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CONSTITUTION OF THE **CONSTITUTION**
WORKERS NATIONAL FRONT **WORKERS**

187A, DIMBULLA ROAD, HATTON, SRILANKA

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Clause 01

(01) NAME OF THE PARTY

The name of the party shall be the Workers National Front herein after referred to as The Party.

(02) THE REGISTERED OFFICE

The Registered office and place of meeting for the business of the party shall be at 137 A, Dimbulla Road, Hatton, Sri Lanka or at such other place, the Executive Committee may decide as.

Clause 02

OBJECTS

- (01) To promote Political awareness among the Tamils of Indian Origin of Sri Lanka in Particular and the people of Sri Lanka in general by identifying the political of the said people and striving to find solution for them by peaceful and democratic means.
- (02) To promote the recognition of the fundamental rights of every citizen of Sri Lanka acceptance of equal rights and opportunities for all.
- (03) To promote inter-communal harmony, cordial relations and friendship among all communities.
- (04) To watch, promote, safeguard and further interests, rights and privileges of the Tamils of Indian origin.

Clause 03

ORGANISATION

- (01) The Supreme Bureau of the party shall lie in the National Conference.
- (02) The Supreme Bureau and The Central Committee of the party shall elect by the General Assembly (Delegates) in the national conference between the two Annual National conferences,
- (03) The Central Committee shall constitute branches for members.

Clause 04

BRANCHES

- (01) The party branch committees should be the basic unit of the party.
- (02) Each party branch committees shall have a minimum of Fifteen (15) members and that number should represent as follows:
- (a) Five Members of Estate Workers who are the members of the National Union of Workers (N.U.W.)
 - (b) Three members of Ladies for the Gender balance,
 - (c) Number of seven members from the various sectors of the Civil society,
- (03) Each party branch committee shall elect a Branch Leader, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Branch Organizer.
- (04) Each party branch committees shall meet monthly to discuss urgent local and National Matters.
- (05) Each Party branch committee should be constituted by the Electoral Committees on the advice to the Central committee.
- (06) Party branch committees shall exercise control over their members.

Clause 05

MEMBERSHIP

- (01) Any person who is holding membership in the National Union of workers (Trade Union) may become a member of the party unless and otherwise he specifically wishes to withdraw his membership from of the party. A trade union member of the National Union of workers not liable to contribute the admission fee and monthly fee as subscription of the political party.
- (02) Any other person of not less than 18 years of age who
- (a) Accepts the constitution, policy, programme and discipline of the Party and
 - (b) Pays a membership fee in terms of the constitution of the party,
 - (c) Shall be eligible for the membership of the party,
- (04) Pays an admission fee of rupees Fifty (50/=) and monthly fee of rupees Fifteen (15/=) subject to alteration by the Annual conference.

Clause 06

FUNCTIONS OF THE PARTY BRANCH

- (01) To ascertain the needs and aspirations of the people of the area to understand the relationship between them and the objectives of the party, and to organize the people's view to solving their problems.
- (02) To make the people aware of the policies of the party.
- (03) To enroll new members to the party.
- (04) To implement the decisions of the party.

Clause 07

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

- (01) One or more Electoral committees shall form in each district of the country.
- (02) Leaders, Secretaries, Treasurers and the organizer of all the party branch committees shall constitute the Electoral committee.
- (04) Every Electoral committee shall elect a Leader, Secretary, Treasurer and a Chief Organizer for the Electoral Division.
- (05) The Electoral committee shall work for the popularity of the party.
- (06) The Electoral committee shall,
 - a) Meet at least once a Month,
 - b) tender regular reports of its activities to the office bearers.

Clause 08

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (DELEGATES)

- (01) The General Assembly shall form the forums as follows
 - (a) Leaders Forum.
 - (b) Organizers Forum.
 - (c) Local Government Members Forum.
 - (d) Trade union forum.
 - (e) Special task forum.
- (2) The Forums shall form as follows:
 - (a) Leaders of Each Branch Committees should represent the **Leaders Forum**.
 - (b) Branch Organizers of Each Branch Committees should represent the **Organizers Forum**.
 - (c) Leaders of Each Electoral Committees should represent the **Leaders Forum**.
 - (d) Chief Organizer of Each Electoral Committees should represent the **Organizers Forum**.
 - (e) Each member of the Local Government authority who represents the party should represent the **Local Government Members Forum**.
 - (f) Members from the trade union (NUW) who represent the executive committee should represent the **Trade union forum**.

(g) Members of the party who show their abilities in political activities, cultural activities, education, social activities, sports, and young graduates should represent the **Special task forum**.

(02) The general assembly shall convene on any urgent matters between the holdings of two national conferences.

Clause 09

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- (01) Central Committee shall form as follows:
- (a) Electoral leaders from the leaders' forum,
 - (b) Chief Organizers from the Organizers forum,
 - (c) All members of the Local Government Members Forum.
 - (d) Five Executive Members from the trade union (NUW), including the President and the General Secretary,
 - (e) Members from the Special Task Forum
- Represent the Central Committee of the party.

Clause 10

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- (01) Explain, interpret and uphold the constitution of the party.
- (02) The Central committee shall be the final authority on the interpretation of the constitution.
- (03) When members of the Central committee discharge on interpretation and or any other decision the majorities decision the conclusive and not are call to question in any court of law, or other body.
- (04) Central committee shall meet at least once in two months, however at the request of two third of the Central committee it shall meet before the completion of three months.
- (05) The Central Committee shall chair by the Leader of the party and in the absence of the Leader, or one of the Assistant Leaders shall chair the Central Committee meeting.
- (06) The agenda of the Central committee meeting date and venue shall determined by the General Secretary of the party.
- (07) The Party General Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Central committee unless and otherwise decided by the General Assembly.
- (08) The Finance secretary shall be responsible for preparing the statements of accounts of the party and for submitting the statements of the accounts at the Annual Conference.
- (09) Any member of person elected to the provincial councils or local authorities shall advice by the policy of the party and strictly adhere to the very sprit of the said policy of the party. If any such member of person wishes to contest in the parliamentary elections, such member or person shall inform the party Secretary and get permission to contest in the parliamentary election and shall resign his post in the provincial council or local authority.

Clause 11

POLITICAL BUREAU

- (01) Political Bureau shall be elected from the central committee
- (02) Political Bureau shall be the office bearers of the party
- (03) The Political Bureau shall be chaired by the Leader of the Party and in the absence of the Leader, the General Secretary or One of the Assistant Leaders shall chair the Political Bureau Meeting.

- (04) The Political Bureau members form as follows:

- (a) The Leader
- (b) Hon. General Secretary
- (c) Financial Secretary
- (d) Deputy General Secretary
- (e) Assistant financial secretary
- (f) Maximum four numbers of assistant leaders
- (g) Maximum four numbers of assistant secretaries
- (h) Minimum four numbers of working committee Members

Clause 12

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU

The Political Bureau shall have power to;

- (01) The implementation of programme of the party, the political line and other decisions adopted at the national conference.
- (02) Explain, Interpret and uphold the constitution of the party.
- (03) Constitute, dissolve, re-organize and suspend any subordinate organization.
- (04) Print and publish party organs.
- (05) Authority to represent the party in relation with other political parties, alliance and organization.
- (06) Convene of a special conference if and when necessary.
- (07) Rights to nominate candidates of the party at elections to representative institutions, including parliament, Provincial Council and Local Government Authorities,
- (08) Report on and consult with subordinate organizations on the activities of the party.
- (09) Presentation of reports on policy organs and activities of the party to the National conference,
- (10) Approve enrolment of members of the party.
- (11) Delegate its functions to any of the subcommittee or Sub Organization.

(2) Suspend the office and / or a membership of a member until the final determination of the inquiry of the disciplinary committee.

(3) Appoint a Disciplinary committee of five (05) members to inquire into any alleged allegation against a member or any other person holding office of the party and the majority decision of the disciplinary committee shall prevail.

Clause 13

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

- (01) Supreme Bureau of the party lies in the national conference. The Supreme Bureau should be The Leader of the party, Hon. General Secretary and The Financial Secretary. The Supreme Bureau should be the board of trustee.
- (02) (a) The national conference of the party shall held once in two (02) Years,
 (b) There shall not be an interval of more than twenty-five (25) Months between the two national conferences.
- (03) The national conference shall discuss the prevailing political situation in the country and evolves the policies of the party until the next national conference.
- (04) The National conference shall discuss the drawbacks and the successes of the party's organizations and collectively evolves the necessary organizational structures and changes to suit the changing political situation in the country.
- (05) The National conference shall have sole authority to amend add / to / or repeal the party's constitution.
- (06) The National conference shall have the sole authority to evolve the policies of the party with regard to the other political forces in the country.
- (07) All governing bodies of the party shall elected by the national conference by consensus.
- (08) The National Conference shall headed by the Leader of the party.

Clause 14

SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCES

- (01) The central committee shall retain the right to convene special national conference on matters that require urgent attention.
- (02) The special general conference shall not have the right to elect party bodies.

- (05) The special General conference shall be chaired by the Leader of the party.

Clause 15**RULES**

Addition to / or deletion or alteration of any of these rules shall be affected only at the national conference of the party, or resolution passed by the two third of the members presents, or eligible vote.

Clause 16**AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS**

The accounts of the party shall be audited by registered accountants or auditors appointed by the Central committee and such auditors report should be submitted to the General Assembly annually.

Clause 17**VACANCIES IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

- (01) Office Bearers may fill on the recommendations of the Central committee.
- (02) Any of the office bearers shall not invalidate the decisions of the Central committee taken by a consensus.

Clause 18**TRUSTEES**

At least three trustees shall be elected by the Central Committee. All properties movable or immovable shall vest in the trustees for the time being and they shall deal with them in the directions directed by the Central committee.

Clause 19**GENERATION PROVISIONS**

- (1) The Central committee shall have the power to correct any omission or mistakes of the present constitution and propose to the necessary directions in the interpretations and implementations of the constitution and its decision shall be final and conclusive and not called in question by right or otherwise in any court of law.
- (2) In the case of any omission in these rules or if there is any doubt as to the interpretation of any section of the Rules the decision of the Central committee shall be final and conclusive.
- (03) The Central committee shall determine the National Organizer, Propaganda Secretary, and Editors that the party shall have for the ensuing year.

Clause 20

DISSOLUTION

The party may dissolved and the funds thereof after meeting all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the party, disposed of as decided by a resolution passed by two thirds of the members present an eligible to vote at a special general Assembly convened for the purpose.

If the registration is cancelled by the commissioner of elections the dissolution shall be on a resolution by passed a majority of members at such meeting.

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