of Miletus

Euripides, Chief Ambassador

Anaxagoras, Merchant

Callimachus, Philosopher

For the Kingdom of Egypt

Nectanebo II, Pharaoh

Ptolemy, Royal Advisor

Ammonius, Merchant