



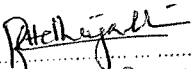
# DEMOCRATIC UNITY ALLIANCE

## CONSTITUTION

Amended and Approved

On 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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**DEMOCRATIC UNITY ALLIANCE**

**CONSTITUTION**

CHAPTER 1

- 1. **Short Title:** This may be cited as the Constitution of “Democratic Unity Alliance”. DUA.
- 2. **Name of the Party:** The Party shall be known and called as “Democratic Unity Alliance” hereinafter referred to as the Party.
- 3. **Guidelines of the Party:** Principles of Good Governance and Rule of Law based on the tanets of Democratic Principles.
- 4. **Symbol of the Party:** The symbol of the Party shall be the “Two Leaves”
- 5. **Headquarters of the Party:** The Headquarters of the Party shall be situated in the District of Colombo

CHAPTER 2

6. **Membership**

i. **Eligibility of Membership**

Any Person not less than 16 years of age accepting the Constitution, rules and regulation, Policy and Programs of the Party shall be eligible for Membership of the Party.

ii. **Categories of Membership**

a) **Ordinary Member**

Any person who is eligible to become a member of the Party and pays the subscription fee of Rupees 20/- to a branch of the Party and on being enrolled by the Executive Bureau shall become an ordinary Member of the Party and is entitled for a Membership number and card, renewable annually.

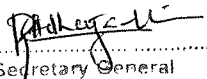
b) **Life Member**

Any ordinary member paying the prescribed Membership fee of Rupees Two Thousand (2000/-) to the headquarter of the Party shall be deemed as a life member.

c) **Honorary Member**

The Secretary General could appoint honorary members at his discretion to accommodate professionals, entrepreneurs and well-wishers.

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### CHAPTER 3

#### 7. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

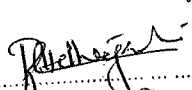
- I. To actively participate in the fostering and safeguarding the unity and Sovereignty and Integrity of Sri Lanka.
- II. To protect the rights of all citizens of Sri Lanka and promote peace, harmony and unity among all communities irrespective of religion, cast, creed and race.
- III. To present and put forward solutions to socio economic issues and ethnic problems of Sri Lanka.
- IV. To strive to recognize and respect the distinct linguistic, cultural, ethnic and religious communities of Sri Lanka, and promote friendship, peace and harmony among them.
- V. To strive at all times, preserve and uphold true democracy and the fundamental rights of people of Sri Lanka as equal citizens in all matters.
- VI. To strive to build an economically stable Country.

### CHAPTER 4

#### 8. PARTY STRUCTURES

- I. Party Branches – Party Branches may be constituted at each village level of grama niladhari's division, comprising of members who have enrolled in the said branches residing within that village or grama niladhari's division shall elect a President, Secretaries and necessary office bearers to the respective Party Branches. Such President and Secretaries shall represent their respective Party Branches at the Electoral Bureau.
- II. Electoral Bureau – there shall be an Electoral Bureau for all the Electorates in a District. Members representing each Electorate shall elect a President, a Secretary and the necessary office bearers, among themselves, to the Electoral Bureau. Such Presidents and secretaries of Electoral Bureau shall represent at the District Bureau as members.
- III. District Bureau – there shall be a District Bureau for all the Districts. Members representing each District shall elect a President, Secretary and necessary office bearers among themselves to the District Bureau. Such President and Secretary and three other members nominated by the Secretary General at his discretion shall represent the District Bureau and constitute the necessary Membership to represent the Party's Executive Bureau.
- IV. Executive Bureau - there shall be an Executive Bureau for the Party. Members representing all the District Bureau shall elect office bearers among themselves to the Executive Bureau except President and Secretary. President and Secretary of the Executive bureau shall be nominated by the Secretary General of the Party from and among the members who are elected to the Executive Bureau from the District Bureau. The Executive Bureau shall elect the office bearers of the Politburo consisting of fifteen members to the respective positions as per the Chapter (4) clause 8(V) of the Constitution to be the office bearers of the

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Politburo. In addition to the fifteen members elected by the executive bureau to the Politburo, the Secretary General may at his discretion nominate up to ten members to the Politburo considering the need and demand of the political situation.

However, the Politburo shall constitute not exceeding twenty-five (25) members.

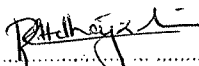
V. Politburo – there shall be a Politburo which is the supreme body of the Party. Office bearers of the Politburo is as follows:

- a) Secretary General 1
- b) Chairman 1
- c) Deputy Chairman 1
- d) Deputy Secretaries 2
- e) National Organizer 1
- f) Deputy National Organizer 2
- g) Propaganda Secretaries 3
- h) Treasurer 1
- i) Deputy Treasurer 1
- j) District Organizer 1

**9. MEETINGS**

- I. Party and Bureau meetings – there shall be no restriction in the number of meetings to be held. Any number of meetings may be held as and when necessity arises for the conduct of such meetings
- II. Meetings of District Bureau, Executive Bureau and Politburo shall not be held without the concurrence of the Secretary General and his participation.
- III. The Secretary General shall summon all meetings of the Executive Bureau and Politburo.
- IV. Convener of meetings – the Secretary General is vested with the sole power to convene meetings of the Executive Bureau and Politburo of the Party. However,
  - (a) not less than fifty percent (50%) of the existing members of the Politburo may request the Secretary General in writing to summon a meeting of the Politburo if necessary. The said request shall be duly signed by the members of Politburo who intend calling for such Politburo meetings.
  - (b) not less than fifty percent (50%) of the existing members of the Executive Bureau may request the Secretary General in writing to summon a meeting of the Executive Bureau if necessary. The said request shall be duly signed by the members of Executive Bureau who intend calling for such Executive Bureau meetings.

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## 10. ELECTIONS

- I. Party branch and other Bureau elections may be held in every two years.
- II. In case of there being no proper representative body constituted to any of the Bureau or partially constituted without being an effective body, or resignation or any vacancy not being filled for any reason or other, such action should not stand in the way for the progress of the Party or hinder any policy decisions being taken by the Party for its onward march in the interests of the Party.

## 11. DECISIONS OF THE PARTY

- I. All decisions of the Party shall be made by Politburo by a simple majority. The decisions taken by the Politburo shall be final and conclusive and bind all the members of the Party.

## CHAPTER 6

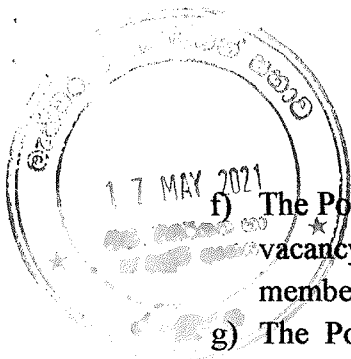
## 12. POWERS

- I. Executive Bureau – power of the Executive Bureau inter alia shall include the following:
  - a) To nominate candidates on behalf of the Party at various elections.
  - b) To formulate the guidelines of the Party and implement the policy and programs of the Party.
  - c) To form various sub – Committees from among its own members and / or the members of Bureau to frame rules and regulations with regard to various organs of the Party and their rules and regulation.
  - d) Approval of the new Party Membership.
  - e) Executive Bureau is vested with powers to decide on matters referred by District Bureau. The Executive Bureau, if it deemed necessary may refer such matters to the Politburo for necessary decisions.
- II. Politburo - Powers of the Politburo shall inter alia include the following:
  - a) To amend add, repeal and replace the Constitution of the Party
  - b) To constitute, dissolve, organize and suspend any sub-Committee and sub-ordinate organization of the Party.
  - c) To suspend any member from office and /or Membership of the Party on Disciplinary grounds until the final determination of the Party by the Disciplinary Committee.
  - d) To correct any error or mistake present in the Constitution and to give necessary direction in the interpretation of the Constitution. Any decisions taken by the Politburo is final and conclusive and cannot be questioned or challenged in any court of Law.
  - e) If any confusion arises with regard the interpretation of any clauses of the Constitution the Politburo is solely vested with the power to interpret such clauses.

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- f) The Politburo is vested with powers to nominate and appoint to all Bureau to any vacancy/vacancies caused by death, resignation or any lethargic attitude of any members.
- g) The Politburo is vested with powers to extend the period of any Bureau in exceptional circumstances for not more than one year.
- h) The politburo is vested with powers to hold biannual meetings and any other special and emergency meetings whenever necessity arises to call for such meetings.
- i) Ex-officio members – all Politburo members shall be ex- officio members of the all-sub-Committees and affiliated organs of the Party

## CHAPTER 7

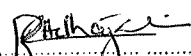
### 13. POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

- i. There shall be PRC (political representatives' Committee) of the Party consisting of elected and /or nominated or appointed members of Parliament, Provincial Councils, Municipal Councils, Urban Councils, Pradeshiya Sabbhas and any other elected bodies
- ii. All members of the Politburo shall be ex-officio members of the Political Representative Committee
- iii. The Secretary General shall nominate one among the members of the PRC to be its Secretary
- iv. The PRC shall meet whenever necessary and such meeting is chaired by the Secretary General or Chairman of the Party.
- v. Members of PRC are strictly bound by the provision of the Constitution and all decision, resolution and all directives of Politburo of the Party.
- vi. Any members of the PRC who willfully contravenes or fails to comply with the provision of the Constitution or resolutions of the Party or decisions of Politburo shall be guilty of gross misconduct and is liable to forfeit his Membership of the Party and of whatever Assembly, Committee, Sabah or body to which he is elected in the manner provided herein.
- vii. Members of the PRC shall always vote in Parliament, Provincial Councils, Municipal Councils, Urban Councils, Predeshiya Sabbah and any other elected body in accordance with the mandate of the Party.
- viii. Any members of the PRC who takes a stand whatever elected body or outside against the policy of the Party is also guilty of misconduct and is liable to be dismissed from the party membership and the respective elected body.
- ix. The PRC Secretary may summon the meetings of the PRC as directed by the Secretary General of the Party as and when necessary.
- x. Any members of the PRC who keeps away from its meeting without prior approval and /or without valid reasons for three consecutive meetings shall ipso facto lose his Membership of the Party and the body to which he is elected.

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14. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE AND Disciplinary ACTION

- i. There shall be a Disciplinary Committee consisting of the Secretary General and two others nominated by the Secretary General from the Politburo of the Party.
- ii. The Secretary general on his own upon receipt of a complaint against any member of the Party shall summon such member concerned and discuss with him the complaint pertaining to the conduct of such members.
- iii. After the discussion, the Secretary General if he so desires may refer the complaint to the Disciplinary committee for disciplinary action against the said member. The disciplinary committee shall follow the principles of natural justice in conducting the inquiry.
- iv. The Committee shall as soon as possible after completion of the Disciplinary inquiry may forward its report to the Politburo.
- v. The report of Disciplinary Committee together with the proceedings shall be taken up at a special sitting of the Politburo and the Politburo may take the final decision.
- vi. Such decision may include
  - a) Suspension from the membership of the Party three to twelve months
  - b) Dismissal from membership of the Party.

CHAPTER 9

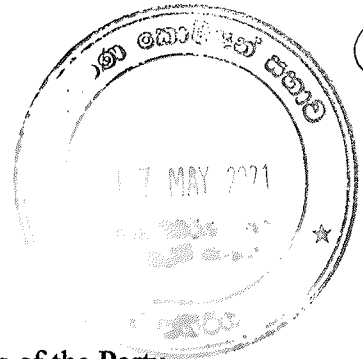
15. MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

- I. It shall be lawful for the Party to acquire properties movable and immovable and to utilize the Party funds for acquisition of such properties.
- II. The Party funds shall not be used for this purpose except upon a resolution of the Politburo.
- III. Deeds of transfer or other documents conveying title to such properties shall be executed in favor of the following office bearers for the time being of the Party to;
  - a) The Secretary general
  - b) The Chairman
  - c) The Treasurer and
  - d) Two other Politburo members nominated by the Secretary General.
  - e) No individual member shall have any right or title to such properties of the Party.
- IV. The office bearers concerned and their respective successors in office shall hold title to such properties in trust for the Party
- V. The title to such properties shall devolve from time to time collectively upon persons holding or acting in such offices from time to time
- VI. It shall be lawful and the right is hereby vested in such trustees to deal with and to dispose such properties in any manner from time to time in accordance with the recommendations of the Politburo.

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 Secretary General



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**CHAPTER 10**

**16. SPOKESPERSON**

- I. The Secretary General and the Chairman are the spokespersons of the Party.
- II. If any members of the Party express an opinion on behalf of the Party without specific authority it shall be deemed to a misconduct and serious violation of the Party discipline.
- III. The hierarchy among Party Members:
  - a) Secretary General
  - b) Chairman
  - c) Other members of Politburo
  - d) Executive Bureau
  - e) District Bureau
  - f) Electoral Bureau, Officials, and Party branch members.

**CHAPTER 11**

**17. SPECIAL POWER OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

- I. The Secretary General shall be entitled to exercise such other powers not provided for in the Constitution and/or the constitution is silent within the spirit of the Constitution in the best interest of the Party.
- II. Notwithstanding the power conferred on the Disciplinary Committee for Disciplinary action against any member of the Party, the Secretary general shall have the power to take any appropriate Disciplinary action including suspension against such member of the party with the objective of safeguarding the best interests of the Party under extra ordinary circumstances.

**CHAPTER 12**

**18. QUORUM**

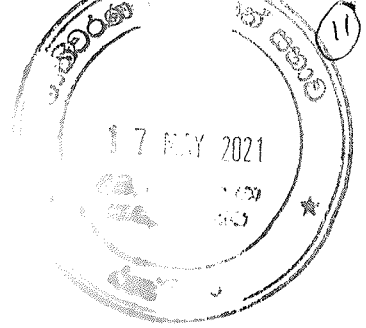
- I. the quorum for Politburo and Executive Bureau meetings of the Party shall be one third of its respective total strength present at such meetings.
- II. the quorum for Electorate Bureau and District Bureau meetings of the Party shall be one sixth of its respective total strength present at such meetings.

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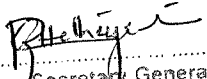
**CHAPTER 13**

**19. INTERPRETATION**

- I. Constitution: means the directives, rules set out in this Constitution and includes all rules and regulations framed in terms of the provisions of this Constitution and all interpretations made from time to time by the Politburo and the provision of the code of conduct of the Party.
- II. Party Branches: means the basic Unit of the Party
- III. Party: means Democratic Unity Alliance (DUA)
- IV. Secretary General: means the General Secretary of the Democratic Unity Alliance.

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