

Constitution of the People's Alliance (Amended) – 2024



01. Preamble

In view of the prevailing social, economic, and political conditions of the country, and upon due consideration of laws and various electoral strategies, it has become an unavoidable necessity for all concerned to engage in collective efforts—including the formation of electoral alliances among political parties—as a mechanism of governance and policy direction. Such efforts are essential not only to overcome the current economic crisis faced by the country, but also to advance Sri Lanka in line with global trends of this century, and to achieve the common objectives of our respective political parties.

Accordingly, we, the representatives of the sovereign people of Sri Lanka, have resolved to unite under an electoral alliance known and referred to as the **People's Alliance**.

(a) The registered office of the People's Alliance shall be at No. 301, T. B. Jaya Mawatha, Colombo 10.

(b) The official symbol of the People's Alliance shall be the **Chair** symbol.

02. Objectives and Aims

1. To safeguard national independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.
2. To work towards the creation of a society founded on social justice and human rights.
3. To protect and promote democratic rights and traditions.
4. To promote the economic, social, cultural, and spiritual advancement of the people of Sri Lanka.
5. To promote national unity, friendship, and cooperation among all communities of Sri Lanka, ensuring equality and equal opportunity for all citizens regardless of ethnicity, religion, caste, or creed.
6. To recognize freedom of conscience and freedom of religious worship and observance.
7. To uphold a non-aligned policy and support people's struggles in other countries for national liberation, democracy, and social progress.
8. To consistently advocate for world peace and general disarmament.
9. To recognize environmental protection as an essential component and commit to sustainable development.
10. To strive towards creating a society that protects the rights of women, youth, and children.
11. To act with the objective of strengthening the national economy and improving the quality of daily life of the people.

03. Membership

1. The People’s Alliance (hereinafter referred to as “the Alliance”) shall consist of recognized political parties and groups (hereinafter referred to as “member organizations”) that contribute to the objectives of the Alliance and accept this Constitution.
2. Each member organization or group shall be considered a branch of the Alliance.
3. Every member of the recognized political parties and groups that join in achieving the stated objectives shall be deemed a member of the Alliance.
4. Any political party or group that accepts the objectives and Constitution of the Alliance may join as a member organization in accordance with decisions taken under this Constitution, subject to the approval of the Leadership Council.
5. Every member organization or group shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the Central Executive Committee.



04. National Convention

1. The National Convention shall be convened by the Central Executive Committee.
2. The Sri Lanka Freedom Party shall be entitled to nominate a number of delegates equal to the total number nominated by the other member political parties and groups collectively, while each other member political party or group shall be entitled to nominate fifteen (15) delegates.
3. The Leader, or in his or her absence a person nominated by the Leadership Council, shall preside over the Convention.
4. The National Convention shall deliberate on reports submitted by the Central Executive Committee, determine the annual membership subscription, adopt resolutions submitted by the Committee, and approve amendments to the Constitution.
5. Rules relating to the convening and conduct of the National Convention shall be determined by the Central Executive Committee.



05. Central Executive Committee – Composition and Powers

(a) The Central Executive Committee shall consist of persons nominated by the member recognized political parties and groups, in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) The Sri Lanka Freedom Party shall be entitled to nominate a number of members equal to the total nominated by the other member parties and groups, while each other member party or group shall be entitled to nominate three (3) persons.

06. Central Executive Committee and Its Office Bearers

(a) The office bearers of the Alliance shall be:

i. **Leader** – One member shall be elected from among the members representing the Leadership Council at its principal meeting. The person so elected shall serve as both the Leader of the Alliance and Head of the Leadership Council until otherwise decided by the Leadership Council.

ii. **Secretary** – Appointed by the Leadership Council and shall hold office until otherwise decided.

iii. **Treasurer** – Nominated by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

iv. **National Organizers** – Three positions, of which one shall be allocated to the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

v. **Deputy Secretaries** – One position shall be allocated to each member party or group.

vi. **Vice Presidents** – One position shall be allocated to each member party or group.

vii. **Panel of Media Spokespersons** – Selected from within or outside the Central Executive Committee, with proficiency in Sinhala, Tamil, and English, and ensuring representation of women and youth.

viii. Media spokespersons may be invited to meetings of the Central Executive Committee whenever necessary.

(b) Decisions of the Central Executive Committee shall generally be taken by consensus; however, where consensus cannot be achieved despite all reasonable efforts, decisions may be taken by a majority vote.

07. Secretariat

1. There shall be a Secretariat comprising the Secretary and Deputy Secretaries nominated by each member organization.
2. The Secretariat shall make decisions on day-to-day affairs, prepare agendas, and draft resolutions for consideration by the Central Executive Committee.
3. The Secretary shall be the chief administrative officer of the Alliance.
4. The Secretary shall be responsible for convening and recording meetings of the Leadership Council, Central Executive Committee, and National Convention, and for carrying out duties assigned under this Constitution and applicable electoral laws.
5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Alliance, including maintaining accounts, collection, and disbursement of funds, and shall be accountable to the Central Executive Committee.
6. Subject to the approval of the Leadership Council, the Secretary shall sign nomination lists, fill vacancies, remove members, and initiate disciplinary action in accordance with decisions of the Central Executive Committee.

08. Leadership Council – Composition and Powers

The Leadership Council shall be the supreme authority of the Alliance.

1. It shall consist of leaders of the political parties and groups affiliated to the Alliance or their nominated representatives. Even in the absence of parliamentary representation, individuals or groups approved by the Leadership Council may obtain membership, each being entitled to one representative.
2. The Sri Lanka Freedom Party may appoint representatives amounting to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership of the Leadership Council.
3. Political parties or groups represented by Members of Parliament shall be entitled to one Leadership Council representative for every five (5) Members of Parliament.
4. The Leadership Council shall exercise authority over all affairs of the Alliance, including political decisions, disciplinary action, removals, election strategies, and governance. All other bodies shall be bound by its decisions.
5. The Leader shall preside over all meetings; in his or her absence, a presiding officer shall be elected by majority consent.
6. Decisions shall be taken by consensus where possible, or by majority vote where necessary.
7. The Leadership Council may appoint an Advisory Council to promote the development of the Alliance.

09. Committees

1. Subject-based committees shall be appointed by the Leadership Council to ensure efficient functioning, with clearly defined scope, procedures, and powers.
2. Committees may be established at national, provincial, district, or regional levels for coordination and implementation.
3. Committees shall act in accordance with regulations issued by the Central Executive Committee.
4. Committees may include Alliance officials or external experts for purposes such as policy formulation, outreach, inter-community relations, and international relations.

10. Code of Conduct for Member Organizations

(a) Member organizations shall retain full autonomy in conducting their internal political affairs, notwithstanding any provisions herein.

However, no member organization or group shall publicly criticize the Alliance, its policies, or other member organizations.

During elections where the Alliance fields candidates, member organizations shall not:

- i. Nominate their own candidates or support non-Alliance candidates; or
- ii. Make public statements contrary to Alliance decisions.

(b) Nothing in this Constitution shall deprive any member of a member organization of their right to function within that organization as they see fit.

11. Special Provisions

1. (a) Any member organization shall have the right to withdraw from the Alliance.
(b) Withdrawal shall take effect only after prior notice to other members and consideration at a Central Executive Committee meeting.
 2. Any member party or group that violates this Constitution or acts contrary to Alliance decisions may be expelled by a resolution approved by the Central Executive Committee and Leadership Council and ratified by a two-thirds majority of member organizations.
 3. Decisions regarding nomination of a presidential candidate or support for a candidate shall be made by majority decision of the Leadership Council.
 4. Where a parliamentary, provincial, or local authority seat obtained under the Alliance becomes vacant, the Secretary shall notify the Election Commission of the nominee submitted by the relevant member organization.
- (a) Disciplinary authority over elected representatives shall rest with the member party or group to which they belonged at the time of election.
- (b) Where such a representative is expelled from their member organization, the Secretary shall promptly notify the Election Commission or relevant authority.

Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution of the Alliance may be amended by a resolution passed at a National Convention by a two-thirds majority of the total number of delegates entitled to be present and vote. Such amendment shall come into force upon ratification by members of two-thirds of the member organizations affiliated to the Alliance at that time.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the amended Constitution of the People's United Front, duly adopted by resolution at the National Convention held on 06 February 2024.



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