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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL UNITY ALLIANCE

1. Name

The Party shall be known as the National Unity Alliance and shall be commonly referred to by its abbreviation NUA.

2. Head Office

The head office shall be located at 211/2, R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo - 3

3. Symbol

The pigeon shall be the symbol of the party and all colours of the rainbow shall be the colours of the National Unity Alliance.

4. The Flag

The flag of NUA shall have all the colours of the rainbow and have on its centre a triple - triangle logo.

5. Objectives

- I. To foster and to safeguard the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka
- II. To uphold and honour the principles of democracy and the fundamental human rights of the people of Sri Lanka
- III. To strive to realize full recognition and respect for the distinct linguistic, cultural, ethnic and religious identities of the communities of Sri Lanka and promote friendship, peace, tolerance and harmony amongst them.
- IV. To work towards further strengthening of the rule of law.
- V. To work towards the preservation of the independence of the judiciary.
- VI. To make Sri Lanka stronger economically and to assist in the formulation of strategies for accelerated sustainable development.

7. The Executive Council

There shall be an Executive Council which shall act as the highest decision making authority of the National Unity Alliance.

- I. The Executive Council shall comprise 11 members, at least one of whom shall be a female. All decisions shall be made by consensus.

- II. The quorum to make proceedings of an Executive Council meeting valid shall be 6 (six) members.
- III. The Executive Council shall elect 7 (seven) office bearers from its Members including the Leader of the National Unity Alliance. The office bearers of the NUA shall comprise the Leader, Chairman, General Secretary, National Organiser, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer. The Leader and General Secretary may be the same person.
- IV. Powers of the Executive Council:
 - a. All decisions shall be made by the Executive Council
 - b. The Executive Council may refer any matter for advice to the Working Committee.
 - c. To appoint officials of the Party and nominate members to various fora of national importance.
 - d. To exercise exclusive disciplinary control over members of the party for any violation of the provisions of the Party Constitution, decisions of the party and breach of party discipline.
 - e. To nominate candidates of the party at Presidential, Parliamentary, Provincial Council and Local Authorities or any other elections.
 - f. To fill any vacancy falling in any of the bodies of the party. However, in the event of the Executive Council having members less than the numbers required to constitute quorum, the requirement of quorum in 7 (II) shall be dispensed with for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Executive Council itself.
 - g. To interpret the Constitution. The interpretation by the Executive Council shall be final and conclusive.
 - h. To take any disciplinary action against any member of the party including suspension, dismissal from membership and expulsion from the party.
 - i. To create, constitute, suspend, dissolve, recognize and affiliate any sub-committee, subordinate organization or allied body of the party to enact rules and regulations and amend them as and when necessary.
 - j. The Executive Council shall have overall powers with regard to any matter in respect of which no provision has been made in the Constitution.
- V. The Executive Council shall meet at least once every three months and whenever necessary. The meeting shall be convened by the General Secretary and Chaired by the Leader. In the absence of the Leader, the Executive Committee shall elect any of the Members of the Executive Council to chair the meeting.

8. Annual Convention

There shall be an Annual Convention of the National Unity Alliance held every year on a date as fixed by the Executive Council. The Convention shall be a platform to elect Members of the Executive Council.

9. Working Committee

- I. The National Unity Alliance shall also have a Working Committee comprising of 25 members.
- II. The Leader shall nominate the members of the Working Committee in consultation with the Executive Council.
- III. The Working Committee shall be the policy making body of the National Unity Alliance.
- IV. The Working Committee shall meet at least once every three months or whenever necessary or upon a request made by the Executive Council.
- V. Powers and functions:
 - a. To assist the Executive Council in making Rules and Regulations, by-laws, etc. on matters of conducting meetings, at the district, electorate and branch level.
 - b. To advise the Executive Council on all matters of national importance
 - c. To actively engage in promoting the party and its image at the national and international level.

10. Spokesperson/s

The Leader, the Chairman and the General Secretary shall be the Spokespersons of the Party. However, the Executive Council may at its discretion appoint any member of the Executive Council as a spokesman of the Party with specific authority.

11. Disciplinary Action

- I. Any action of a member of the National Unity Alliance contrary to the party Constitution, party interests or party discipline shall be a subject of disciplinary action.
- II. The Executive Council shall appoint a committee to conduct inquiries on any matter concerning breach of party discipline and its report shall be submitted to the General Secretary of the Party upon conclusion of the inquiry, who shall then submit such report to the Executive Council.
- III. The Executive Council shall exercise exclusive disciplinary control over members of the Party for any violation of the provisions of the Party Constitution, decisions of the Party and/or breach of Party discipline.

- IV. Disciplinary action may include suspension, dismissal and/or expulsion from the party.
- V. The Leader of the National Unity Alliance shall have special disciplinary powers. He may exercise such power under extraordinary circumstance with the objective of safeguarding the reputation and the best interests of the NUA. Such power will include the right to dismiss any Executive Council member or office bearers. Any such decision shall be effective upon communication to the respective member and General Secretary. It shall be the duty of the General Secretary to inform other members of the Executive Council.

12. Finance

- I. The finance of the party will be received through subscriptions of members, donations from well-wishers and fund raising projects.
- II. The National Unity Alliance shall possess the right to purchase, rent, mortgage, lease, and borrow or any other right of similar nature in respect of movable and immovable property under its name.
- III. The National Unity Alliance shall have the right to open a bank account under its name. The account shall be operated by the Treasurer together with the Leader or General Secretary.

13. Effective date

The National Unity Alliance will function as a political party with effect from 23rd May 2012.

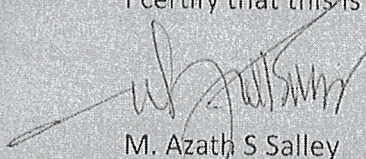
14. Cassus Omissus

The Executive Council shall have the power to provide for any matter necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the parties that are not present in the constitution.

15. Amendments, addition to, repeal or replacement of the Constitution

The National Convention shall have exclusive power to amend, add to, repeal or replace any provision of the Constitution. However, no amendment, addition to, repeal or replacement shall happen unless proposed by the Executive Council.

I certify that this is a true copy of the Constitution of National Unity Alliance.



M. Azath S Salley

General Secretary

National Unity Alliance