

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC VOICE

1. CHAPTER 01: The official name, address, symbol and colour of the Party

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In Sinhala: එක්සත් ප්‍රජාතන්ත්‍රවාදී හඬ

In Tamil: ஐக்கிய ஜனநாயகக் குரல்

In English: **United Democratic Voice**

1.2. Proclamation of the Party: 1st June 2005.

1.3. Office address: No. 20, Dr. N M Perera Mawatha, Colombo 8

1.4. The symbol of the Party: Microphone

1.5. The colours of the Party: Blue and yellow.

2. CHAPTER 02: Purposes of the Party

2.1. To pave the way to the people of Sri Lanka to correct, honest, and refined politics and to provide political service. To achieve this purpose, a candidate or candidates are nominated through party democracy to contest in every election.

2.2. To improve social status, good life and economic policies centered on rapid growth and development through democratic political activity.

2.3. To protect and uphold basic human rights and to stand for and be a voice for the protection of such rights.

3. CHAPTER 03: Objectives

3.1. To safeguard the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka through the democratic system of Sri Lanka.

3.2. To uphold and honour the equality of all Sri Lankans irrespective of language, religion, ethnicity or caste.

3.3. To promote and uphold the devolution of power to all communities through provincial council to all regions, to better serve the people as per the Constitution of Sri Lanka

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3.4. Economic Agenda:

- 3.4.1. To promote an economic policy centered on rapid growth and all-round development to make Sri Lanka a solidly upper-middle income country.
- 3.4.2. To make Fiscal Security and Responsibility a binding legal obligation so that Sri Lanka does not face a government-induced economic crisis and high inflation ever again.
- 3.4.3. To deliver an industrial strategy focused on labor-intensive export-oriented sectors in manufacturing to create a major boost in domestic employment opportunities for Sri Lankans.
- 3.4.4. To devote resources to create a culture of entrepreneurship amongst our youth and women, with a special focus on incentives for Small and Medium Enterprises and create a national Startup Incubator.
- 3.4.5. To implement vocational training programs and industry-academia partnerships to bridge the skills gap and meet the demands of the labour market and support lifelong learning initiatives to upskill and reskill workers to adapt to changing economic trends and technologies.

4. CHAPTER 04: The administrative structure of the Party

The administration of the party consists of the following organs :-

4.1. The Office Bearers' Council

- 4.1.1. There shall be an Office Bearers' Council which shall be charged with the overall administration of the Party.
- 4.1.2. The Office Bearers' Council may from time to time make changes to the structure of the Party and be entitled to create other Committees or Wings in order to accommodate the requirements of the Party.
- 4.1.3. Any changes to the structure of the Party shall take effect and be valid without any amendments to the party constitution.
- 4.1.4. The Office Bearers' Council of the Party shall consist of the following members:
 1. Leader ✓
 2. General Secretary ✓
 3. Treasurer ✓
 4. Chairperson
 5. Deputy Chairperson ✓
 6. Four Deputy Leaders ✓
 7. Four Assistant Leaders ✓
 8. Media Secretary ✓
 9. Assistant Secretary
 10. Assistant Treasurer
 11. Policy Propaganda Secretary

12. National Organizer ✓
13. Deputy National Organizer ✓
14. National Youth Organizer ✓
15. Coordinator of Women's Affairs ✓
16. Assistant Coordinator of Women's Affairs ✓
17. Up to Three Council Members ✓

4.2. The election of members to the first Office Bearers Council

- 4.2.1. Upon the adoption of this Constitution the first General Secretary of the Party shall be G.T Jeyaseelan. He shall hold office until the office falls vacant as hereinafter provided.

4.3. Meetings of the Office Bearers' Council

- 4.3.1. The meetings of the Office Bearers' Council shall be held when necessary and shall be convened by the General Secretary.
- 4.3.2. The General Secretary may convene any special or urgent meetings of the Office Bearers' Council Meeting at any time.
- 4.3.3. The Office Bearer's Council meeting or any other meeting can take place through a digital platform or any other online platform and the right to vote can be exercised through such media or by way of circulation where members will be required to place their signatures under their preference.

4.4. Annual General Meeting, Meetings, Urgent Meetings and Special Meetings of the Office Bearers' Council.

- 4.4.1. The Annual General Meeting of the Party shall be held in any part of Sri Lanka every year on a date determined by the General Secretary. Should any impediment arise, the Annual General Meeting may be postponed for a further period of 1 year.
- 4.4.2. Should the necessity arise, the General Secretary may convene a meeting at any time.
- 4.4.3. A special meeting of the Office Bearers' Council shall be held once in 3-4 months, when necessary, on a due request notice being made to the General Secretary by at least ten members of the Office Bearers' Council. Other meetings too will be convened in the same manner. The notice of such meetings shall be given by the General Secretary either through letter, or any other electronic communication, *inter alia*, SMS or WhatsApp to the members of the Office Bearers' Council five days before the meetings are held. In any unforeseen circumstances all meetings including the General Meeting, special meeting and urgent meeting of the Office Bearers' Council can be conducted by means of ZOOM, video call or any such electronic means. Any inadvertent omission to give notice to a member or members shall not invalidate the proceedings of the

meeting.

- 4.4.4. A quorum of more than 50% of the entire members is required for a meeting of the Office Bearers' Council for the transaction of any business. Meetings conducted in the absence of a quorum shall be invalid.
- 4.4.5. Members of the Office Bearers' Council, Coordinators, and Organizers who fail to attend the annual meeting without prior notice in writing will be deemed to have voluntarily resigned from their offices. However, until he does not resign on his own initiative nor be subject to disciplinary action, he will continue to be on the membership of the Party. Such a person has the right to appeal in writing to the Party Leader or to the Secretary within 21 days of the holding of the meeting. In such event the post to which he is entitled will be given to him if he obtains the support of more than 50% of the entire Office Bearers' Council including the General Secretary.
- 4.4.6. Office Bearers' Council Votes include the votes of all members of the Office Bearers' Council. If members are not present votes /consensus must be put forward by way of circulation and the said preferences need to be signed by the said member.

4.5. Powers and Functions of the Office Bearers' Council

- 4.5.1. The power to take disciplinary action against any member of the Party including members of the Office Bearers Council, the decision making power and the power to carry on the Party activities including all other powers lie with the Office Bearers' Council.
- 4.5.2. All decisions of the Officer Bearers' Council shall be made with the consent of more than 50% of the members of the office Bearers' Council including those not present, unless otherwise specified herein.

4.6. Powers and Functions of the Leader

- 4.6.1. Propagating the policies of the Party amongst the public, encouraging the actions of the Party in a manner that members will join the Party and acting with a sacrificial attitude of mind for these purposes.
- 4.6.2. Responding to the media queries in a responsible manner with the consent of the General Secretary.
- 4.6.3. In the absence of the Leader the General Secretary will temporarily discharge the functions of the Leader

4.7. Powers and Functions of the General Secretary

- 4.7.1. The General Secretary has the full administrative power to carry out the affairs of the Party including the summoning of meetings of the Party, presiding over the meetings, collecting written documents regarding the administration and activities of the Party, signing contracts on behalf of the Party and establishing



contact with the Elections Commission.

- 4.7.2. The General Secretary shall have full control over the office of the Party.
- 4.7.3. Should the position of the General Secretary fall vacant or should he or she be unable to perform the functions of the office, an acting General Secretary shall be appointed to perform the duties of the General Secretary from amongst the members of the Office Bearers' council of the Party.
- 4.7.4. Until a General Secretary is elected by the Office Bearers Council the Assistant Secretary shall temporarily discharge the Powers and Functions of the General Secretary and the provisions of Chapter 9 shall mutatis mutandis apply in such an event.

4.8. Powers and Functions of the Treasurer

- 4.8.1. The Treasurer is responsible for the capital, finances and assets of the Party and shall carefully maintain records of the income and expenditure.
- 4.8.2. The Treasurer shall submit to the accountant the collection of finances appropriated in the budget 14 days before the Annual Report of Accounts is placed before the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.8.3. The Annual Report of the Accounts shall be forwarded by registered post before the end of February to the Commissioner of Elections through the Secretary.
- 4.8.4. The Treasurer shall ensure prior approval of expenses is obtained from the General Secretary.
- 4.8.5. In the Absence of the Treasurer the Assistant Treasurer will discharge the duties of the Treasurer under the guidance of the General Secretary.

4.9. Powers and Functions of the Chairperson

- 4.9.1. In the event the General Secretary cannot attend any of the meetings the Chairperson shall attend it on behalf of the General Secretary as expressly authorized by the General Secretary.
- 4.9.2. Should there be any requirement to make a decision, the Chairperson shall obtain first the written consent of the General Secretary upon which the decision shall be announced by the Chairperson.
- 4.9.3. The Chairperson attending a meeting on behalf of the General Secretary shall cast the vote of the General Secretary on his behalf only strictly as instructed by the General Secretary in writing by a formal form of proxy.

4.10. The Deputy Chairman shall assist the Chairman in his duties.

- 4.11. The Deputy Leaders shall cooperate with the Leader. Should the General Secretary or Chairman be unable to preside at meetings, one of the Deputy Leaders shall preside at the meetings with the written permission of the General Secretary. Deputy Leaders are responsible for propagating the policies of the Party and encouraging actions of the Party so that the members may join the Party. Deputy Leaders shall conduct

themselves in a manner not contrary to the decisions and activities of the Leader of the Party and General Secretary.

- 4.12. Assistant Leaders shall act in coordination with the Leader of the Party and shall discharge the functions of the Leader with the permission of the Leader and General Secretary.
- 4.13. The Media Secretary shall act as media spokesman and can publish the Reports of the Party to the media with the permission of the Leader or Secretary.
- 4.14. The Assistant Secretary is charged with the function of summoning for meetings, assisting the Secretary in respect of meetings and in the preparation of annual Reports, preparing all letters and distributing them with the permission of the General Secretary and joining with the Secretary in furthering election related matters.
- 4.15. The Assistant Treasurer shall cooperate with the Treasurer in his functions.
- 4.16. The National Youth Organizer shall discharge the political activities of the Party with regard to National Youth Affairs with the permission of the General Secretary.
- 4.17. The Policy Propaganda Secretary shall with the permission of the General Secretary explain the message and policy of the party to the public of the country.
- 4.18. The National Organizer is charged with the function of coordination with Organizers and Coordinators of the Party.
- 4.19. The Deputy National Organizer shall assist the National Organizer.
- 4.20. The Coordinator of Women's Affairs shall discharge the political activities of the Party with regard to Women's Affairs with the permission of the Leader.
- 4.21. The Assistant Coordinator of Women's Affairs shall cooperate with the Coordinator of Women's Affairs.

5. CHAPTER 05: Appointment and removal of the Leader

- 5.1. Should the Leader's position fall vacant through voluntary resignation or by death of the Leader or by removal by the General Secretary or the Leader becomes of unsound mind, then up and until a Leader is chosen the General Secretary or by the written authorization of the General Secretary, a representative from the Office Bearers' Council or Assistant Leader can hold office for the purpose of holding an Office Bearers' Council meeting for the election of a Leader and for no other purpose. The Leader so appointed shall convene a meeting of the Office Bearers Council to be held within a period of one month from the vacation of office of the Leader and the Office



Bearer's Council shall elect a new Leader by more than 50% votes of the entire Office Bearer's council including those not present which should also include the vote of the General Secretary. No Leader shall be appointed unless the incumbent General Secretary votes in favor of the said appointment.

- 5.2. In the selection to hold the position of Leader the following among other things mentioned in the constitution shall be considered : A Leader should care for society and a person with awareness of the country's religious dynamics, politics, country's constitution, history of political parties, have a good understanding of politics and a person of integrity.
- 5.3. In the event a position in the Parliamentary National List or at the Local Government is secured by the party, the person nominated to such position by the Party shall have the approval of the General Secretary.
- 5.4. The Leader can resign by issuing a handwritten notice of the resignation. After which within a period of one month a new Leader will be selected in the manner provided for in clause 5.1 of this chapter.
- 5.5. The Leader can be removed by the General Secretary immediately without any prior notice to the Leader and the removal will take effect with more than 50% of votes of the Office Bearers' Council including the General Secretary's votes in favor of the removal.
- 5.6. The Office Bearers' Council votes include the votes of all members of the Office Bearers' Council including Members not present whose votes /consensus have been put forward by way of circulation for those members. All members should place their signature under their preferences.

6. CHAPTER 06: Committees

- 6.1. In order to implement the purposes and plans of the Party in an efficient manner, the Party may establish various Committees or Wings as and when the necessity arises. They are as follows and these changes will take effect with only the approval of the Office Bearers' Council with more than 50% of the vote without any changes to the constitution :-
 - 6.1.1. Committee for political actions.
 - 6.1.2. Committee for religious and cultural affairs.
 - 6.1.3. Committee for education and employment.
 - 6.1.4. Committee for Women's Affairs.
 - 6.1.5. Committee for land, property, agriculture and fishing resources.
 - 6.1.6. Committee for commerce and business.
 - 6.1.7. Committee for intellectual affairs.

6.1.8. Committee for youth affairs.

6.2. A Working Committee can :-

- 6.2.1. Function in every Electoral District and/or Polling Division.
- 6.2.2. There will be only one Working Committee for an Electoral District and one Working Committee for a Polling Division.
- 6.2.3. No person shall be appointed as a Leader to an Electoral District or a Polling Division working committee. The General Secretary of the Party will be deemed to be the Leader responsible for all this.
- 6.2.4. The district organizer or area organizer may act as the Secretary or joint Leader of the Working Committee.
- 6.2.5. All the Coordinators belonging to the said Working Committee can be the members of such committees. Any person who does not obtain membership of the Party publicly will have no place in the Working Committee.
- 6.2.6. The Working Committee may meet at any time. The joint Leader or Secretary of the Working Committee shall send to the Party Leadership by post or by any other electronic communication, details about the meeting held, photographs of the event, and matters considered.
- 6.2.7. Any Working Committee that does not convene a meeting for 2 years consecutively will be deemed to be of no force or effect. If it wishes to meet again the proper reasons shall be notified and the permission of the Leader or Secretary shall be obtained, and it may so meet again.
- 6.2.8. The register of persons present at the Working Committee shall be maintained correctly by the Secretary and sent to the Party Leadership.
- 6.2.9. They will not be deemed to be a part of the Office Bearers' Council of the Party but will cooperate in respect of administration. Its members may have the opportunity to be selected to the Office Bearers' Council in the future.

7. CHAPTER 07: General Membership of the Party

- 7.1. Any person who is above the 18 years of age residing in Sri Lanka or abroad, and who accepts the Constitution and policies of the Party, may become a member of the Party. If he is an administrative member of any other political party recognized in Sri Lanka, he shall provide the letter of resignation which he submitted to those parties except where a member can also be a member of an affiliated political party having obtained the consent and approval of the General Secretary. In the event the Party will form an alliance and elections are contested under the name of this party, those contesting under the name of the party shall first obtain the membership of this party and abide by the disciplinary action of the Party.
- 7.2. A member shall become a life time member by completing the application and paying the life time membership fee as decided by the office Bearers' Council.

7.3. Admission of Members

- 7.3.1. A person may become a member by completing the application for membership or by applying by means of e-mail or WhatsApp and paying the membership fee as may be decided by the Office Bearers' Council and upon approval from the General Secretary acknowledged by his signature on the membership card.
- 7.3.2. A member shall pay his subscription and renew his membership every year or at least once in 2 years. If a member fails to renew his membership he will lose his membership in the Party.
- 7.3.3. A person who has lost his membership may pay a reasonable fee fixed by the Office Bearers' Council to the Party and be re-admitted

7.4. Duties of Members

- 7.4.1. All the members shall implement the basic political policies and projects of the Party and also play an exemplary and primary role in respect of promotions, work, learning and social activities.
- 7.4.2. All the members shall act according to their conscience: It shall be their duty to strictly adopt laws, secrets, and decisions, and to expeditiously discharge any function assigned by the Party, and to establish unity and control within the Party when so adopting the above.
- 7.4.3. All members shall avoid Party and political meetings with other parties and avoid deliberating about the Party with others in a bad manner, establishing minor group action without the knowledge of the Party, and manipulating against Party members. Every member shall engage himself actively in self-examination. He may notify the party leadership courageously about defects and failures. The mistakes of the politicians belonging to opposite parties can be revealed with proof and rectified. Maintaining close relationships with the people, propagating the views of the Party amongst them, advising the people when they face problems, and protecting the reasonable interests of the public are also their duties.
- 7.4.4. All the members shall accept the decisions of the Party disclosed with the consent of the Leader or Secretary. That decision shall not be deliberated publicly. If there is a difference of opinion regarding the Party's decision, they have the right to notify the Leadership or Secretary privately and to debate with them on such issues.
- 7.4.5. All members shall abide by the constitution. Those who act in contravention to the constitution will face disciplinary actions. The power to take disciplinary actions lies with the disciplinary committee.

7.5. Rights of members

- 7.5.1. Every member can participate in the Annual General meetings connected with the Party.



- 7.5.2. The said members may participate in meetings where questions in relation to the activities of the Party are debated.
- 7.5.3. Members can put forward suggestions and proposals in writing in respect of the activities of the Party.

8. CHAPTER 08: Disciplinary Matters of the Membership

8.1. The following shall be the Code of Ethics for members of the Office Bearers' Council and the Ordinary Membership of the Party :-

- 8.1.1. Members shall not act in a manner that causes harm and disgrace to the Party.
- 8.1.2. Member shall not criticize the conduct of the Party in the media, social-media platforms and public places, without first having raised it in writing by communication with the General Secretary. If any default is seen in the conduct of the Party, that can be notified in writing to the General Secretary or administration of the Party.
- 8.1.3. A member is required to act with honesty and integrity.
- 8.1.4. A member shall not act in a manner that will be insulting to any race, religion or culture.
- 8.1.5. A member shall not act in a dishonest or fraudulent manner or commit theft, cheating or criminal misappropriation.
- 8.1.6. If any dissatisfaction arises regarding the Party's actions that shall be first communicated in writing with the Leader and General Secretary.
- 8.1.7. If any statement regarding the Party is to be made it should be sent to the General Secretary and permission shall be obtained for the publication of the same.
- 8.1.8. Writing against the policy of the Party in social-media platforms or writing on behalf of any political parties with which the party does not associate shall not be encouraged. Also, if the Party has joined with any other Party by means of an agreement, commenting against that such other party too shall be avoided.
- 8.1.9. If the party has joined the ruling party, having dealings with the Opposition parties politically, commenting in support of them, taking photographs with them at political events and publishing them publicly shall be avoided entirely. Likewise, if the Party is with the Opposition party, participating in political activities with the ruling party and deliberating about the Opposition shall be avoided.
- 8.1.10. It is an offence for a person who obtained representation of the people through the Party to change parties and to deliberate about the Party or Party members on a public platform.
- 8.1.11. It is an offence for party members to hold meetings, getting together, to discuss against the Party, and open a Facebook and WhatsApp group or on any other digital platform without the knowledge of the General Secretary.
- 8.1.12. In the event this party contests an election under the name and symbol of the party, members contesting election should obtain membership of this party and in the event the said member joins another party either before or after the said



election the member shall be expelled from the party resulting in losing their seat in the parliament or other body.

8.2. Disciplinary action

- 8.2.1. If a member conducts himself in violation of the Constitution of the Party or causes infame and disrespect to the name of the Party or is in breach of the disciplinary rules of the party or if he is charged with an offence relating to extremism or terrorism, or if he is in breach of party discipline, the General Secretary may in consultation with the Leader where he thinks such consultation is necessary immediately suspend the membership of such member.
- 8.2.2. Likewise, if a member of the Party, without any acceptable reason whatsoever does not attend the annual conference of the Party for two consecutive (2) years without excuse, or if any members fails to renew his membership to the Head Office in writing or by means of WhatsApp or e-mail for a continuous period of 2 years, he/she will be deemed to have resigned from being a member on his/her own initiative.
- 8.2.3. If the Coordinators do not perform their duty or do not act in furtherance of any of the actions of the Party which is a part of their duty, for a continuous period of 6 months, they will be deemed to have resigned from the post they held in the Party and their membership of the Party on their own accord.
- 8.2.4. If any person whose membership is cancelled wishes to re-join, the General Secretary will be notified and with the consent of more than 50% of the members of the Office Bearers' Council including the General Secretary he will be re-admitted.

8.3. Disciplinary Procedure

- 8.3.1. A member who is charged for contravening any rule whatsoever of this Constitution and for any conduct causing harm or disgrace to the Party or for disobedience to the Leadership and decisions of the Office Bearers' Council will be subject to disciplinary action by the Party.
- 8.3.2. The Disciplinary inquiry will be conducted by the disciplinary committee of the party. The recommendations of the Disciplinary committee will be submitted to a meeting of the Office Bearers' Council for the consent of more than 50 % of the parties of the Office Bearers' Council.
- 8.3.3. The suspension shall be for not more than 21 days at a time. In the meantime, the person who was suspended can appeal against the suspension to the Leader or General Secretary in writing by registered post. Otherwise, the suspension

will be regarded as having been accepted by him /her as correct.

- 8.3.4. If more than 50% of the Office Bearers' Council including the General Secretary gives its consent to expel a member, a member other than the Leader or Secretary may be expelled at any time from the Party.
- 8.3.5. Any person who is subject to disciplinary action will receive a notice in one of the following ways – a letter written, or any other electronic communication *inter alia* SMS, WhatsApp, email or voice recording at least within 7 days. A reasonable opportunity will be granted to him/her to show cause in respect of the allegations brought against him/her.
- 8.3.6. Disciplinary inquiries will be concluded within 30 days from the day the member receives a notice regarding the inquiry.
- 8.3.7. Apart from the decision notified by the General Secretary, no other member can pronounce judgment on his own initiative or take disciplinary action against another member.
- 8.3.8. However in urgent situations the General Secretary of the Party can dismiss a member who is acting against the Party, without any prior notice to him. However the Leader or the Secretary shall compulsorily inform him about this at the next Office Bearers' Council Meeting and obtain the consent of more than 50% of the members of the entire Office Bearer's Council including the General Secretary.

8.4. Disciplinary Committee

- 8.4.1. The General Secretary shall appoint a Disciplinary committee of not less than 3 and not more than 5 persons of the Office Bearer's Council to inquire into disciplinary cases
- 8.4.2. The recommendations for the Disciplinary Committee shall be submitted to the Office Bearer's Council within 7 days from the conclusion of the inquiry.
- 8.4.3. Upon receipt of the report of the Disciplinary Committee the Office Bearers Council may with the agreement of over 50% of the members of the Office Bearers Council cause such member to be expelled or suspended for a period of time.

9. CHAPTER 9: Selection and dismissal of the General Secretary of the Party

- 9.1. If General Secretary's position becomes vacant through removal, voluntary resignation, by death or otherwise, or if the General Secretary becomes of unsound



mind, or is removed from his position then up and until a General Secretary is chosen the Assistant Secretary from the Office Bearers' Council shall hold office for the purpose of holding an Office Bearers Council Meeting for the election of a General Secretary and for no other purpose. The General Secretary so appointed shall convene a meeting of the Office Bearers Council to be held within a period of one month from the vacation of office of the General Secretary. Thereafter the Office Bearers' Council shall elect a new General Secretary by more than 50% of the votes of the entire Office Bearers Council including those not present.

- 9.2. The General Secretary can only be removed from his position based on disciplinary actions and the removal of the General Secretary will only take effect in obtaining more than 50% of the votes of the entire Office Bearers Council including those not present.
- 9.3. A vote of the Office Bearers' Council shall include the votes of all members of the Office Bearers' Council. If members are not present votes /consensus shall be put forward by way of circulation for those members. All members should place their signature under their preferences.

10. CHAPTER 10: Appointment and dismissal of other Office Bearers

- 10.1. Appointment of Office Bearers - The members of the office Bearer's Council except the Leader and the General Secretary shall be appointed by the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall appoint any person to the Office Bearers' Council with the approval of more than 50% of the vote from the Members of the entire Office Bearers Council including the General Secretary with immediate effect.
- 10.2. Removal of Office Bearers - The members of the Office Bearers Council except the Leader and the General Secretary may be removed from office by the General Secretary which decision will only take effect upon more than 50% of the vote from the Members of the entire Office Bearers Council including those not present and including the General Secretary with immediate effect
- 10.3. The Members of the Office Bearers will remain at 25 subject to clause 4.1 of this constitution.

11. CHAPTER 11: Contesting at Elections

- 11.1. The Party may contest at all the elections.
- 11.2. The Party will contest using its own symbol or will join with a party or parties registered at the Election Commission and will contest with an understanding in writing.



- 11.3. If a member of the Party contests in alliance with another party and wins, he will act as a member of this Party. The other party has no authority to control him and he shall be subject to the rules and regulations of this party.
- 11.4. If a member who is elected either changes his party or joins another party or allies himself with another party without the express permission of the Office Bearers Council, or conducts himself in contravention of the discipline of the party, or acts contrary to the Order of the General Secretary of the Party and the Office Bearers' Council, the General Secretary of the Party has full authority to remove him from the membership of the Party and from his representation by reason of the election, and appoint another person in his place.
- 11.5. The person who stood for election and won through the Party shall obtain the advice of the chief members of the Office Bearers' Council of the Party while planning his programs and development activities. Further, he shall give preference to the Party members and supporters in his area in respect of planned programs.

12. CHAPTER 12 : Finances for the Party

- 12.1. **Raising of finances** - The finances for the Party will be raised through the subscription fees of the membership, gifts from the Party members and local and international donations. Donations will not be accepted from local and international institutions proscribed by the Government of Sri Lanka.
- 12.2. **Bank account of the Party** - The Party shall open up a bank account in the name of the Party. Unless the Office Bearer's Council decides otherwise the General Secretary shall be the sole signatory of the Bank account.
- 12.3. **Expenses** - All expenses shall be made consequent to the consent of the General Secretary having been obtained.
- 12.4. The total sum of money received for the funds shall not be held personally for more than three days without being deposited in the bank account of the Party.
- 12.5. The Treasurer may keep in his possession a small amount of cash given to him for petty cash expenses.
- 12.6. **Assets of the Party** - The assets shall be recorded and kept in the custody of the trustee, comprising of The Leader, General Secretary and the Treasurer.
- 12.7. Deeds of Transfer or other documents conveying title to any movable or immovable property shall be executed in favour of the trustees of the party.

- 12.8. The Office Bearers concerned and their respective successors in office shall hold title to such properties in trust for the party. The said title shall devolve from time to time collectively upon persons holding or acting in such offices from time to time.
- 12.9. It shall be lawful and the right is hereby vested in such trustees of the party to deal with and to dispose of such properties in any manner from time to time in accordance with the recommendations of the Office Bearer's Council.
- 12.10. It shall also be lawful and the right is hereby vested in such trustees to open Bank Accounts in the name of the Party and operate such accounts with the mandate of the General Secretary with the Leader or Treasurer.

13. CHAPTER 13 : Language of the Constitution and the amendments

- 13.1. In the event of any inconsistencies, the English translation of this Constitution shall prevail overall other languages.
- 13.2. Subject to the provisions of the constitution, the power and authority to change and/or amend the constitution including the name and the symbols lies with the Office Bearer's Council.
- 13.3. The Office Bearers Council shall be the supreme authority which also includes the power to adopt a new constitution and provide translations of the constitution in any one or more of the languages.
- 13.4. The changes and/or amendments shall take effect with more than 50% of votes of the entire Office Bearers Council including the General Secretary and including those not present.
- 13.5. No amendment shall be valid unless voted in favour by the General Secretary.

The approved name, symbol and address of party has been included to constitution the approved by the office bearer's council on the 11th of September 2024



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