

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED PEACE ALLIANCE

CHAPTER 1

1.1 SHORT TITLE AND DATE OF OPERATION

This may be cited as the Constitution of the United Peace Alliance (previously known as United Peace Front) and shall come into operation in respect of all or any of its provisions from the 24th of November 2017.

1.2 NAME OF PARTY

The party shall be known and called as the "UNITED PEACE ALLIANCE" hereinafter referred to as the Party.

1.3 GUIDELINES OF THE PARTY

The Holy Qur'aan and the Traditions of the Holy Prophet shall be the supreme guidelines of the Party.

1.4 SYMBOL OF THE PARTY

The symbol of the Party shall be a butterfly, as assigned by the Commissioner of Elections under the political party name United Peace Front.

1.5 EMBLEM OF THE PARTY

The Emblem of the Party shall be "joint hands with a half moon in the background", as appearing in the schedule hereto.

1.6 FLAG OF THE PARTY

The flag of the Party shall be in green, red and yellow.

1.7 SECRETARIAT OF THE PARTY

The Secretariat of the Party shall be known as "Darulsahada" in the district of Colombo

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2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

- a. To foster and to safeguard the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka.
- b. To uphold and honour the principles of democracy and fundamental human rights of the people of Sri Lanka.
- c. To strive to recognise and respect the distinct linguistic, cultural ethnic, and religious identities of the communities of Sri Lanka and promote friendship, peace and harmony amongst them.

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- d. To work towards the re-establishment and the preservation of the rule of Law.
- e. To preserve and ensure the Independence of the Judiciary.
- f. To seek solutions to the socio-economic and ethnic problems of Sri Lanka based on the tenets of Islam, and
- g. To preserve and promote the Shari'ah Laws and to encourage the members of the Party and others to adopt the entire Code of Shari'ah Laws in their private and community life

CHAPTER III

3.1 DECISIONS OF THE PARTY

- a. All decisions of the party shall be made by the Leadership Council in consultation with the High Command. All such decision should be reached by way of consensus (Mashoorah) and such decisions shall bind all the members of the Party.

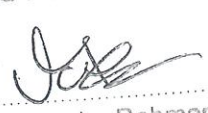
- b. The hierarchy of the party shall be as follows;

- i. The Leadership Council
- ii. The Chairman
- iii. The Senior Leader
- iv. The Deputy Leader I
- v. The Deputy Leader II
- vi. The Secretary General
- vii. The National Organizer
- viii. The General Treasurer
- ix. The National Propaganda Secretary
- x. The National Coordinating Secretary
- xi. The President Majlis-e-shoorah
- xii. Representative of the Ulema Council
- xiii. The Deputy Chairman
- xiv. The Deputy Secretary General
- xv. The Deputy National Organizer
- xvi. The Deputy General Treasurer
- xvii. The Deputy National Propaganda Secretary
- xviii. The Deputy National Coordinating Secretary
- xix. The Deputy President Majlis-e-shoorah
- xx. Politburo Members
- xxi. Working Committee Secretary
- xxii. Directors
- xxiii. Representative of Active Affiliated bodies
- xxiv. District Organizers
- xxv. The working Committee Members
- xxvi. The Delegates
- xxvii. Life Members
- xxviii. Ordinary Members

*Members of the
Leadership Council*

- c. An Advisory Committee, not exceeding five members, to be established with the recommendation of the Leadership Council and should comprise professional as

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well as civil society members for the purpose of providing professional guidance, as and when required, for the growth and welfare of the Party.

3.2 SPOKESMAN

- a. The Chairman of the Leadership Council shall be the Spokesman of the Party
 - i. In the event of the Chairman not being available for unspecified reasons, the Secretary General shall act as the Spokesman of the Party.
- b. If any member of the Party expresses an opinion on behalf of the Party without specific authority it shall be deemed to be misconduct and a serious violation of the Party discipline and he shall be liable to be dismissed from the Membership of the Party.

3.3 SPECIAL POWERS OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Leadership Council shall be entitled to the exercise of special powers within the spirit of this Constitution and such power inter alia shall include the following;

- a. Notwithstanding the power conferred on the Disciplinary Committee and/or the other procedures set down for disciplinary action against any members of the Party; the Leadership Council of the party shall have, in exceptional circumstances, the power to take any appropriate disciplinary action against any member of the Party with the objective of safeguarding the best interest of the Party in consultation with the Chairman Secretary General and the National Organizer of the Party.
- b. Any such decision made by the Leadership Council shall be communicated at the very next High Command meeting of the Party.

3.4 SPECIAL POWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY

- a. The Chairman of the Party shall act as the mediator and take part in conflict resolution, as and when required, in situations arising in the Leadership Council.
- b. The Chairman of the Party is vested with powers to manage the affairs of the Leadership Council, in the event of the said Council not being able to function, owing to unspecified reasons. In such event, all decisions taken will be with the concurrence of the Secretary General of the Party.
- c. The tenure of office in situations stated in 4.3b shall not exceed ninety days and within which period a new leadership council should be appointed or elected.

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CHAPTER IV

MEMBERS OF THE PARTY

4.1 ELIGIBILITY

Any person who has attained the age of 15 years and not a member of any other political group and is prepared.

- a. To accept and abide by the provisions of this Constitution; and
- b. To accept and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Party and
- c. To accept the objectives, policies and programme of the Party and
- d. To accept and abide by the Codes of Conduct of the Members of the Party;

shall be entitled to apply for the membership of the Party.

4.2 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

a. Ordinary Members

Any person who is eligible in terms of Article 4.1 of the Constitution to become a member of the party may forward a duly completed application form together with the prescribed membership fees to the Local Area Organiser at the annual public meeting held in respect of the Grama Seveka Division branch of that person. He or she on being enrolled by the Local Area Organiser shall become an ordinary member of that Branch and is entitled to the issue of a membership card valid for one year.

The Local Area Organiser shall ensure the issue of the Membership Card and the membership number and receipt for subscription at the said meeting itself.

Nothing herein will prevent a Local Area Organiser from enrolling members for a Branch during the interval between two Annual Public Meetings.

b. Life Members

An ordinary member on paying the prescribed Life Membership Fee to the Head Office Party Branch becomes a Life Member and may be nominated to the Delegates Conference by the Politbureau.

4.3 MEMBERS FEES

- a. Registration Fees and Annual Subscription – Rs 20/= (Rupees Twenty)
- b. Life Membership Fees –Rs 5,000/= (Rupees Five Thousand)

4.4 LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Party who at any point of time is found to have lost one or more of the aforesaid fundamental characteristics or fails and/or refuses to accept or abide

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by the provisions of the Constitution, the Rules and Regulations, objectives, policies, programmes and the Code of Conduct of the Party shall be liable to be summarily dismissed from the membership and expelled from the party by the High Command:

4.5 MEMBERSHIP RULES

The High Command shall be the ultimate authority to formulate from time to time rules for Membership in accordance with the provisions contained in the Constitution.

CHAPTER V

5.1 DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE PARTY

The following shall be inter alia the duties of every member (ordinary and life) of the Party.

Every member shall;

- a. be loyal to the Party and shall recognise, honour and submit to the authority of the hierarchy of the Party.
- b. propagate and defend in public the policies and programmes of the Party.
- c. Always conform to the standards laid down in the Code of Conduct of the Party.
- d. Regularly attend the various meetings and sessions of the various bodies and committees recognized by the Constitution.
- e. be individually and collectively responsible for his conduct and shall also ensure that his conduct in no way affect the image or reputation of the Party.

5.2 COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND BREACH OF DUTY BY A MEMBER OF THE PARTY.

Any member of the Party who –

- a. by an act or omission fails and or refuses to perform any one or more duties of a member and /or not in conformity and/or
- b. commits an act which is in conflict with and/or not in conformity and or not consistent with any one or more duties of a member and/or
- c. commits an act or omission which may be prejudicial to the interest and reputation of the Party or to the collective responsibility of the membership of the Party.

shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and shall be liable to be summarily dismissed from the membership and expelled from the Party by the High Command.

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CHAPTER VI

6.1 PARTY BRANCHES

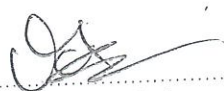
- a. The basic organization of the Party shall be at the Village Level.

The High Command of the Party is free to define a Village from time to time taking into consideration the special features and demographic pattern of a geographical area.
- b. Every Grama Seva Niladhari Division/Ward shall have only one branch of the Party.
- c. The National Organiser in consultation with the Leadership Council of the Party shall appoint a Local Area Organiser in respect of every Village.
- d. The Local Area Organiser shall appoint organisers in respect of each Grama Seva Niladhari Division/Ward s in that village.
- e. The Local Area Organiser shall by public notice announce the date, time and place of the Annual Public Meeting to be held in respect of every Grama Seva Niladhari Division/Ward and also call upon every persons in that Division who are above 15 years of age and willing to be enrolled as Members of the Party to assemble.
- f. At the Annual Public Meeting the Local Area Organiser shall register all qualified persons who have submitted applications together with the prescribed subscription fee.
- g. Party Branches may also be formed overseas where there are sufficient concentration of expatriate Sri Lankans.

6.2 BRANCH ORGANISATION

- a. The Local Area Organiser shall facilitate the election of office bearer including the President of the said Branch from among the registered members present at the said meeting.
- b. The first item of the Agenda shall be the election of the President of the Branch.
- c. The Local Area Organiser shall request the members of the Branch who are present at the meeting to ratify for the post of President of the said Branch the name of the member who has already been nominated and announced by him as the Organiser for that Grama Sevaka Division.
- d. In the event of the members present failing to ratify the nomination of the said member as the President, the members present shall nominate any other person among those present as the President of the said Branch.
- e. The person so nominated shall be declared as the President of the said Branch on such nominations being approved by the Local Area Organiser.
- f. Thereupon the Branch will proceed to elect a Secretary, Treasurer and other office bearers and the members of the Advisory Committee of the said Branch.

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- g. The Branch with the consent of the Local Area Organiser shall determine the composition and the number of persons in its Advisory Committee.
- h. There shall be a Branch Propaganda Secretary for every Branch who shall be appointed by the Village Propaganda Secretary.

6.3 VILLAGE ORGANISATION

VILLAGE WORKING COMMITTEE

- a. There shall be a Village Working Committee consisting of the Local Area Organiser, Village Propaganda Secretary and all Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Propaganda Secretaries and one more member from each branch of the Village.
 - b. The Working Committee shall meet at least once in three months under the Chairmanship of the Local Area Organiser to discuss the problems of the Village and to formulate policies and programmes to resolve them in addition to monitoring the annual work programme of the party for the said Village.
 - c. The Village Working Committee shall advise the Local Area Organiser on Policy and functions in respect of the village and shall also decide on the activities of the party.
 - d. There shall be a Village Central Committee for every village to ensure the effective functioning of the Party under the Leadership Council of the Local Area Organiser.
 - e. The Village Central Committee shall consist of all the Presidents, Propaganda Secretaries of all the branches of a village and the Village Propaganda Secretary together with the Local Area Organiser.
 - f. The Politbureau may appoint at its discretion such number of persons to serve in the Village Central Committees.
 - g. The Village Central Committee shall act as an advisory body to the Local Area Organiser to enable him to take decisions according to Mashoorah.
 - h. No decision by the Local Area Organiser either at the Working Committee or at the Central Committee without the Mashoorah process shall be valid.
 - i. No decision taken by a Local Area Organiser either at the working committee or at the Central Committee even if it is after Mashoorah shall be valid unless due notice is served on every member of such Committees.
 - j. The Village Central Committee in its discretion is entitled to set up Committees on matters of specific interest such as culture, education, health, agriculture and fishing etc.
- Such special committees will advise the Village Central Committees on matters of such Special interest from time to time.
- k. The National Propaganda Secretary of the Party will ensure in consultation with the High Command the appointment of a Village Propaganda Secretary to every Village in order to activate the Propaganda machinery of the Party.

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- l. The Village Propaganda Secretary shall keep the Local Area Organiser informed of all his activities.

6.4 PRADESHIYA SABHA ORGANISATION

- a. The National Organiser may in consultation with the Leadership Council of the Party direct one of the Local Area Organisers or any other suitable person within a Pradeshiya sabha area to summon a meeting of all members of all the Village Central Committee within a Pradeshiya Sabha Division and discuss matters relating to the effective functioning of the party within the Pradeshiya Sabha Division.
- b. The meeting so summoned at the directive of the National Organiser shall be the Central Committee of the Pradeshiya Sabha Division.

The Local Area Organiser or any other person so directed to convene the said meeting shall ipso facto be the President of the said Pradeshiya Sabha Central Committee.
- c. The National Organiser may appoint a Secretary to the said Central Committee of the Pradeshiya Sabha Division.
- d. In the absence of such nomination the Central Committee shall elect its Secretary.
- e. The Pradeshiya Sabha Organisation of the Party may decide to meet if and when necessary.

6.5 DISTRICT ORGANISATION

- a. The National Organiser shall, in consultation with the Leadership Council of the Party may appoint a District Organiser for the purposes of co-ordinating the activities of the party at the district level.
- b. The National Organiser may also in consultation with the Leadership Council of the Party appoint a Deputy District Organiser.
- c. The National Organiser shall in consultation with the Leadership Council of the Party appoint a Secretary for the District Organisation and name the members of the District Central Committee.
- d. The District Central Committee of the party may meet from time to time if and when necessary.

6.6 DECISIONS OF PRADESHIYA SABHA AND DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEES

- a. Provisions relating to the decision-making procedure by Mashooru laid down in paragraph 6.3 and, and notice to meetings shall be *mutatis mutandis* apply to all meetings at the Pradeshiya Sabha and District Levels.
- b. Any decision taken in violation of any of the said provisions shall be null and void.

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COMPOSITION OF DELEGATES CONFERENCE

- a. The following shall constitute the members of the Delegates Conference:-
 - i. members of the High Command
 - ii members of the Politbureau
 - iii members of the Working Committee PRC and Majls e shura
 - iv All others who are admitted for special reasons on the recommendations made by the respective village organizers.
 - v Such number of representatives from active overseas branches decided by the High Command of the Party.
- b. All such recommendations made under paragraph IV of the preceding Article must be forwarded to the National Organiser at least one month before the Delegates Conference.
- c. The High Command will decide the maximum number of delegates to participate at the National Delegates Conference or at the Special Delegates Conference.
- d. Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding paragraphs the High Command shall have the power to restrict the number of persons who are eligible to attend the Delegates Conference from a Village Working Committee.

Any such decision of the High Command shall not be questioned in any court of law.

6.8 DELEGATES CONFERENCE

- a. The delegates shall meet at least once a year and such a meeting will be known as the Annual Delegates Conference.
- b. When the Delegates Conference is summoned for a special purpose it is designated as a Special Delegates Conference.
- c. The Annual Delegates Conference and/or the Special Delegates Conference summoned for that purpose shall be the supreme authority to amend, add to, repeal and replace the Constitution of the Party.
- d. Business of the Annual Delegates Conference shall include the address by the Chairman, Report of the Secretary General and the General Treasurer. The delegates will be entitled to comment on the activities of the Party in the year under review.
- e. The interval between two Annual Delegates Conference shall not exceed 14 months.

6.9 WORKING COMMITTEE

- a. The Working Committee is the representative body of the National Delegates Conference and shall proceed to elect the members of the Politbureau at its first meeting except the Leadership Council of the Party.

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- b. The Politbureau at its last meeting before the Annual Delegates Conference shall elect the aforesaid office bearers for the ensuing year.
- c. The following shall be the members of the Working Committee:-
- All members of the High Command
 - All members of the Majles e shura
 - All members of the PRC
 - All Village Organizers
 - All Village Propaganda Secretaries
 - All representatives of the active affiliated bodies of the Party
 - One representative each from the active overseas branches of the Party
 - Any others nominated by the High Command of the Party

In case of any such nominations, the High Command shall also take into account the inadequacy of representatives from Districts and Provinces.

- d. The Working Committee shall formulate the guidelines of the Party and it shall also be the duty of the Working Committee to implement the policies and programmes of the party.
- e. The Chairman of the party shall preside at the meetings of the Working Committee.
- f. The Working Committee shall meet at least once in three (3) months.
- g. Any member of the Working Committee who fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Working Committee without a valid reason in writing shall ipso facto be deemed to have vacated his membership in the Working Committee.

6.10 POLITBUREAU

- a. The Politbureau is the representative body of the Working Committee.
- b. i. The membership of the Politbureau shall be twenty three (23).
- ii. The provisions of this article however should not preclude Members of Parliament representing the Party, The Secretary to the Working Committee, Secretary to the Majlis e Shura, one representative each from the active Affiliated bodies and three (3) nominated members of the Ulema Congress participating in the Poliburo meeting in their ex-officio capacity.
- c. The mandatory members of the Politburo are as follows:
- The Chairman
 - The Senior Leader
 - The Deputy Leader I
 - The Deputy Leader II
 - The Secretary General
 - The National Organizer
 - The General Treasurer
 - The National Propaganda Secretary
 - The National Coordinating Secretary
 - The Deputy Secretary General

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The Deputy National Organizer

The Deputy Chairman

The representatives of affiliated bodies that are active in the opinion of the High Command

The Secretaries of the Working Committee, Delegates Conference and the Majlis-E-Shoora shall have ex-officio membership in the Politbureau.

- d The Politbureau shall meet at least once in two month
- e Any member of the Politbureau who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Politbureau without a valid reason in writing shall ipso facto be deemed to have vacated his membership in the Politbureau
- f However the Politbureau, on an appeal made by such a member may for valid reasons restore his membership.

6.11 MAJLIS-E-SHOORA

- a. All past members of the Politbureau and High Command who continue to be active members of the Party and representatives of any organization invited by the Politbureau in its own discretion would constitute the Majlis-e-Shoora of the Party.
- b. The Majlis -e-Shoora shall formulate its own rules for the conduct of its meetings.
- c. The Majlis-e-Shoora shall be an integral organ of the Party with which the Politbureau may from time to time consult on matters before taking decisions.
- d. The Politbureau shall meet the Majlis-E-Shoora at least once a year.
- e. The Majlis-e-Shoora may from time to time issue guidelines to the Politbureau for consideration before arriving at decisions.
- f. The Majlis-e-Shoora may summon the Politbureau for any discussion and it shall be the duty of the Politbureau to attend such discussion when such a request is conveyed to the Secretary General.

6.12 HIGH COMMAND OF THE PARTY

- a. The High Command of the Party shall consist of the following ex-officio members

The Leadership Council

- i. The Chairman
- ii. The Senior Leader
- iii. The Deputy Leader I
- iv. The Deputy Leader II
- v. The Secretary General
- vi. The National Organizer
- vii. The General Treasurer
- viii. The National Propaganda Secretary
- ix. The National Coordinating Secretary
- x. The President Majlis-e-shoora

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xi. Representative of the Ulema Council

Other High Command Members

- xii. The Deputy Chairman
- xiii. The Deputy Secretary General
- xiv. The Deputy National Organizer
- xv. The Deputy General Treasurer
- xvi. The Deputy National Propaganda Secretary
- xvii. The Deputy National Coordinating Secretary
- xviii. The Deputy President Majlis-e-shoora

6.13 POWERS OF THE HIGH COMMAND INTER ALIA SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- a. To constitute, dissolve or reorganise any subcommittee or subordinate organisation or allied body of the Party and suspend the activities of such committee, organisation or body.
- b. To nominate the candidate/candidates of the Party at Presidential, Parliamentary, Provincial Council, Local Authority or any other elections.
- c. To elect the members of the party's High Command for the ensuing year at its last meeting (Mandatory High Command meeting) before the Annual Delegates Conference.
- d. To form subsidiary committee consisting of the members of its own and/or members of the Working Committee and/or members of the Party and it shall also have the power to nominate or appoint the presiding officer of that committee.
- e. To interpret the provisions of the Constitution.
- f. To provide for and to correct any error or mistake present in the Constitution.
- g. To dismiss any member of the Party from membership and expel him from the party or to take any appropriate disciplinary action.
- h. To nominate all officials of the Party.
- i. To formulate, draft and enact Rules and Regulations from time to time as and when necessary.
- j. It shall also be lawful for the High Command to delegate any of its powers to any special committee consisting of members of the High Command appointed for a special purpose.

6.14 SPECIAL POWERS OF THE HIGH COMAND IN RESPECT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ANY MEMBER OF THE PARTY

- a. Where a member of the Party is deemed to be guilty of misconduct and is liable to be dismissed from the membership and expelled from the party, the High Command in its absolute discretion shall be entitle to adopt any procedure it thinks fit and proper in the circumstances. However, the High

6.15 PEOPLES REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE (PRC)

- a. There shall be a Peoples Representative Committee (hereinafter referred to as PRC) of the Party consisting of elected and or nominated or appointed members of Parliament, Provincial Council, Municipal Council, Urban Council, Pradeseeeya Sabhas and any other elected bodies.
- b. All members of the High Command shall be ex-officio members of the Peoples Representative Committee.
- c. Members of the Majlis -E-Shoora shall be free to attend any meeting of the Peoples Representative Committee.
- d. The Leadership Council of the Party shall nominate one among the members of the Peoples Representative Committee to be its Secretary
- e. Each member of the PRC shall subscribe to a special pledge of loyalty to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Party every year.
- f. The PRC shall meet whenever necessary and such meetings shall be chaired by the Leadership Council. In the absence of the Leadership Council the most senior member of the High Command according to the hierarchy of the Party shall preside.
- g. The members of the PRC are strictly bound by the provisions of the Constitution, Code of Conduct of the Party and all decisions, resolutions and directives of the High Command, Politbureau and the Working Committee of the Party.
- h. Any member of the PRC who willfully contravenes or fails to comply with the provision of the Constitution, Code of Conduct and/or decisions, directives or resolution of the High Command, Politbureau and the Working Committee of the Party shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and liable to be summarily dismissed and expelled from the membership of the party by the High Command.
- i. Any member of the PRC who refuses to subscribe to the Annual special pledge of loyalty shall be guilty of gross misconduct and shall be liable to be summarily dismissed and expelled from the membership of the party by the High Command.
- j. Members of PRC shall always vote in Parliament, Provincial Council, Municipal Council, Urban Council, and Pradeshiya Sabhas and in any other elected body in accordance with the mandate of the Party.
- k.
 - i. The members of the Peoples Representative Committee shall prior to attending the meeting of the respective elected bodies meet as a group to discuss subject matters that are scheduled to be taken up at the said meeting of the elected body.
 - ii. such group meetings shall be known as mandatory group meetings.



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- iii. such mandatory meetings shall take place at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting of the elected body.
- iv. in exceptional circumstances such mandatory meeting should take place at least 3 hours before the scheduled meeting of the elected body.
- v. the Leadership Council of the party may appoint a Group Leadership Council to each of the elected body in which the party is represented.
- vi. the Group Leadership Council shall summon such mandatory group meetings before the scheduled meeting of the elected body.
 - a. Notice for such meeting shall be in writing.
 - b. Such group meeting may also take place as and when necessary and may be summoned at the discretion of the group Leadership Council.
 - c. It shall be the duty of the group Leadership Council to summon such meetings at the written request of a member of that group and such request shall also include the specific reasons for that meeting.
 - d. Failure of a group Leadership Council to summon such a meeting within reasonable time will be deemed a serious misconduct and the group Leadership Council is liable to be dismissed from the membership of the Party.
 - e. Failure to attend even a single mandatory group meeting without valid reason in writing sent to the group Leadership Council shall be deemed to be a serious misconduct and make the member liable to be dismissed from the Party after summary inquiry.
- vii. members of the Peoples Representatives Committee should conduct themselves at meetings of their elected bodies with a sense of collective responsibility and also should on all occasions speak in one voice at such meetings.
- viii. if the conduct of any member at such meetings of the elected body tantamount to breach of the provisions of the Constitution and /or bringing disrepute to the party it shall be deemed to be a serious offence which will make the member liable to be dismissed from the party after a summary inquiry.
- ix. It shall be the duty of every member of the PRC to raise issues and /or speak on matters of general importance at the meeting of the elected bodies and the members are strictly prohibited from raising matters concerning a fellow member of the Party at the said meetings.
- 1. Any member of the PRC who by his conduct, violates the accepted norms and general standards of party discipline shall be guilty of gross misconduct and shall be liable to be summarily dismissed and expelled from the membership of the Party by the High Command.

- m. Any member of the PRC leaving the island, or being unable to attend the meetings of the elected body for any specific reason should get prior approval from the Leadership Council. Failure to do so would result in disciplinary action being taken against such member.
- n. Any member of the PRC who, by his act or omission is found to be inefficient or incompetent by the High Command shall be liable to be summarily dismissed from the membership and expelled from the Party.
- o. It shall also be the duty of the members of the PRC to consult the Party Leadership Council and /or respective Group Leader, to ascertain the stand of the Party in respect of any matter before casting, abstaining or taking any step at the time of voting in the elected body.
- p. Members of the PRC shall not take a stand against and /or not in conformity and/or not consistent with the policy of the Party.
- q. Any member of the PRC who fails and /or refuses to attend without valid reasons, two consecutive meetings shall ipso facto be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and shall be liable to be dismissed and expelled from the Party by the High Command

6.16 DIRECTORS

- a. The Leadership Council may from among suitable members of the Party select and appoint Directors of the Party and assign to them specific functions.
- b. The Directors shall hold office so long they enjoy the confidence of the Leadership Council.

6.17 AFFILIATED BODIES

- a. The affiliated Organizations of the Party shall include the following;
 - The Ulema Council
 - The Undergraduates Council
 - The Youth Council
 - The Ladies Council
 - The Teachers Council
 - The Farmers Council
 - The Liberation Workers Council
 - The Port Workers Council
 - The Traders Council
 - The Professionals Council
- b. The Local Area Organiser shall be the ex-officio head of all affiliated bodies of the party within a Village.
- c. The provisions of the Constitution dealing with the formation of Party Branches will mutatis mutandis apply to organising the affiliated bodies of the Party. It is however mandatory that any Member of Affiliated Body should be a member of a Branch.

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6.18 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- a. The National Convention of the Party shall be held every year within four months of holding the Annual Delegates Conference.
- b. The Leadership Council of the Party at its National Convention honours members of the Party who have rendered special services to the Party.

6.19 DISTRICT CONVENTION

- a. District Convention shall be held at least once in 2 years where members of the Party are honoured for their loyalty, service and dedication to the Party.
- b. At the District Conventions members of the Party are entitled to express their views on the policy and programme of the Party and it also affords an opportunity for the members of the party to get together.

CHAPTER VII

DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY SUMMARY PROCEDURE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.

7.1 Where the High Command of the party is in receipt of any information or complaint, that a member of the Party has committed an act or omission which in its opinion –

- a. amounts to a failure and /or a refusal to perform any one or more duties of a member or is in conflict with and /or inconsistent with any one or more duties of a member and /or.
- b. prejudicial to the interests and reputation of the Party or the collective responsibility of the Party.

The member concerned is liable to be dismissed from the membership and expelled from the Party as hereinafter provided.

7.2 The High Command shall exercise its summary jurisdiction in respect of disciplinary action only in respect of members of the Politbureau, Majlis-E-Shoora, Peoples Representative Committee, Working Committee and life members

7.3 For the purpose of exercising the disciplinary powers in respect of all other categories of members of the Party –

- a. the High Command from time to time may make its own rules and procedures.
- b. the High Command may delegate its disciplinary powers, contemplated herein to any three (3) delegates from the local area.
- c. any member aggrieved by any of the decisions of such a Disciplinary Committee, may appeal in writing to the High Command for appropriate relief.
- d. such Disciplinary Committee in any event shall observe the rules relating to the Principles of natural justice in exercising its powers.

e. decisions on disciplinary matters may include –

- i. Dismissal from membership of the Party.
- ii. Suspension from membership of the Party.
- iii. Imposition of fine not exceeding Rs. 10,000.00
- iv. Admonition by the Leadership Council before the Working Committee.

7.4 Any provision in this Chapter shall not be construed to debar the Leadership Council from independently exercising his special powers in terms of Article 3.3 hereof and /or the High Command from taking disciplinary action independently in terms of Articles 6.14 of the Constitution.

7.5 FINANCE

- a. Party will be receiving funds by way of membership fees, donations, contributions and grants.
- b. Bank accounts will be operated jointly by two signatories among the following three positions; the Chairman, the General Secretary and the Treasurer.
- c. All commercial and legal documentation will be signed by; the Chairman, the General Secretary and the Treasurer.

CHAPTER VIII

PROPERTIES AND TRUSTEES OF THE PARTY

8.1 It shall be lawful for the Party to acquire and hold, take or give on lease or hire, mortgage, pledge, sell or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property and utilise the funds belonging to the Party for such purposes.

The Party funds shall not be used for this purpose except upon a resolution of the High Command. Deeds of transfer or other documents conveying title to such properties shall be executed in favour of the following office-bearers for the time being of the party to wit

- a. The Chairman
- b. The General Secretary
- c. The National Organiser
- d. The General Treasurer

8.2 No individual member shall have any right or title to such properties of the Party.

8.3 The office bearers concerned and their respective successors in office shall hold title to such properties in trust for the Party.

8.4 The title to such properties shall devolve from time to time collectively upon persons holding or acting in such offices from time to time.

8.5 It shall be lawful and the right is hereby vested in such Trustees to deal with and to dispose of such properties in any manner from time to time in accordance with the recommendations of the High Command.

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CHAPTER IX

MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- i. The Chairman
- ii. The Senior Leader
- iii. The Deputy Leader I
- iv. The Deputy Leader II
- v. The Secretary General
- vi. The National Organizer
- vii. The General Treasurer
- viii. The National Propaganda Secretary

shall be the ex-officio members of all the sub committees and affiliated organs of the Party

9.2 SPECIAL CONFERENCES

Special conferences and meeting of various Party structural organs shall be convened at the request of one-third of the members of that organ for any special purpose.

9.3 EMERGENCY CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS

Emergency conferences and meetings of various Party organs shall be convened at the request of the Leadership Council or the Chairman and the General Secretary.

9.4 QUORUM

The quorum for any meeting of any organ or organization of the Party shall be one-third of its respective total strength.

Provided however the quorum for any meeting of the Working Committee shall be one-sixth of its total strength as at the time of the meeting.

9.5 INTERPRETATION

- a. **CONSTITUTION:** means the directive rules set out in this Constitution and includes all Rules and Regulations framed in terms of the provisions of this Constitution and all interpretations of this Constitution made from time to time by the High Command and the provisions of the Code of Conduct of the Party.
- b. **PARTY BRANCH:** means the basic unit of the Party.
- c. **CASUS OMISSUS:** The High Command shall be entitled to take suitable decisions on all matters on which this Constitution is silent.

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