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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
SOCIALIST ALLANCE

I. Name: (1) The name of the Party shall be "සමාජවාදී ජනතා දෙමළු" in the Sinhala Language, " சோஷலிஸ்ட் மக்கள் கூட்டணி " in the Tamil Language, and "Socialist Alliance" in the English Language.

II. 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 territorial integrity of Sri Lanka.
- (d) To defend and promote democratic rights and processes.
- (e) To ensure all residents of Sri Lanka freedom of worship and religious practice.
- (f) To promote among all ethnic communities the ideals of friendship, equality, co-operation, mutual respect and mutual recognition of the right of each such ethnic communities to preserve and develop its distinct identity and culture.
- (g) To contest and otherwise take part in election in order to further its objectives.
- (h) In the field of international relations, to support all struggles against imperialism and for national liberation, democracy and social progress; to support and endeavour to strengthen the positions of the Non - Aligned Movement; and expressly to maintain solidarity with the socialist sector of the world and the newly liberated countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- (i) To support all movements and struggles directed towards the abolition of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and towards general disarmament and world peace.

III. Membership:

- (a) The party shall be a voluntary union of independent political organisation (hereinafter referred to as "constituent organisations ") which accept the objectives and other provisions of the constitution of the party.
- (b) The party is founded by the voluntary union of the Communist Party of Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Mahajana Party and the Lanka Sama Samaja Party for the purpose of the achievement of the objectives of the party set out in Sect.on 2 of the constitution.

- (c) Every Constituent organisation shall be deemed to be a branch of the party.
- (d) Every member of a constituent organisation shall be deemed to be an individual member of the party.
- (e) Any organisation that subscribes to the objectives of the party as stated in Section 2 of the Constitution may join as a constituent organisation of the party on the decision of the Executive Committee of the party.

#### IV. Executive Committee:

- (a) The ruling body of the party shall be the Executive Committee consisting of delegates appointed in that behalf by each constituent organisation.
- (b) Each constituent organisation shall appoint to the Executive Committee not less than 3 and nor more than 6 delegates.
- (c) All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be on the basis of consensus except as provided for in Section (XI) hereinafter.
- (d) The word "consensus" appearing in subsection (c) of this section shall mean and include a decision by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee arrived at after consultations among the Constituent organisations comprising the party and does not mean unanimity.

#### V. Fund

- (a) The party shall have a fund to which each constituent organisation shall contribute on the rate and manner decided upon by the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Executive Committee may create a fund or funds for specific purposes.

#### VI. Committees

- (a) For the purpose of pursuing and co-ordinating the activities of the party in various fields the Executive Committee may from time to time create Committees for such purposes.
- (b) All such Committees shall function under the overall supervision of the Executive Committee.

VII. Office-Bearers

- (a) There shall be a presidium of the party consisting of one nominee from each constituent organisation from among its representatives in the Executive Committee. The presidium shall from time to time decide which among its members shall preside at meetings.
- (b) There shall be a Secretariat of the party consisting of a nominee of each constituent organisation from among the members of the Executive Committee. The Secretariat shall function on the basis of consensus.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall from time to time nominate one member of the Secretariat for the purpose of being deemed "the Secretary" for the purpose of any written law relating to any election in Sri Lanka.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall nominate one of the members of the Secretariat for the purpose of convening meetings of the Executive Committee.
- (e) There shall be a Treasurer of the party appointed by the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for the custody of all funds and shall also be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all monies according to any fund of the party. He shall be accountable to the Executive Committee in regard to his exercise of these duties and functions.

VIII. Public Relations

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

IX. Functioning

- (1). Nothing in the Constitution shall be deemed to prevent or obstruct the independent functioning and activity of any constituent organisation.
- (2). When the party participates in any election by nominating its own candidate or candidates or by supporting a candidate or candidates otherwise nominated no constituent organisation shall notwithstanding the provisions of Section (1) above :

- (a) participate in such elections by nominating its own candidate 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.

X. Withdrawal, Expulsion and Dissolution

- (a) Any constituent organisation may withdraw from the party provided however that such withdrawal becomes effective only after such intention to withdraw is brought forward for consideration at a meeting of the Executive Committee with prior notice to the Constituent political organisations.
- (b) Any Constituent organisation which violates the provisions of the Constitution or which acts contrary to the decisions of the party may be expelled by a resolution passed by a majority of votes of the Executive Committee for which purpose each Constituent organisation shall exercise only one vote.
- (c) The party shall be deemed to be dissolved when a resolution in that behalf is passed by a majority of votes in the Executive Committee for which purpose each constituent organisation shall exercise only one vote.

XI. Amendments

The Constitution of the party may be amended by a resolution passed unanimously at a Conference of the Constituent organisation summoned by a decision of the Executive Committee where each such organisation will have an equal number of delegates.

True copy of the Constitution of the Socialist Alliance.

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