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CONSTITUTION OF THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

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A Constitution of the people, for the people and by the People of the People's Progressive Party, Zimbabwe.

“A Party where Justice, Democracy, Liberty or Freedom, Equality or Egalitarianism, Harmony, Separation of power, Rule of law, Obedient and Accountable leadership are supreme and cherished”



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CONSTITUTION OF THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the People's Progressive Party's vision for Zimbabwe is far bigger than Politics itself.

AND WHEREAS, the People's Progressive Party, Zimbabwe constitutes a movement that is tired of giving in; premised upon a "**NOBLE CAUSE**" and a **VISION** of God in the sense that it is a remedy or a solution to Zimbabwe's political and economic crisis; the political side of it largely involves a battle for Electoral reforms.

AND WHEREAS, we further proudly say **PPPZ** is premised on a **VISION OF GOD** because God is the author of "**LEADERSHIP**". It is God's plan that every earthly throne will be an extension of His throne, for him to establish or find His purpose on earth. God therefore expects that each throne be founded on righteousness and justice. God says so about the foundation of earthly thrones. The word of God further says; "*All we have is actually borrowed from God. Heaven and Earth belongs to him*". Unfortunately most Political or Government leaders do not act in accordance with the word of God.

AND WHEREAS, **PPPZ** found it being bound to be premised on the **VISION OF GOD**, for the reason that the African continent is in serious trouble as most of the earthly thrones in Africa have strong foundation in idolatry, bloodshed, sorcery, occultism, witchcraft, slavery and wickedness. It admits of no doubt that the foundation of the thrones affect or influence those who sit on them as well as the land and the people, one way or the other. The African revolution has been hijacked by elements of insatiability and dictatorship. The second revolution is called for, which revolution involves the changing of the mindset. It needs no guns but **CHOICE**. Such change is long overdue in Africa as the African continent is not poor but it is poorly managed by its Leaders, (leadership deficit). Africa must be the richest continent on the planet because it has **EVERYTHING**.

AND WHEREAS the founder and **PPPZ** President, Pastor Timothy J. M. Chiguvare has spoken out in the following words; "a Government is like a Church or a Ministry of God. All leaders must know that the voices of the people is the voice of God; serving people means serving God. NO leader own supporters because supporters are volunteers regarding the question of when to give or



withdraw their backing, just like church members. There is NO leader who owns a political party and therefore leaders must be workers of the people. Political groups own political parties as they constitute the “engine” of a political Party. A leader who purports to own a political party is a dictator. I will always be encouraging African leaders not to take a Journey in to yesterday as this is causing havoc in Africa. There seems to be no spirit of reconciliation in Africa and this explains civil war or unrest in DRC, Rwanda and other North East and West African Nations.

AND WHEREAS, the **PPPZ** is also a political Party founded on **TRUST** bearing in mind that trust is indispensable for a good a leader. **TRUST** also constitutes the foundation of leadership. **TRUST** is the glue that holds an organization together. It is the “social cement”. Leaders cannot repeatedly and unrepentantly break trust with people and continue to influence them. Put the other way, Leaders cannot lose trust and continue to influence others. It is just impossible and or impracticable. In order for a leader to build or gain trust, he ought to exhibit competency, dexterousness or adroitness, connection and good character. Character makes trust possible and trust makes leadership possible. That is the rule of concrete or rock-hard ground.

AND WHEREAS, the majority of the people of Zimbabwe are satisfied that the current President of People`s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe is not one of those treacherous or traitorous dealers or mafias, who will tomorrow deal perfidiously trying to hold on to power by rigging elections and forming so called “Unity Governments” or “Transitional Governments” in Zimbabwe with ahorrrendous impact on the country`s economy and international opinion. The Majority of Zimbabweans are convinced that the current President of **PPPZ** is a very competent **LEADER** of leaders who will always speak out and a **PRESIDENT** who will always continue to obey or walk the talk that: -“*a leader should rule in righteousness and in the fear of God so that he can be like a torchlight for everybody*”, (2 Samuel 23:1-4). If a leader is a torchlight for everybody, he is a shining example for everybody to see. There is no way one can move a nation forward without being a torchlight. Many leaders are there in their own names and not in the name of the Lord. The **PPPZ** believes that you can only make a difference if you are there in the name of the Lord and that there are many Presidents but God`s promise is to make you one with a difference. In the same vein, the **PPPZ** believes that there are many governors but God`s promise is to make you one with a difference. It is the belief of our Party that there are many senators but God`s promise is to make you one with a difference; one who does not involve himself in corruption, embezzlement, fraud, misappropriation of public funds or injustice, among others.



AND WHEREAS, the **PPPZ** noted with great concern and displeasure that the “hocus-pocus”, tricky and preposterous “Government of National Unity” or simply the marriage of Zanu PF and MDC failed to produce anything for the benefit of the Zimbabweans and as a result our Country is today in total anarchy. More significantly, it has been noted that the role players of that juxtaposition or collocation who are ZANU PF and MDC merely “transacted” for their own gain for it was made a clear and known fact that certain leaders and supporters of the MDC were divided about the aforesaid collocation or coalition Government, whose arrangement was done without the involvement or participation of the people of Zimbabwe. In essence, the ultimate result was not “by the people and for the people” of Zimbabwe as the people were denied an opportunity to elect whether or not such arrangement could be executed.

AND WHEREAS, we, the members of the People Progressive Party astutely and categorically refuse to believe that the “bank of Justice” is bankrupt. We refuse to trust that there are deficient funds in the great vaults of Zimbabwe and so, we have come to cash this **CHEQUE** that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

AND WHEREAS, we accept as true that there will be neither rest nor tranquility or serenity in Zimbabwe until the people of Zimbabwe are granted a free and fair election that would be preferably supervised and managed by the African Union and United Nations representatives, in which event the Zimbabweans can celebrate a guaranteed future within which all the people of Zimbabwe will govern their country without victimization of any other political party or any person for that matter.

AND WHEREAS in ensuring freedom and fairness in the aforesaid forthcoming 2018 general elections, the **PPPZ** has chosen to adopt a Code named; **“OPERATION FAIR PLAY-2018”**, cognizant of the fact that the whole world has witnessed from past elections that the current government of President Robert Mugabe has **NO** credentials to conduct a free and fair election due to overwhelming evidence of election fraud, election rigging and the propensity of committing atrocities or crimes against humanity (**GENOCIDE**) to induce the people to vote for his party out of pure fear! There is therefore need for strategies in place for a **“BLOOD-BATH FREE, CREDIBLE AND LEGITIMATE ELECTION”** for Zimbabwe. The civilian population needs security as it is very



dangerous to bull-doze into an election when there are no **“ELECTORAL REFORMS”**. The **PPPZ** President, Pastor Timothy J. M. Chiguvare and his Party shall therefore prevent the current government of President Robert Mugabe and opposition from bull-dozing into an illegitimate **ELECTION**, an election not preceded by **“ELECTORAL REFORMS”**; a thorny issue which raises pertinent and troublesome questions that demand very honest answers. The majority of the leaders contesting the 2018 general election share the same policies and values and objectives of self-enrichment with Zanu PF.

AND WHEREAS, we remain adamant and embellish or overstress that unless there is a real credible effort by independent third party teams of “Election Monitors” and internationally accredited persons appointed as **“FOREIGN SUPERVISORS”** to manage or monitor elections so that they can declare them free and fair, the elections will never be fair and Zanu PF will continue to fraudulently win election after election in which case, the legitimacy of the Zanu PF government will always remain an illusion. These times of failure do not only reveal a leader’s true character, but also present opportunities for significant leadership lessons.

AND WHEREAS, our propitious Party founder and President, Pastor Timothy J. M. Chiguvare has finally moved-in- as a last resort to prevent any continued or further Zimbabwe’s destabilization or decline and he is doing so with all his sincerity, loyalty and selfless or gallant devotion to the country, because the “self-serving policies” being implemented by Robert Mugabe’s Government have rocked or shaken the very foundation of Zimbabwe.

AND WHEREAS, notice has been taken to the effect that, it is now a disgrace, not only have all the institutions been played around with and systematically destroyed; the economy too is in the state of collapse and or is dead as it had been in an intensive care for an gratuitously long time.

AND WHEREAS the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe, has come as a unifying force to save lives of Zimbabweans from seemingly uncontrolled epidemics in the country’s destabilization as well as any further killings of innocent Zimbabweans due to political violence and the collapse of Zimbabwe’s health systems. To that end, the civil servants who are largely the nurses, the Teachers, the Police, the Prisons and the entire private sector or a substantial number of the Zimbabwean people are firmly behind the President of the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe.



AND WHEREAS the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe is a “**DAVID**” that was long overdue in Zimbabwe, because Zimbabwe has “**GOLIATH**”, politically and spiritually as for over three (3) decades the women of Zimbabwe have been oppressed and unrepresented. The Government of the People’s Progressive Party will thus devise strategies to change the lives of women by empowering them because **VICTORY** of the women is a victory for the entire nation and of all progressive forces throughout the world as we are all born of a woman. People’s Progressive Party **THEREFORE DECLARES 2018 AS A YEAR OF THE VICTORY OF THE ZIMBABWEAN WOMEN**. Therefore the Party’s President declares his determination to be the first African leader to stop abuse of women and children in Africa as he has been touched by the high rate of violence against women and children in Zimbabwe and throughout Africa due to leadership or governance deficit that he finds in Africa today. This therefore explains in a very big way the difference between People’s Progressive Party and other opposition political parties.

AND WHEREAS, we the members of the People’s Progressive Party have chosen to launch this **NOBLE CAUSE**, explicitly, the establishment of People’s Progressive Party code named, **GREATEST CIVIL MOVEMENT**; (a movement that is tired of giving-in), in this decade and do other extra-ordinary things not because it is easy, but because it is hard. Further, that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our abilities and skills, because that challenge is one we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone and one which we intend to win as Zimbabwe is God’s own Country; and God has blessed our Country with well-educated and civilized peace loving citizens. We are thus convinced that on a date to be officially announced, we are all going to inaugurate from **PPPZ** a new President of Zimbabwe, with the necessary enthusiasm, vigor and with the necessary level of commitment among ourselves.

AND WHEREAS, our biggest challenge as People’s Progressive Party is to be strong national organization and to do what the Party was founded for as shall be set forth hereunder in this Constitution.

AND WHEREAS the **PPPZ** President, Pastor Timothy J. M. Chiguvare has perspicaciously and meticulously made the following decree and or declaration: -

“I am therefore investing my life in this **VISION** and my people for the **ZIMBABWEANS** will soon see **DIVIDENDS**; and Zimbabwe will never be the same again. I have a dream that one day Zimbabwe, a nation sweltering with the



heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression; will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. **LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM!**”

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the People’s Progressive Party being launched at..... on theday of....., its inaugural Congress was subsequently held at....., Harare on the...day of May 2017 whereupon it was resolved to adopt a *unique* Constitution which is substantially different from the Constitutions of other opposition political parties in Zimbabwe in the sense that it is not merely or just a **Constitution** but is a Constitution by the people and for the people; a Constitution of a Union of, and for the Unemployed, the Youth and Civil Rights Movement, which Zimbabwe has always needed.

NOW THEREFORE, We the people or members of the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe present at the aforesaid inaugural Congress hereby adopt the following Constitution as Amended:-



PART I INTERPRETATION, THE PARTY AND THE CONSTITUTION

1. Interpretation

- (1) This section applies to the interpretation of the whole of the provisions of this Constitution.
- (2) Unless otherwise the context requires, in this Constitution, the following words or phrases are defined in the following manner:-
 - (a) “Amend” includes, vary, alter, add to, modify or delete;
 - (b) “Branch Executive Committee” refers to the Branch Executive Committee established in terms of section 85 of this Constitution;
 - (c) “Congress”; “the Congress” or “the main Congress” refer to the Congress provided for or held in terms of section 17 of this Constitution but does not include the Exceptional Congress provided for in section 19 of this Constitution.;
 - (d) “Constitution” means the Constitution of the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe as adopted at the Party’s inaugural Congress which is provided for in the *proviso* to section 17 (5) of this Constitution and as amended from time to time;
 - (e) “District Executive Committee” refers to the District Executive Committee established in terms of section 77 of this Constitution;
 - (f) “Government” means the Government of Zimbabwe;
 - (g) “Legal Practitioner” means a person registered as such in terms of the *Legal Practitioners Act, (Chapter 27:07)* with the capacity or right to represent other people in all Courts of Zimbabwe in which the right to legal representation is allowed at law;
 - (h) “Local authorities” means Councils or Municipalities as defined in the Constitution of Zimbabwe;
 - (i) “Member/s” means registered member/s of the Party as defined in terms of section 12 and 13 of this Constitution;
 - (j) “Member of Parliament” means a Senator or a member of the National Assembly;
 - (k) “National Chairperson” refers to National Chairperson provided for in terms of section 89 (1) of this Constitution.
 - (l) “National Council” means the National Council established in terms of section 21 of this Constitution;



- (m) “National Executive Committee” means the National Executive Committee established in terms of section 24 of this Constitution;
- (n) “National Forum” refers to the National Forum established in terms of section 20 of this Constitution;
- (o) “Oath” includes affirmation;
- (p) “Party or the Party” means the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe;
- (q) “Person/s” includes both natural and legal persons as defined in terms of the law;
- (r) “**PPPZ**” refers to the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe;
- (s) “President” means the elected President of the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe or any such officer of the Party lawfully acting as the President in terms of the provisions of this Constitution;
- (t) “Provincial Executive Committee or Main Provincial Executive Committee” refers to the Provincial Executive Committee established in terms of section 72 of this Constitution;
- (u) “Secretary – General” means the Secretary – General established in terms of section 91 (1) of this Constitution; and
- (v) “Ward Executive Committee” refers to the Ward Executive Committee established in terms of section 82 of this Constitution.

2. Name of the Party

- (1) The Party shall be called the People’s Progressive Party, Zimbabwe or simply the **PPPZ**.

3. Symbol of the Party

- (1) The **PPPZ** shall be symbolized by a circle of different colour of hands, for the white, Indian and colored people which when it appears on the Party’s T-Shirts, the center of which shall bear a picture of a kneeling woman praying with a baby on her back.
- (2) The same T-Shirt shall be on the women dresses, Party’s banners and flags in solidarity with the most suffering people of Zimbabwe who are the women and the girl child.

4. Logo of the Party

- (1) The logo of the party shall be the head of an Eagle.

5. Slogan of the Party

- (1) The Party shall have the slogan called, “**MADOFO**”, coupled with the beating or drumming of an empty stomach three (3) times using the inner part



of both hands (the PALMS) and quickly shaking the open empty palms, “**demanding food to eat**”; a slogan of a hungry nation.

6. Colours and Flag of the Party

- (1) The Party shall be known by its white colours which shall be resembled on the Party’s regalia.
- (2) The Party’s T-Shirts shall bear the Party’s symbol as provided for in section in section 3 (1) of this Constitution.
- (3) The flag of the Party is rectangular in shape and bears Party’s white Colours, with a circle of rainbow colours or a wheel of different colours of hands as well as an image of an African woman on her knees praying with a baby on her back inside the said circle, in solidarity with the most suffering people in Zimbabwe and Africa as a whole, who are women and the girl child.
- (4) The flag shall also have a white band on top of the said circle inscribed the letters **PPPZ** in black bold.
- (5) The right top side of the flag shall also bear the logo of the Party as defined in section 3 (1) of this Constitution.

7. Headquarters of the Party

- (1) The Party shall be headquartered at such place as shall be nominated at the Party’s inaugural Congress and shall have other offices at such other places as may be determined by the National Council of the Party.

8. Legal Status of the Party

- (1) The **PPPZ** shall be a distinct legal entity with perpetual succession and having the capacity to own property in its name, sue and defend legal actions in its name.
- (2) The Party, through its qualified members, organs or structures, as provided for in this Constitution shall legally have the command and or power to do everything essential and conducive in the furtherance of its values, principles and objectives.

9. Supremacy of the Constitution

- (1) This Constitution as amended from time to time is the supreme law of the Party and any act/s or omission/s which are ultra vires or in contravention with the provisions of this Constitution shall be regarded as null and void.
- (2) All the organs of the Party and members shall therefore be bound at all material times to accept and defend this Constitution and to religiously and or dutifully abide by the provisions of the Constitution without immunity or exemption.



PART II FOUNDING PRINCIPLES, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

10. Founding Principles

- (1) PPPZ shall be an Independent Party whose core values are Justice, Democracy, Liberty or Freedom, Equality or Egalitarianism, Harmony, Separation of power, Rule of law, Obedient and Accountable leadership;
- (2) The Party believes in a democratic and open society in which government is based on the will of the people for Zimbabwe to be able to take its rightful place as a sovereign State in the family of nations;
- (3) Therefore, the Party strongly believes that a true government is mirrored by conducting a free and fair election process, in which citizens choose their leaders without any intimidation from government, any other political party or any person or force, for that matter; and
- (4) The Party believes in the Independence of the Judiciary since a weakened and compromised Judiciary equates to a weakened and compromised democracy.

11. Aims and Objectives

- (1) The Party will ensure that Zimbabwe achieves unprecedented success in International relations;
- (2) The Party will ensure that the International Business Community receives the appropriate recognition and high level service (to which they are accustomed) when they will be doing business with the new Zimbabwean Government, thereby making Zimbabwe a future partner in success.
- (3) The Party will turn Zimbabwe into a home for all people created by God. The Party will turn Zimbabwe into a favorite destination for investors; a country where the international business community will see technology at work; and to a **“FIRST WORLD”** country by 2030;
- (4) The Party shall recognize and respect cultural diversity within a united society built on the principle of national integration and eradication of negative cultural practices;
- (5) The Party will lay foundations for a democratic and open society in which government is based on the will of the citizens and every citizen is equally protected by Law. Therefore the Party will endeavor to make Zimbabwe a democratic society with the ability to occupy its place as the sovereign State in the family of nations. **To that end, the Party shall ensure that not only electoral laws are reformed but that the National Government unconditionally facilitates the holding of free and fair National elections;**
- (6) In pursuance of its objective of making sure that free and fair general elections are held in Zimbabwe the Party, will promote justice, peace and



authentic multi-party democracy by ensuring the deployment of African Union or United Nations Peace Keeping Forces in Zimbabwe in the fourth coming 2018 general elections in which the nation is very much aware that the days of Zanu PF Party remaining in power are numbered;

- (7) The Party will use the mandate given to it by the people to do all things possible within the law to ensure that the Constitution of Zimbabwe is upheld for the benefit of the present and future generations and also ensure that all draconian laws enacted in Zimbabwe between 1980 to date are repealed or amended such as Media laws and Election laws;
- (8) The Party shall pursue ethical leadership in the sense that it will be answerable to the law and or the Constitution and will put millions of Zimbabweans back to work and turn Zimbabwe back in to a "**BREAD-BASKET**" of Africa and to a "**RAINBOW NATION**"- and free education for the nation;
- (9) The Party will ensure that the Judiciary and "**RULE OF LAW**" are respected and that no one is above the law. Accordingly the Party shall ensure that Judicial Officers, the Office of Attorney General and that of the Prosecutor- General are not be politically affiliated and must not make injudicious statements which undermine public confidence.
- (10) The Party will protect the rights of all Zimbabweans and all living in it irrespective of their political affiliations ; race, colour or creed;
- (11) The Party will protect Zimbabweans from abuse of power by government; and politicians;
- (12) The Party will be the mouth-piece of the oppressed and the weak, not only in Zimbabwe but the world- over;
- (13) The Party will bring before the Courts crimes against humanity and all human rights cases committed against the Zimbabwean people, including victims of a political conspiracy or terror campaign by the regime;
- (14) The Party will prevent humanitarian disasters in Zimbabwe by raising responsible future leaders with integrity;
- (15) The Party will protect the immovable and movable property of all people living in Zimbabwe and those leaving outside Zimbabwe who have properties in Zimbabwe such as investors;
- (16) The Party will ensure that Zimbabwe achieves unprecedented success in mining ; export ; agriculture; manufacturing ; hospitality industries and trade relations with the international business community;
- (17) The Party will create a Nation able to harness its resources for the betterment of its citizens. Thus the Party accepts as true that Zimbabwe's greatest asset is not its Gold ; Emerald ; Asbestos ; Chrome ; Tin; Copper ;



Coal and Platinum mines, among other minerals but its **MANPOWER** and **SKILLS**;

- (18) The Party's number one priority is *“Employment creation and education”*.
- (19) The Party will endeavor to get skills back into Zimbabwe as many of its skilled Citizens had left Zimbabwe for other countries due to Political and Economic crisis. In the same vein, the Party shall restore the immigrants Zimbabweans' dignity as they arrive back into their home country and present their credentials to the new government's **“FULL EMPLOYMENT ECONOMY BOARD”**
- (20) The Party shall introduce new laws which protect the health of the people, rights of the ZCTU, guaranteeing freedom of the media and security for investors. Thus the Party shall provide adequate security to those with business interests in Zimbabwe but living outside Zimbabwe.
- (21) The Party shall ensure that our new Constitution is amended to accommodate dual citizenship in Zimbabwe thereby welcoming or accommodating all those who took citizenship of other countries as they were forced by circumstances entirely beyond their control;
- (22) In order to help the people of Zimbabwe who are exhausted and annoyed about corruption, the Party will endeavor to minimize or end corruption by launching **“Zero Tolerance and Anti- Corruption Revolution”** code named, **“Taking the Bull by its horns”**. The Party shall establish an Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) that will be the unquestionable way to win the war on all forms of corruption. The commission will remain steadfast in the arrest and prosecution of all the offenders.
- (23) The Party will ensure that our national rail and road systems have been up-graded to meet international standards, which national rail and road systems have been neglected for the past thirty (30) years and as a result such systems have fallen into shabbiness;
- (24) The Party shall have a better explanation on the importance of women empowerment. Accordingly, it shall smart solutions on challenges of women empowerment. Put the other way, the Party will put strategies and policies in place to change the lives of the women of Zimbabwe. More particularly, the Party shall launch the Women's National Freedom Charter for the first time in the history of Zimbabwe which charter shall address certain imbalances or inequities between males and females, the end result of it shall be the achievement of the much needed equality of all people.



PART III MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY

12. Individual Membership

- (1) A person wishing and willing to become a member of the Party shall lodge an application in the prescribed form, (*Annexure “A”* to this Constitution) with a Branch’s Executive Committee.

Provided that registration or joining of party membership shall also be open online through the Party’s website namely; <http://pppzim.com>.

- (2) A Branch Executive Committee may either grant or on good cause refuse membership to any applicant.

Provided that in considering whether or not there is good cause available to refuse membership, the Branch Executive Committee shall consider whether or not granting membership shall be in the interests of the Party.

- (3) Any applicant whose request for membership has been rejected shall have the right of appeal to the National Council, whose decision shall be final.
- (4) The appeal provided for in subsection (3) shall be noted with the National Council through the Secretary- General within ten (10) days of the appellant becoming aware of the decision subject to appeal.
- (5) Upon granting membership to the applicant, a Membership card will be issued to the registered member and the Branch Executive Committee through its Secretary shall keep an updated Register containing names, addresses and employment status, if any, of all registered members, which members shall be obliged to pay a certain minimum monthly subscription fees.
- (6) Upon being accepted into the Party a new member shall make a solemn declaration to the Party in the form of *Annexure “B”* to this Constitution.

13. Institutional Membership

- (1) Trade Unions, sections or divisions of Unions, professional associations, cooperative societies, churches and other civic organizations which subscribe to the Party’s principles and objectives and abide by this Constitution shall be permitted to be members of **PPPZ** upon application to and subsequent



approval by the National Executive Committee, which application shall be submitted through the Secretary- General of the Party.

- (2) The National Executive Committee may refuse to accept any organization's application for membership if it considers that such decision will be in the best interests of the Party.
- (3) An organization whose application for membership has been refused shall as a matter of right be allowed to challenge that decision either in form of appeal or review to the National Council through the Secretary - General of the Party within ten (10) days of being notified of such decision, in which event the National Council shall hear the case and give a final decision.
- (4) An Institutional member shall not be allowed to be represented at any meeting of the Party by a person who supports another political Party.
- (5) Registered Institutional members of the Party shall be obliged to always respect the Party principles and further they shall be obliged to pay a membership or affiliation fee on annual basis as determined by the National Executive Committee from time to time.
- (6) An institutional member who is in arrears of membership fees shall not be allowed to involve itself in any issue/s concerning the Party.
- (7) The National Executive Committee may consider de-registering an Institutional member which has not paid the annual membership fee when it becomes due or which contravenes or infringes the Party's values, principles or objectives.
- (8) An organization aggrieved by the decision of the National Executive Committee to terminate its membership, may challenge such decision in form of either an appeal or review, as the circumstances may permit, to the National Council, who shall determine the matter and give a final decision
- (9) An appeal or review mentioned in sub section (8) shall be lodged to the National Council through the Secretary General within ten (10) days from the date the aggrieved organization receives the written decision of the National Executive Committee.

14.Obligations of Members

- (1) Every member of the Party shall comply with the following requirements;-
 - (a) Faithfully abiding by and defending the provisions of this Constitution as well as the values, principles, policies, rules and regulations of the Party;
 - (b) Observing the provisions of the Party's code of conduct and at all times acting in a manner which is not detrimental to the interests of the Party;



- (c) Paying regular affiliation fees as determined from time to time by the National Council;
- (d) In case of Individual members, not only registering as voters, but voting for and supporting the Party in any election in which the Party involves itself;
- (e) Belonging to a Branch and actively participating in Party activities in respect of that branch;
- (f) Taking all necessary steps in order to appreciate and understand the Party principles, policies and initiatives;
- (g) Observing discipline and desisting from acts of violence as well as obeying decisions of the Party; and
- (h) Respecting one's religious, cultural and political beliefs.

15. Rights of Members

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, every individual member of the Party shall have the following rights:-
 - (a) To vote in any Party election where such right is provided for in this Constitution;
 - (b) To stand for Party elections, internal and National; and
 - (c) To participate in activities and or programs of the Party;
- (2) Subject to other provisions of this Constitution, members shall have served the following periods in the Party for them to be qualified to hold the following positions:-
 - (a) 12 months for a position in the District;
 - (b) 36 months for a position in the National Executive Committee and National Council;
 - (c) 24 months for the candidacy of a councilor;
 - (d) 36 months for the position of a Mayor; chairperson on a Local Board or Member of Parliament.
- (3) Institutional members shall be entitled to attend and participate in Party meetings subject to the provisions of this Constitution, but shall not necessarily have the right to vote at such meetings.

16. Membership Termination

- (1) Membership in the Party shall terminate under the following circumstances;
 - (a) If a member joins or supports another Political entity or Party other than **PPPZ**;



- (b) When a member joins another Party termination of membership with PPPZ shall be automatic. However, if a member supports another Party other than joining it, he or she shall be subject to a disciplinary proceedings before a decision to terminate his or her membership is made.

Provided that if the Disciplinary Committee finds that a member willingly or voluntarily supported another political Party, the only penalty it shall impose is expulsion of a member from the Party.

- (c) If a member sends a written notice of resignation to such address of the Party as may, from time to time be defined for communications relating to the membership list; or
- (d) If a member has arrears in respect of subscription fees equivalent to 4 months' period in which case termination shall be automatic.

Provided that membership shall automatically reinstated once such arrears are fully paid.

- (e) If the National Council, by a two-thirds majority of all its members is of the opinion that a member's continued membership would be seriously detrimental or injurious to the interests of the Party, in which case the National Council may expel from the Party such member and its decision shall be final.

Provided that the National Council shall not decide in terms of this paragraph unless prior to making such decision, it gives the concerned member written basis or grounds in which termination is considered as well as fair and or reasonable opportunity to make representations or comments to the National Council.

- (2) If the Disciplinary Committee makes an order for expulsion of a member from the Party in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, in which event the aggrieved member shall have the right of appeal to appropriate or relevant Appeals Authority as shall be provided in the Code of Conduct.



Provided that the right of appeal provided for in subsection (2) shall be exercised within seven (7) days from the date the aggrieved member receives the Disciplinary Committee's decision subject to appeal.

- (3) All appeals in terms of this section shall not have the effect of suspending the operation of the decision appealed against.

PART IV ORGANS OF THE PARTY

17. The Congress

- (1) The Congress shall be the premier or highest organ of the Party.
- (2) The following shall compose the Congress:-
- (a) All members who seat in the National Forum as provided for in section 20 (2) of this Constitution;
 - (b) All District Executive Committee members of the Women Confederacy;
 - (c) All District Executive Committee members of the Youth Confederacy;
 - (d) All District Executive Committees members as defined in section 72 (1) (a) to (i) of this Constitution; and
 - (e) The Chairpersons of all Ward Executive Committees.
- (3) The Congress shall meet once every five years notwithstanding that subject to the provisions of this Constitution, an exceptional Congress may be convened, at any time.
- (4) Two thirds majority attendance of the persons entitled to attend the Congress shall constitute a quorum.

Provided that, if a period of 2 hours lapses after the stipulated time for commencement of the Congress event, a quorum is not established, the event shall proceed subject to decisions thereat being approved or rejected by an exceptional Congress which shall be called by the National Council within four (4) months from the date of the inquorate Congress.

- (5) A notice convening the Congress shall be sent to all Provinces and Districts by the Secretary General as determined by the National Council at least three (3) months before the date of the Congress.



- (6) Further, the notice convening the Congress shall be distributed twice in a Newspaper of national circulation, one month before the Congress.
- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Founder and current President of the Party, Pastor Timothy J.M Chiguvare shall have the power to call for the Party's inaugural Congress.
- (8) The Inaugural Congress provided for in subsection (7) shall be attended to by all members of the Party as the President may determine.

18.Functions and Powers of Congress

- (1) The Congress shall have the following functions and or powers:-
 - (a) To make and develop the policies and principles of the Party;
 - (b) To supervise the implementation of policies, principles and programs of the Party by lower structures;
 - (c) To elect members of the National Disciplinary Committee and those of the Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal;
 - (d) Subject to this Constitution, to elect members of the National Council; the National Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy as well as the National Executive of Youth.
 - (e) To approve or reject the audited financial statements of the Party and appoint or reappoint auditors;
 - (f) To repeal or amend the Constitution;
 - (g) To review, ratify, modify, alter or rescind any decision taken by any organ or official of the Party; and
 - (h) To dissolve the Party in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

19.Exceptional Congress

- (1) An exceptional congress shall be called for in the following manner and circumstances:-
 - (a) Where the President exercises his general powers as enshrined in section 87 (3) of this Constitution;
 - (b) Where the President acts in accordance with section 88 (4) of this Constitution;
 - (c) Where the President acts in accordance with the provisions of section 100 (1) and (2) of this Constitution;



- (d) Where the National Chairman acts in accordance with the provisions of section 86 (3) of this Constitution;
 - (e) In case of a simple majority vote of the National Council or two thirds vote of the National Executive calling for such congress, which vote shall be conducted by a secret ballot and called by the President; and
 - (f) In case of a written request received from at least half of the members entitled to attend the Congress submitted to the Secretary-General and subsequently granted by a simple majority vote of the Exceptional Committee, which vote shall be by a secret ballot.
- (2) A notice convening an Exceptional Congress shall be sent by National Council through the Secretary – General to all members entitled to attend the Congress and to each branch at least one month before the date of such Exceptional Congress.

20. National Forum

- (1) There shall be a National Forum to be held annually between Congresses, save in the year that a Congress is held.
- (2) The National Forum shall be composed of:-
 - (a) All members of the National Council as provided for in section 22 of this Constitution;
 - (b) Provincial Policy Secretaries for the Portfolios as described in section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution; and
 - (c) The Party’s House of Assembly members, its mayors and chairpersons of local authorities.
- (3) The functions of the National Forum shall be to:-
 - (a) Review, debate and adopt all Party policies;
 - (b) Receive reports from Party secretaries on national Party policies;
 - (c) Examine the progress of Party programs between Congresses, and
 - (d) Do all things necessary of the furtherance of Party objectives.

21. National Council

- (1) The National Council shall be the Party’s main policy implementing organ and shall have the authority to lead the organization and execute the aims and objectives of the Party.
- (2) The National Council shall exercise the powers and functions as provided for in this Constitution.



22. Composition of the National Council

- (1) The National Council shall be composed of:-
- (a) All Members of the National Executive Committee;
 - (b) Elected female representative in every province elected by the Provincial Forum in terms of section 75 (1) (b) of this Constitution.
 - (c) Other members of the National Council of the Women Confederacy who do not have positions in the National Executive Committee;
 - (d) Other members of the National Council of the Youth Confederacy who do not have positions in the National Executive Committee;
 - (e) All members of the Provincial Executive Committees excluding Provincial Policy Secretaries; and
 - (f) Other three Members of Parliament elected by Members of Parliament themselves in a special caucus.

23. Powers of the National Council

- (1) Without limiting the generality of its powers, the National Council shall have the following powers:-
- (a) Implementing the resolutions of the Congress;
 - (b) Directing the National Executive Committee to furnish it with reports;
 - (c) Overseeing and directing the work of the Party and all its organs or structures including the Women and Youth Confederacies;
 - (d) Taking custody of all the property and assets of the Party;
 - (e) Issuing or giving such credits or honors as it may deem appropriate to Party members;
 - (f) Where necessary, suspending or dissolving any organ or structure of the Party and to call and conduct new elections of that organ within three months from the date of any such dissolution;
 - (g) Correcting or reversing any decisions of the National Executive Committee;
 - (h) Electing, reappointing and reassigning Party Secretaries except those that are directly elected at Congress;
 - (i) Conducting vacancy filling elections within itself for vacancies caused through resignation, death or any other cause.

Provided that any vacancy in respect of Elected Provincial Executive Representatives shall be filled at an election of the Provincial Forum.



- (j) Monitoring and evaluating the performance and execution of duties of all members of the National Executive;
- (k) Removing or reassigning functions of members of the National Executive.

Provided that a unanimous or common decision reached through a secret ballot in the National Council is prerequisite or precondition to the removal or reassignment of any member of the National Exceptional Committee.

- (i) Where there is no provision in this Constitution providing for a particular matter, or where the provisions of this Constitution may not be fulfilled for practical reasons such as the fact that the referred Party Structure, Committee or Officer has not yet been established, elected or appointed as the case may be, the National Council shall be entitled to make such arrangements in conformity with the general spirit of this Constitution as a whole, which arrangements shall be subject to rejection or approval at the next Congress.
- (2) In the event of any dispute in respect of the interpretation of this Constitution and in the event of any serious dispute or deadlock in the National Council over matters of procedure, then the matter shall be referred to Appeals Tribunal to be established in terms of this Constitution.
- (3) In the event of a dispute on fundamental questions of substance, matters of principle or ideology of the Party within the National Council then the same shall cause a ballot of all Provincial Forums to determine the dispute.
- (4) Subject to this Constitution, all resolutions taken by the National Council on routine Party business shall be by a simple majority and in the event of an equality of votes, the chairperson therein shall be accorded an additional vote.
- (5) Subject to this Constitution, decisions taken by the National Council on Party Policy development shall be by a two thirds majority vote of the members present in a meeting,
- (6) The National Council shall convene at least once after every six (6) months and one half of the Council's membership shall find a quorum.
- (7) In case of an emergency, a National Council Meeting may be convened on the basis of a request signed by at least one third of the members of the National Council.



(8) The President in consultation with the Deputy President, at all material times, shall be entitled to convene a meeting of the National Council as provided for in terms of section 87 (3) of this Constitution.

24. National Executive Committee

- (1) There shall be a National Executive Committee of the National Council, which shall exercise all applicable functions of the National Council prior to the meeting of the National Council.
- (2) Any decision to be made by the National Executive Committee shall not be allowed to conflict with a standing decision of the National Council in that respect.
- (3) The National Executive Committee shall be composed as follows:-
 - (a) All members of the Exceptional Committee;
 - (b) Chairperson, Secretary, Organizing Secretary, Treasurer and Secretary for Information and Publicity of every Province;
 - (c) Other members of the National executive of the Confederacy of Women who do not have positions in the Exceptional Committee;
 - (d) Other members of the National Executive of the Confederacy of Youth who do not sit in the Exceptional Committee;
 - (e) The Chairperson and Secretary of the Provincial Executive of Women Confederacy;
 - (f) The Chairperson and Secretary of the Provincial Executive of Youth Confederacy;
 - (g) National Policy Secretaries for the following portfolios:-
 - (i) Information and Publicity and deputy secretary;
 - (ii) Elections;
 - (iii) Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs;
 - (iv) Defence and Security;
 - (v) Youth Affairs;
 - (vi) Local Government and Devolution;
 - (vii) Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs;
 - (viii) Education, Sports and Culture;
 - (ix) Lands and Agriculture;
 - (x) Research and Policy Development;
 - (xi) Political Learning;
 - (xii) Welfare;
 - (xiii) Home Affairs



- (xiv) Tourism and Environment;
- (xv) Water, Development and Management;
- (xvi) Energy and Power Development;
- (xvii) International Relations and Cooperation;
- (xviii) Labour and Social Security;
- (xix) Industry and Commerce ;
- (xx) Transport
- (xxi) Party Business, Investment and Projects;
- (xxii) Mines and Mineral Resources;
- (xxiii) Science and Technology Development; and
- (xxiv) Special Needs, Disabilities and the Disadvantaged.

25.Powers of the National Executive Committee

- (1) The National Executive Committee shall be the administrative and implementing authority of the party and shall:-
 - (a) Implement the decisions and resolutions of the National Council;
 - (b) Recommend party policies and programs to the National Council;
 - (c) Formulate and implement the current programs of the Party within the framework of Party policy and ensure that Provinces, Districts, Wards and Branches and all other Party structures such as parliamentary and local government caucuses carry out the decisions of the party;
 - (d) Ensure that the Provincial, District, Ward and Branch structures of the Party function democratically and effectively;
 - (e) Receive reports, supervise the work of, and delegate such functions to the Provincial Committees as it considers necessary;
 - (f) Engage and dismiss employees of the Party;
 - (g) Submit reports to the National Council;
 - (h) Establish departments and set up committees as it considers appropriate;
 - (i) Suspend any member of the Party pending reference of the matter to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee;
 - (j) Carry out investigations into any member`s alleged misconduct, draft and frame charges against any such member and prosecute the said member before the appropriate Disciplinary Committee;
 - (k) Set up special Commissions of Inquiry or specialized committees that shall be appointed for specific purposes, which committees shall dissolve upon submission of their final written reports thereon, unless reconstructed for further investigation or consideration in connection with the original task;



- (l) Institute legal proceedings for and defend any legal proceedings against the Party;
- (m) Open and operate books of accounts;
- (n) Maintain accurate registers of all the Party members and monitor, control and give guidance to all elected Party officers holding public positions;
- (o) Receive monthly reports from Party Secretaries in connection with their portfolios; and
- (p) Upon recommendation of the respective Provincial Executive Committee, to suspend or dissolve a District, Ward or Branch Executive Committee in which event a suspension or dissolution shall not last for more than three (3) months and further that the affected District, Ward or Branch, through its Executive Committee or registered member thereof shall have the right of appeal to the Appeals Tribunal against such a decision, within twenty one (21) days from the date such decision is in writing received by the concerned Executive Committee, in which event the decision appealed against shall remain in force until quashed in terms of the law or reversed by a two thirds majority vote of the National Executive Committee.

Provided that in suspending or dissolving the Executive Committees mentioned in this paragraph, the National Executive Committee shall first accord the concerned Executive Committee an opportunity to make its representations to it and that the decision together with reasons to suspend or dissolve shall be communicated in writing by the National Executive Committee to the concerned Executive Committee.

- (2) The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once in two months and one half of its members shall constitute a quorum.

26. National Exceptional Committee

- (1) There shall be a National Exceptional Committee of the National Executive Committee which shall be chaired by the Party President.
- (2) The following persons shall compose the National Exceptional Committee:-
 - (a) The President and the Deputy President;
 - (b) The National Chairperson and the National Deputy Chairperson;
 - (c) The Secretary - General and the Deputy Secretary - General;
 - (d) The Treasurer - General and the Deputy Treasurer - General;



- (e) The National Organizing Secretary and the Deputy National Organizing Secretary;
 - (f) The Secretary for Information and Publicity; and
 - (g) The National Chairpersons of the Confederacy of Women and the Confederacy of Youth.
- (3) The National Exceptional Committee shall have the responsibility in the day to day administration of the Party and shall report to the National Executive Committee.
 - (4) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the National Exceptional Committee shall not make executive or policy decisions.

27. National women confederacy

- (1) The Party shall have a National Woman Confederacy, also known as “the Confederacy of Women” or “the Women Confederacy” which shall be a wing of the Party and whose membership shall only constitute and be open to all women members of the Party.
- (2) The National Women Confederacy shall thus be the Supervisor of the National Executive of the Women Confederacy as well as the lower structures, Committees and sub committees’ of the Women Confederacy and its purposes or functions shall be as provided for in this Constitution.

28. Functions of the Women Confederacy

- (1) The Confederacy of Women shall have the following functions:
 - (a) To mobilize and organize women to join and participate actively in the Party;
 - (b) To ensure that women are fully involved in all Party activities including policy making events and activities;
 - (c) To promote the all-round development of women and to assist in building their capacity and confidence to articulate their needs nationally;
 - (d) To prepare women for leadership positions in not only the Women Confederacy but also in the main Party structures as well as National public positions;
 - (e) To support sitting female Members of Parliament and other office bearers in their tasks of representing their constituencies or offices at national level.
 - (f) To fight discrimination in public and private life;
 - (g) To actively work towards the elimination of laws, customs and statutes that discriminate against women;
 - (h) To fight all forms of abuse and discrimination against women;



- (i) To promote the recognition of women’s rights as human rights;
- (j) To promote women’s participation in leadership and decision making in both the public and private affairs and to promote the participation of women in every sphere;
- (k) To formulate and carry out training programmes for women;
- (l) To implement the policies of the Party as defined at Congress; and
- (m) To design and formulate policies for the Women in the Party.

29.National Council of the Women Confederacy

- (1) There shall be a National Council of the Confederacy of Women, “National Council of Women” which shall be made up of the following:-
 - (a) All members of the National Executive Committee of the Confederacy of Women, and
 - (b) All Chairpersons of the Provincial Executive Committees of the Confederacy of Women.

30.Functions of the National Council of the Women Confederacy

- (1) The National Council of the Confederacy of Women shall have the following functions:-
 - (a) Subject to the relevant provisions of this Constitution, to make decisions for and on behalf of the Confederacy of Women;
 - (b) Approving, ratifying or rejecting any actions, decisions or proposals of the National Executive of the Women Confederacy;
 - (c) Receiving reports from the National Executive of the Women Confederacy; and
 - (d) Subject to this Constitution to supervise and control the work, programs and activities of lower structures of the Women Confederacy.

31.National Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy

- (1) There shall be a National Executive Committee of the Confederacy of Woman, “the National Executive of Women” whose composition shall be as follows:-
 - (a) The National Chairperson of the Women Confederacy and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) The Secretary-General of the Confederacy of Women and Deputy Secretary-General;



- (c) The National Treasurer of the Confederacy of Women and Deputy National Treasurer;
- (d) The National Secretary for Organizing of the Confederacy of Women and Deputy National Secretary for Organizing; and
- (e) The National Policy Secretaries for all the portfolios as defined in terms of section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution.

Provided that members of the Women's National Executive Committee shall be entitled to re-election.

- (2) The National Executive Committee members of the Women Confederacy shall be elected by a secret ballot vote to run a period of five years by all women delegates at the Party's Congress as provided for in section 18 (1) (d) of this Constitution.
- (3) The National Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy's Policy secretaries provided for in section 31 (1) (e) of this Constitution shall be elected at the Congress mentioned in section 31 (2) and soon after the election of those members elected in section 31 (1) (a) to (d) in such a manner that each Provincial Executive Committee of the Confederacy of Women elects from itself two representatives.
- (4) After representatives have been elected in terms of subsection (3) above, and on the same day and place, the members of the National Executive of the Confederacy of Women as defined in terms of section 31 (1) (a) to (d) shall be entitled and obliged to elect from members mentioned in the said subsection (3), and by secret ballot vote, each member to each of the portfolios as defined in section 31 (1) (e) of this Constitution.

Provided that at each stage of the elections, where there appears to be equality of votes, the Chairperson of the National Executive of the Confederacy of Women shall have either the right of a casting vote or the right to directly appoint one of such members achieving highest equal votes to the respective portfolio voted for and her decision shall be final.

- (5) Further to electing members to the National Executive of the Women Confederacy, Confederacy of Women delegates to the Congress shall have the following powers or functions;
 - (a) Receive reports, of the work of the Women Confederacy of the preceding five years.



- (b) Review, ratify, modify, alter or rescind any decision taken by any organ of the Women's Confederacy.
- (c) Subject to this Constitution and approval by the main Party Congress, formulate policies and principles of the Women's Confederacy.
- (d) Recommend to the main Congress any resolutions, policies and amendments to the Constitution.
- (6) Nominations for election to the Women's National Executive Committee shall be made by the Women's Provincial Executive Committees.
- (7) The Women's National Executive Committee shall meet at least once every three months and one-half of its membership shall constitute a quorum.

32. Functions of the National Executive Committee of Women

- (1) The functions of the National Executive of Women shall be as follows:-
 - (a) to implement and execute all the aims and objectives of the Confederacy of Women as defined in this Constitution;
 - (b) to recruit women into the Party;
 - (c) to ensure that women's issues and rights are advanced in the Party and at national level;
 - (d) to further the aims and objectives of the Party ;
 - (e) to supervise and monitor the work of lower structures; and
 - (f) to recommend to the appropriate structures disciplinary actions against any lower structure or member of the lower structure.
- (2) In discharging its duties or functions, the National Executive of Woman shall be under the National Executive Committee as well as the National Council.

33. Provincial Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy

- (1) The Party shall constitute a Provincial Executive Committee of Women Confederacy, "the Provincial Executive of Women" in each Province elected for five years by women delegates at the Provincial Forum as provided for in terms of section 75 (1) (a) of this Constitution.
- (2) The Provincial Executive Committee of Women shall consist of the following membership: -
 - (a) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) The Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) The Secretary for Organizing and Deputy Secretary for Organizing; and



- (e) The Provincial Policy Secretaries and their Deputies for the Portfolios mentioned in section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution.
- (3) Members of the Provincial Executive Committee of Women shall be eligible for re-election.
- (4) The Provincial Executive of Women shall meet at least once every two (2) months and one half of its membership shall constitute a quorum.

34. Functions of the Provincial Executive of Women

- (1) The roles or functions of the Provincial Executive of Women consist of the following:-
 - (a) Implementation of the programs and policies of Women Confederacy within the Province in which that particular Committee exists;
 - (b) Mobilization of the women in the Province to join membership of the Party, vote for the Party and participate in activities of the Party.

Provided that in performing its functions, the Provincial Executive Committee of Women shall be working in line with and under the National Executive of Women, the Provincial Executive Committee as defined in section 1 (2) (s) of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee and the National Council.

35. Provincial Council of the Women Confederacy

- (1) There shall be a Provincial Council of the Women Confederacy, “Women’s Provincial Council” for each Province whose membership shall consist all members of the respective Provincial Executive of Women as well as all District Chairpersons of the District Executive Committees of the Women Confederacy in the Province.
- (2) The Women’s Provincial Council shall meet at least once after every six (6) months and one- half of its membership shall find a quorum.
- (3) The Women’s Provincial Council shall perform its mandate in line with and under the Provincial Executive of the Party.

36. Mandate of the Women’s Provincial Council

- (1) The following shall constitute the mandate of the Women’s Provincial Council:-
 - (a) Examining the progress of Women’s Party programs within the Provinces;
 - (b) Electing and filling vacancies that would have arisen in the Provincial Executive of Women; and



(c) Defining policies and programs for the Provincial Executive of Women.

37. District Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy

- (1) In each district, there shall be established a District Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy, “the District Executive of Women” elected for 5 years, (members of which are eligible for re-election) by women delegates at the District Forum held in terms of section 80 (1) of this Constitution.
- (2) The District Executive of Women shall work under the respective Provincial Executive of the Women as well as the main Provincial Executive Committee of the Party.
- (3) The District Executive of Women shall consist of the following:-
 - (a) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) The Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) The Secretary for Organizing and Deputy Secretary for Organizing, and
 - (e) District Policy secretaries and deputies for all Portfolios described in section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution.
- (4) The District Executive of Women shall meet at least once every three months and one half of its membership shall constitute a quorum.

38. Mandate of the District Executive of Women

- (1) The following shall form part of the mandate of the District Executive of Women:-
 - (a) Implementing the programs and policies of the Women Confederacy in the District; and
 - (b) Mobilizing women in the District to join membership of the Party, vote for the Party in all elections and to participate in the activities of the Party.

39. District Council of Women Confederacy

- (1) There shall be a District Council of the Women Confederacy, “the District Council of Women” comprised of the members of the District Executive of Women and Chairpersons of the Ward Executive Committees of Women in the District.
- (2) The District Council of Women shall meet at least once every four months and one-half of its membership shall find a quorum.
- (3) In discharging its mandate, the District Executive of Women shall work in line with and under the Provincial Executive of Women as well as the main



Provincial Executive Committee of the Party in the Province within which the particular District Council exist.

40.Mandate of the District Council of Women

- (1) The District Council of Women shall be mandated to:-
 - (a) Examine the development of Women’s Party programs within the District;
 - (b) Elect and fill vacancies that would have arisen in the District Executive of Women, and
 - (c) Define any policies and programs for the District Executive of Women.

41.Ward Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy

- (1) In each Ward, there shall be established a Ward Executive Committee of the Confederacy of Women, “the Ward Executive of Women” elected for five years by women delegates at the Ward Forum in terms of section 83 (1) of this Constitution and whose membership shall be qualified for re- election.
- (2) In performing the following functions, the Ward Executive of Women shall work immediately under the District Executive of Women existing in the District within which the Ward Executive of Women is situate as well as the District Executive Committee of the Party:-
 - (a) Implementing the programmes and policies of the Women Confederacy in the Ward; and
 - (b) Mobilizing women in the ward to join membership of the Party, vote for the Party in all elections and to participate in the activities of the Party.
- (3) The Ward Executive of Women shall meet at least once every month and one half of its membership shall constitute a quorum

42.Composition of the Ward Executive Committee of Women

- (1) The Ward Executive Committee of Women’s composition shall be as follows:-
 - (a) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) Ward Policy secretaries and their deputies for the following Portfolios:-
 - (i) Organizing;
 - (ii) Information and Publicity;
 - (iii) Heath, Women and Child Welfare;
 - (iv) Defence and Security; and



(v) Special Needs, Disabilities and Disadvantaged.

43. Branch Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy

- (1) In each Branch, there shall be established a Branch Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy, “the Branch Executive of Women” elected for five years by women delegates at the Branch Forum held in terms of section 85 (8) of this Constitution and whose membership shall be eligible for re-election.
- (2) In performing the following functions, the Branch Executive of Women shall work immediately under the Ward Executive of Women existing in the Ward within which the Branch Executive of Women is situated as well as the Ward Executive Committee of the Party:-
 - (a) Implementing the programs and policies of the Women Confederacy in the branch; and
 - (b) Mobilizing women in the branch to join membership of the Party, vote for the Party in all elections and to participate in the activities of the Party.
- (3) The Branch Executive of Women shall meet at least once every month and one half of its membership shall constitute a quorum.

44. Composition of the Branch Executive of Women

- (1) The Branch Executive Committee of Women shall consist of the following membership:-
 - (a) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) Branch Policy secretaries and their deputies for the following Portfolios:-
 - (i) Organizing;
 - (ii) Information and Publicity;
 - (iii) Health, Women and Child Welfare;
 - (iv) Defence and Security; and
 - (v) Special Needs, Disabilities and Disadvantaged

45. Women Confederacy National Administration Committee

- (1) There shall be constituted the Women Confederacy National Administration Committee, “the National Administration of Women” which shall be chaired by the National Chairperson of the Women Confederacy and whose other members shall be those outlined in section 31 (1) (a) to (d) of this



Constitution as well as the National Secretary for Information and Publicity of the Women Confederacy and the National Secretary for Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs of the Women Confederacy.

- (2) The National Administration of Women shall be in charge of daily administration of the Women Confederacy and shall report to the National Executive Committee of the Women Confederacy.

Provided that the National Administration of Women shall not be entitled to make any executive or policy decisions.

46. Women's Confederacy National Forum

- (1) There shall be a Women Confederacy National Forum, "Women's National Forum" to be held at least once every year whose functions shall be;
 - (a) To discuss policies and issues pertaining to women, gender and children and to make recommendations to the National Executive Committee;
 - (b) To review the policy work of the Women Confederacy; and
 - (c) To discuss any issue of national and international importance relevant to the struggle for the emancipation of women.

47. Composition of the Women's National Forum

- (1) The following shall constitute the Women's National Forum:-
 - (a) All members of the National Council of Women;
 - (b) All female office bearers in the Party at Provincial level;
 - (c) All female Members of Parliament, Councilors, Government Ministers and members of the National Executive Committee;
 - (d) Female representatives of civil societies, (Churches representatives who are Party members) invited by the National Executive of Women.

48. Financing & Accounting Women Confederacy Funds

- (1) As a matter of principle, the Party shall be obliged to fund the Women Confederacy.

Provided that the Women Confederacy shall be allowed to receive and accept funds in form of donations from well-wishers who do not contradict or contravene the ideology, principles objectives and of the Party.



- (2) The Women Confederacy shall also be entitled to do its own fund raising projects or activities.
- (3) Subject to the regulation and control of the Party's Treasurer - General, the Women Confederacy's National Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Confederacy and no expenditure shall be made on behalf of the Women Confederacy without consultation and approval of the National Chairperson and the Secretary- General of the Women Confederacy.

Provided that where necessary and in order to further the objectives, values and principles of the Party and notwithstanding the lack of approval of the National Chairperson and Secretary- General of the Confederacy, or in case of lack of consensus between the two, a two thirds of members of the National Exceptional Committee may authorize and direct that an expenditure be made on behalf of the Women Confederacy.

- (4) The Women Confederacy shall open a Bank Account within one month period of the establishment of the National Executive of the Women Confederacy, whose signatories shall be, the National Chairperson, Secretary- General and National Treasurer of the Confederacy.
- (5) The funds of the Confederacy of Women shall be annually audited by a firm of reputed auditors in Zimbabwe (and as appointed by the Party's National Executive Committee) and a written report of such audit shall be sent annually to the National Council of Women as well as the main National Council of the Party.

49. National Youth Confederacy

- (1) The Party shall have National Youth Confederacy, also known as ("the Confederacy of Youth" or "the Youth Confederacy") which shall be a wing of the Party and whose membership shall be open to all male and female members of the Party who are between the age of 16 years and 33 years.
- (2) For the purposes of this Constitution, a Youth is any member of the Party who is between the age of 16 and 33 years.
- (3) The National Youth Confederacy shall have structures, Committees and sub committees and its purposes or functions shall be as enshrined in terms of this Constitution.



50. Functions of Youth Confederacy

- (1) The Confederacy of Youth shall have the following functions:-
- (a) To mobilize and organize Youth or young persons to join and participate actively in the Party activities, including policy formulation;
 - (b) To promote the development of young persons and to assist them in building their capacity and confidence to articulate their needs nationally;
 - (c) To prepare young persons for leadership positions in not only the Confederacy but also in the main Party structures as well as national public positions;
 - (d) To support sitting Youth Members of Parliament and other office bearers in their tasks of representing their constituencies or offices at national level;
 - (e) To campaign to the end of all forms of violence and discrimination against Youth ;
 - (f) To formulate and carry out training programs for Youth;
 - (g) To implement the policies of the Party as defined at Congress;
 - (h) To facilitate and promote discussions and criticism amongst the Youth;
 - (i) To fight against abuse of children and for their rights as defined in the National Constitution and other applicable laws; and
 - (j) To make sure that the Government creates equal opportunities for young people and to work for social, political and economic welfare of Youth.

51. National Council of the Confederacy of Youth

- (1) There shall be established a National Council of the Confederacy of Youth, “National Council of Youth” whose composition shall be as follows:-
- (a) All members of the National Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy, and
 - (b) All members of the Provincial Executive Committees of the Confederacy of Youth except the Provincial Policy secretaries and their deputies as defined in section 55 (2) (e).

52. Functions of the National Council of Youth

- (1) The National Council of Youth shall have the following functions:-
- (a) Subject to the relevant provisions of this Constitution and to the control of the National Council of the Party, to make decisions for and on behalf of the Confederacy of Youth;
 - (b) Approving, ratifying or rejecting any actions, decisions or proposals of the National Executive of the Youth Confederacy;



- (c) Receiving reports from the National Executive of the Youth Confederacy;
and
- (d) Subject to this Constitution to supervise and control the work, programmes
and activities of lower structures of the Youth Confederacy.

53. National Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy

- (1) There shall be a National Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy, “the National Executive of Youth” whose composition is defined as follows:-
 - (a) The National Chairperson of the Youth Confederacy and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) The Secretary-General of the Youth Confederacy and Deputy Secretary-General;
 - (c) The National Treasurer of the Youth Confederacy and Deputy National Treasurer;
 - (d) The National Secretary for Organizing of the Youth Confederacy and Deputy National Secretary for Organizing; and
 - (e) The National Policy Secretaries for all the portfolios as defined in terms of section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution.

Provided that members of the Youth’s National Executive Committee shall be entitled to re-election.

- (2) The National Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy shall be elected by a secret ballot vote to run a period of five years by all Youth delegates at the Party’s Congress held in terms of section 17 (3) of this Constitution.
- (3) The National Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy’s Policy secretaries provided for in section 53 (1) (e) of this Constitution shall be elected at the Congress mentioned in section 53 (2) and soon after the election of those members elected in section 53 (1) (a) to (d) in such a manner that each Provincial Executive Committee of the Confederacy of Youth elects from itself two representatives.
- (4) After representatives have been elected in terms of subsection (3) above, and on the same day and place, the members of the National Executive of the Confederacy of Youth as defined in terms of section 53 (1) (a) to (d) shall be



entitled and obliged to elect from members mentioned in the said subsection (3), and by secret ballot vote, each member to each of the portfolios as defined in section 53 (1) (e) of this Constitution.

Provided that at each stage of the elections, where there appears to be equality of votes, the Chairperson of the National Executive of the Confederacy of Youth shall have either the right of a casting vote or the right to directly appoint one of such members achieving equal votes to the respective portfolio voted for and the Chairperson's decision shall be final.

- (5) Further to electing members to the National Executive of the Youth Confederacy, Confederacy of Youth delegates to the Congress shall have the following powers or functions:-
- (a) To examine reports of the work of the Youth Confederacy for the past five years;
 - (b) To review, ratify, modify, alter or rescind any decision taken by any organ of the Youth Confederacy;
 - (c) Subject to this Constitution and approval by the Party Congress, to formulate policies and principles of the Youth Confederacy; and
 - (d) To recommend to the main Congress any resolutions, policies and amendments to the Constitution.
- (6) Nominations for election to the National Executive Committee of Youth shall be made by the Youth's Provincial Executive Committees.
- (7) The National Executive Committee of Youth shall meet at least once every three months and one-half of its membership shall constitute a quorum.

54. Functions of the National Executive of Youth

- (1) The functions of the National Executive Committee of the Confederacy of Youth shall be as follows:-
- (a) to implement and execute all the aims and objectives of the Confederacy of Youth as defined in this Constitution;
 - (b) to recruit Youth into the Party;
 - (c) to ensure that Youth's issues and rights are advanced in the Party and at national level;
 - (d) to advance the aims and objectives of the Party;
 - (e) to supervise and monitor the work of lower structures; and



- (f) to recommend to the appropriate structures disciplinary actions against any lower structure or member of the lower structure.

55. Provincial Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy

- (1) The Party shall set up a Provincial Executive Committee of Youth Confederacy, “the Provincial Executive of Youth” in each Province, the members of which shall be elected to run a term of five years by Youth delegates at the Provincial Forum as provided for in terms of section 75 (1) (a) of this Constitution.
- (2) The Provincial Executive of Youth shall consist of the following:-
- (a) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) The Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) The Secretary for Organizing and Deputy Secretary for Organizing; and
 - (e) The Provincial Policy Secretaries and their Deputies for the Portfolios mentioned in section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution.
- (3) Members of the Provincial Executive of Youth shall be eligible for re-election.
- (4) The Provincial Executive of Youth shall meet at least once every two (2) months and one half of its membership shall constitute a quorum.

56. Functions of the Provincial Executive of Youth

- (1) The functions of the Provincial Executive of Youth consist of the following:-
- (a) Implementation of the programs and policies of Youth Confederacy within the Province in which that Provincial Executive of Youth exists;
 - (b) Mobilization of the Youth in the Province to join membership of the Party, vote for the Party and participate in activities of the Party.

Provided that in performing its functions, the Provincial Executive Committee of Youth shall be working in line with and under the National Executive of Youth, the Provincial Executive Committee, the National Executive Committee and the National Council.

57. Provincial Council of the Youth Confederacy

- (1) There shall be a Provincial Council of the Youth Confederacy, “Youth’s Provincial Council” for each Province whose membership shall consist all members of the respective Provincial Executive of Youth as well as all



District Chairpersons of the District Executive Committees of the Youth Confederacy in the Province.

- (2) The Youth's Provincial Council shall meet at least after a period of 6 months from the date of its last meeting in which case one-half of its membership shall find a quorum.
- (3) The Youth's Provincial Council shall discharge its mandate in line with and under main Provincial Executive of the Party.

58.Mandate of the Youth's Provincial Council

- (1) The following shall constitute the mandate of the Youth's Provincial Council:-
 - (a) Examining or inspecting the development of Youth's Party programs within the Provinces;
 - (b) Electing and filling vacancies that would have arisen in the Provincial Executive of Youth; and
 - (c) Delineating policies and programs for the Provincial Executive of Youth.

59.District Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy

- (1) In each district, there shall be established a District Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy, "the District Executive of Youth" elected for 5 years, (members of which are qualified for re-election) by Youth delegates at the District Forum held in terms of section 80 (1) of this Constitution.
- (2) The District Executive of Youth shall work under the respective Provincial Executive of the Youth as well as the main Provincial Executive Committee of the Party.
- (3) The District Executive of Youth shall consist of the following:-
 - (a) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) The Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) The Secretary for Organizing and Deputy Secretary for Organizing, and
 - (e) District Policy secretaries and deputies for all Portfolios described in section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution.
- (4) The District Executive of Youth shall meet at least once every three months and one half of its membership shall constitute a quorum

60.District Executive of Youth's Mandate



- (1) The following shall form part of the mandate of the District Executive of Youth:-
 - (a) Executing the programs and policies of the Youth Confederacy in the District; and
 - (c) Rallying Youth in the District to join membership of the Party, vote for the Party in all elections and to participate in the activities of the Party.

61. District Council of Youth Confederacy

- (1) There shall be a District Council of the Youth Confederacy, “the District Council of Youth” encompassing the members of the District Executive of Youth and Chairpersons of the Ward Executive Committees of Youth in the District.
- (2) The District Council of Youth shall meet at least once every four months and one-half of its membership shall find a quorum.
- (3) In discharging its mandate, the District Council of Youth shall work in line with and under the Provincial Executive of Youth as well as the main Provincial Executive Committee of the Party in the Province within which the particular District Council exist.

62. Mandate of the District Council of Youth

- (1) The District Council of Youth shall be mandated to:-
 - (a) Examine the development of Youth’s Party programs within the District;
 - (b) Elect and fill vacancies that would have arisen in the District Executive of Youth, and
 - (c) To express any policies and programs for the District Executive of Youth.

63. Ward Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy

- (1) In each Ward, there shall be established a Ward Executive Committee of the Confederacy of the Youth Confederacy, “the Ward Executive of Youth” elected for five years by Youth delegates at the Ward Forum in terms of section 83 (1) and whose membership shall be entitled for re- election.
- (2) In performing the following functions, the Ward Executive of Youth shall work immediately under the District Executive of Youth existing in the District within which the Ward Executive of Youth is located as well as the District Executive Committee of the Party:-
 - (a) Implementing the agendas and policies of the Youth Confederacy in the ward; and



- (b) Mustering Youth in the ward to join membership of the Party, vote for the Party in all elections and to participate in the activities of the Party.
- (3) The Ward Executive of Youth shall meet at least once every month and one half of its membership shall establish a quorum.

64. Composition of the Ward Executive Committee of Youth

- (1) The Ward Executive Committee of Youth shall consist of the following membership:-
 - (a) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) Ward Policy secretaries and their deputies for the following Portfolios:
 - (i) Organizing;
 - (ii) Information and Publicity;
 - (iii) Health, Women and Child Welfare;
 - (iv) Defence and Security; and
 - (v) Special Needs, Disabilities and Disadvantaged.
 - (e) Other 5 Committee members

65. Branch Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy

- (1) In each Ward, there shall be established a Branch Executive Committee of the Confederacy of Youth, “the Branch Executive of Youth” elected for five years by Youth delegates at the Branch Forum held in terms of section 85 (8) and whose membership shall be eligible for re- election.
- (2) In performing the following functions, the Branch Executive of Youth shall work immediately under the Ward Executive of Youth existing in the Ward within which the Branch Executive of Youth is situate as well as the Ward Executive Committee of the Party:-
 - (a) Enforcing the programmes and policies of the Youth Confederacy in the branch; and
 - (d) Rallying Youth in the branch to join membership of the Party, vote for the Party in all elections and to participate in the activities of the Party.
- (3) The Branch Executive of Youth shall meet at least once every month and one half of its membership shall constitute a quorum.



66. Composition of the Branch Executive of Youth

- (1) The Branch Executive Committee of Youth shall consist of the following membership:-
 - (a) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) Branch Policy secretaries and their deputies for the following Portfolios:-
 - (vi) Organizing;
 - (vii) Information and Publicity;
 - (viii) Health, Women and Child Welfare;
 - (ix) Defence and Security;
 - (x) Special Needs, Disabilities and Disadvantaged; and
 - (e) Other 5 Committee members.

67. Youth Confederacy National Administration Committee

- (1) There shall be constituted the Youth Confederacy National Administration Committee, “the National Administration of Youth” which shall be constituted by members outlined in section 53 (1) (a) to (d) of this Constitution as well as the National Secretary for Information and Publicity of the Youth Confederacy and the National Secretary for Administration, Finance and Economic affairs of the Youth Confederacy.
- (2) The National Administration of Youth shall be chaired by the National Chairperson of the National Executive of Youth.
- (3) The National Administration of Youth shall be in charge of the day to day administration of the Youth Confederacy and shall report to the National Executive Committee of the Youth Confederacy.
- (4) The National Administration of Youth shall not be allowed or entitled to make any executive or policy decisions on behalf of the Youth Confederacy.

68. Youth Confederacy National Forum

- (1) There shall be a Youth Confederacy National Forum, “the Youth’s National Forum” to be held at least once every year and whose functions shall be:-
 - (a) To debate policies and issues affecting the youth and children and to make recommendations to the National Executive Committee;
 - (b) To inspect and examine the policy work of the Youth Confederacy; and
 - (c) To deliberate any issue of national and international importance relevant to the struggle of the Youth and children.



69. Composition of the Youth's National Forum

- (1) The following shall constitute the Youth's National Forum:-
- (a) All members of the National Council of Youth;
 - (b) All Youth office bearers in the Party to Provincial level;
 - (c) All Youth Members of Parliament, Councilors, Government Ministers and members of the National Executive Committee;
 - (d) Youth representatives of civil societies, (Churches representatives who are Party members) invited by the National Executive of Women.

70. Financing & Accounting of the Youth Confederacy Funds

- (1) The Youth Confederacy shall be entitled to receive funding from the Party.

Provided that the Youth Confederacy shall be allowed to receive and accept funds in form of donations from other well-wishers (who do not oppose or contradict the ideology, principles and objectives of the Party).

- (2) The Youth Confederacy shall also be permitted to do its own fund raising projects.
- (3) Subject to the regulation and control of the Party's Treasurer - General, the Youth Confederacy's National Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Confederacy and no expenditure shall be made on behalf of the Youth Confederacy without consultation and approval of the National Chairperson and the Secretary- General of the Youth Confederacy.

Provided that where necessary and in order to further the objectives, values and principles of the Party and notwithstanding the lack of approval of the National Chairperson and Secretary- General of the Youth Confederacy, or in case of lack of consensus between the two, a two thirds of members of the National Exceptional Committee may authorize and direct that an expenditure be made on behalf of the Youth Confederacy.

- (4) The Youth Confederacy shall open a Bank Account within one month period of the establishment of the National Executive of the Youth Confederacy,



whose signatories shall be, the National Chairperson, Secretary- General and National Treasurer of the Confederacy.

- (5) The funds of the Confederacy of Youth shall be annually audited by a firm of reputed auditors in Zimbabwe (and as appointed by the Party's National Executive Committee) and a written report of such audit shall be sent annually to National Council of Youth as well as the main National Council of the Party.

71. The Province

- (1) For the purposes of this Constitution, the Party shall constitute 12 (twelve) Provinces namely:-
- (a) The Province of Manicaland;
 - (b) The Province of Mashonaland Central;
 - (c) The Province of Mashonaland East;
 - (d) The Province of Mashonaland West;
 - (e) The Province of Midlands North;
 - (f) The Province of Masvingo;
 - (g) The Province of Matebeland South;
 - (h) The Province of Matebeland North;
 - (i) The Province of Midlands South;
 - (j) The Province of Bulawayo;
 - (k) The Province of Chitungwiza; and
 - (l) The Province of Harare.
- (2) For the purposes of this Constitution, it shall be the obligation of the National Council to clearly define in writing or by any other express means, the delimitation of the 12 Provinces mentioned in subsection (1) in which event a report of such delimitation shall be sent to each Provincial Executive Committee of the Party.

72. Provincial Executive Committee & Provincial Administrative Committee

- (1) The Provincial Executive Committee of each Province shall consist of the following:-
- (a) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) The Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) The Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary;



- (e) The Chairperson and Secretary of the Provincial Executive of Women in respect of that particular Province;
 - (f) The Chairperson and Secretary of the Provincial Executive of Youth in respect of that particular Province; and
 - (g) Provincial Policy Secretaries for the portfolios provided for in section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv). Provided that the deputy secretary for Information and Publicity shall also be part of the Provincial Executive Committee.
- (2) Each Provincial Executive Committee shall be enjoined to establish the following Executive Committees:-
- (a) The Finance, and Economic Affairs Committee which shall be chaired by the Treasurer of the Provincial Executive Committee and whose other members shall be as follows:-
 - (i) The Provincial Executive Committee's Secretary who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;
 - (ii) Provincial Secretary for Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs who shall be the secretary of the Committee;
 - (iii) Secretary of the Provincial Executive of Women and Deputy Secretary;
 - (iv) Secretary of the Provincial Executive of Youth and Deputy Secretary.
 - (b) The Organizing Committee which shall be chaired by the Organizing Secretary of the Provincial Executive Committee and whose other members shall be as follows:-
 - (i) The Deputy Organizing Secretary of the Provincial Executive Committee who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;
 - (ii) Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary for the Provincial Executive of Women;
 - (iii) Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary for the Provincial Executive of Youth;
 - (iv) Provincial Secretary for Research and Policy development; and
 - (v) Provincial Secretary for Political Learning, who shall be the secretary for the Committee.
 - (c) The Elections Committee which shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Provincial Executive Committee and whose other members shall be as follows:-
 - (i) The Deputy Chairperson of the Provincial Executive Committee who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;



- (ii) The Provincial Secretary for Elections who shall be the secretary for the Committee;
 - (iii) The Chairpersons of the Provincial Executive Committees of Women and Youth; and
 - (iv) The Provincial Secretaries for Elections of the Women Confederacy and Youth Confederacy.
- (d) The Information and Publicity Committee, which shall be chaired by the Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity and whose other members shall be as follows:-
- (i) The Deputy Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity who shall be the deputy chairperson of the Committee;
 - (ii) The Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity of the Youth Confederacy who shall be the secretary of the Committee;
 - (iii) The Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity of the Women Confederacy;
 - (iv) Deputy Secretary for the Provincial Executive of Women;
 - (v) Deputy Secretary for the Provincial Executive of Youth; and
 - (vi) Provincial Secretary for Research and Policy development.
- (3) The Provincial Executive Committee members shall be elected or appointed as the case may be, at a Provincial Forum held once every five years in which event the elections shall take place at least three months prior to the Congress.
- (4) The following shall constitute the Provincial Administration Committee which shall be accountable for the day to day business of the province but shall not make any executive or policy decisions and shall report to the Provincial Executive Committee;
- (a) The Chairperson of the Provincial Executive Committee, who shall chair the Provincial Administration Committee;
 - (b) Deputy Chairperson of the Provincial Executive Committee, who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;
 - (c) Secretary and Deputy secretary of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (d) Treasurer of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (e) Organizing secretary and deputy Organizing secretary of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (f) Chairpersons of Provincial Executive of Women and Provincial Executive of Youth; and



- (g) Secretary for information and publicity of the Provincial Executive Committee.

73. Functions of the Provincial Executive Committee

- (1) The Functions of the Provincial Executive Committee are as follows:-
- (a) Building the Party within the Province;
 - (b) Organizing elections of District Executive Committees and where necessary to organize Ward and Branch elections ;
 - (c) Supervising the District Executive Committee within the Province;
 - (d) Establishing and supervising its executive sub committees as provided for in this Constitution;
 - (e) Enforcing policies and principles of the Party in the Province, subject to the National Council's supervision;
 - (f) Keeping a Register of Party members in the Province;
 - (g) Maintaining bank accounts and books of accounts and keep an asset register of all Party assets in the Province;
 - (h) Selecting, or nominating candidates for National elections. Provided that on good cause, the National Council may either accept or reject such selected or nominated candidates;
 - (i) Recommending the suspension or dissolution of any District/ Ward/ Branch Executive Committee to the National Executive Committee; and
 - (j) To perform all such other duties or functions as may be assigned from time to time by the National Council.
- (2) Members of the Provincial Executive Committees shall be eligible for re-election.
- (3) Should a vacancy occur in any Provincial Executive Committee by reason of death, resignation or expulsion, or otherwise, the Provincial Executive Committee will have the power of assigning any of its members to any acting capacity until the holding of an election to fill that vacancy at the next Provincial summit.
- (4) The Provincial Executive shall meet at least once every 2 months.

Provided that nothing will stop the Provincial Committee from meeting before the expiration of two (2) months, should it be in the interests of the Party that such meeting be convened.



74.The Provincial Forum and Provincial Summit

- (1) The composition of the Provincial Forum shall be as follows:-
 - (a) All members of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (b) Other Provincial Executive of Women members who are not part of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (c) Other Provincial Executive of Youth members who are not part of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (d) Members of the District Executive Committees in the Province;
 - (e) Members of the District Executive of Women in the Province;
 - (f) Members of the District Executive of Youth in the Province;
 - (g) All members of Parliament, Mayors, Councilors, Chairpersons of local authorities in the Province.
- (2) The Provincial Forum shall meet after each and every five (5) years period and two thirds of its membership shall constitute a quorum.
- (3) The Provincial summit shall be composed as follows:-
 - (a) All members of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (b) Other members of the Provincial Executive of Women who are not part of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (c) Other members of the Provincial Executive of Youth who are not part of the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (d) Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers, Organizing Secretaries and Secretaries for Information and Publicity of the District Executive Committees in the Province;
 - (e) Chairpersons of the District Executive Committees of Women in the Province;
 - (f) Chairpersons of the District Executive Committees of Women in the Province; and
 - (g) All Chairpersons of Ward Executive Committees in the Province.
- (4) The Provincial summit shall meet at least twice in a given year and two thirds of its membership shall constitute a quorum.

Provided that notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the President and or the National Council may call for a Provincial summit at any time.

75.Functions of the Provincial Forum and Provincial Summit

- (1) The functions of the Provincial Forum are as follows:-



- (a) Electing members of the Provincial Executive Committees, including members of the Provincial Executive of Women and Provincial Executive of Youth;
- (b) Electing one female representative for each province for a seat in the National Council as provided for in section 22 (1) (b) of this Constitution.
- (c) Receiving and considering reports from the Provincial Executive Committee on the progress and activities of the Party in all Provinces;
- (2) The functions of the Provincial Summit are:-
 - (a) To examine the progress of the Party in the Province as well as the Party development in respect of membership recruitment and political training or education;
 - (b) To elect persons to fill vacancies that would have arisen in the Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (c) To analyse and or examine the readiness of the Party in respect of National elections;
 - (d) To review the effectiveness of the Party's members of Parliament, Local authorities or government ministers as well as receiving reports from same;
 - (e) To prepare a report to be submitted to the National Council via the Secretary-General; and
 - (f) To do everything necessary for the furtherance of the objectives and principles of the Party, subject to this Constitution.

76. District of the Party

- (1) For the purposes of this Constitution any geographical extent or region presently delimited nationally as a constituency for the purpose of a House of Assembly seat shall constitute the Party's District structure.
- (2) It shall be the mandate and or general function of a District Executive Committee to lead the Party in the District.
- (3) The District Executive Committee shall be enjoined in terms of this Constitution and within seven (7) days of its creation to establish Executive Committees for the following Portfolios:-
 - (a) Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs, which shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the District Executive Committee and whose other members shall be as follows:-
 - (i) The Treasurer of the District Executive Committee who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;



- (ii) Secretary of the District Executive Committee and Deputy Treasurer of the District Executive Committee;
 - (iii) Secretary of the District Executive of Women;
 - (iv) Secretary of the District Executive of Youth;
 - (v) District Secretary for Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs who shall be the Committee secretary; and
 - (vi) Provincial Secretary for Party Business, Investment and Projects
- (b) Organizing, which shall be chaired by the Organizing secretary of the District Executive Committee and whose other members shall be as follows:-
- (i) Deputy Organizing Secretary of the District Executive Committee, who shall be the deputy chairperson of the Committee;
 - (ii) Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary of the District Executive of Women;
 - (iii) Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary of the District Executive of Youth;
 - (iv) District Secretary for Research and Policy development; and
 - (v) District Secretary for Political Learning, who shall be the secretary for the Committee.
- (c) Information and Publicity, which shall be chaired by the District Executive Committee's secretary for Information and Publicity and whose other members shall be as follows:-
- (i) District's Deputy Secretary for Information and Publicity who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;
 - (ii) The District Secretary for Information and Publicity of the Women Confederacy who shall be the Secretary for the Committee;
 - (iii) The District Secretary for Information and Publicity of the Youth Confederacy;
 - (iv) Secretary for the District Executive of Women;
 - (v) Secretary for the District Executive of Youth; and
 - (vi) District Secretary for Research and Policy development.
- (d) Elections, which shall be chaired by the District Executive Committee's Chairperson and whose other members shall be as follows:-
- (i) Deputy Chairperson of the District Executive Committee who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;
 - (ii) District Secretary for Elections who shall be the secretary of the Committee;
 - (iii) The Chairperson of the District Executive of Women;



- (iv) The Chairperson of the District Executive of Youth; and
 - (v) The District Secretaries for Elections of the Women Confederacy and Youth Confederacy.
- (4) The District executive committee shall meet at least once every month, in which event half of its membership shall suffice to constitute a quorum.

77. Composition and Election of the District Executive Committee

- (1) The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:-
- (a) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) The Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) The Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary;
 - (e) District Policy secretaries for the portfolios defined in section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution;
 - (f) The Chairperson of the District Executive of Women;
 - (g) The Chairperson of the District Executive of Youth;
 - (h) The Chairpersons of the Ward Executive Committees in the District;
 - (i) Any elected Member of the House of Assembly for the particular District;
- (2) The District Executive Committee members defined in section 77 (1) shall be elected or appointed, as the case may be, at a District Forum to be held in terms of section 80(1) of this Constitution which shall be held once every five years in which event the elections shall occur at least two months prior to each Provincial Forum.
- (3) Members of the District Executive Committee shall be entitled to re-election.
- (4) Should a vacancy arise in the District Executive Committee by reason of death, suspension, expulsion or resignation, the District Executive Committee shall be entitled to appoint any of its members to an acting position until the holding of an election to fill such vacancy at the next District Summit.

78. Role of the District Executive Committee

- (1) The role of the District Executive Committee shall be as follows:-
- (a) To develop and maintain the Party in the District;
 - (b) To implement policies of the Party in the District under the control of the National Council;
 - (c) To keep and maintain an updated register Party member in the District;
 - (d) To identify and recommend to the Province persons to participate in National elections;



- (e) To hold and supervise the elections of Ward Executive Committees, including elections to fill vacancies;
- (f) To maintain books of accounts and to open bank accounts for the District; and
- (g) To keep and maintain an asset register of the Party assets in the District.

79. District Summit

- (1) There shall be a District Summit after every 4 (four) months which shall be organized by the District Executive Committee of each District.
- (2) It shall be comprised of the following:-
 - (a) The District Executive Committee;
 - (b) The District Executive of Women;
 - (c) The District Executive of Youth;
 - (d) Members of the Ward Executive Committees in the District; and
 - (e) The Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Organizing Secretaries of the Branch Executive Committees in the District.
- (3) The following shall be the role of the District Summit;-
 - (a) The Summit may be called for a particular business that would be meant to further the objectives of the Party;
 - (b) to elect members to fill vacancies that may arise in the District structure;
 - (c) To examine the progress or development of the Party in the District; and
 - (d) To do anything for the Party upon assignment by the National Council.

80. District Forum

- (1) There shall be District Forum as indicated in section 77 (2) of this Constitution and which shall take place after every five years.
- (2) The main function of the District Forum shall be to elect members of the District Executive Committee including the District Executive of Women and District Executive of Youth as well as examining the development or progress of the Party at District level.
- (3) The participants to the District Forum shall be those persons mentioned in section 79 (2) (a) to (e) of this Constitution.
- (4) Two thirds membership of the District Forum shall constitute a quorum.



81. Ward of the Party

- (1) For the purposes of this Constitution any geographical extent or region presently delimited nationally as a ward for the election of Local Authorities known as Councilors shall constitute the Party's Ward structure.
- (2) It shall be the mandate and or general function of a Ward Executive Committee established in terms of section 82 to lead the Party in the Ward.

82. Ward Executive Committee

- (1) The composition of the Ward Executive Committee shall be as follows:-
 - (a) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) The Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary;
 - (e) The Ward Policy secretaries for the Portfolios defined in terms of section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv);
 - (f) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Ward Executive of Women;
 - (g) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Ward Executive of Youth;
 - (h) Chairpersons of the Branch Executive Committees in the Ward; and
 - (i) All elected Councilors in the Ward.
- (2) The Ward Executive Committee members shall be elected and appointed, as the case may be, at a Ward Forum defined in section 83 of this Constitution that shall be held after every five years' period in which event the elections shall occur at least two months prior to each District Forum to be held in terms of section 80 (1) of this Constitution.
- (3) Members of the Ward Executive Committee shall be suitable for re-election
- (4) The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month and two thirds of its total membership shall find a quorum.
- (5) The functions of the Ward Executive Committee shall be as follows:-
 - (a) To lead the Party within the Ward;
 - (b) To develop and maintain the Party within the Ward structure;
 - (c) To keep and maintain an updated register Party members in the Ward;
 - (d) To implement Party policies within the Ward, subject to the control of the District Executive, the Provincial Executive Committee, the National Executive Committee as well as the National Council; and
- (5) In the event of a vacancy arising in the Ward Executive by reason of death, suspension, expulsion or resignation, the Ward Executive Committee shall be entitled to appoint any of its members to an acting position until the holding



of an election to fill such vacancy, which election shall have to be conducted by the District Executive Committee at least within three months from the date of occurrence of such vacancy.

Provided that it shall be the obligation of the Ward Executive Committee's Secretary to communicate in writing through the Ward's secretary for Information of information and Publicity the occurrence of such vacancy and the cause thereof to the respective District Executive Committee within five days from the date the Ward Executive Committee become aware of the said vacancy.

83. Ward Forum

- (1) There shall be a ward forum which shall be held after every five years' period and at least two months prior to each District Forum to be held in terms of section 80 (1) of this Constitution.
- (2) The Ward forum shall be attended to by the following:-
 - (a) The Ward Executive Committee;
 - (b) The Ward Executive of Women;
 - (c) The Ward Executive of Youth;
 - (d) The Branch Executive Committees in the Ward; and
 - (e) The Branch Executive of women and Youth in the Ward.
- (3) Two thirds of the Ward Forum membership shall create a quorum.
- (4) The main function of the Ward Forum shall be to elect members of the Ward Executive Committee including the Ward Executive of Women and Ward Executive of Youth as well as examining the development or progress of the Party at District level.

84. Branch of the Party

- (1) The respective District Executive Committee shall be mandated to facilitate the establishment of branches in each ward of its relevance subject to the control and guidance of the National Executive Committee.
- (2) No branch shall be established where the minimum number of Party members in that respective geographical extent does not exceed (70) seventy and that the maximum number of branches in each Ward shall not exceed (4) four.

Provided that the Provincial Executive Committee of concern may recommend the exemption or exception of the provisions of subsection (2)



which recommendation shall not have force or effect unless subsequently approved by the National Executive Committee.

- (3) A member of the Party shall not be allowed to belong to more than one Branch.

85. Branch Executive Committee and Branch Forum

- (1) There shall be established a Branch Executive Committee whose composition shall be as follows;
 - (a) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) Secretary and Deputy Secretary;
 - (c) Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer;
 - (d) Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary;
 - (e) The Branch Policy secretaries for the portfolios defined in terms of section 24 (3) (g) (i) to (xxiv) of this Constitution;
 - (f) Chairperson of the Branch Executive of Women and her deputy; and
 - (g) Chairperson of the Branch Executive of Youth and deputy chairperson.
- (2) The Branch Executive Committee members shall be elected at a Branch Forum which shall be held once every five years, and in any event the elections shall take place at least two months prior to each Ward Forum defined in terms of section 83 of this Constitution.
- (3) The Branch Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month.
- (4) The Branch Executive Committee shall lead the Party in the Branch and shall play an administrative role at all material times.
- (5) The Branch Executive Committee shall also rally people to join and support the Party within the Branch.
- (6) It shall also be the role of the Branch to keep and maintain an updated register of all members of the Party within the branch.
- (7) Members of the Branch Executive Committees shall be eligible for re-election.
- (8) The Branch Forum shall be composed of all members of the Party in the Branch and one-half of the Branch membership shall constitute a quorum.



PART V
NATIONAL OFFICERS, COMMITTEES & THE SECRETARIAT

86. The President

- (1) The President of the Party is the Chief Principal and Officer of the Party but is accountable or answerable to the National Council and Congress.
- (2) The President of the Party shall at all times be compliant or subservient to this Constitution and therefore upon assuming the office of the Presidency, the President shall take an oath specially declaring his readiness to faithfully lead the Party and to abide by the provisions of this Constitution.

Provided that all other National officers and National Secretaries shall also be required to take oaths of office upon election and or appointment as the case may be.

- (3) In event of death or resignation of the President, the Deputy President shall act as the President until the holding of an Exceptional Congress that shall be called by the National Chairperson, through the Secretary – General, which Exceptional Congress shall convene not later than one year from the date of resignation or death of the President.

Provided that if the period between the event of death or resignation of the President and the date of the Congress is one year or less, no exceptional congress shall be called for the election of the President, in which event the Deputy President shall act as the President until the election of the new President at the Congress.

87. Duties and or Powers of the President

- (1) The following shall constitute the duties and or powers of the President of the Party:-
 - (a) To support and defend the Constitution of the Party as well as safeguarding objectives, values and principles of the Party;
 - (b) To chair meetings of the National Executive Committee and the National Exceptional Committee;
 - (c) To report to the National Council and the Congress; and
 - (d) To execute such other functions and obligations and exercise such powers as may be provided for elsewhere in this Constitution or legally allocated to him or her by the National Council and Congress.



- (2) The President shall be allowed to generally speak for and on behalf of the Party on key Policy issues or any other Party issues within his or her knowledge. The President shall also be the key representative of the Party in the Public arena.

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to mean the empowerment or entitlement of the President to override or evade the rights, responsibility or mandate of Officers or other structures, in such a manner that undermines the principles separation of power, democracy and transparency.

- (3) The President shall have the power to convene an Exceptional congress as well as the National Council meeting for good cause notwithstanding the provisions of section 19 (1) and section 23 (6) and (7) of this Constitution.
- (4) The Funder of the Party who is the current President of the Party shall have the power to establish such interim Party structures or appoint such interim Party officials and or engage a limited Party secretariat or obtain services for the Party, which he deems necessary or to be within the interests of the Party.

Provided that the inaugural Congress of the Party shall have the power and mandate to approve or reject the action that the founder or current Party President would have taken in terms of the provisions of this subsection.

- (5) The Founder of the Party or current President shall have the right to use whatever funds of the Party available to cater for the Party expenses of whatever nature, including expenses in relation the established interim structures, the appointed Party officials, the engaged Party secretariat and the acquired services for the Party.

Provided that the inaugural congress shall have the power to review and examine whatever use of Party funds by the Party founder or current President to the extent of taking whatever appropriate decision or action.

88. Deputy President

- (1) There shall be a Deputy President of the Party who shall act as the President of the Party when the President is out of Zimbabwe or is unable to perform his or her functions or duties for any reason.



- (2) The Deputy President shall assist the President in exercising his or her powers, functions or duties as provided for in this Constitution;
- (3) The Deputy President shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to him or her by the National Council.
- (4) In the event of death or resignation of the Deputy President, the National Chairperson shall co-opt his or her position with that of the Deputy President until the holding of an Exceptional Congress that shall be called by the President, through the Secretary – General, which Exceptional Congress shall convene not later than one year from the date of resignation or death of the Deputy President.

Provided that if the period between the event of death or resignation of the Deputy President and the date of the Congress is 2 years or less than that, no exceptional congress shall be called for the election of the Deputy President, in which event the National Chairperson shall act as the Deputy President until the election of the new Deputy President at the Congress.

89. National Chairperson

- (1) There shall be the National Chairperson of the Party who shall execute the duties or functions of the office of the President in the event that both the President and Deputy President are unable to perform the functions of the President's office for any reason.
- (2) The National Chairperson shall be the chief overseer and officer accountable to management and resolution of conflicts and disputes between and or amongst individual officers of the Party and within the structures and/or organs of the Party. In general, the National Chairperson shall be the supervisor or administrator of general status of the Party.
- (3) The main functions of the National Chairperson shall be:-
 - (a) To monitor, organize and oversee all elections in the Party, external or otherwise for the purpose of ensuring that same are dully and freely conducted as defined in this Constitution and any other applicable democratic laws of the Country;
 - (b) To Chair the National Disciplinary Committee, National Elections Committee, National Council, the Congress and any other Committee/s or meetings as may be provided for in this Constitution;



- (c) To supervise the general conduct or performance of all elected Party officials;
- (d) To report to the National Executive Committee on matters pertaining to his/her functions or duties as defined in this section or elsewhere in this Constitution.

90. Deputy National Chairperson

- (1) There shall be the Deputy National Chairperson of the Party who shall act on behalf of the National Chairperson whenever the National Chairperson is out of Zimbabwe or is unable to execute his or her functions, duties or powers for any cause.
- (2) The Deputy National Chairperson shall assist the National Chairperson in the exercise of his or her powers, functions or duties as provided for in this Constitution as well as performing other general matters as may be allocated to him or her by the National Chairperson and or National Council.

91. Secretary-General

- (1) There shall be the Secretary-General who shall be the chief Secretary of the Party and be the Secretary for the Congress as well.
- (2) The Secretary- General shall also be the secretary for the National Disciplinary Committee as provided for in section 108 (2) of this Constitution.
- (3) The Secretary – General shall chair the National Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs Committee as provided for in section 102 (2) (a) of this Constitution.
- (4) The Secretary- General shall under the supervision of the National Council summon and organize the meetings of Congress in consultation with the President.
- (5) The Secretary- General shall primarily be accountable to the effective organization and administration of the Party, and further he or she shall be responsible for the administration of the Party’s National Officers and or Secretaries as well as the secretariat.
- (6) The Secretary General shall therefore act generally as the mouthpiece of the Party especially on such issues relating to the secretariat, records and administration of the Party.



- (7) It shall be the duty of the Secretary- General to ensure that meetings of the National Executive and National Council are held as defined in this constitution.
- (8) The Secretary- General shall be the chief custodian or keeper of all crucial Party documents and or records.
- (9) It shall be the duty of the Secretary General of the Party to keep and supervise the register or record relating to Party Membership.
- (10) The Secretary General shall be obliged to submit reports to National Executive Committee, National Council, and the Congress.
- (11) Nothing in this section shall be construed as meaning that the Secretary- General shall not be allowed to execute such other functions and duties or powers as may be constitutionally allocated to him or her by the President, the National Executive, the National Council or any other provision of this Constitution.

92. Deputy Secretary- General

- (1) There shall be the Deputy Secretary - General who shall act shall act on behalf of the Secretary - General whenever the Secretary - General is out of Zimbabwe or is unable to perform his or her functions, duties or exercise his or her powers for any cause.
- (2) The Deputy Secretary - General shall assist the Secretary General in the execution and exercise of his or her functions, duties and powers as provided for in this Constitution; as well as executing other functions and duties and exercise such powers as may be Constitutionally allocated to him or her by the President and the National Exceptional Committee.

93. Treasurer - General

- (1) There shall be the Treasurer General Party who shall operate under the supervision of the National Council and in consultation with the President and National Exceptional Committee open bank accounts for the Party and maintain financial statements or records as may be necessary for the effectiveness.
- (2) The Treasurer General shall perform functions or duties as outlined in section 94 as well executing such other functions and duties and exercise such powers as may be constitutionally and dully allocated to him or her by the President or the National Executive Committee and the National Council.



94. Functions of the Treasurer - General

- (1) The functions of the Treasurer - General shall be as follows:-
- (a) Taking responsibility in the safe custody and accounting of all Party assets, funds and monies as well as the finances of the National Executive Committee and the Congress;
 - (b) With the assistance of the Deputy Treasurer - General, National Administration, Finance and Economic Committees and internal Auditors (as may be appointed by the National Executive Committee), preparing and presenting to the National Executive Committee and National Council through the National Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs Committee, budgets statements and accounts including statements of income and expenditure.

Provided that the Treasurer - General shall prepare and present the annual budget of the Party to the National Council for consideration or deliberations.

- (c) Supervising and organizing fundraising activities of the Party;
- (d) Making on behalf of the Party payments or expenditure as may be authorized;
- (e) Ensuring that all Party structures hold proper books of accounts and records of all Party assets and written reports are submitted to the National Executive Committee;
- (f) Deputizing the Chairperson of the National Committee for Administration, Finance, and Economic Affairs as provided for in section 102 (2) (a) of this Constitution.

95. Deputy Treasurer - General

- (1) There shall be a Deputy Treasurer-General of the Party who shall assist the Treasurer - General with the discharge of his or her functions and obligations and the exercise of his or her powers as provided for in this Constitution or such powers as may be lawfully assigned by the National Council.
- (2) The Deputy Treasurer - General shall be obliged and empowered to act on behalf of the Treasurer - General whenever the Treasurer - General is out of Zimbabwe or is for any cause incapable of accomplishing his or her functions and obligations or exercising his or her powers.



96. National Organizing Secretary and Deputy National Organizing Secretary

- (1) There shall be the National Organizing Secretary of the Party who shall be the Chief Field operator of the Party and shall chair the National Organizing Committee as provided for in section 102 (2) (d) of this Constitution.
- (2) The National Organizing Secretary shall lead or supervise the recruitment of membership of the Party, rallying support for the Party and ensuring that the Party achieves a good voter's turn out in all elections of the Party's importance.
- (3) It shall be his or her duty to hold and or conduct the elections of the Provincial Executive Committees as well as conducting or ensuring that Party elections are conducted at District, Ward and Branch structures.
- (4) It shall also be the duty or function of the National Organizing Secretary to administer, manage or control Party structures from the Branch to Provincial level including their political programmes subject to the control of the National Executive Committee and this Constitution.
- (5) The National Organizing Secretary shall be enjoined to ensure that Party structures and organs from the Branch to the Province are established.
- (6) The National Organizing Secretary shall also assemble the register of Party Membership, and taking responsibilities in educational programmes on the Party's objectives, values and principles as well as Constitutional issues of the Party.

Provided that the National Organizing Secretary shall Perform any such other function/s and duties and exercise such powers as may be constitutionally and dully allocated to him or her by the President or the National Chairman or the Secretary General, the National Exceptional Committee, the National Executive Committee or National Council.

- (7) There shall be a Deputy National Organizing Secretary who shall be enjoined to assist the National Organizing Secretary with the discharge of his or her functions or the exercise of his or her powers as provided for in this Constitution.
- (8) The Deputy National Organizing Secretary shall accordingly act on behalf of the National Organizing Secretary whenever the National Organizing Secretary is not within the country of Zimbabwe or is for any cause or reason incompetent or unable to execute his or her functions or duties or exercise his or her powers.



- (9) The Deputy National Organizing Secretary shall be allowed and enjoined to perform such functions as may be dully or lawfully assigned to him or her by the National Organizing Secretary and or National Council.

97. National Secretary for Information and Publicity

- (1) There shall be the Secretary for Information and Publicity who shall act as the general spokesperson of the Party in all Party issues and subject to the control of the National Executive Committee and the National Council shall perform the following functions:-
- (a) Formulating as well as approving Party's media statements, posters, placards, billboards, prints and such other publications of whatever nature;
 - (b) Overseeing and facilitating the expansion of the Party's communication and broadcasting policies, and in the same vein ensuring that the Policies of the Party are passably or reasonably communicated and elucidated to the public;
 - (c) Chairing the National Elections Committee as provided for in section 102 (2) (c) of this Constitution; and
 - (d) Executing such other functions, duties as and such powers as may be validly and lawfully allocated to him or her buy the Secretary - General or the National Executive Committee or National Council, as the case may be.

98. National Secretary for Elections

- (1) There shall be a National Secretary of Elections who shall be the Secretary to the National Elections Committee and whose duties or functions shall be as follows:-
- (a) Reporting to the National Elections Committee on the progress of the Party in election policy development which achieves the holding of a free and fair elections;
 - (b) Through the National Elections Committee, working hand in hand with both the National Secretary for Justice, Legal and Parliamentary affairs and its respective National Committee to ensure that recommendations are made to the Party's House of Assembly members for the reforms to be made in the national laws for the achievement of free and fair elections in the Republic of Zimbabwe;
 - (c) Enforcing the programmes and activities of the National Elections Committee;



- (d) Through the National Elections Committee, facilitating the development and implementation of the Party's election policies in both primary and national elections;
- (e) Liaising with the National Organizing Committee and working for the expansion and implementation of party programmes on voter's education and registration as well as preparing persons to be qualified election agents (through the National Elections Committee), who shall be listed in a register to be kept by the National Elections Secretary;
- (f) Liaising with National Secretary for Defence and Security, to ensure that proper or suitable security measures set forth prior to and during elections; and
- (g) Performing any other duties as may be lawfully delegated to him or her by the National Elections Committee and the National Executive Committee.

99. Other National Policy Secretaries

- (1) There shall be other National Policy Secretaries for the Portfolios defined in section 24 (3) (g) (iii) to (xxiv) of this Constitution.
- (2) The National Council shall in writing set out or define roles, obligations or otherwise functions of these Committees as mentioned in section 99 (1) of this Constitution.

Provided that in exercising its powers in terms of this section, the National Council shall avoid bestowing powers already vested in some other Party Officer in terms of this Constitution and accordingly shall respect the principle of separation of power.

100. Death or Resignation of Other Officers

- (1) In the event of the death or resignation of the National Chairperson, the Secretary General, the Treasurer General, the National Organizing Secretary, the Chairperson of Women Confederacy, and the Chairperson of Youth Confederacy, their deputies shall respectively hold office until the holding of an Exceptional Congress which shall be called by the President to elect a new officer which Congress shall be held not later than one year from the date of such death or resignation.

Provided that if the Congress were to be ordinarily held within the period of three (3) years from the date of the death or resignation of persons defined in



sub section (1), their deputies shall assume the acting positions until the election of the new officer/s at the Congress and no Exceptional Congress shall be held for the purpose of electing new officer/s.

- (2) In the event of death or resignation of one or more of the deputies for the officers provided for in subsection (1) none shall assume their positions until the holding of an Exceptional Congress which shall be called by the President to elect new officer/s not later than one year from the date of such death or resignation.

Provided that if the Congress were to be ordinarily held within the period of 3 years from the date the death or resignation of deputy or deputies as provided for in this section, no Exceptional Congress shall be held for the purpose of electing new deputy or deputies as such event shall take place at the Congress.

- (3) In the event of the death or resignation of any other member of the National Council, (other than the President, Deputy President and those already mentioned or provided for in subsections (2) and (3) the National Council itself shall do a gap filling election pending the next Congress.

101. Party Committees applicable Principles

- (1) The Secretary - General of the Party shall be obliged to ensure that all Party Committees are properly constituted at all times and that they are effectively discharging their mandate including regularly and or on monthly basis submitting reports pertaining to their operations to the highest Party Committee (National Executive Committee) whose Policy or Executive decisions shall prevail unless reversed by the National Council or Congress.
- (2) Therefore each decision of a Party Committee on chief or key issues affecting the Party shall not be implemented unless approved by the National Executive Committee.
- (3) Should any Committee fails to meet for two (2) consecutive months without a justified excuse, it shall be the right of the Secretary - General to suspend that Committee, in which event such Committee may be replaced by the National Executive Committee.



- (4) Each Policy Portfolio Committee shall have its meetings organized by a Chairperson thereof.

Provided that the Policy Portfolio Secretary shall be the Chairperson of the respective Policy Portfolio Committee.

102. National Policy Portfolios and Executive National Committees

(1) The Party shall have the following National Policy Portfolio Committees:-

- (a) Health, Women and Child Welfare Committee;
- (b) Youth Affairs Committee;
- (c) Sports, Culture and Education Committee;
- (d) Lands and Agriculture Committee; and
- (e) Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee

(2) The Party shall constitute the following Executive National Committees:-

(a) Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs Committee, which shall be chaired by the Secretary – General, whose other members shall be as follows:-

- (i) The Party's Treasurer General who shall be the Deputy Chairperson;
- (ii) Deputy Secretary – General and Deputy Treasurer – General;
- (iii) Secretary – General of the Women Confederacy;
- (iv) Secretary- General of the Youth Confederacy;
- (v) National Secretary for Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs who shall be the Committee secretary; and
- (vi) National Secretary for Party Business, Investment and Projects.

(b) National Elections Committee, which shall be chaired by the National Chairperson as provided for in section 89 (3) (b) of this Constitution and whose other members shall be as follows:-

- (i) The Party's Deputy National Chairperson who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;
- (ii) The National Secretary for Elections who shall be the secretary for the Committee;
- (iii) The National Chairpersons of the Women Confederacy and Youth Confederacy; and
- (iv) The National Secretaries for Elections of the Women Confederacy and Youth Confederacy.



- (c) National Information and Publicity Committee, which shall be chaired by the National Secretary for Information and Publicity and whose other members shall be as follows:-
- (i) The Deputy National Secretary for Information and Publicity who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;
 - (ii) The National Secretary for Information and Publicity of the Women Confederacy who shall be the secretary of the Committee;
 - (iii) The National Secretary for Information and Publicity of the Youth Confederacy;
 - (iv) Deputy Secretary- General for the Women Confederacy;
 - (v) National Secretary for Research and Policy development; and
 - (vi) Deputy Secretary- General for the Youth Confederacy.
- (d) The National Organizing Committee, which shall be chaired by the National Organizing Secretary; whose other members shall be as follows:-
- (i) Deputy National Organizing Secretary, who shall be the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee;
 - (ii) National Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary for the Women Confederacy;
 - (iii) National Organizing Secretary and Deputy Organizing Secretary for the Youth Confederacy;
 - (iv) National Secretary for Research and Policy development; and
 - (v) National Secretary for Political Learning, who shall be the secretary for the Committee.
- (e) The National Disciplinary Committee, which shall be chaired by the National Chairperson as enshrined in section 89 (3) (b) as well as section 108 (1) of this Constitution and whose other members are as provided for in terms of section 108 (3) of this Constitution.
- (3) The National Committees provided for in this Constitution may have their own sub- Committees.
- (4) The National Council shall in writing provide the structure or composition of the committees provided for in section 102 (1) (a) to (e) as well as the mandate or functions and the procedure of all the Party Committees established in terms of this Constitution.



103. The Party's Secretariat

- (1) In this Constitution, the Party's secretariat shall be made up of only paid employees of the Party whose offices shall be the duty of the Congress and the National Council to define.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the National Administration, Finance and Economic Affairs Committee to vet any person/s to be employed by the Party.

Provided that ultimate confirmation or approval of the National Executive Committee shall be required before any person finds way in to the Party's secretariat and that such approval or confirmation shall not be accorded in respect of any person/s who does or do not subscribe to the ideology, values, principles or otherwise objectives of the Party or who is a member of another Political Party other than the People's Progressive Party, Zimbabwe.

- (3) The secretariat shall not hold positions in the Party Organs or Structures unless such member has successfully resigned from the secretariat within four months period from the date of elections or appointment to a position in to the Party's Organ or Structure.

PARTY VI ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE PARTY

104. Internal Positions Qualifications

- (1) A member of the Party shall be qualified to hold any office position in the Party if he or she:-
 - (a) Meets membership conditions or obligations set out in section 14;
 - (b) Has not been convicted of an offence, (which conviction stand operative) by the Party's Disciplinary Committee for Fraud, Corruption, bribery, any conduct meant to bring Party in to disrepute or contravention of the Party's values or principles;
 - (c) is a registered voter in the area for which he or she is standing; and
 - (d) is not insolvent.



105. Presidential, Parliamentary, and Local Government Elections

- (1) The qualifications listed in section 104 (1) shall apply to any member who would want to contest for National Elections.
- (2) All candidates wanting to contest in the National Elections shall submit their curriculum vitae to the National Council for vetting and approval.
- (3) The National Council's vetting process shall consider issues mentioned in section 104 as well as the historical background in the Party of the candidate especially the extent to which a member has adhered to the values, principles or otherwise objectives of the Party;
- (4) In approving or rejecting a candidate, the National Council shall be bound by the duty to fulfil all the principles underling this Constitution, and of course the principles of equality and anti-discrimination must not be overlooked.
- (5) A member aggrieved by the decision of the National Council in rejecting his or her candidacy for National Elections shall have the right to appeal to the Appeals Tribunal within 5 days of being notified in writing of the decision of the National Council.
- (6) Primary elections in the Party shall be held to elect candidates who seek to positions in the Parliament and Local government.
- (7) Applications shall be sent to the National Executive Committee through the Secretary - General by all candidates wishing to participate in a Parliamentary election for a particular District.
- (8) The National Council shall be obliged to prepare and maintain a panel of candidates for elections for every District in respect of Parliament and Ward in respect of Local Authorities.
- (9) In the event that more than one candidate has been listed, the National Elections Committee shall conduct elections between or among the competing candidates through voting by secret ballot and the candidate balloting the highest number of votes shall be declared a winner to stand for the National Elections.
- (10) A member shall not be qualified for the Party's Primary elections if he is disqualified for the contested position in terms of the National Laws or is disqualified from being a Party member in terms of the provisions of this Constitution.
- (11) Primary Elections for National Elections or the process for selection of such candidates shall be held at least one year before the National elections date.



- (12) The election of a Presidential candidate for National Elections shall be done at a date and venue to be advised by the National Executive Committee.

Provided that such election shall take place at least one year before the National Elections date.

- (13) If at the close of the nomination process only one member files his or her application he shall be declared as the rightful Presidential candidate for National elections.
- (14) If at the close of the nomination process, more than one person file their applications for Presidential candidacy, the person who receives the greater number of votes shall be declared selected as the Party's Presidential Candidate for National Elections.
- (15) Where the elections for a Presidential candidate involves two persons and they had polled equal votes, another ballot shall be held.
- (16) Where the Elections for a Presidential candidate for National Elections involves 3 or more candidates, the candidate obtaining majority votes shall be declared winner, but if all the candidates receive equal number of votes, a re-run election shall be conducted within one month period of such previous election outcome amongst the same contestants.
- (17) In consultation with the National Executive Committee, the winning candidate for National Presidential Elections shall nominate his running mate for the National Vice- President Position.

Provided that should there be no consensus in the National Executive Committee, the decision of the winning candidate for National Presidential elections shall be final.

PART VII THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS OF THE PARTY

106. Code of Conduct

- (1) Every member of the Party including Institutional members shall be subject to the Party's Code of Conduct.
- (2) The National Council shall be obliged right from in its first meeting to commence the process of crafting the Party's Code of conduct which shall be



in conformity with the other provisions of this Constitution and further shall explicitly provide the following issues:-

- (a) The acts or omissions which form misconduct,
 - (b) The procedure which shall be followed in any disciplinary process, including issues of suspension, notice to attend to a disciplinary hearing, hearing in to the misconduct, penalty, as well as mitigation in case of a conviction;
 - (c) The time limits in the whole disciplinary process;
 - (d) Appeal or review procedure against any outcome in a disciplinary process;
 - (e) The establishment of Disciplinary authorities or committees at certain levels of the Party Structures, including the National Disciplinary Committee , the jurisdictional issues of these authorities or committees as well as the procedure or practice thereof; and
 - (f) Any other issues which the National Council may deem necessary to include in the Code of conduct for the furtherance of the interests of the Party.
- (3) The National Council shall be required to complete the crafting of the Code of Conduct provided for in this section within one month period from the date of commencement of the process which Code of Conduct shall become operative and effective from the date of its approval by two thirds or more of the National Council membership.
- (4) In every disciplinary hearing against a member of the Party, the concerned member shall be accorded the right to a fair hearing as well as the right to legal representation at the member's own expense by a Legal Practitioner of the member's choice.

107. General Rules of Conduct

- (1) The Code of conduct provided for in section 106 shall specifically codify the following general rules of conduct by party members:-
- (a) Promotion of solidarity in the Party and the duty of Party members to refrain from certain acts or omissions which facilitate and or tolerate factionalism in the Party;
 - (b) The duty of Party members to accept and defend this Constitution as well as the ideology, values, principles and objectives of the Party;
 - (c) The general duty of Party members to refrain from acts or omissions which put the Party in to disrepute;
 - (d) The duty of Party members to implement or obeying all lawful decisions and activities of the Party;



- (e) The duty of members of the Party to respect the confidentiality of the Party issues;
- (f) The duty of Party members to register to vote and to ultimately vote for the Party in elections in which the Party participates;
- (g) The duty of Party members to ensure accountability of Party's assets and funds; and
- (h) The duty of party members to pay monthly or annual subscriptions.
- (2) The duties of Party members as provided for in section 14 shall be specially codified.
- (3) The National Council shall be entitled to codify such other acts or omissions which in its opinion form misconduct, taking utmost consideration of the Party's interests.

108. National Disciplinary Committee

- (1) There shall be established a National Disciplinary Committee as provided for in section 102 (2) (e) which shall be chaired by the National Chairperson.
- (2) The Secretary - General shall be the secretary of the National Disciplinary Committee but his or her functions shall be limited to the following:-
 - (a) Recording of the proceedings of the National Disciplinary Committee;
 - (b) Keeping the constructed record mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and
 - (c) Notifying the National Executive Committee of any outcome of the proceedings of the National Disciplinary Committee.
- (3) The National Disciplinary Committee shall have the following other members:-
 - (a) Deputy National Chairperson;
 - (b) The National Chairpersons for the Women Confederacy and Youth Confederacy; and
 - (c) One (1) registered member of the Party who shall be a qualified and registered Legal Practitioner of 5 years or more experience in the private practice as appointed by the National Council.
- (4) In passing any decision, the members of the National Disciplinary Committee shall vote, including the Chairman and the decision obtaining majority votes shall be enforced.
- (5) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the National Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to appeal to the Appeals Tribunal within ten (10) of becoming aware of the decision subject to appeal.



109. National Exceptional Committee members and Discipline

- (1) No disciplinary action shall be taken against any member of the National Exceptional Committee unless there is prior approval from more than half votes of the total membership of the National Council.
- (2) Once a decision approving disciplinary action has been attained from and expressed by more than half votes of the total membership of the National Council, the concerned member of the National Exceptional Committee shall be notified of such decision whereupon he shall be deemed suspended from the Party pending the holding of a Disciplinary hearing against the member.
- (3) There shall be established an **Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal** of the Party as elected at the Congress which shall be mandated to hear or adjudge only disciplinary processes against members of the National Exceptional Committee.
- (4) The Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal shall be composed of three (3) registered Legal Practitioners, who shall be Party members, two of which must have five (5) years' experience in the private practice in Zimbabwe. The chairperson of the said Tribunal must have at least 6 years' experience in the private practice of law in Zimbabwe.
- (5) Members of the Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal shall be elected at the Congress to serve a period of 5 years and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (6) The Congress shall also elect a member of the Party to become a secretary of the Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal who shall serve for 5 years and qualified for re-election.
- (7) The aforesaid Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal shall be enjoined to follow normal or ordinary practice in civil Courts of Zimbabwe during its proceedings and the standard of proof shall be the balance of probabilities.
- (8) The Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal shall operate independently and impartially at all times and shall not be bound by any decision/s or influence of an individual member/s, officer/s or structure/s of the Party.
- (9) The Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal established in terms of this section shall have the right to pass a penalty or sentence which include suspension of a member from activities of the Party for a period not exceeding one year or expulsion.
- (10) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal shall have the right of appeal or review to the Congress whose decision shall be final.



- (11) An appeal or review in terms of subsection (10) shall be noted within (14) fourteen days from the date the aggrieved member receives the written decision of the Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal subject to appeal or review.
- (12) An appeal or review in terms of subsection (10) shall not have the effect of suspending the operation of the decision of the Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal.

PART VIII THE APPEALS TRIBUNAL

110. Establishment and Composition of the Appeals Tribunal

- (1) There shall be established the Party's Appeals Tribunal whose membership shall be elected at the Congress.
- (2) The Appeals Tribunal shall be composed of the following:-
- (a) The Chairperson who shall not only be a member of the Party, but shall be as well a registered Legal Practitioner of at least (6) six years' experience in the private practice in Zimbabwe;
- (b) Two other Party members who shall be registered Legal Practitioners with at least 5 years' experience in the private sector in Zimbabwe; and
- (c) Two (2) other individual members of the Party.
- (3) Members of the Appeals Tribunal shall serve for five years and entitled to re-election.

111. Jurisdiction

- (1) In addition to hearing and determining matters specifically provided for in this Constitution, the Appeals Tribunal shall have the following jurisdiction:-
- (a) It shall be the final Court of Appeal in the **PPPZ** in respect of all Disciplinary proceedings against members except the members of the National Exceptional Committee whose appeals shall directly lie from the Exceptional Disciplinary Tribunal to the Congress as enshrined in section 109 (10) of this Constitution; and
- (b) Hearing disputes arising from interpretation of any of the provisions of this Constitution.



112. Procedure and Records

- (1) The Appeals Tribunal shall determine all appeal matters in accordance with the ordinary rules of practice in the civil courts of Zimbabwe.
- (2) The Appeals Tribunal shall be enjoined to respect the common law principles of justice including the *audialterum partem* principle and shall be bound to give written reasons for all its decisions expeditiously.
- (3) Any member petitioning the Appeals Tribunal shall be allowed the right to legal representation at the member's own expense by a Legal Practitioner of his or her choice.
- (4) Any aggrieved member wanting to appeal to the Tribunal shall lodge a copy of the Notice to appeal to the Tribunal through the Secretary - General within (14) fourteen days from the date of becoming aware of the decision subject to appeal.
- (5) The Notice of appeal provided for in subsection (4) must precisely state the following:-
 - (a) The full names of the appellant;
 - (b) The appellant's address for service;
 - (c) The full names of the respondent/s and well as respondent/s' address for service;
 - (d) The decision being appealed against and the place where the decision was reached;
 - (e) The date when the decision subject to appeal was made and the date of receipt of that decision by the appellant;
 - (f) The citation and or name of the Disciplinary Authority whose decision is subject to appeal;
 - (g) The concise grounds on which the appellant is appealing to the Appeals Tribunal; and
 - (h) The relief being sought by the appellant.
- (6) A Notice of appeal which does not comply with the requirements as set out in subsection (5) shall be defective and such non-compliance shall be a ground for the appeal to be struck off the roll on the hearing of the appeal unless the Appeals Tribunal in its opinion and upon an application by the appellant chooses to condone the aforesaid non-compliance and allow an amendment of the Notice appeal conditionally or unconditionally.
- (7) Upon lodging the notice of appeal in the manner provided for in subsection (4), the appellant shall have five days to serve a copy of the notice of appeal



upon the respondent/s and within the same period satisfy the Tribunal of the fact of due service.

- (8) Upon receiving a copy of the notice of appeal, the respondent/s shall have (14) fourteen days to lodge with the Appeals Tribunal, through the Secretary-General a copy of the notice of response to the appeal and thereafter serve another copy on the appellant, which event shall take place within five days from the date of the lodgment of the Notice of response with the Tribunal.
- (9) The Notice of response provided for in subsection (8) shall set forth the following:-
- (a) The full names of the respondent as well as the respondent's address for service;
 - (b) The date of receipt of the Notice of appeal by the respondent;
 - (c) Whether or not the respondent is opposed to the appeal;
 - (d) If the appeal is being opposed, the concise grounds upon which the opposition is founded; and
 - (e) What the respondent prays for.
- (10) A notice of response which does not comply with the requirements set out in subsection (9) shall be defective and such non-compliance shall be a ground for the notice of response to be struck out or excepted on the hearing of the appeal unless the Appeals Tribunal in its opinion and upon application by the respondent chooses to condone the aforesaid non-compliance and allow an amendment of the Notice of response conditionally or unconditionally.

Provided that once a notice of response has been struck out or excepted in terms of subsection (10), the provisions of subsection (16) shall equally apply.

- (11) Both parties shall be bound to indicate in the notice of appeal and notice of response, as the case may be, whether they would be represented by Legal Practitioners on the hearing of the appeal.
- (12) If the appellant is to be represented by a Legal Practitioner at the hearing of the appeal, he or she shall be required to file Heads of Argument with the Tribunal, through the Secretary General, within fourteen (14) days from the date of receiving the respondent/s' notice of response and thereafter serve a copy of those Heads of Argument upon the respondent/s within five(5) days from the date of lodgment of the Heads of Argument with the Tribunal.



- (13) Upon receiving the Appellant's Heads of Argument and if the respondent/s is or are to be represented by a Legal Practitioner at the hearing of the appeal, respondent/s shall be obliged to lodge Heads of Argument with the Tribunal and through the Secretary - General within fourteen (14) days of receiving the appellant's Heads of Argument.

Provided that if appellant is not to be represented by a Legal Practitioner at the hearing of the appeal, the respondent/s shall file their Heads of Argument with the Tribunal within fourteen (14) days of filing the Notice of response or if the appellant does not file Heads of Argument as required in subsection (12), the fourteen days' period to file Heads of Argument for the respondent/s shall start to run after the lapse of five days from the last day appellant's Heads were due.

- (14) After receiving Heads of Argument for the respondent/s in terms of sub section (13), or those of the appellant, if respondent/s is/are not to be represented by a Legal Practitioner at the hearing of the appeal, the Appeals Tribunal shall set down the hearing of the appeal and give seven days' notice of hearing to both parties.
- (15) If both parties are not to be represented by Legal Practitioners at the hearing of the appeal, the Tribunal shall immediately set down the matter for hearing after receiving the respondent/s' notice of response.
- (16) If the respondent/s does or do not file any response in terms of subsection (8), the respondent/s shall be bared and the Appeals Tribunal shall nevertheless set down the matter for hearing in which case the matter will be dealt with on unopposed basis.
- (17) If either of the parties does not file Heads of Argument as required in terms of this section, the party in default shall be bared and the matter shall nevertheless set down for hearing for the consideration of merits.
- (18) If both parties do not file Heads of Argument as required in this section, they shall be both bared and the Tribunal shall nevertheless convene for the purpose of dismissing the appeal.

Provided that once an appeal has been dismissed in terms of this subsection or once the matter has been set down in accordance with



the provisions of this section, no application in terms of subsection (19) shall be made or entertained by the Appeals Tribunal.

- (19) The Appeals Tribunal shall have the right or power to entertain applications for condonation or for extension of time within which to do certain things as prescribed in terms of this Constitution and only in respect of matters within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal.
- (20) In arriving at a decision, the members of the Tribunal shall vote and the majority vote shall carry the decision of the day.
- (21) The Appeals Tribunal shall record its proceedings and a copy of every record shall be sent to the Secretary- General for his or her custody.

PART IX FINANCIAL ISSUES OF THE PARTY

113. Funding of the Party

- (1) The Party shall be funded in the following manner:-
 - (a) Donations from foreign countries, or non-government organizations;
 - (b) Donations from Party members;
 - (c) Member's monthly or annual affiliation or subscription fees;
 - (d) Party's business projects or investment;
 - (e) Grants from the government, if any; and
 - (f) Any other fund raising activity of the Party.
- (2) The Party shall not receive financial assistance or contributions from any person/s, institutions or organizations who are members of other political parties or who oppose the Party's ideology, values, principles or objectives.

114. Accounting of Party Funds

- (1) The funds of the Party shall be properly accounted for at all material times.
- (2) Therefore openness and accountability in all financial matters of the Party is a requirement without exception.
- (3) The Party through proper authorities shall open Bank Accounts for the purposes of banking its funds.
- (4) Subject to this Constitution, the Treasurer - General shall be the custodian of all Party's funds.



- (5) Party funds shall be regularly audited internally by such internal Auditors as may be appointed by the National Executive Committee.
- (6) The National Council shall appoint a reputed firm of auditors who shall annually audit the funds of the Party and thereafter furnish the National Council with an annual audit report.
- (7) Subject to this Constitution, the National Council shall also prescribe the manner in which the funds of the Party may be withdrawn for particular purposes including the issue of qualified signatories pertaining to such withdrawals.
- (8) It shall be a function of the National Council to monitor and control expenditure by the Party, its structures, officers or members in order to ensure that—
 - (a) their expenditure has been properly made and does not surpass the sum appropriated; and
 - (b) any restrictions and terms on appropriations have been observed.
- (9) The National Council may provide mechanisms or guidelines for the purposes of monitoring or controlling the Party's expenditure referred to in subsection (8) including, the submissions of regular reports or financial statements by Party structures, officers or members referred to in that subsection.

PART X REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

115. Repeal of Constitution

- (1) This Constitution may be repealed by a resolution of two thirds or above of the delegates at the Congress.
- (2) Proposals to repeal the Constitution and grounds thereof shall be sent to the Secretary- General at least one month before the date of the Congress.

116. Amendment of the Constitution

- (1) Subject to this Constitution, any provision of this Constitution may be amended in any manner, including repeal of any provision and substitution thereof, by the Congress.
- (2) Any amendment of this constitution shall not have effect unless it has been dully debated upon by delegates at the Congress and a resolution to amend



has been approved and consequently adopted by at least two thirds of the members in attendance at the Congress.

Provided that proposals to amend the Constitution and the manner thereof shall be sent to the Secretary General at least one month before the date of the Congress.

- (3) The Secretary General shall send all information relating to the proposals mentioned in section 115 (2) and the proviso to subsection (2) of this section (in such manner as may be convenient and practical to the Secretary – General) to all members entitled to attend the Congress at least fifteen days before the date of the Congress.

PART XI SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

117. Method of voting at Meetings

- (1) Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, in any Party meeting decisions shall be reached by majority of votes cast.
- (2) Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this Constitution, the majority of the members present in a particular meeting shall determine the question, whether or not voting shall be by mere showing of votes or by secret ballot.

118. Quorum at meetings

- (1) Unless otherwise provided herein elsewhere, the quorum for a Party meeting shall be one half of members entitled to attend that particular meeting.
- (2) In the event of a meeting failing to find quorum, the meeting shall be deferred to a later date, whereupon the meeting shall proceed irrespective of whether or not a quorum has been reached.

119. Party's Anniversary date.

- (1) Party's Anniversary date shall be the date the Party was found which is the.....day.....of.....



120. References to time

- (1) In this constitution, whenever a period of time is expressed to commence on or to be reckoned from a particular day, that day is not to be included as part of the period.
- (2) Whenever the period for doing anything in terms of this Constitution ends or fails on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the period automatically extends to and the thing may be done on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.
- (3) For the purposes of this Constitution, where anything is required to be done within certain number of days; Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays shall not be counted as part of those days' period.
- (4) Where anything is required to be done within month/s, a month shall constitute 30 days inclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays.
- (5) Where anything is required to be done within a year or years, a year shall constitute 365 days inclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays.

Provided that the provisions of subsection (2) shall always apply in both subsection (4) and (5).

121. Members Eligible for Re-Election

- (1) Members shall be eligible for re- election to certain posts or offices if such entitlement is expressly provided for in this Constitution.

Provided that a member shall not be qualified to hold the same post or office for two (2) consecutive terms.

