

**CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

**OF THE**

**CEYLON WORKERS' CONGRESS -**

**- POLITICAL WING**

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**RULE 01 – NAME OF THE PARTY, REGISTERED OFFICE & APPROVED SYMBOL**

- (i) Name of the Party (hereinafter referred to as the Party) shall be the Ceylon Workers' Congress – Political Wing.
- (ii) Address of Registered office – 'Saumia Bhavan', No.72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo-07 or at such other place as the Executive Council shall decide from time to time.
- (iii) Approved symbol – Cockerel.

**RULE 02 – POLICIES**

The policies of the Party shall be:-

- (i) To organize in the Party any citizen especially from the plantations, agricultural, informal, migrant, domestic and other sectors promoting democratic principles to build a strong, prosperous and united Sri Lanka.
- (ii) To promote opportunities for politically, economically, educationally, socially and culturally disadvantaged citizens mainly in plantation sector to enter the mainstream of the society expeditiously.
- (iii) To sponsor the cause of workers especially those in Plantation Sector in all forums including judicial forums to win over decent wage, housing, land, political, economic and social rights.
- (iv) To enhance the quality of life and status of workers in industry and society.
- (v) To establish an order of society which is free from hindrances and fosters on all round growth of human personality, eliminating social or economic discrimination and exploitation, eradicating anti – social concentration of power in any form.
- (vi) To place industry under public or worker ownership and/or control in suitable form in order to realize the policies in the quickest time possible.
- (vii) Organize the society in such a manner as to secure full employment and best utilization of its manpower and other resources.

- (viii) To secure increasing association of the workers in the administration of industry and their full participation in its control.
- (ix) To strive for the removal of all discrimination based on race, caste, creed, religion or gender.
- (x) To promote opportunities and facilities for increased participation of women in all fields including politics and employment and to strive for removal of statutory and non statutory obstacles in their development.
- (xi) To sponsor candidates for election to Parliament, Provincial Councils, Municipal Councils, Urban Councils, Pradeshiya Sabhas or any other local or statutory bodies subject to the candidates signing an agreement as per attached **Annexure A.** to this constitution.
- (xii) Form alliances with any recognized Political Party to achieve the policies outlined above.

### **RULE 03 – ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY**

The Party shall consist of:-

- (A) The primary numbers grouped according to the areas of their residences.
- (B) Primary Committee (Estate Committee, Village Committee, Ward Committee, Town Committee) elected by primary members from among themselves.
- (C) Delegates elected by primary members from among themselves at the rate of one every fifty [50] members, forty per cent [40%] of them shall be women.
- (D) Regional Committees consisting of delegates of two or more districts (wherever such regions are formed) whose Office Bearers shall be the Chairpersons of District Committees, Chairpersons of District Women and Youth Committees, members of the staff of the district CWC offices in the Region, Women Co-ordinators, elected members of Political bodies and Assistant Secretaries in the Region. The Regional Committee shall be headed by the Vice President of the Region. The Vice President concerned may invite any other person named by the Secretary to attend the Regional Committee meeting with intimation to the Secretary where necessary.

#### **RULE 04 – MEMBERSHIP**

- (A) All members of Ceylon Workers' Congress shall become members of the Party automatically.
- (B) All citizens of either sex over 18 years of age shall have the right and opportunity to obtain the membership of the Party. School children shall not be enrolled as members. However University students and students of Institutions of Higher learning may be enrolled with the approval of the Executive Council.
- (C) Application for membership by citizens other than members of Ceylon Workers' Congress shall be in writing and in accordance with such rule and form as may be prescribed by the Executive Council.
- (D) The membership fee for a member other than a member of the of Ceylon Workers' Congress shall be Rs. One thousand (Rs. 1000/- ) for a year.
- (E) On acceptance of the application by the Executive Council, the applicant shall be enrolled as a member of the Party and issued with a Membership Card by the Secretary.
- (F) Any member who wishes to resign from the membership of the Party shall give three (03) calendar months notice to the Secretary in writing.
- (G) Any member so resigning from the membership of the Party shall cease to be a member of the Party and shall lose all rights of membership from the date of receipt of such notice.
- (H) Any member who ceased to be a member of the Party may be readmitted as a member of the Party on application being made in writing to the Secretary and approval by the Executive Council on such terms and conditions as may be laid down by the Executive Council.

#### **RULE – 05 – SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY AND APPEAL:**

- (A) The Secretary shall have the power to suspend any member from the membership of the Party if he is satisfied that there is a prima facie case that the said member has acted in contravention of the rules and regulations of the Party and the Secretary shall report such suspension to the Executive Council and Disciplinary Committee within (03) working days.

- (B) The Executive Council shall have the power after an inquiry process by the Disciplinary Committee to expel any member found guilty of an attempt to undermine the Party or acts contrary to or violation of the rules and regulations or makes or does any acts likely to injure the credit or reputation of the Party.
- (C) The Executive Council shall have the power to expel from membership any member nominated on the list of any other Political Party in terms of an electoral agreement entered into and who has been elected to Parliament or a Provincial Council or a Pradeshiya Sabha or any other Local Authority as a nominee of the Party if he or she has committed or acted prejudicial to the interest of the Party or caused damage to its reputation and good name or acted in defiance of the direction and guidance of the Executive Council.
- (D) Any expelled member shall have the right to appeal to the National Council within 14 days of expulsion. Pending such appeal the decision of the Executive Council shall be in force. The National Council shall give its decision within six (06) weeks from the date of appeal. Such decision shall be final and conclusive.

#### **RULE 06 – INSPECTION OF BOOKS**

The list of members and account books shall be made available for inspection by any member interested provided that seven [07] days notice in writing is given to the Secretary.

#### **RULE 07 – NATIONAL CONVENTION**

- (A) The National Convention of the Party shall be convened every three [03] years or as decided by the National Council from time to time. The quorum for the National Convention shall be two thirds [2/3] of the total number of delegates.
- (B) The National Convention shall consist of delegates, members of the National and Executive Councils in addition to the Officers and Ex-Presidents of the Party whose membership has not lapsed.
- (C) The Secretary shall give at least thirty [30] days notice of the National Convention to all persons referred to in rule 07(B) and/or by publication in the press at least three [03] weeks before the National Convention.
- (D) Resolution for discussion at the National Convention and notice of motion for amendment of rules shall be sent by the members to reach the Secretary at least fifteen [15] days before the day of the National Convention.

## **RULE 08 – SPECIAL CONVENTION**

- (A) A Special Convention of the Party shall be called by a resolution of the executive council, or by a resolution of the National Council.
- (B) If joint requisition is made in writing by not less than five [05] District Committees, the aggregate membership of which is not less than twenty-five percent of the Party, specifying the reasons necessitating the convening of such a Special Convention, it shall be convened within twenty-one [21] days of such requisition being received.
- (C) Notice and agenda for a Special Convention shall be forwarded by the Secretary to all persons referred to in rule 07(B) and/or by publication in the press at least seven [07] days before the date fixed for the Special Convention.
- (D) A Special Convention shall deal with only the business for which it is summoned.

## **RULE 09 – MINUTES**

Minutes of all meetings shall be maintained by the Secretary and shall be submitted at the next meeting for confirmation.

## **RULE 10 - VOTING**

Voting at all meetings of the Party shall be by show of hands except where the President decides otherwise. However if the majority of those present decide in favour of a particular form of voting, that form shall be followed.

## **RULE 11 – THE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES OF THE PARTY SHALL BE**

- i. National Council
- ii. Executive Council
- iii. Central Committee
- iv. Administrative Committee
- v. Office Bearers
- vi. Finance Committee
- vii. Disciplinary Committee
- viii. Regional Committee
- ix. District Committee
- x. Primary Committee

## **RULE 12**

The sub units of the Party shall be

- A. i. Women's Wing (Mathar Congress)
- ii. Youth Wing (Vaaliba Congress)
- B. The Women's Wing and Youth Wing each shall function directly under the Secretary.
- C. The office bearers for Women's Wing and Youth Wing appointed by the Secretary shall consist of following:-
  - (i) President
  - (ii) Secretary
  - (iii) Committee Members – 11 (minimum)

## **RULE 13 – NATIONAL COUNCIL**

(A) The Party shall be under the management and direction of the National Council consisting of -

- i. Patron
- ii. President
- iii. Chairman
- iv. Secretary
- v. Financial Secretary
- vi. Chief Legal Advisor to the Executive Council (Nominated)
- vii. Deputy President - 2
- viii. Vice Chairman
- ix. Deputy Secretary
- x. Political Organizer
- xi. Vice Presidents - 14
- xii. Deputy Political Organizer
- xiii. Assistant Secretaries - 30
- xiv. District Chairpersons in office
- xv. Representatives elected at one for every five hundred [500] members by District Councils.

The members of the National Council (other than the nominated members) shall be elected.

**RULE 14 – DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL**

- (A) The National Council shall direct the progress of work laid down by the Party from National Convention or Special Convention and deal with all new matters that may arise during the work after the National or Special Convention of the Party.
- (B) The National Council shall have the power to frame rules not inconsistent with the constitution for regulating all matters connected with the Party.
- (C) The National Council shall within thirty [30] days of the National Convention of the Party elect

[I] The Office-bearers consisting of :-

- i. President
- ii. Chairman
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Financial Secretary
- v. Chief Legal Advisor to the Executive Council
- vi. Deputy President - 2
- vii. Vice Chairman
- viii. Deputy Secretary
- ix. Political Organizer
- x. Vice Presidents – 14
- xi. Deputy Political Organizer
- xii. Administrative Secretary
- xiii. Chief Accountant

(II) The ten (10) elected Vice Presidents shall consist of eight (08) for the Regions and two for women. Four (04) Vice Presidents shall be nominated by the Secretary in consultation with the Executive Council.

(III) The subject and functions to be assigned to office bearers shall be determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Executive Council.

(IV) A qualified Chief Accountant shall be appointed by the Secretary on terms and conditions approved by the Executive Council.



- (D) The National Council shall meet at least once in (06) months or as often as required by the Executive Council or on a written requisition addressed to the Secretary by not less than fifty [50] or one fifth [1/5] of the members of the council whichever is less. Such requisition shall specify the purpose for which the meeting is required. In which case the meeting shall be summoned within twenty one [21] days of the receipt of the requisition. At such a meeting no subject or subjects other than those specified in the requisition shall be brought up for consideration.
- (E) The quorum for a meeting of the National Council shall be two third [2/3] of its aggregate numbers.
- (F) The National Council shall exercise authority till the meeting of the next National Convention.
- (G) No decision of the National Council arrived at its meeting shall be amended or revoked till after the expiry of three [03] months unless at a specially convened meeting at which two/third [2/3] of its members present vote for such amendment or revocation.
- (H) The National Council shall direct the **Disciplinary Committee** appointed by the Secretary to inquire into all political, trade union and other irregularities concerning Delegates, Members of the National and Executive Councils, Office bearers, Ex-Presidents and District Chairpersons in office.

### Disciplinary Committee

- i. President
- ii. Chairman
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Political Organizer
- v. Vice President – (Administration)
- vi. Vice President in charge of the Region
- vii. Administrative Secretary

The quorum for a Disciplinary Committee Meeting shall be five (05) members.

- (I) No elected Office Bearer, Auditor or Trustee shall be removed from office except on a resolution passed by a majority at a National Council meeting at which at least two third [2/3] of the members are present.

If and when necessity arises between two [02] National Council meetings, the Executive Council shall have the power to suspend any such person or persons and fill in such vacancy or vacancies that may arise in consequence thereof, and bring the case or cases for further action or ratification by the National Council meeting.

(J) The National Council shall exercise its power and discharge its functions and duties under the guidance of the Secretary.

### **RULE 15 – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

(A) The Executive Council of the Party shall be composed of: -

- i. Patron
- ii. President
- iii. Chairman
- iv. Secretary
- v. Financial Secretary
- vi. Political Organizer

(B) The Executive Council shall have power to co-opt members not already represented in the Council provided that such co-opted members shall not exceed twenty five per centum [25%] of the Council and that such co-option is approved by the National Council at its next meeting.

(B.1) The Executive Council shall be convened by the Secretary and shall exercise its powers and discharge its functions and duties under the guidance of the Secretary.

(C) No member of the Executive Council shall be a full time paid employee of the Party other than those who are co-opted as per rule 15.

(D) A number more than two third [2/3] of the number of Executive Council members other than office bearers shall constitute the quorum.

(E) The Chief Legal Advisor shall advise the Executive Council on all relevant issues concerned.

(F) The Executive Council shall meet, once in six [06] months or more often if deemed necessary, or on a joint written requisition made by not less than two third [2/3] of its members. The requisition shall include a statement of the purpose for which the meeting is to be convened. Such meeting shall be held within twenty one

[21] days of the receipt of such requisition. At such meeting no subjects other than those specified in the requisition shall be considered.

(G) The Executive Council shall be entrusted with the management of the affairs of the Party.

(H) The Executive Council shall have authority to appoint such officers and staffs as may be necessary for the efficient working of the Party, to determine their terms and conditions of employment and also to determine the terms and conditions governing the functions of full time Office Bearers elected and appointed under the Constitution and to make such provision as may be necessary in connection with their appointment.

(I) The Executive Council may through the Secretary :-

- i. Take Legal proceedings against any officer or member of the Party who misappropriates the funds of the Party and/or when circumstances warrant such action.
- ii. Suspend or expel any incompetent or insubordinate employees of the Party.
- iii. Suspend or expel members acting contrary to the rules and regulations of the Party after an inquiry process and report by the Disciplinary Committee.

(J) The Executive Council shall have the power to appoint special approved auditors to examine at any time the books and accounts of any Districts, Zones or Regions or any account relating to the Party.

(K) In the event of any member of the Executive Council absenting himself from three [03] consecutive meetings he shall be disqualified from sitting unless satisfactory reasons in writing are sent to and accepted by the Executive Council.

(L) The Executive Council shall give instructions to the trustees for compliance regarding the investment of the funds of the Party.

### **RULE 16 – PRIMARY, DISTRICT AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES**

(A) Primary, District, and Regional Committees shall be formed according to rules that may be framed from time to time by the Executive Council, Such Committees shall be subject to the control and direction of the Executive Council.

(B) The Executive Council shall have the power to dissolve the Primary, District and Regional Committees if it is satisfied that such committee or committees act contrary to the rule or regulations of the party make or do any act or acts likely to affect the credit or reputation of the Party.

**RULE 17 – ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT, A CHAIRMAN AND A FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

(i) The President, The Chairman and The Financial Secretary shall be elected at the National Convention and remain in office till the next National Convention.

Any ten (10) delegates may jointly send the name of any member qualified under rule 19 A (ii) proposing him to be elected as President, Chairman or Financial Secretary of the Party to reach the Secretary on or before the date so fixed.

(ii) No such nomination shall be valid unless the written consent of the proposed candidate is received by the Secretary on or before the date so fixed.

(iii) In case there is only one (01) person nominated for the post of President Chairman or Financial Secretary, such person shall be declared elected forthwith as the President, Chairman or Financial Secretary as the case may be by the Executive Council.

(iv) In case more than one (01) person is nominated for the post of the President, Chairman or Financial Secretary, the Executive Council shall make arrangements for the election to the post of a President, a Chairman or Financial Secretary where applicable by the delegates according to the procedure, that shall be laid down by the Executive Council and shall announce the President, Chairman or Financial Secretary as the case may be the nominee who secures the largest number of votes, provided that more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes polled have been obtained by each of the nominee for the post of President, Chairman or Financial Secretary.

(v) In case of any emergency such as the death or resignation of the President Chairman or Financial Secretary, the National Council shall forthwith fix a date for a fresh election. If such a procedure is found impracticable, the elected members of the National Council shall elect the President, Chairman or Financial Secretary. In the case of the office of President, Chairman or Financial Secretary falling vacant in the course of the year, the National Council specially convened for the purpose shall fill the vacancy.

## **RULE 18 – ELECTION OF A SECRETARY**

- (A) The Secretary shall be elected at the National Convention and remain in office till the next National Convention. Any ten [10] delegates may jointly send the name of any member qualified under rule 19 A (ii) proposing him to be elected as Secretary of the Party to reach the Secretary on or before the date so fixed.
- (B) No such nomination shall be valid unless the written consent of the proposed candidate is received by the Secretary on or before the date so fixed. In case there is only one [01] person nominated for the post of Secretary, he shall be declared elected forthwith as the Secretary by the Executive Council.
- © If more than one [01] person is nominated for the post of Secretary, the Executive Council shall make arrangements for the election to the post of Secretary by the Delegates according to the procedure that shall be laid down by the Executive Council and shall announce as Secretary the nominee who secures the largest number of votes, provided that more than fifty percent [50%] of the votes polled have been obtained by the nominee for the post of Secretary.
- (D) In the case of any emergency such as the death or resignation of the Secretary, the National Council shall forthwith fix a date for a fresh election. If such a procedure is found impracticable the newly elected members of the National Council shall elect the Secretary. In the case of the office of the Secretary falling vacant in the course of the year the National Council specially convened for the purpose shall fill the vacancy.

## **RULE 19 – OFFICE BEARERS**

Office bearers shall consist of:

- i. President
- ii. Chairman
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Financial Secretary
- v. Chief Legal Advisor to the Executive Council
- vi. Deputy President - 2
- vii. Vice Chairman
- viii. Deputy Secretary
- ix. Political Organizer
- x. Vice Presidents – 14

- xi. Deputy Political Organizer
- xii. Administrative Secretary
- xiii. Chief Accountant

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- i. Office Bearers shall ordinarily meet on the first Tuesday of each month
- ii. No Person shall be elected to hold office as an office Bearer or Member of the District, Zonal or Regional Committee or the National Council or of the Executive Council of the Party unless he is over twenty one [21] years of age and has been a member of the Party for at least one year [01] immediately preceding his nomination and is at the time not more than three [03] months in arrears of subscriptions unless otherwise exempted by Executive Council.
- iii. The Executive Council shall have the power to fill in any office which becomes vacant by death or otherwise, provided there is a sufficient number to constitute a quorum.
- iv. All Office Bearers shall act in concurrence and on the approval of the Secretary.

B. The Secretary in conjunction with the President shall supervise the general administration of the affairs of the Party and ensure to secure the observance of these rules by all concerned.

C. The President shall during his term of office preside at all Delegates Conventions and Meetings of the Executive and National Councils and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of such meetings.

D. The President or Chairman shall appoint the Secretary to act for him in his absence and the Secretary shall exercise all the powers of the President and Chairman during such absence. In the case of absence of the Secretary, he shall nominate a member of Executive Council to act for him.

E. The Financial Secretary shall be responsible for the financial books and monies or any business transactions for and on behalf of the Party. He shall submit to the Executive Council and at National Convention a true and correct account of all the financial transactions of the Party. He shall sign the cheques on behalf of the Party which shall be countersigned by the Secretary.

- F. The Secretary shall have the power to appoint a temporary substitute if any Office-Bearer abstains from office for a period exceeding Thirty [30] days without obtaining leave from him.
- G. The Secretary in consultation with the President shall have the power to devolve any function in the Party to any person who he deems fit.
- H. The President, Chairman and the Secretary of the Party shall be Ex-officio members of all Committees, Councils and other bodies of the Party.
- I. The Patron and in his absence any one of the suitable Senior most Vice President shall be the pro tem Chairman at the National Convention of the Party.
- J. The Secretary may make an acting appointment to fill any vacancy arising in any manner whatsoever.

## **RULE 20 - TRUSTEES**

- A. There shall be three [03] elected Trustees comprising of the President, Secretary and Financial Secretary.
- B.
  - i. All properties movable or immovable of the Party shall be vested in the joint names of the Trustees and be dealt with by them as the Executive Council may decide and direct.
  - ii. All funds other than approved current expenses shall be deposited by the Financial Secretary in the name of the Party in such Bank or Banks as the Executive Council may decide and such accounts shall be operated by the Financial Secretary and the Secretary.
  - iii. The Trustees shall be entitled at any time or from time to time to hypothecate for any of the purposes relating to the Party any land and buildings owned by the Party where they consider it necessary to do so and upon such terms and conditions as to interest or security and repayment as the Trustees shall deem it proper and advisable; subject however that the Trustees shall act only as the Executive Council may decide and direct.
- C. The office of a Trustee shall be declared vacant by the Executive Council in case of death, resignation, bankruptcy, unsound mind, conviction, involving dishonesty or absence from the island for a continuous period of twelve [12] months and shall bring the matter for ratification at the next National Council.

- D. Any Trustee relinquishing his office shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary with copy to President and Chairman . In the event of the Secretary relinquishing the office of the Trusteeship the resignation shall be given in writing to the President with copy to the Chairman.
- E. In the event of any office of the Trustees become vacant as per rule 20 (C) or (D) such vacancy shall be filled temporarily by the Executive Council until the next National Convention or a Special Convention where such vacancy is permanently filled.
- F. All deeds, documents of the title and securities for monies of the Party shall be held by the Trustees and they may take such measures for the safe custody and preservation thereof at the expense of the Party and they shall be responsible for the safe custody of all such deeds, documents and securities as are placed in their hands or under their control. They shall produce them for inspection when required by the Executive Council or the delegate's conference or when required by the auditors of the books of account.
- G. It shall be the duty of any Trustee who has resigned or been removed from office to execute such documents and take all such other steps as may be necessary to vest all his responsibilities pertaining to securities, properties and funds of the Party with the rest of the Trustees.

#### **RULE 21- AUDITORS**

An approved Auditor shall be elected by the Executive Council for the purpose of the audit of the Party and such audit shall be duly completed within three [03] months after the expiry of the financial year, which commences from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April in one [01] year to the end of March of the following year.

#### **RULE 22- SALARIES AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

- A. The scale of salaries and allowances of the staff and full time Office Bearers of the Party shall be determined as and when necessary by the Executive Council.
- B. Office Bearers or Elected Representatives or Delegates may be paid, subject to approval by the Executive Council, for any loss of working time incurred



in the transaction of the business of the Party and for all reasonable expenses incurred thereby on behalf of the Party. They shall submit to the Executive Council of their expenses with relevant payment vouchers where available.

- C. Office Bearers whose duties call for service on behalf of the Party may be paid an honorarium. The decision and amount payable is to be determined by the Executive Council.

### **RULE 23- FUNDS**

- A. The Chief Accountant shall deposit all funds in the name of the Party in such Bank or Banks as the Executive Council may decide.
- B. A **Finance Committee** appointed by the Secretary as mentioned hereunder shall be established to lay down policies and guide the financial affairs of the Party.
- i. President
  - ii. Chairman
  - iii. Secretary
  - iv. Financial Secretary
  - v. Vice President – Administration
  - vi. Political Organizer
  - v. Administrative Secretary
  - vi. Chief Accountant.

The quorum for any meeting of the Finance Committee shall be five (05) members. It shall meet at least once in (06) months.

The Financial Secretary shall submit annual estimates of revenue and expenditure at the Finance Committee for each financial year which shall reflect proposals on token allocations for events such as Workers' Welfare, Workers' Education, Women, Youth, International Affairs, May Day, Commemoration ceremonies etc. The Budget shall be discussed at the Executive Council and ratified at the next National Council.

- C. The amount drawn in the current account shall not exceed the sum stipulated by the Executive Council.
- D. The funds of the Party shall be utilized only in furtherance of the objective of Rule 2 above and shall not be applied directly or indirectly in payment of any fines imposed on any person by sentence or order of a Court of Justice.

## **RULE 24 – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

An **Administrative Committee** appointed by the Secretary as follows shall be established in the Congress to devise organizational and administrative policies.

- i. President
- ii. Chairman
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Financial Secretary
- v. Political Organizer
- vi. Vice President – (Administration)
- vii. Administrative Secretary

The Administrative Committee shall meet at least once in six (06) months. The quorum for any meeting of the Administrative Committee shall be five (05) members.

## **RULE 25 – CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

There shall be a Central Committee comprising of elected members in all organs of the Party. It shall function in advisory capacity to the National Council and Executive Council on all relevant issues, proposals and projects of the Party. It shall be convened and headed by the Administrative Secretary. The President, Chairman, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Political Organizer, the fourteen (14) Vice Presidents and Assistant Secretaries shall be ex officio members of Central Committee. It shall meet at least once in six (06) months or as when required. The quorum for such meeting shall be twenty five (25) members.

## **RULE 26 - AFFILIATION OR FEDERATION**

The Party shall have the power to affiliate or federate with any other Political Party on two third 2/3 majority voting at a National Council meeting.

## **RULE 27 - ALTERATION OF RULES**

No rule shall be made, amended or rescinded without due approval by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the total members present at a National Council meeting.

## **RULE 28 - INTERPRETATION**

On any question of interpretation of the Constitution of any matter not provided for therein the decision of the Executive Council consistent with these rules, shall be final subject to revision by the National Council.

## **RULE 29 - FRACTIONS**

When considering the value of fraction, a fraction of one half [1/2] or more shall be treated as one [01] and less than one half as zero [00].

## **RULE 30 - DISSOLUTION**

A- The Party shall not be voluntarily dissolved except with the consent of five sixth [5/6th] of the delegates of the Party obtained at a Special National Convention convened for the purpose.

B- In the event of the Party being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Party shall be fully discharged and the remaining funds divided amongst members to benefit in proportion according to their years of membership.

## **RULE 31 - CONSTITUTION**

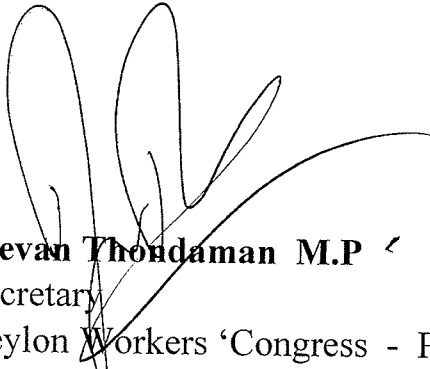
A copy of the Constitution for the time being in force shall be furnished by the Secretary to any member on payment of Rupees One Thousand [Rs.1,000/-].

## **RULE 32 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

- i. The President shall have the power to use his discretion on matters not expressly provided for in the case of Rules, for the proper and orderly conduct of the proceedings of a meeting. The Secretary shall use the powers vested under the Constitution and Rules with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council.
- ii. All decisions of the Party are subject to concurrence and consent of the Secretary.

- iii. Only the Secretary in concurrence with the Executive Council shall have the power to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Party with any Government or non Government Organization, Party, Corporate, partnership or private individual.
- iv. No member shall be removed from his office or membership without holding a fair and just inquiry process by the Disciplinary Committee followed by the rules laid down in the Constitution.

Certified.



**Jeevan Thondaman M.P** <

Secretary

Ceylon Workers 'Congress - Political Wing

Date : 07.04.2022

ANNEXTURE - A

Agreement

This Agreement signed between the Ceylon Workers' Congress (Political Wing) of No.72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo-7 (First Party) and..... of....., a candidate to the..... Election to be held on.....being the (Second Party) witnesseth hereunder.

1. The First Party being a recognized Political Party having taken into consideration the interests of its general membership is desirous that the Second Party should not quit membership of the CWC (Political Wing) or cross over in the event of the Second Party getting elected to the.....
2. The Second Party accordingly hereby agrees and pledges with the First Party that the Second Party will not cease membership of the First Party and cross over to any other Political Party or act as an independent in the above referred.....
3. The Second Party hereby agrees and pledges further that in the event of the Second Party ceasing membership with the First Party the Second Party will relinquish the political office for which the Second Party was elected from the date of ceasing membership with the First Party with due notice to the Secretary of the First Party.
4. The Second Party further agrees and pledges that in the event in any legal proceedings by the Second Party in which the Ceylon Workers' Congress (Political Wing) will be made a defendant, the cost of legal fees incurred by the First Party shall be reimbursed by the Second Party.

**Witnesses:-**

1.

2.

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**First Party**  
**(with designation)**

.....

**Second Party**

**Date:**.....

