

Tarka Accord

# US Branch



## Basic Reading on Tarka Accord for GSUS Members

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## **Who We Are:**

Tarka Accord is an international pro-democracy organization based in the United Kingdom. Our goal as an organization is the promotion of governance that operates in the interest of the public, utilizing existing democratic systems and/or improving upon them. Where such systems are absent, we seek to establish them.

## **Our Methods:**

Our primary efforts are aimed at establishing a network of community unions. These are groups that apply the principles of collective bargaining and mutual aid found in organized labor to geographic locales.

We believe that these sorts of unions can be of great benefit to the locales in which they are based and, also, hold the position that a strong network of community unions can effectively expand the benefits to the state, national, and international levels.

## **Our Principles:**

Tarka Accord's foundational principles originate from the group's roots in the Hong Kong pro-democracy movement and are:

- Democracy,
- Freedom,
- And, Human Rights.

Tarka Accord's methodological principles are handed-down directly from our founder and are:

- A Standard of Civility,
- Upholding Truth,
- And, Upholding Empathy.

## **Bipartisanship:**

We believe that the path to governance that directly serves the people must be bipartisan. To achieve this bipartisanship, we believe that proactive attempts have to be made using our core principles to unite members and settle disputes.

## **Benefits for GSUS:**

We believe that Tarka Accord's position as a separate organization with slight differences from GSUS allows for Tarka Accord to recruit members who may not have joined GSUS. Not only does this widen the group of people working for positive change, the presence of GSUS members within Tarka Accord may then also attract those previously sceptical of GSUS by normalizing conversations about a general strike.

## **Working with Tarka Accord:**

Our current hope is to recruit GSUS members who see value in Tarka Accord's own mission and what we could bring to GSUS with it. As there is no standardized recruitment process, we recommend those interested to email [contact@tarkaaccord.info](mailto:contact@tarkaaccord.info). Subsequent responses from Tarka Accord will be measured by the received declared interests.

As the US Branch does not operate with a formalized constitution, it is hoped that introduced GSUS members will play a part in the writing and adoption of the document alongside the elections of Director's Councillors as awarded to the branch by the Director's Office Constitution.

## **Further Reading:**

This document is a basic overview of Tarka Accord and a proposal for GSUS members. A longer document, called *Further Reading on Tarka Accord for GSUS Members*, can be accessed in the following links:

- Beige Pages:  
[https://www.tarkaaccord.info/files/ugd/4ae72c\\_52e3ec3b7058433a99beeab74df79b83.pdf](https://www.tarkaaccord.info/files/ugd/4ae72c_52e3ec3b7058433a99beeab74df79b83.pdf)
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