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DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF DEMOCRATIC TAMIL NATIONAL ALLIANCE

NAME OF ALLIANCE: Democratic Tamil National Alliance

1. **OBJECTIVES:**

Democratic Tamil National Alliance will be committed to find a permanent political solution to the Tamil National question which recognizes that the North and East of Sri Lanka as the traditional homeland of the Tamil people, they possess a distinct language and culture, they have their own economic resources, and they are entitled to self-determination under international laws, and to develop the economic well being of the Tamil people of the North and East.

2. **POLICY:**

2.1: Democratic Tamil National Alliance recognizes the fact that Sri Lanka is a multiethnic, multilingual, multicultural and multireligious country. The Alliance will contribute to the cause of promoting equality and dignity among the distinct ethnic groups.

2.2: The Alliance will cooperate with the task of formulating a federal constitution in Sri Lanka given the fact that a federal constitution will pave the way for the creation of mechanisms towards a solution to the national question.

2.3: The Alliance will safeguard and guarantee the democratic rights of all the inhabitants of t' e North and East.

2.4: The Alliance will safeguard the freedom of all the religious groups active in the North and East to practise and observe their religion.

2.5: The Alliance will guarantee the fundamental rights to everybody as prescribed in the constitution.

2.6: The Alliance will promote and fulfill its objectives by explaining them to the Tamil Diaspora.

2.7: The Alliance will secure the assistance and cooperation of international experts towards a solution to the national question and the development of the North and East.

2.8: The Alliance will make all efforts to achieve its objectives and carry out its policies democratically.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:**

3.1: The Alliance will function as a joint entity at the discretion of all the constituent political parties, political organizations and individuals, those who agree with the objectives, policies and provisions of the constitution of Democratic Tamil National Alliance may become its members.

3.2: Founder members of Democratic Tamil National Alliance consist of Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization, Democratic People's Liberation Front, Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, Tamil National Party and Crusaders for Democracy.

3.3: Those political parties, political organizations and individuals who agree with the above objectives and policies may, if they so desire, join and serve as members of the Alliance with the endorsement of the entire or majority of the Executive Committee.

3.4: Members of the constituent political parties or political organizations of the Alliance will be deemed to be members of the Alliance.

3.5: The constituent political parties and political organizations of the Alliance will function as members of the party of Democratic Tamil National Alliance as far as political activities are concerned.

3.6: The constituent political parties of the. Alliance will enjoy absolute freedom to function as separate entities provided their separate existence will not be detrimental to the objectives and policies of Democratic Tamil National Alliance.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a: The Executive Committee will be the supreme body to make all decisions of Democratic Tamil National Alliance. Members of the Executive Committee will be appointed from the constituent parties of Democratic Tamil National Alliance.

b: Each constituent party will recommend members of the Executive Committee.

c: Each constituent party will appoint three members to the Executive Committee.

d: Each constituent party may recommend a female member on the basis that the supreme decision-making body (the Executive Committee) should include women.

4.1 FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a: The Executive Committee will consist of the leaders of the constituent parties of Democratic Tamil National Alliance who exercise joint leadership. The Executive Committee will name the general secretary, joint secretaries, treasurer, spokesperson and national organizer.

b: Their tenure will last two years.

c: The above office-bearers should be named in such a way as to offer an opportunity to the representatives of all the constituent parties to contribute to the leadership.

d: A finance committee consisting of representatives of the constituent parties will be established under the treasurer who handles the funds belonging to the party.

e: The treasurer and general secretary of Tamil National Alliance will have the authority to handle and sign bank cheques.

f) The Executive Committee will name suitable members to committees and subcommittees to handle talks with the government, maintain contacts with Diaspora organizations, resettlement, regulating sources of livelihood, recovery and protection of lands, promoting Tamil culture and preserving ancient monuments and archaeological sites and their antiquity.

g: The Executive Committee will meet at least once a month and make decisions on political situations and take necessary actions.

h: If a member of the Executive Committee is removed or resigned, the [illegible] concerned will name one of its members to fill the vacancy.

i: The tenure of a member of the Executive Committee will last one year. The constituent parties may name the same or another member on their behalf to the Executive Committee.

4.2 FUNCTIONS OF THE JOINT LEADERSHIP:

a: One of the joint leaders will preside over the Executive Committee meeting.

b: The joint leader will ensure that no contradictions arise among the constituent parties and make efforts to strengthen unity.

c: The joint leader will respect democratic values and ensure equal opportunity to all the members.

4.3 FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARY:

a: The secretary will take all such actions as necessary to implement every decision made by the Executive Committee.

b: The secretary will call the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, take the minutes at the meeting and read the minutes at the subsequent meeting.

c: The secretary will promote coordination among the constituent parties of Democratic Tamil National Alliance.

d: The secretary will maintain all documentation in relation to the Elections Commission and submit reports on that to the Executive Committee.

e: If the office of secretary falls vacant the Executive Committee will meet and name a new secretary.

4.4 FUNCTIONS OF THE TREASURER:

a: The Executive Committee of Democratic Tamil National Alliance will appoint a treasurer and a finance committee headed by him.

b: The treasurer and the finance committee will work together to create and maintain the financial resources of Democratic Tamil National Alliance.

c: The treasurer will submit a financial statement to the Executive Committee every six months.

4.5 OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON:

a: The Executive Committee of Democratic Tamil National Alliance will appoint an official spokesperson for the Alliance.

b: The leader or secretary of a constituent party of Democratic Tamil National Alliance will have the right to express their opinions about its policies, objectives and political situations.

c: The official spokesperson will express opinions in conformity with the objectives and policies of Democratic Tamil National Alliance and in accordance with the decisions made by the Executive Committee.

d: If the office of official spokesperson falls vacant the Executive Committee will meet and name a new official spokesperson.

4.6 NATIONAL ORGANIZER:

a: The Executive Committee of Democratic Tamil National Alliance will appoint a national organizer for the party. The national organizer may appoint provincial organizers for his convenience in performing his functions.

b: The national organizer will undertake the task of strengthening Democratic Tamil National Alliance at rural, divisional, electorate and provincial levels.

c: The national organizer will undertake the task of holding electorate and provincial meetings of Democratic Tamil National Alliance.

d: The national organizer will undertake the task of establishing a student front, youth front, women front and trade union affiliated to Democratic Tamil National Alliance.

5. SECRETARIAT:

a: A secretariat will be set up to function under Democratic Tamil National Alliance.

b: The secretariat will be the centre of documentation and coordination for Democratic Tamil National Alliance.

c: The personnel of the secretariat will consist of suitable persons and experts appointed by the Executive Committee.

d: The secretariat will also be a centre dealing with the issues faced by Tamil people.

e: The Executive Committee will appoint an experienced administrator as administrative secretary to steer and manage the administrative matters of the secretariat.

6. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

a: Democratic Tamil National Alliance will formulate its code of ethics and conduct and provide them to the constituent parties and organizations.

b: The Executive Committee will appoint disciplinary committees on an ad hoc basis.

c: The Executive Committee will ensure that a disciplinary inquiry is conducted by the disciplinary committee appointed by itself against an individual or a constituent party that violates the code of ethics or conduct.

d: The Executive Committee will take necessary actions based on the disciplinary inquiry.

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