

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY

1. NAME: The name of the party shall be United Socialist Party

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- (a) To promote the well-being of the people of Sri Lanka.
- (b) To fight for all progressive measures in economic, political and social relations in Sri Lanka and to establish in Sri Lanka a socialist society.
- (c) To defend the national independence sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka.
- (d) To defend and promote Human rights democratic rights and processes.
- (e) To equality ensure all residents of Sri Lanka freedom of worship and religious Practice.
- (f) To ensure the right of self-determination of nationalities, within united Sri Lanka.
- (g) To promote among all nationalities and the ethnic communities the ideals of Friendship, equality.co-operation of the right of each such nationality and ethnic Community and develop its distinct identity and culture.
- (h) To ensure the equality of men and women at every level political, economic, social and cultural etc in all areas and to take all the efforts to safeguard children.
- (i) To provide all opportunities like free education and employment for the youths and ensure their rights.
- (j) To fight against imperialism, capitalism, ethnic chauvinism, Fascism, casteism, male Chauvinism and all types of discrimination in sri Lanka.
- (k) To contest and otherwise take part in elections in order to further its objectives.
- (l) In the field of international relations. To support all struggles against imperialism, Capitalism and for national liberation, for self determination for democracy and social progress: to support and endeavor to strengthen the solidarity of the third world countries and to maintain solidarity with the socialist processes taking place all over the world and anti- imperialist progressive governments.
- (m) To support all movements and struggles directed towards the abolition of nuclear And other weapons of mass destruction and towards general disament and world peace.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

The party shall be consisted of the members of the party.membership is open to all those who accept the objectives set our here in before and agree to pay the proscribed Membership fee.

The memberships shall be organised in branches constituted regionally and in any other detemined by the Central Committee.

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#### 4. GENERAL CONFERENCE

- (a) There shall be a general conference of the party once in two years consisted of the whole membership or delegates elected by the branches of the party.
- (b) All decision /resolutions of any organ of the party is subject to the approval by the general conference.
- (c) Member of the central committee shall be elected by the general conference

#### 5. SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

- (a) The central committee may convene special general conferences of the party for special purposes which in the opinion of the central committee shall be approved/discussed/debated by a general conference.

- (b) At last three weeks notice in advance shall be on the basis of simple majority.

#### 6. CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- (a) The ruling body of the party shall be the Central Committee appointed by the general conference.

- (b) All decisions of the central Committee shall be on the basis of simple majority.

#### 7. COMMITTEES

- (a) For the purpose of pursuing and co-ordinating the activities of the party in various field the central committee may from time to time create committees for such purposes.

- (b) All such committees shall function under the overall supervision of the central committee.

#### 8. OFFICE BEARERS

- (a) There shall be a president of party appointed by the central committee. The President shall preside at all meetings of the party.

- (b) There shall be a secretary of the party appointed by the Central committee. The secretary shall convince all meetings of the party and should keep all records of the party.

- (c) There shall be a Treasurer of the party appointed by the central committee. He shall be responsible for the custody of all funds and shall also be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all monies belonging to any fund of the party. He shall be accountable to the central committee in regard to his exercise of duties and functions of the treasurer.

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9. FUNDS

- (a) The party shall have a fund to which each member shall contribute on the rate and manner decided upon by the central committee. All other monies received by the party from any other sources may also be deposited in that fund.
- (b) The central committee may create a fund or funds for specific purposes.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS

- (a) The central committee shall from time to time define the policy and perspectives of the party, draft such programmes or manifestos as may from time to time be necessary, and issue public statements on behalf the party.
- (b) The central committee acting by itself or through its secretary shall have the power to negotiate with any person or organisation or with the government of sri Lanka on behalf of the party.

11. FUNCTIONING.

- 1. When the party participates in any election by nominating its own candidate/candidates or by supporting a candidate or candidates otherwise nominated by any other organisation may.
  - (a) participate in such elections by nominating its own candidates or candidates or supporting a candidate or candidates otherwise nominated; or
  - (b) Make any public pronouncement or express a position which is contrary to the decision of the party in regard to such election or elections.

12. WITHDRAWAL, EXPLUSION AND DISSOLUTION

- (a) Any member who violates the provisions of the constitution or who acts contrary to the decision of the party may be expelled by a resolution passed by a majority of votes of the central committee for which purpose each member shall exercise only one vote.
- (b) The party shall deemed to be dissolved when a resolution in that behalf is passed by a majority of votes in the general membership at a general conference. For which purpose each member shall exercises only one vote.

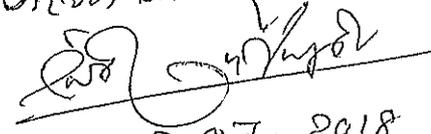
13. AMENDMENTS

The constitution of the party may be amended by a resolution passed two thirds majority at a special conference of the party summoned by a decision of the central committee.

14. HEAD OFFICE

The Head office of the party shall be situated at  
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Narahenpita,  
Colombo 5.

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