This document is a living document and provides the broad guidelines for organizing and managing affairs of the Convention People’s Party. The Central Committee shall provide clarity and detail to these broad guidelines with a Standing Order.
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PREAMBLE

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION PEOPLE’S PARTY (CPP) ASSEMBLED AT THE ESSIPON STADIUM FOR THE NATIONAL DELEGATES CONGRESS,

RECALLING

that the democratically elected Government of the Convention People’s Party (CPP) under our illustrious Leader, Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, was overthrown through a coup d’état on 24th February, 1966 and the CPP was subsequently proscribed, and

that again, on 31st December, 1981, the democratically elected Government of People’s National Party (PNP), a successor party of the Convention People’s Party, was also overthrown through a coup d’état and the PNP was also subsequently proscribed;

That the name Convention People’s Party (CPP) was restored in 2000,

CONSCIOUS

that this Party is committed to the pursuit of the teachings, ideas, philosophy and vision of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and to build a strong, disciplined and dynamic political party for national reconstruction and development, the pursuit of egalitarianism and eradication of poverty, elitism, inequality, corruption and other social injustices from the Ghanaian society.

DETERMINED

To ensure that Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah’s “vision of a Ghana socially stable and united, politically independent and economically free and prosperous” is kept alive and followed to its full realization;

COMMITTED
to uphold and adhere to Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah’s precept that: “Now that we have achieved our political freedom, we must consolidate our independence by building a solid foundation that will establish in Ghana the highest standards of honesty and integrity both in our public and private lives”, and

RESOLVED

to achieve these and other Nkrumaist objectives, our Nkrumaist parties, having well and truly regrouped and signed a UNITY ACCORD dated 16th October 1997 to constitute one formidable and invincible Nkrumaist Party in affirmation and fulfillment of the desire to be united;

DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY PROCLAIM, ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES, OUR PARTY AND ALL ITS MEMBERS THIS CONSTITUTION ON ......................... THE ......................... DAY OF ......................... IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD .........................
PART ONE

CHAPTER 1 - THE PARTY

1. **NAME**

   The Party shall be known and called the **CONVENTION PEOPLE’S PARTY (CPP)**, hereinafter referred to as the Party.

2. **IDENTIFICATION**

   a) The Party’s symbol shall be a RED COCKEREL ON A WHITE BACKGROUND.
   b) The colours of the Party flag shall be horizontal, from the top: Red, White and Green with a Red Cockerel at the centre of the white.
   c) The Party motto shall be: FORWARD EVER, BACKWARD NEVER.

3. **IDEOLOGY**

   The ideology of the Party shall be and remain “Nkrumaism” based on scientific socialism.

4. **HEADQUARTERS**

   The Party shall have its Headquarters and National Secretariat in Accra or such other places as may be determined by the Central Committee or by any national law.

5. **LEGAL STATUS**

   The Party is a corporate entity registered under the laws of Ghana, and in accordance with the Constitution of Ghana, and shall have perpetual succession and may sue and be sued as a corporate body.

6. **FOUNDING MEMBERS**

   The original founding members are those who founded the CPP with Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah on 12th June, 1949. The second generation of founding members are those whose
names and addresses are kept at the Party Headquarters and registered with the Electoral Commission in accordance with Section 9(d) of the Political Parties Act, 2000 (Act 574).

7. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The principal aims and objectives of the Party shall be:

a) to consolidate, deepen and maintain the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Ghana;

b) to safeguard and defend the Constitution of Ghana against its overthrow or abuse;

c) to take all necessary steps to ensure the political, economic and social progress and stability of Ghana and promote national reconciliation and unity;

d) To offer Ghanaians a Government based on Nkrumaist principles.

e) to protect and enhance Ghanaian culture, heritage and institutions;

f) to work relentlessly for political and economic unity of Africa and co-operate with intra-African institutions and agencies towards the realization of this goal;

g) to pursue the goal of world peace, justice and security, and struggle for a new and equitable world political, social and economic order through the United Nations, African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the Commonwealth and other international organs; and

h) To co-operate with other political parties and movements, which commit themselves to similar ideals, including the elimination of all forms of discrimination?

8. **SUPREMACY OF THE PARTY’S CONSTITUTION**

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, and any laws for the time being in force in the Republic, the provisions of this Constitution shall take precedence over and above any and all other rules and regulations of the Party.

**PART TWO**

**CHAPTER 2 - STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION**
9. **PRINCIPAL ORGANS**

The organs of the Party shall be:

a) **Polling Station Branch:** There shall be in every polling station a local branch of the Party which shall be constituted by all the members of the Party in that polling station area. The Polling Station Area Branch shall be the basic organ of the Party. Every polling station area branch shall be presented with a Charter which shall entitle it to use and display the Party’s flag and symbol.

b) **Electoral Area Branch:** The Electoral Area Branch shall be composed of all polling station area branches in that particular electoral area.

c) **Constituency Branch:** A Constituency Branch shall be constituted by the local Electoral Area branches within the constituency.

d) **Regional Branch:** The Regional Branch shall be constituted by all Constituency branches in the Region.

e) **National Organs:** The Party at the National level shall comprise:

   1. The Council of elders
   2. The Central Committee
   3. The National Executive Council
   4. The National Delegates Congress

**CHAPTER 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

10. **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

a) Membership of the Party shall be open to any citizen of Ghana who is eighteen years of age and above, and who accepts the aims and objectives of the Party, provided that such a person is not a member of any other political party or any organization whose policies are inconsistent with those of the Convention People’s Party.

b) Every application for membership shall be vetted by the Constituency Executive Committee. Where an application is refused, the applicant may exercise a right of appeal to the Regional Executive Committee. Upon enrollment, every member shall be issued with a Membership and Dues Card.
11. **ADMISSION FEE AND MEMBERSHIP DUES**

   a) The admission fee shall be as determined from time to time by the Central Committee of the Party.

   b) Each member of the Party shall pay dues as determined from time to time by the Central Committee.

   c) Dues shall be paid at the Constituency level of the Party in accordance with directives of the Central Committee.

12. **RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES**

   a) It is the right of a Party member:
      1. to vote at elections and to be elected into office in any of the Party organs;
      2. to address any question or statement to any Party organ, or official;
      3. to be given the opportunity to be heard, whenever adverse decisions are likely to be taken regarding his or her activities or conduct;
      4. To appeal against any adverse decision against him or her as stipulated in Article 13(a) and (b) of this Constitution.
      5. to Petition as a last resort to the National Executive Council,

   b) No member of the Party shall initiate or commence any legal action against the Party without first exhausting all the provisions in this Constitution and other regulations for addressing grievances. Non-adherence to this provision constitutes misconduct.

13. **DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS**

   It is the duty of a Party member to:

   a) protect the solidarity, comradeship and unity of the Party at all levels and at all times;

   b) protect the good name of the Party under all circumstances;

   c) carry out Party decisions and directives to the best of his or her ability and ensure that any breach of such decisions or directives is promptly reported to the appropriate Party authorities;
d) respect and uphold the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana and this Constitution, and to promote the spirit of patriotism and voluntarism;
e) set good examples of hard work, efficiency, honesty and a keen sense of responsibility;
f) guard and protect confidential information of the Party and maintain constant vigilance in this respect;
g) criticize constructively and accept criticism in good faith and make frequent self-examination for correction;
h) be faithful and loyal to the Party, eschew tribalism, sectionalism, nepotism, opportunism and ostentation;
i) register as a voter and vote at elections and referenda in which the Party participates;
j) study the ideas, ideals and vision of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and be guided in action by these principles;
k) pay Party dues regularly;
l) Uphold, defend and protect the good name of the Party and at all times to utilize the channels prescribed by this Constitution for the resolution of all grievances.

14. **APPEALS AND PETITIONS**

a) A member of a Polling Station Branch of the Party who is aggrieved by any decision or sanction imposed on him or her by the polling station organ, may appeal in writing to the next higher organ which is the Electoral Area Party, and in that order until the Central Committee. The appellant may ultimately petition the Party’s National Delegates Congress for a review of his or her case.

b) A member of the Party who is dissatisfied with a decision or sanction imposed on him or her by a Regional Executive Committee of the Party in exercise of its disciplinary authority under Article 60(b), may appeal in writing, to the National Disciplinary Committee under Article 111(c), through the Central Committee.

c) Notwithstanding Article 70(f) of this Constitution and any other provisions of this Constitution, a candidate for Parliamentary election whose candidature is not approved by the Central Committee may appeal in writing to the National Council of Elders.

d) Notwithstanding the provisions under this Article, except Article 12(1) (c), any organ or member of the Party dissatisfied with any decision or sanction imposed on him or her under this Article or any other provisions of this Constitution or rules and regulations or who claims
to be adversely affected in any manner by any act of commission or omission by the Party, may in the last resort after the appeals and petitions provided for under this Article, petition in writing, to the Council of Elders by virtue of Article 67 (a)(I) of this Constitution for ultimate review of his or her case. The decision(s) of the Council shall be finally and conclude the process of redressing grievances under this Constitution.

15. **EXHAUSTION OF REDRESS PROCESS**
For the purposes of Article 12 (2), any organ or member of the Party who claims to be aggrieved in any way by any decision of the Party, shall not be deemed to have exhausted the procedure for redress unless he, she, or it has gone through all the procedures for redressing grievances provided under Article 14 of this Constitution.

16. **MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER GROUPS**
As the political vanguard of the people, the members of the Party may belong to such recognized bodies as Trade Unions, Co-operative Societies, Farmers and Fishermen Organizations, Professional Bodies, National Union of Ghana Students and similar bodies which seek to promote the economic, social and political, cultural and educational advancement of Ghanaians, Africans and mankind in general.

17. **CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**
   a) A person ceases to be a member of the Party:
      1. if he or she resigns by writing under his or her hand or causes it to be written on his or her behalf and addressed to the General Secretary of the Party through the constituency;
      2. If he or she declares their resignation publicly or in a meeting duly constituted by any organ of the Party.
      3. if he or she is dismissed in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Constitution;
      4. If he or she fails without reasonable cause to comply with any of the provisions of the Constitution and regulations, including failure to pay membership dues for a period of more than one (1) year.
   b) A Member who resigns or is dismissed, may re-apply and may be considered for re-admission by the Central Committee on good cause shown.
c) A member who resigns from the party shall surrender his/her membership card to the Constituency Executive.

CHAPTER 4 - THE POLLING STATION AREA BRANCH OF THE PARTY

18. **POLLING STATION AREA BRANCH**
   a) There shall be in each Polling Station, a polling station area branch of the party in that polling station, as defined in the Electoral laws of Ghana.
   b) There shall be in each Polling Station Area Branch the following:
      1. Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committee; and
      2. Polling Station Area General Meeting.

19. **POLLING STATION AREA BRANCH COMMITTEE**

   The executive body of every Polling Station Area Branch of the Party shall be the Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committee, elected by the members at a general meeting as follows:
   a) Chairperson
   b) Vice Chairperson
   c) Secretary
   d) Assistant Secretary
   e) Treasurer
   f) Organiser
   g) Assistant Organiser
   h) Women’s Organiser
   i) Assistant Women’s Organiser
   j) Youth Organiser
   k) Assistant Youth Organiser
   l) Education Secretary
   m) 5 (five) other members

20. **ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTESTING ELECTIONS**
a) For the first year in the life time of the Polling Station Area branch, candidates shall be eligible to contest elections at the Polling Station Area branch if they are ordinary members of the Party, regardless of the length of time of their membership. However, for subsequent elections, candidates must have held a membership card for at least one year.

b) A candidate must be a registered voter in the Polling Station Area.

21. **TENURE OF OFFICE**
   All members of the Polling Station Executive Committee shall hold office for a term of two years and members are eligible for re-election. However, each officer shall be entitled to serve up to three terms of two years each in each position, but not more than six years in total.

22. **VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
   The Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committee shall report any vacancy on the Executive Committee to the Electoral Area Executive Committee within one month of the vacancy becoming known, and the report shall include a recommendation of a nominee to fill the position in an acting capacity, until the vacancy is filled at the next Polling Station Area General Meeting.

23. **THE POLLING STATION AREA BRANCH CHAIRPERSON**
   The Chairperson shall preside over General and Executive Committee meetings and shall have a casting vote. He shall be in charge of the affairs of the Party within the Polling Station Area Branch. He shall be assisted by a Vice Chairperson who shall act in his absence. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the Executive Committee shall choose one member to preside.

24. **THE POLLING STATION AREA BRANCH SECRETARY**
   The Polling Station Area Branch Secretary shall be the Secretary to the Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committee, the Polling Station Area General Meeting and shall be the administrative Head of the Polling Station branch.

25. **FUNCTIONS OF THE POLLING STATION AREA BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
a) The Polling Station Area Executive Committee shall perform or discharge the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

1. To compile and maintain a membership register.
2. To explain the policies and programmes of the Party to the members in the polling station area as well as the general public in the Polling station area.
3. To pay constant attention to the sentiments and views of all citizens in the area and report same to the Electoral Area branch executives.
4. To ensure strict adherence to the policies and programmes of the Party by all members in the branch and foster the political and general education of Party members.
5. To pay heed to the political, economic and cultural concerns of the people and take the lead in organizing the people to solve their own problems by promoting the principle of self-reliance and the spirit of voluntarism.
6. To receive and consider applications for membership of the Party and make recommendations to the Constituency Executives.
7. To collect party membership fees/dues and account for them scrupulously to the Constituency Treasurer.
8. To ensure that all moneys received on account of the Party whether they are dues, donations or bequests are paid into a Constituency bank account and cause proper books of account and other records to be kept.
9. To prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form and containing such particulars as may from time to time be directed by the Central Committee.
10. To investigate and report to the Constituency Executive through the Electoral Area branch, any acts of indiscipline and breaches of Party rules which may bring the Party into disrepute, and make appropriate recommendations to the Electoral Area Executive.

b) No Polling Station Area Executive Committee shall have the power to expel a member from the party; imposition of such a sanction is reserved for the Central Committee.

26. **MEETINGS OF POLLING STATION AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

a) The Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committee shall ordinarily meet at such times and in such places as the committee may decide, but shall meet at least once every month.

b) A meeting may be convened at the request of the Chairman or in his absence the Vice Chairman, in consultation with Secretary.
27. **POLLING STATION AREA BRANCH GENERAL MEETINGS**
   
a) There shall be a Polling Station Area Branch General Meeting which shall be attended by all the members of the Polling Station Area Branch.

b) The Polling Station Area Branch General Meeting shall be convened monthly at a date and place within the polling station area branch to be decided by the Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committee. It shall be presided over by the Polling Station Area Branch Chairman. In his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside. In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, the General Meeting may elect one of its members to serve as Chairman.

c) The quorum for a Polling Station Area Branch General Meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the membership.

28. **FUNCTIONS OF THE POLLING STATION AREA BRANCH GENERAL MEETINGS**
   
a) The Polling Station Area General Meeting is the highest organ of the Party at the Polling Station level. It shall have responsibility to:

1. receive reports of the Party activities in the Polling Station Area which will be presented to it by the Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committee; and to give directions for the implementation of party policies;

2. discuss all matters relating to the development of the Polling Station Area in general;

3. Elect members of the Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committee.

b) The Polling Station Branch General Meeting may form sub-committees as appropriate for the better supervision and implementation of the party’s programmes for the area.

**CHAPTER 5 - THE ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH OF THE PARTY**

29. **ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH**
There shall be in each Electoral Area, the Electoral Area Branch which shall be constituted by all the polling station area branches in that Electoral Area as defined by the Electoral Laws of Ghana. There shall be in each Electoral Area Branch:

a) the Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee; and

b) the Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference

30. **ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

a) The Executive Committee of every Electoral Area of the Party shall be elected by the members at an Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference. Its members shall be as follows:

1. Chairperson
2. Vice Chairperson
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Organizer
6. Women’s Organiser
7. Youth Organiser
8. Education Secretary, and
9. 5 (five) other members

b) The term of office of the Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee shall be two (2) years and members are eligible for re-election.

31. **ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTESTING ELECTIONS**

a) Candidates must hold a membership card.

b) Candidates must have paid their membership dues fully.

c) Candidates must be in good standing in the Party.

d) Candidates must be registered to vote in the Electoral Area where he/she is contesting.

32. **TENURE OF OFFICE**

All members of the Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. However, each officer shall be entitled to serve up to three terms of two (2) years each, in each position, but not more than six years in total.
33. **VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee shall report any vacancy on the Executive Committee to the Constituency Executive Committee within one month of the vacancy becoming known, and shall appoint someone in an acting capacity until the vacancy is filled at the next Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference.

34. **THE ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson shall preside over the Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference and Executive Committee meetings at which he is present, and shall have a casting vote. He shall be in charge of the affairs of the Party within the Electoral Area. He shall be assisted by a Vice-Chairperson who shall act in his absence.

35. **THE ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH SECRETARY**

The Electoral Area Branch Secretary shall be the Secretary to the Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee and the Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference, as well as the administrative head of the Electoral Area Branch of the Party.

36. **FUNCTIONS OF THE ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

a) The Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee shall perform or discharge the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

1. to explain the policies and programmes of the Party to the members in the electoral area
2. To monitor and co-ordinate activities of Polling Station Branches and present reports to the Constituency Executive Committee of the Party.
3. To pay constant attention to the sentiments and views of all citizens in the area and report same to the Constituency Secretariat.
4. To ensure strict adherence to the policies and programmes of the Party by all members in the electoral area and foster the political and general education of Party members.
5. To pay heed to the political, economic and cultural concerns of the people and take the lead in organizing the people to solve problems in the electoral area by promoting the principles of self-reliance and the spirit of voluntarism.
6. To ensure that all moneys received on account of the Party whether they are dues, donations or bequests, are paid into the Constituency bank accounts and to keep proper books of account and records.

7. To prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form and containing such particulars as may from time to time be directed by the Constituency Secretariat.

8. To investigate and report to the Constituency Secretariat any acts of indiscipline and breaches of Party rules by members which may bring the Party into disrepute and make such recommendations as may advance the cause of the Party within the Electoral Area.

b) The Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee may form sub-committees as appropriate for proper supervision and implementation of the programmes of the Party for the Polling Station Area Branches.

c) No Electoral Area Executive Committee shall have the power to expel a member from the party; imposition of such a sanction is reserved for the Central Committee.

37. MEETINGS OF ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) The Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee shall ordinarily meet at least once a month at such a time and place as the Committee may decide.

b) A meeting may be convened at any time on the direction of the Chairperson or at the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the Electoral Area Executive Committee.

c) The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson may preside, and in the absence of the latter, any member of the Electoral Area Executive Committee may be elected to preside.

d) The quorum at every meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the membership of the Electoral Area Executive Committee.

38. ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE

a) There shall be an Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference which shall comprise all elected officers of the Electoral Area Branch and members of the Polling Station Area Branch Executive Committees in the Electoral Area.

b) The Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference shall be convened once a year at a date and place within the Electoral Area to be decided by the Executive Committee. It shall be presided over by the Electoral Area Branch Chairperson. In his absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall
preside. In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, the Delegates Conference may elect one of its members to serve as Chairman for the occasion.

c) The quorum for the Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference shall be one-third (1/3) of the membership.

39. **FUNCTIONS OF THE ELECTORAL AREA BRANCH DELEGATES CONFERENCE**

The functions of the Electoral Area Branch Delegates Conference shall include the following:

a) to receive and consider programmes of Party activities in the Electoral Area which will be presented to it by the Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee and to give directions for the implementation of party programmes;

b) to discuss all matters relating to the development of the Electoral Area in general;

c) to elect members of the Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee;

d) To receive reports of Party programmes and activities carried out by Polling Station branches.

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**CHAPTER 6 - THE CONSTITUENCY BRANCH OF THE PARTY**

40. **THE CONSTITUENCY BRANCH:**

a) There shall be in each constituency, a branch of the Party which shall be constituted by all the Polling Station area branches and all the Electoral Area branches in the Constituency as defined by the Electoral laws of Ghana.

b) There shall be in each constituency:

1. a Constituency Branch Executive Committee; and

2. A Constituency Branch Conference.

41. **CONSTITUENCY BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Party shall be organized in each Constituency by representatives of the Polling Station and Electoral Area Branches under the leadership and management of a Constituency Branch Executive Committee, whose term of office shall be four (4) years. The Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall comprise the following officers of the Constituency:

a) Chairperson

b) Two (2) Vice Chairpersons

c) Secretary
d) Assistant Secretary  
e) Treasurer  
f) Organiser  
g) Assistant Organiser  
h) Women’s Organiser  
i) Assistant Women’s Organiser  
j) Youth Organiser  
k) Assistant Youth Organiser  
l) Education Secretary  
m) the Member of Parliament or approved Parliamentary Candidate for the Constituency  
n) Electoral Area Chairpersons

42. **ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTESTING ELECTIONS:**
These requirements shall apply to persons contesting Constituency Branch Executive positions:

a) A candidate must hold a membership card for not less than 2 years.  
b) A candidate must have paid his/her membership dues fully.  
c) A candidate must be in good standing in the Party.  
d) A candidate must be a registered voter in the Constituency.

43. **TENURE OF OFFICE:**
All members of the Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. However, each officer shall be entitled to serve up to two terms of four (4) years each in each position, but not more than eight (8) years in total.

44. **VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
The Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall report any vacancy on the Executive Committee to the Regional Branch Executive Committee within one month of the vacancy occurring, and the Constituency Branch Executive shall appoint one of its members to act in that capacity, until the vacancy is filled at the next Constituency Conference.

45. **MEETINGS OF THE CONSTITUENCY BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
The Constituency Branch Executive shall meet normally once every month and the quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the membership.

46. **FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall be responsible for:

a) implementing policies, decisions and resolutions passed by the Constituency Branch Conference;
b) implementing Party decisions and policies as may be directed by the higher organs of the Party;
c) approving, co-coordinating and supervising Party activities and programmes of the Electoral Area and Polling Station Branches within the Constituency;
d) receiving nominations for Parliamentary Candidates for the consideration of the Constituency Branch Party Conference and subsequent approval by the Central Committee;
e) Appointing members of the Constituency Disciplinary Committee and any other adhoc subcommittee.
f) Receiving and implementing recommendations of the Constituency Disciplinary Committee and any other adhoc subcommittee.
g) May interdict any member of the Party who is referred to the Disciplinary Committee for and up to two (2) months.

47. **CONSTITUENCY BRANCH DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

a) Each Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee of five (5) members, which shall investigate all matters relating to discipline at the Polling Station, Electoral Area and Constituency levels of the Party. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be subject to the appellate authority of the Regional Disciplinary Committee.
b) No Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall have the power to expel a member from the party; imposition of such a sanction is reserved for the Central Committee.
c) A Constituency Disciplinary Committee may recommend for the consideration of the Constituency Branch Executive Committee, the suspension of an ordinary member, a member of a Polling Station Branch or Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee or a member of the
Constituency Branch Executive Committee. The decision of the Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall stand until revoked by itself or a higher authority.

d) The Regional Branch Executive Committee shall within 30 days of receiving an appeal from any person against whom a disciplinary action has been taken dispose of the matter.

48. **THE CONSTITUENCY FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

a) The Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall set up a Finance Committee to mobilize resources for the Party.

b) The Finance Committee shall be constituted by the 1st Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer and 5 other persons appointed by the Constituency Branch Executive Committee. Not more than 3 of the Executives shall be members of the Finance Committee.

c) The Constituency Branch Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman and Secretary of the Constituency Finance Committee from amongst the 7 members.

49. **CONSTITUENCY BRANCH CHAIRPERSON:**

a) The Chairperson shall be elected by the Constituency Branch Party Conference

b) The Chairperson shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election.

c) The Chairperson shall preside over the Constituency Branch Party Conference and the Constituency Branch Executive Committee meetings.

d) The Chairperson shall be responsible for the affairs of the Party within the Constituency.

50. **CONSTITUENCY BRANCH VICE CHAIRPERSONS:**

a) There shall be two Constituency Branch Vice-Chairpersons whose election and tenure of office shall be the same as for the Chairperson. There shall be a 1st Vice Chairperson and 2nd Vice Chairperson.

b) The 1st Vice Chairperson shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, and in the absence of the 1st Vice Chairperson, the 2nd Vice Chairperson shall preside.

c) In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the Branch Executive Committee shall elect one of its members to preside over the meeting(s).
51. **THE CONSTITUENCY BRANCH SECRETARY:**
   a) The Constituency Branch Secretary shall be elected by the Constituency Branch Party Conference and shall hold office for four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election.
   b) The Constituency Branch Secretary shall be the administrative head of the Constituency and act as Secretary at all meetings of the Constituency Branch Executive Committee and the Constituency Branch Conference.

52. **CONSTITUENCY BRANCH PARTY CONFERENCE:**
   a) There shall be a Constituency Branch Party Conference which shall comprise the following:
      1. The Constituency Branch Executive Committee Members;
      2. Two (2) Polling Station Branch Executive Committee Members;
      3. Five (5) Electoral Area Branch Executive Committee Members;
      4. Five (5) Members of Each Tertiary Institution in the Constituency;
   b) The Constituency Branch Party Conference shall be convened once in a year on the direction of the Constituency Branch Executive Committee.
   c) The quorum for a Constituency Branch Conference shall be one-third (1/3) of the total number of persons eligible to attend.

53. **FUNCTIONS OF CONSTITUENCY BRANCH PARTY CONFERENCE:**
The Constituency Branch Party Conference is the highest organ of the Party at the Constituency level. The Constituency Branch Party Conference shall:
   a) receive and consider reports of the activities of the Party presented to it by the Constituency Branch Executive Committee;
   b) issue directives for the implementation of programmes in the Constituency;
   c) discuss all matters pertaining to the development of the Party in the Constituency;
   d) elect a Parliamentary Candidate for the Constituency for the approval of the Central Committee;
   e) elect members of the Constituency Branch Executive Committee; and
   f) Elect members to represent the Constituency at other Party Conferences.
CHAPTER 7 - REGIONAL BRANCH OF THE PARTY

54. **REGIONAL STRUCTURE:**

At the Regional level the Party shall comprise:

a) The Regional Branch Steering Committee;
b) The Regional Branch Executive Committee;
c) The Regional Branch Party Conference;

55. **REGIONAL BRANCH STEERING COMMITTEE:**

a) There shall be a Regional Branch Steering Committee which shall comprise:

1. The Regional Chairperson
2. The Two Regional Vice Chairpersons
3. The Regional Secretary
4. The Regional Treasurer
5. The Regional Organiser
6. The Regional Women’s Organiser
7. The Regional Youth Organiser; and
8. The Regional Education Secretary

b) The Regional Steering Committee shall be responsible for the day to day activities of the Party in the region.

56. **REGIONAL BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

c) There shall be a Regional Branch Executive Committee which shall comprise the following officers:

1. All members of the Regional Branch Steering Committee
2. All Constituency Chairpersons
3. All members of the National Executive Council who hail from the Region.
4. Four (4) other members ordinarily resident in the Region elected by the Regional Executive Committee for a four (4) year term; and
5. All members of Parliament of the Region
57. **ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTESTING ELECTIONS:**
   a) These requirements shall apply to persons who wish to contest Regional Branch Executive positions.
      1. A candidate must be a card-bearing member of the Party for not less than 3 years.
      2. A candidate must have paid his/her membership dues fully
      3. A candidate must be a registered voter in the region.
      4. A candidate must be in good standing in the Party.

58. **TENURE OF OFFICE:**
   a) All members of the Regional Branch Executive Committee shall hold office for a term of four (4) years.
   b) Each officer may serve up to two terms of four (4) years in each position, but not more than eight (8) years in total.

59. **VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
The Regional Branch Executive Committee shall report any vacancy on the Branch Executive Committee to the Central Committee within one month of the vacancy becoming known, and shall appoint a member of the Regional Branch in an acting capacity until the vacancy is filled at the next Regional Party Conference.

60. **FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
The Regional Branch Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:
   a) Be responsible for carrying out decisions taken and the resolutions adopted by the National Delegates Congress, National Executive Council, Central Committee and the Regional Branch Conference.
   b) Represent the National Executive Council in the Region and be responsible for resolving all political and organizational matters affecting the Party in the Region.
   c) Receive, consider, approve and co-ordinate all decisions and recommendations made by the lower organs of the Party in the Region;
   d) Make proposals for, and oversee all Party developmental activities in the Region;
e) Guide the Constituency Executive Committees on ways and means of strengthening the Party within the Region;
f) Monitor the activities of members of the Party and ensure that the name of the Party is not brought into ridicule or disrepute as a result of misconduct by any member;
g) Submit *half-yearly reports* on Party activities in the Region to the Central Committee;
h) Appoint Assistant Regional Officers on the recommendation of the Regional Branch Steering Committee.
i) Prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form and containing such particulars as the Party may from time to time direct; and
j) Appoint sub-committees, as may be appropriate, for the carrying out of Party activities.
k) Accept or reject recommendations of its sub-committees

61. **REGIONAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:**
   a) There shall be a Regional Branch Disciplinary Committee comprising five (5) persons who shall be appointed by the Regional Branch Executive Committee, one of whom shall be a lawyer.
   b) The Regional Branch Disciplinary Committee shall investigate all allegations of indiscipline brought against Party Members in the region and make recommendations to the Regional Executive Committee.
   c) It shall also exercise appellate jurisdiction over Party organs below the Regional branch of the Party.
   d) The Regional Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to recommend for suspension any member of the Party within the region for a period not exceeding two (2) months. Further or more severe disciplinary actions shall be recommended to the Central Committee for consideration. The Central Committee shall within 30 days of receiving the recommendation, determine the merits or otherwise of the recommendations.
   e) The Regional Disciplinary Committee may recommend any of the following sanctions:
      1. written caution
      2. Suspend

62. **REGIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE:**
   a) The Regional Executive Committee shall set up a Finance Committee to mobilize resources for the Party.
b) The Regional Finance Committee shall be constituted by the Regional Treasurer, the 1st Regional Vice-Chairperson and nine persons appointed by the Regional Branch Executive Committee. Not more than 5 (five) members of the Regional Branch Executive Committee shall be members of the Regional Branch Finance Committee.

c) The Regional Executive Committee shall also appoint the Chairperson and Secretary to the Regional Finance Committee from the members of the Finance Committee.

63. **MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a) The Regional Executive Committee shall ordinarily meet every 6 (six) months for the dispatch of business at such a time and place as the Committee shall decide;

b) A meeting may be convened at any time on the direction or at the request of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Regional Executive Committee;

c) The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Regional Executive Committee. In his absence, the first or second Vice Chairpersons, as the case may be, shall preside. In the absence of the Chairperson and the two (2) Vice-Chairpersons, the members shall appoint one of their members to preside over the meeting.

d) The quorum at every meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the total number of members.

64. **REGIONAL BRANCH PARTY CONFERENCE:**

a) There shall be a Regional Branch Party Conference which shall be the highest organ of the Party at the Regional level.

b) The Regional Branch Party Conference shall consist of:

1. The Regional Chairperson
2. The two Regional Vice-Chairpersons
3. The Regional Secretary
4. Assistant Regional Secretary
5. The Regional Treasurer
6. The Regional Organiser
7. Assistant Regional Organiser
8. The Regional Women’s Organiser
9. Assistant Regional Women’s Organiser
10. Regional Youth Organiser
11. Assistant Regional Youth Organiser
12. All Party Members of Parliament in the Region
13. The Regional Education Secretary
14. All members of the National Executive Council in the Region
15. All Constituency Chairmen in the Region
16. All Constituency Secretaries in the Region
17. All Constituency Treasurers in the Region
18. All Constituency Organisers in the Region
19. All Constituency Women’s Organisers in the Region
20. All Constituency Youth Organisers in the Region
21. All Constituency Education Secretaries in the Region
22. Two (2) members elected by each Constituency in the Region

c) The Regional Branch Party Conference shall be convened at least once a year, or on the
direction of the Regional Branch Executive Committee, a higher organ of the Party or upon
written request of one-third (1/3) of its membership. It may convene an extra-ordinary
session for a specific purpose by giving 7 days notice;

d) The Regional Party Conference shall be presided over by the Regional Chairperson and in his
absence, by the first or second Vice-Chairperson, as the case may be;
e) The quorum for the transaction of any business at the Regional Party Conference shall be one-
third (1/3) of the total membership.

65. **FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL PARTY CONFERENCE:**

The Regional Party Conference shall perform the following functions:

a) receive and consider reports of activities of the Party presented to it by the Regional Executive
Committee and issue directives for their implementation in the Region;
b) approve the Party’s organizational development and programmes within the Region;
c) Carry out such other functions as may be assigned to it by National Delegates Congress or the
National Executive Council or the Central Committee.
d) direct the Regional Executive to prepare reports of the Party’s activities in the Region for the
Central Committee of the Party;
e) Elect the Regional Officers of the Party.
CHAPTER 8 - NATIONAL ORGANISATION

66. **ORGANS**

There shall be the following organs of the Party at the National level:

a) The Council of Elders  
b) The Central Committee  
c) The National Executive Council  
d) The National Delegates Congress

67. **THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS:**

There shall be a Council of Elders which shall be composed of the following:

a) Former Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Regional Commissioners, District Commissioners, Members of Parliament, Ambassadors and High Commissioners of the Governments of the First and Third Republics of Ghana who are members of the CPP.  
b) Any other member of the Party who in the opinion of the National Delegates Congress has rendered significant and outstanding services to the CPP.

68. **FUNCTIONS:**

The Council of Elders shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

a) Act as arbitrator(s) and mediator(s) in disputes among the leadership of the Party. It shall promote reconciliation, encourage and facilitate the amicable settlement of disputes among the members of the Party. In this regard, it shall be the duty and responsibility of the Council of Elders to ensure that peace and tranquility always prevail within the ranks of the Party. Accordingly, the leadership of the Party shall seriously take into consideration the views, advice and recommendations of the Council of Elders;  
b) Consider and advise the leadership of the Party on any matter relevant to the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Party;  
c) Act upon a request of the Central Committee, the National Executive Committee of the Party, or on its own initiative;

69. **ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP:**
a) The National Delegates Congress shall have the authority to admit persons eligible under Article 66(1) (a) (iii) to become members of the Council of Elders;

1. A person admitted to membership under Article 66(1) (a) (ii) shall be deemed to have been duly nominated for admission as a member of the Council of Elders if the document nominating him or her is signed by at least five (5) fully paid-up members of the Party.

2. The recommendation to the National Delegates Congress of a member of the Council of Elders shall be decided by secret ballot without prior debate, and shall be carried by at least the two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total membership of the Central Committee.

3. The Central Committee of the Party shall maintain a register into which the names of all persons admitted as members of the Council of Elders shall be entered.

b) Each Region shall have a Regional Council of Elders composed by Party members who qualify for membership of the Council of Elders as specified in Article 66 (1) (a).

70. **THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

There shall be a Central Committee of the Party, which shall consist of the following members:-

a) The National Chairperson and Leader

b) The three (3) National Vice Chairpersons

c) The President/Immediate Past Presidential candidate

d) The Vice President/Immediate Past Running Mate of the Presidential Candidate

e) The General Secretary

f) The National Treasurer

g) The National Organiser

h) The National Women’s Organiser

i) The National Youth Organiser

j) The Director of Party Education

k) All Chairpersons of the Working Committees and Policy Sub-Committees of the Central Committee

l) All Regional Chairpersons

m) The Leader and Chief whip of the Party’s Parliament Group

n) Four (4) members appointed by the Chairman, 2 (two) of whom shall be women; and
o) A member from each Region normally resident in Accra elected by his/her Regional Branch Executive Committee

p) Past Chairpersons of the CPP who are still members of the Party.

71. **FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

a) The Central Committee shall be the **highest** administrative organ of the Party and shall be responsible for implementation of the policies and decisions of the Party under the leadership of the National Chairperson.

1. It shall initiate Party policies and establish such policy area sub-committees and intra-party organizations as may be required for the administration of the party;
2. It shall establish a Party Education Directorate for the education of members of the Party and the propagation of the Party’s principles and ideology to the general public;
3. It may establish such organs or departments at the National Secretariat of the Party as it may consider necessary;
4. It shall approve nominees for the following offices submitted by National Leadership.
   - Two Deputy General Secretaries;
   - The Director for Party Education;
   - Two Deputy National Organisers;
   - Two Deputy National Women’s Organisers and
   - A Deputy National Treasurer

5. It shall consider and approve the names of candidates submitted for election to Parliament. Where the Central Committee rejects a candidate, it shall refer the matter to the particular Constituency to elect a new candidate;

6. It may authorize the preparation and publication of party newspapers, journals and other literature.

7. It may authorize fund-raising activities for any purpose and may revoke any fund-raising decision taken by any lower organ of the Party on reasonable grounds.

8. It shall exercise control over the finances of the party and ensure that proper books of account and records are kept on all financial affairs of the Party.

9. It shall determine the admission fees, membership dues and other levies from time to time.
10. it shall cause to be prepared, not later than 30th day of September in each year, a budget showing the estimated revenue and expenditure of the Party for the coming year and submit it to the National Executive Council for consideration and approval.

11. it shall cause to be prepared, not later than 31st day of March each year, the following statements:

12. Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Party for the previous year; and

13. A Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Party as they stood at the end of the previous year. The said statements shall be duly certified by the National Treasurer.

14. It shall recommend a member for admission into the Council of Elders.

15. It shall receive monthly statements of income and expenditure at each meeting of the CC.

16. It shall have the power to impose or amend disciplinary actions recommended by any disciplinary committee.

17. Prepare and regularly review a Standing Order to provide clarity and guidance for all Party activities/events including National Delegates Congresses not clearly detailed in the Party Constitution.

18. The Standing Orders shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution.

b) The Central Committee shall empanel the Vetting Committee to vet persons seeking national positions within the Party as well as Presidential aspirants;

c) The authority to approve the candidature of persons contesting the position of the Presidential candidate of the Party is vested in the Central Committee. A candidate aggrieved by the decision of the Central Committee may appeal to the Council of Elders within 7 days of the Central Committee’s decision.

d) When the party is in power the President shall as far as possible consult the Central Committee in making appointments.

e) If an incumbent member of the Central Committee decides to contest for a National Office she/he shall not take his/her seat at meetings of the Central Committee during discussions or deliberations on any matter affecting his/her selection or election.

f) The Central Committee may whenever it deems expedient in the interest of the party, extend the term of office for any Constituency Branch Executive Committee or any Regional Executive Committee for a period not exceeding three months.
g) Where the Central Committee desires to extend the terms of office for any Constituency Branch Executive Committee for a period exceeding three months, then an approval by the National Executive Council must be sought within three months.

72. **COMMITTEES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**
The Central Committee shall set up the following working Committees or any other committees it may deem necessary to facilitate the work of the Party:
   a) Finance Committee  
   b) Organizational Committee  
   c) Research Committee  
   d) Disciplinary Committee  
   e) Political Affairs Committee  
   f) Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
   g) Publicity and Communication Committee  
   h) Welfare Committee  
   i) Women Affairs Committee  
   j) Youth Affairs Committee

73. **MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**
   a) The Central Committee shall meet at least once every month at the Party Headquarters. When necessary, it shall meet elsewhere.
   b) The quorum for the Central Committee Meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the total membership.
   c) The Central Committee Meetings shall be presided over by the National Chairperson and Leader and in his absence, by one of the National Vice Chairpersons.
   d) In the absence of the National Chairperson and his/her Vice-Chairpersons, the Central Committee shall elect one of its members to preside over the meeting and any decision taken at that meeting shall be binding, provided there is quorum.

74. **THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)**
There shall be a National Executive Council of the party, consisting of the following members:
   a) All members of the Central Committee;
b) All National Party Officers;
c) All Regional Vice-Chairperson, Secretaries, Organizers, Treasurers, Youth Organizers, Women Organizers and Education Secretaries;
d) Five members of the Council of Elders;
e) All Party Members of Parliament;
f) All Party Ministers and Deputy Ministers;
g) Two representatives each of overseas branches approved by the Central Committee;
h) Ten (10) representatives of the Youth League;
i) Ten (10) representatives of the Women’s League, and
j) Two (2) Founding Members from each Region.

75. **FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

a) The National Executive Council shall perform the following functions:-

1. It shall be the chief executive organ of the Party which shall ensure the efficient execution of the policies and programmes of the Party as approved by the National Delegates Congress.
2. It shall guide and supervise all Party activities through the Central Committee of the Party;
3. It shall be responsible for setting an appropriate agenda for the National Delegates Congress;
4. It shall be responsible for enforcing this Constitution, rules, regulations, standing orders and bye-laws of the Party.
5. It shall have the power to dissolve the executive committee of a Branch of the Party. Any such action taken by the National Executive Council shall be reported at the next National Delegates Congress.
6. Appoint a Chairman for National Delegates Congress where the business of congress includes the election of new National Officers.

b) The National Executive Council shall receive for its consideration comments and directives on the following statements:

1. The Statement on Income and Expenditure of the Party in the previous year;
2. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Party as they stood at the end of the previous year.

c) The National Executive Council shall receive and approve the annual budget for the ensuing year.

d) The National Executive Council shall appoint External Auditors of the Party, who shall present their report to the Central Committee within a period to be given by the Central Committee.

76. **MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

   a) The National Executive Council shall ordinarily meet to transact business once a year.

   b) An Extraordinary Meeting of the National Executive Council shall be convened at any time at the request of the National Chairperson and Leader, the Central Committee or one-third (1/3) of the membership of the National Executive Council.

   c) At any meeting of the National Executive Council, the National Chairperson shall preside, and in his absence one of the National Vice-chairpersons shall preside;

   d) At all meetings, decisions shall be reached by consensus or by acclamation or at the request of an accredited member for voting, by a simple majority of members present and voting;

   e) The quorum for the meetings of the National Executive Council shall be one-third (1/3) of the total membership of the National Executive Council.

77. **THE NATIONAL DELEGATES CONGRESS**

   National Delegates Congress shall constitute the highest decision making body of the Party.

   a) There shall be a National Delegates Congress of the Party every four (4) years to elect National Officers, not later than 12 months after the last National General Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

   b) The National Delegates Congress shall consist of:

      1. all Members of the National Executive Council;
      2. all Founding Members;
      3. all members of the Council of Elders
      4. all Constituency Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers, Organizers, Women Organizers, Youth Organizers and Education Secretaries;
5. Two other representatives from each Constituency, at least one of whom shall be a woman;
6. a representative from each of the tertiary institutions chapters of the Party;
7. Two (2) representatives from each Overseas branch approved by the Central Committee.

c) The quorum shall be two-thirds 2/3 of the total membership of those qualified to attend;

d) The National Delegates Congress shall be presided over by a member of the Council of Elders appointed for the purpose by the National Executive Council.

e) Whenever the National Delegates Congress cannot be held for any stated reasons, the tenure of office of the National Officers shall continue until such a time that the National Delegates Congress is held. Such extension shall however not exceed six (6) months unless prevented by some national crisis such as war or a declaration of ‘A state of emergency’.

78. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE NATIONAL DELEGATES CONGRESS

The functions and powers of the National Delegates Congress shall be to:

a) Elect the National Chairperson, National Vice-Chairpersons, the General Secretary, the National Treasurer, the National Organiser, and the National Women’s Organizer of the Party, under the provisions of this Constitution.

b) Consider and approve the Manifesto and matters of general policy submitted to it by the National Executive Council.

c) Receive and consider reports on activities and audited accounts of the Party presented to it by the National Executive Council and issue directives for actions on them.

d) Confirm, amend, repudiate or revoke any decision made by any subordinate organ of the Party.

e) Amend or suspend in whole or part any provision of this constitution by a resolution or in the manner provided in this constitution.

f) Decide on any proposals or matters, and transact any other business which shall be submitted by the Central Committee or the National Executive Council.

g) Delegate any of its functions or powers to any subordinate organ of the Party;

h) Perform such other functions as are necessary for the attainment of the aims and objectives of the Party through the appropriate organs of the Party, as provided for by this Constitution.
79. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

a) There shall be a separate National Delegates Congress to elect the Presidential Candidate of the Party.

b) The National Delegates Congress may be held twenty four (24) months before the next Presidential and Parliamentary elections if the Party is not in Power.

c) Where there Party is in power, the Presidential candidate shall be elected no earlier than twelve (12) months prior to the next Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

80. **REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTESTING POSITIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

a) These requirements shall apply to persons contesting National Executive positions and contestants for the position of Presidential Candidate.

   1. Candidates must hold a party membership card for four (4) years or more.
   2. Candidates must have paid their membership dues in full.
   3. Candidates must be registered to vote in national elections.
   4. Candidates must be in good standing in the party.

b) A candidate shall not be qualified for election unless he or she is nominated for election by a document which:

   1. is signed by him or her signifying his or her consent.
   2. is signed by at least one registered voter who is a fully paid-up member of the Party in each administrative region of Ghana.
   3. is delivered to the General Secretary of the Party at least 14 days before Congress/Conference.

c) A Candidate must demonstrate belief in and commitment to the ideology and philosophy of the Party.

d) The Central Committee shall have discretionary power to exempt any candidate from any of the conditions stated above. A decision taken by the Central Committee in exercise of that power shall be carried by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total membership of the Central Committee.

e) Applications for exemptions from the conditions stated in (4) above shall be put in writing to the Central Committee, through the General Secretary of the Party.

81. **TENURE OF OFFICE**
a) All national officers shall hold office for a term of four (4) years.
b) Each officer shall be entitled to serve a maximum of two terms of four years each in each position, upon re-election, but not more than eight years in total.

82. **REMOVAL OF NATIONAL OFFICE HOLDERS**

a) An elected National Officer may be suspended from office by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Central Committee if the latter deems it fit in the supreme interest of the Party to do so.
b) Any proposal for such a decision to be taken shall be proposed in writing by a member of the Central Committee, and seconded by a member of the Central Committee.
c) In the case of the National Chairperson/Leader and the General Secretary, the National Executive Council may suspend them from their positions if the NEC deems it fit in the supreme interest of the Party to do so, following a recommendation by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Central Committee.
d) All elected National Officers may be removed from office by a resolution of the National Delegates Congress or by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the National Executive Council, if he or she is found to be incapable of performing the functions of his/her office by reason any of physical or mental incapacity, or for any stated misbehavior.
e) Any proposal for such a decision to be taken as stipulated in Article 81(c) shall be made by a member of the National Executive Council and seconded by a member of the NEC.
f) The proposal for the removal of a nationally elected Officer shall be given in the form of a notice, one month prior to the meeting. A copy of the said notice shall be served on the affected person, who shall be entitled to a hearing at the Central Committee or the National Executive Council as the case may be. Any such person shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for appropriate action in conformity with Articles 112 & 113 of this Constitution.

83. **VACANCY OF NATIONAL OFFICE**

The National Chairperson/Leader shall within one month of a national office becoming vacant, report the vacancy to the Central Committee and make a recommendation of a nominee to fill the position in an acting capacity, until the vacancy is filled in accordance with provisions of this Constitution.

84. **SPECIAL NATIONAL DELEGATES CONGRESS**
A Special National Delegates Congress may be convened by the Central Committee or at the request of at least one third (1/3) of the members of the National Executive Council, to deliberate on specific matters referred to it.

CHAPTER 9 - INTEGRAL WINGS

85. The integral wings of the Party shall be:
   a) Party Education Directorate;
   b) Women’s League;
   c) Youth League;
   d) Parliamentary Groups;
   e) Overseas Branches;

86. **THE PARTY EDUCATION DIRECTORATE**
   a) There shall be a Party Education Directorate established by the Central Committee to perform the following functions;
      1. to establish such study groups as are appropriate for informing and educating party members.
      2. to propagate Party policies, programmes, decisions and principles with special regard to the Nkrumaist ideology, tenets, ideas and philosophy.
      3. to organize educational events as are appropriate for informing and educating party members.
      4. to undertake or cause to be undertaken, studies and researches into the Party’s ideology as well as other political ideologies for the guidance of the Party and its leadership.
5. to carry out such outreach activities as are appropriate to ascertain the public reaction to the Party’s policies and programmes, and make its findings available to the Central Committee.

b) The Party Education Directorate shall consist of such number of renowned political ideologists, educationists and research fellows as may be appointed by the Central Committee.

c) The Head of the Directorate shall be the Director of Party Education who shall also act as the Chairperson at all meetings of the Directorate.

87. WOMEN’S LEAGUE

a) The Party shall have a Women’s League which shall be open to all women in support of the Party’s programmes.

b) The Women’s League shall be responsible for raising awareness and mobilizing Ghanaian women for the achievement of gender balance in the political, social, economic and cultural spheres of the society.

c) The Women’s League shall be an integral part of the Party at all levels, and shall be responsible to the executives at all levels.

d) The Women’s League shall, in consultation with the Central Committee, draw its own rules and regulations to guide its activities.

e) The activities of the Women’s League shall conform to the overall Party programme and policies.

f) The leadership of the National Women’s League shall comprise the following:

   1. The National Women’s Organiser.
   2. The two (2) Deputy National Women Organisers.
   3. The ten (10) Regional Women Organisers.
   4. The Assistant Regional Women Organisers of each region.
   5. Seven (7) prominent women co-opted by the National Women’s League.

g) The National Women’s League shall elect their own officers.

88. YOUTH LEAGUE
a) There shall be established a vibrant Youth Wing of the Party which shall be responsible for educating and mobilizing the youth in support of the party’s programmes. In pursuance of the above the National Youth Organizer shall ensure:

1. that branches of the Youth League are formed in all tertiary educational institutions in the country.
2. that the Youth League works to raise the level of responsibility and capacity of its members in all spheres of political, economic, cultural and social life and take active part in the development of the Party.

b) The Youth League shall hold a separate National Delegates Congress to elect the National Youth Organizer and other officers to assist the National Youth Organizer.

c) The Youth League shall promulgate Standing Orders to guide its activities. These standing orders shall be consistent with the Party Constitution.

d) Where the Standing Orders are inconsistent with the spirit and letter of the Party Constitution, the Party Constitution shall take precedence.

e) The Youth League shall be organized at all levels of the party.

f) The Youth League shall be responsible to the leadership of the Party at all levels.

g) The activities of the Youth League shall be approved by the Central Committee.

h) The leadership of the Youth League shall comprise the following:

1. The National Youth Organiser.
2. The two (2) Deputy National Youth Organisers.
3. The ten (10) Regional Youth Organisers.
4. The Assistant Regional Youth Organisers in all the Regions.
5. Seven (7) other persons nominated by the National Youth Organizer and approved by members above (i, ii, iii, and iv). Four of these persons shall be women and four shall be known active members of a tertiary branch.

89. **PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

a) The Parliamentary Group of the Party shall consist of all Members of Parliament who are members of the Party. The Group shall at all times acknowledge and recognize the supremacy and leading role of the Party.

b) The Group shall have a Leader and a Chief Whip, both of whom shall be elected by and from among members of the group in consultation with the Central Committee.

c) Both the Leader and the Chief Whip of the Group shall be ex-officio members of the Central Committee, with full capacity to participate in and vote at the Committee’s meetings.
d) The Leader and Chief Whip shall be responsible to the National Executive Council through the Central Committee. The Leader and Chief Whip shall report on the work and activities of Parliament and on the general conduct of the members of the Group as and when necessary or required by the Central Committee, and, in any case, at the end of every meeting of every session of Parliament.

e) The Chief Whip shall ensure that all Parliamentarians act in accordance with the Party’s position on matters before Parliament.

90. **OVERSEAS BRANCHES:**

There shall be Overseas Branches or chapters as approved by the Central Committee, which shall have the status of a region for the purposes of organization.

**PART THREE**

**CHAPTER 10 - NATIONAL PARTY LEADERSHIP**

91. **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

a) The following elected members of the Party shall constitute the National Leadership of the party:

1. The National Chairperson and Leader.
2. The three (3) National Vice-Chairpersons.
3. The General Secretary
4. The President and the Vice President
5. The Presidential Candidate; and his running mate
6. The National Treasurer
7. The National Organizer
8. The National Women’s Organizer
9. The National Youth Organizer
92. **OTHER NATIONAL OFFICERS**

The following are the other National Officers of the Party:

a) The Director of Party Education.
b) The Two Deputy General Secretaries.
c) The Two Deputy National Organisers.
d) The Two Deputy National Women’s Organisers.
e) The Two Deputy National Youth Organiser.
f) Deputy National Treasurer.

93. **THE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON/LEADER:**

a) The National Chairperson shall be the overall Head and Leader of the Party, and shall preside over meetings of the Central Committee, National Executive Council, and any Congress not for the purpose of electing National Officers.
b) He or she shall be elected by the National Delegates Congress and shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election for another term of four years only.
c) The National Chairperson and Leader of the Party shall be elected by secret ballot without debate by members present at the National Delegates Congress, under the supervision of the Electoral Commission.
d) No person shall be elected as a National Chairperson and Leader who is not qualified to be elected as a Member of Parliament.
e) A candidate for election to the office of National Chairperson and Leader shall be deemed to have been duly elected if more than 50% of the members of congress present and voting, voted in his favour.
f) Where at the election of the National Chairperson and Leader there are more than two candidates and no candidate obtains the votes specified in clause (e) of this article, another election shall be held between the two candidates who obtained the highest number of votes, to select the winner.

94. **THE NATIONAL VICE-CHAIRPERSONS:**
a) There shall be three (3) Vice-chairpersons who shall be elected by a simple majority of the National Delegates Congress. A national Vice-chairperson shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, and shall be eligible for re-election for another term of 4 years only.

b) A candidate for the position of National Vice-chairperson shall have the same requirements for qualification as specified for the National Chairperson and shall be nominated as in the case of the National Chairperson.

c) A candidate with the highest number of votes cast shall be deemed to be elected the 1st National Vice-Chairperson and the next with the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be elected 2nd Vice-National Chairperson and the candidate with the highest number of votes after the latter shall be deemed to be elected 3rd National Vice-Chairperson;

d) The 1st National Vice-Chairperson shall act as National Chairperson and Leader when the Office of National Chairperson is vacant or the National Chairperson and Leader is absent from Ghana, or, unable through illness or any other cause to exercise the functions of his Office. The 2nd National Vice-Chairperson shall act in the absence of both the National Chairperson and Leader and the 1st National Vice-Chairperson. The 3rd National Vice-Chairperson shall act in the absence of the National Chairperson and Leader and the two other national Vice-Chairpersons.

e) The National Chairperson and Leader shall assign specific roles to each of the Vice Chairperson as he may deem fit.

f) The National Vice-Chairpersons shall work to and take instructions and directives from the National Chairman and leader of the Party.

95. **THE GENERAL SECRETARY:**

a) There shall be a General Secretary of the Party who shall be elected by a simple majority of the National Delegates Congress.

b) He shall be the head of administration of the Party and shall be assisted by two Deputy General Secretaries.

c) The General Secretary shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election for another term of four years only.

d) The General Secretary shall be responsible to the National Chairperson and the Central Committee for the overall day-to-day administration of the party. He or she shall be responsible for the custody of the Party seal and for affixing it to the documents of the Party.
e) He or she shall also perform such other duties as are assigned to him or her by the Central Committee under this Constitution.

f) The General Secretary shall work to and take instructions and directives from the National Chairperson and Leader.

g) No person shall be elected as a General Secretary who is not qualified to be elected as a Member of Parliament.

96. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

a) The Party shall elect a Presidential Candidate who shall contest the Presidential elections on behalf of the Party

b) The Presidential Candidate shall be elected in accordance with the provisions in Article 78 of this Constitution.

c) The Presidential Candidate shall be elected by the National Delegates Congress after being vetted by the Vetting Committee as provided for in Article 100 of this Constitution.

d) No person shall be elected as Presidential Candidate of the party if he or she is not qualified to be President of Ghana in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.

e) No candidate for election as Presidential Candidate shall be deemed to have been duly elected unless more than fifty (50) per cent of the total valid votes cast are in his or her favour.

f) Where at the election of a Presidential Candidate there are more than two candidates and no candidates obtains the votes specified in clause (e) of this Article, another election shall be held between the two candidates who obtained the highest number of votes, to select the winner.

g) The election of the Presidential Candidate shall be by secret ballot and conducted by the Electoral Commission.

h) No candidate shall be qualified for election as Presidential Candidate at the National Delegates Congress unless he or she is nominated for election by a document which:

1. is signed by him or her signifying his or her consent;

2. is signed by at least one fully paid-up member who is a registered voter from each region of Ghana; and
3. is delivered to the General Secretary at least 6 (six) weeks before the date of the National Delegates Congress.

   i) The tenure of the Presidential Candidate shall start with his/her election at the National Delegates Congress of the Party, and end after the announcement of the results of the Presidential elections, if he/she fails to win the Presidential election.

97. **VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**
   a) There shall be a Vice Presidential Candidate of the Party who shall be the running mate of the Presidential Candidate at Presidential elections.
   b) The Vice Presidential Candidate shall be selected by the Central Committee in consultation with the Presidential candidate.
   c) The qualification of the Vice Presidential candidate and other conditions of office shall be the same as those of the Presidential Candidate.

98. **THE NATIONAL TREASURER**
   a) There shall be a National Treasurer of the Party who shall be elected by a simple majority of the National Delegates Congress. He or she shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election to another term of four (4) years only.
   b) The National Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee established by the Central Committee.
   c) It shall be the duty of the National Treasurer, with the assistance of such finance officers and internal auditors as may be appointed from time to time, to:
      1. prepare for the consideration of the National Executive Council such statements, accounts and estimates as the Council may require;
      2. receive and make on behalf of the Party such payments as he or she may be authorized to do;
      3. ensure that all organizational levels of the Party keep proper books of accounts and records of all properties, and to submit written reports annually to the National Executive Council;
      4. afford every facility to the external auditors of the Party appointed from time to time to audit the accounts of the Party.
   d) The National Treasurer shall work to and take instructions and directives from the National Chairperson and Leader.
99. **THE DEPUTY NATIONAL TREASURER**

a) There shall be a Deputy National Treasurer of the Party who shall be elected by a simple majority of the Central Committee. He or she shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election to another term of four years only;

b) The Deputy National Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee established by the Central Committee.

c) The Deputy National Treasurer shall assist the National Treasurer in the performance of his or her duties.

d) The Deputy National Treasurer shall work to and take instructions and directives from the National Treasurer.

100. **THE NATIONAL ORGANISER**

a) There shall be a National Organizer of the Party who shall be elected by the National Delegates Congress. He or she shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election for another term of four years only;

b) The National Organizer shall be assisted by two Deputy National Organizers; and shall coordinate the activities of the National Women’s organizer; the National Youth Organizer and the Regional Organizers of the Party;

c) The National Organizer shall submit quarterly reports on the state of organization of the party to the Central Committee through the General Secretary.

d) The National Organizer shall make periodic reports on the state of the organization of the party to the Central Committee through the General Secretary.

101. **THE NATIONAL WOMEN’S ORGANISER**

a) There shall be a National Women’s Organizer of the Party who shall be elected by the National Delegates Congress. She shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, and shall be eligible for re-election for another term of four years only;

b) She shall be assisted by two Deputy Women Organizers, and shall coordinate the activities of the Regional Women Organizers of the Party;
c) She shall submit quarterly reports on the state of organization of the Women’s Wing of the Party to the Central Committee through the General Secretary.

102. **THE YOUTH ORGANISER**

a) There shall be a National Youth Organizer of the Party who shall be elected at a Congress of the National Youth League. He or she shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election for another term of four years only;

b) He or she shall be assisted by two Deputy National Youth Organisers and shall co-ordinate the activities of the Regional Youth Organisers of the Party;

c) He or she shall submit quarterly reports on the state of organization of the Youth Wing of the Party to the Central Committee through the General Secretary.

d) The National Youth Organiser shall work to and take instructions and directives from the National Chairperson/Leader and the Central Committee.

103. **PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES VETTING COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

There shall be a Presidential Candidates Vetting Committee of the Party which shall be composed of seven (7) persons as follows:

a) Two (2) members of the Council of Elders nominated by the Council;

b) One (1) person nominated by the Youth League who is a member of the League but not a member of the Central Committee.

c) One (1) person nominated by the Women’s League who is a member of the League but not a member of the Central Committee.

d) One (1) person nominated by the Legal and Constitutional Committee other than the Chairman of that Committee.

e) Two (2) members nominated by the Central Committee who are not members of the Central Committee.

104. **FUNCTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL VETTING COMMITTEE**

a) The functions of the Presidential Candidates Vetting Committee shall be as follows:
1. to consider the candidature of all candidates for election as the Presidential Candidate of the Party through a rigorous process of enquiry;

2. to vet the candidates and to reject or recommend any candidate to the Central Committee before presentation to the National Delegates Congress for election;

b) In discharging its functions, the Presidential Candidates Vetting Committee shall be scrupulously guided by the rules, criteria and determining factors issued by the Central Committee from time to time, for the vetting of candidates for the election;

c) A member of the Party may give written information about any candidate due to be vetted.

d) The Vetting Committee shall be obliged to give a hearing to the candidate concerning the information given about him.

e) Any candidate aggrieved by the decision of the Vetting Committee shall have the right to appeal against the decision to the Central Committee within 7 (seven) days of the notice of the said decision. The decision of the Central Committee shall be final.

f) The Vetting Committee shall inform the candidates individually about its decision at the same time that the Committee is reporting to the Central Committee.

105. *Vetting Committee for National Executive Positions*

**Membership:**

a) There shall be a Vetting Committee of the Party to vet persons contesting for national executive positions. It shall be composed of seven (7) persons as follows:

1. Two (2) members of the Council of Elders nominated by it;
2. Two (2) Regional Chairmen nominated by the Regional Chairmen;
3. Three (3) persons nominated by the Central Committee outside of the Central Committee one of whom shall be a woman, the second a lawyer, and the third a former national office holder, all of whom shall be in good standing in the Party.

b) No member of this Vetting Committee shall be a contestant for a National Executive position.

106. *Functions of National Executive Vetting Committee*

The functions of the Vetting Committee for national executive positions shall be as follows:

a) To consider the candidature of all candidates for election for leadership positions in the Party through a rigorous process of enquiry.
b) To vet the candidates and to reject or recommend any candidate to the Central Committee before presentation to the National Delegates Congress for election.

c) In discharging its functions, the Vetting Committee shall be scrupulously guided by the rules, criteria and determining factors issued by the Central Committee from time to time for vetting of the candidates for elections.

d) A member of the Party may give written information about any candidate due to be vetted. The Vetting Committee shall be obliged to give a hearing to the candidate concerning the information given about him;

e) Any candidate aggrieved by the decision of the Vetting Committee shall have the right to appeal against the decision to the Central Committee within 7(seven) days of the notice of the said decision. The decision of the Central Committee shall be final. However, members of the Vetting Committee and those contesting for national executive positions shall not partake in the deliberations of the Central Committee hearing an appeal.

f) The Vetting Committee shall inform the candidates, individually, about its decision at the same time that the Committee is reporting to the Central Committee.

PART FOUR

CHAPTER 11 - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

107. SOURCES OF FUNDS:

a) There shall be a Party Consolidated Fund into which shall be paid:
   1. all revenues or other moneys raised or received for the purposes of or on behalf of the Party;
   2. all moneys raised or received in trust for or on behalf of the Party;

b) The Party Consolidated Fund shall include:
   1. membership dues, donations, gifts, bequests and income derived from investment;
   2. loans granted to the Party, moneys borrowed by the Party from banks and other financial institutions;
3. moneys derived from proceeds in respect of any business or investment permitted by law.

108. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP**

a) The Party Consolidated Fund shall be under general control and direction of Finance Committee which shall consist of:
   1. The 1st Vice Chairperson.
   2. The National Treasurer.
   3. The Deputy National Treasurer.
   4. The General Secretary.
   5. A Financial Secretary appointed by the Central Committee (as a member/secretary), and
   6. Not more than 10 (ten) other members appointed by the Central Committee

b) The Chairperson of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Central Committee.

109. **FUNCTIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

a) The Finance Committee shall cause to be prepared such monthly and/or quarterly statements of account as shall be prescribed by the Central Committee which shall be forwarded to the National Executive Council by the Central Committee.

b) The Finance Committee, with the consent of the Central Committee, may raise loans or obtain overdraft facilities for purposes of the Party upon the security of any assets of the Party and shall have power to execute all deeds or other documents which may be required for the purpose.

c) The Finance Committee, with the consent of the Central Committee, may invest all or any portion of the party funds in any savings bank in Ghana, or in any other investments as the committee may deem appropriate.

d) The core function of the Finance Committee shall be to mobilize resources and organize fund-raising activities for and on behalf of the Party.

110. **PROPERTY AND CONTRACTS**
a) The Party shall have power to acquire and hold any movable or immovable property, to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise alienate, or dispose of, any such property and to enter into any lawful contractual transactions;

b) The use of the seal of the Party shall be authenticated by the signature of the National Chairperson and Treasurer or the National Chairperson and General Secretary.

CHAPTER 12 - PARTY DISCIPLINE

111. A member of the Party shall be guilty of misconduct or breach of Party discipline if he/she;

   a) contravenes any provision of this Constitution,

   b) does any act of commission or omission which is prejudicial to the good standing of the Party or tends to bring the name of the Party into disrepute.

   c) acts as a candidate or supports the candidate of any other Party in any election without the approval of the Central Committee of the Party;

   d) exhibits any violent, dangerous or intimidating conduct against any member(s);

   e) falsifies any reports, accounts or expense claims or engages in any other fraudulent conduct;

   f) willfully damages Party property;

   g) publicly opposes Party policies;

   h) does any act that undermines or tends to undermine Party cohesion or Party unity;

   i) defects to another party;

   j) without authority, publicly discloses confidential information about the Party.

112. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

   a) There shall be a National Disciplinary Committee which shall be appointed by the Central Committee. It shall consist of 5 (five) respected members of the Party including two (2) women.

   b) The Disciplinary Committee shall have original jurisdiction in all matters relating to the conduct of any member, organ, national officer, and other cases referred to it by the Central Committee;
c) It shall have appellate jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from the decisions and sanctions imposed by any other disciplinary body set up by any organ of the Party to investigate and determine any alleged breach of Party discipline by a member or organ. Any appeal to the Committee by any organ or member of the Party shall be made in writing and sent to the Committee through the next higher organ of the Party;

d) Central Committee shall make rules to guide the conduct of the Committee.

e) The Disciplinary Committee may initiate preliminary investigations into breaches of Party Discipline and seek approval from the Central Committee to carry out full investigations.

f) The Central Committee may interdict any member of the Party until the matter is investigated and disposed of by the Disciplinary Committee.

g) It shall be obligatory for any member of the Party to appear before the Disciplinary Committee when summoned.

113. **DISCIPLINARY PANEL**

This article sets out the procedure by which a charge of misconduct or breach of Party discipline may be summarily disposed off.

a) A three (3) member Disciplinary Panel shall be established by the Central Committee to summarily dispose of cases of misconduct or breach of Party discipline under Article 110 and 113 of this Constitution.

b) The Disciplinary Panel shall be composed a lawyer and two other persons, one of whom shall be a woman.

c) The Central Committee may refer cases of misconduct or breach of Party discipline to the Disciplinary Panel if-

1. It considers the acts or omissions serious enough to be tried quickly; and
2. The evidence is such that there would be no dispute of material fact; and
3. It considers that the Party member has no real prospect of successfully defending the charge.

d) A Party member who is referred to the Disciplinary Panel may be interdicted pending the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings and shall be subject to the terms of interdiction set out in Article 113 of this Constitution.

e) The Disciplinary Panel shall investigate the matter referred to it and submit its report to the Central Committee for final determination.
f) The Disciplinary Panel may develop its own rules of procedure and modalities and shall submit to the Central Committee for final approval.

114. **SANCTIONS & RELATED MATTERS**
a) The sanctions that may be imposed in any disciplinary proceedings under this Constitution are:
   1. expulsion from the Party;
   2. suspension from the Party;
   3. termination of appointment;
   4. removal from office; and
   5. written caution or admonition.
b) An office holder who is referred to the Disciplinary Committee may be interdicted pending the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings.
c) Any such Officer may be requested to surrender all Party properties including documents and files in his/her custody/possession pending the final determination of the matter.
d) A member of the Party who is referred to the Disciplinary Committee may be prohibited from participating in activities of the Party until the final determination of the matter or for such a time as the Central Committee may deem appropriate.
e) A person referred to the Disciplinary Committee shall be given adequate time to prepare his/her answer to the charges preferred.
f) An office holder/member who is referred to the Disciplinary Committee shall desist from making any public pronouncements on the matter until the final determination of the case.
g) It shall be a misconduct for an office holder/member who has been referred to the Disciplinary Committee to make public pronouncements on the matter.
h) The Disciplinary Committee shall act with dispatch in respect of all matters referred to it for action, so however, that it shall endeavour to complete its investigations and submit its report within a reasonable time.
CHAPTER 13 - MEETINGS

115. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

Unless otherwise provided by this Constitution, the quorum for the transaction of business at any Party meeting shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of the total members of the Party organ concerned.

116. METHODS OF REACHING DECISIONS

a) Except where it is otherwise provided in this Constitution, decisions at any meeting of a Party organ shall be reached by consensus of opinion, or, as the case may be, by a majority of the votes cast, provided that the election of the Party leaders shall be by secret ballot.

b) No act or decision of any Party organ shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy among its membership. A person who is not a member of an organ shall not take part in the decision-making process of that organ.

CHAPTER 14 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

117.

a) Members of the various organs of the Party shall be expected to declare any pecuniary or other interests they may have in any business of other transaction to be embarked upon or entered into by that organ at the commencement of meetings at which such discussions take place.

b) Failure to comply with this Article may be deemed as a misconduct under this Constitution.

CHAPTER 15 - HONOURS AND OTHER AWARDS
118. **CONFERMENT OF HONOURS**

The Central Committee acting for and on behalf of the National Delegates Congress may at any time confer on any member of the Party or any other person who has contributed to the progress of the Party or distinguished himself/herself in the promotion of the ideals of the Party such honours, titles and privileges as may be deemed fit, notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Constitution.

**CHAPTER 16 - MISCELLANEOUS**

119.

a) **SHADOW CABINET**

1. The Chairman and Leader of the Party shall in consultation with the Central Committee, appoint a Shadow Cabinet to handle various ministerial portfolios of governance when the party is not in power.
2. The Shadow Cabinet shall be responsible to the Central Committee and shall meet at all times and places appointed for same by the Chairman and Leader of the Party.
3. The Shadow Cabinet members shall be ex-officio members of the Central Committee.
4. The Chairman and Leader of the Party shall preside over meetings of the Shadow Cabinet.

b) **REGULATIONS:**

1. The Central Committee shall make regulations for the effective implementation of the Constitution.
2. Matters not provided for in this Constitution may be disposed of by the Central Committee in accordance with the letter and spirit of this Constitution.
3. Where any unforeseen circumstances arises for which the constitution makes no provision, the Central Committee shall promulgate regulations to address the circumstances

CHAPTER 17 - PARTY OATHS

120. ADMISSION TO PARTY MEMBERSHIP

On my honour I……………………..(Name)………………………….. do hereby pledge that I shall be faithful and loyal to the Convention People’s Party and its Leadership. I sincerely give my solemn pledge to abide by the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Party and work zealously to promote, uphold and maintain the aims and objectives of the Party. So help me God.

121. MEMBERS OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON ELECTION/APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE

On my honour, I……………….(Name)…………………….. do hereby pledge that as (e.g. National Chairperson, National Vice Chairperson, General Secretary, etc...) I shall be faithful and loyal to the Convention People’s Party and its Constitution and Co-operate diligently with my comrades of the National Leadership to foster, preserve and keep the Unity and Comradeship among members of the Party regardless of their religious affiliation, ethnic origin, social or economic status. So help me God.

122. PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES

On my honour, I……………………..(Name)…………………….. do hereby pledge in my capacity as a member of the Convention People’s Party Parliamentary Group, to help maintain Party discipline in Parliament and to work conscientiously for the development of my constituency under the general policies and programmes of the Convention People’s Party. So help me God.

123. REGIONAL AND CONSTITUENCY OFFICERS

a) On my honour, I ………………..(Name)…………………….. Do hereby promise, in my capacity as a member of the ………………..(Region)…………………….. Regional Executive to be faithful and loyal to Convention People’s Party and the Region. I sincerely give my solemn pledge to abide by the
b) On my honour, I……………………..(Name)……………….. Do hereby promise in my capacity as a member of the ………………..(Name of Constituency) ………………..Constituency Executive to be faithful and loyal to the Convention People’s Party and the Constituency. I sincerely give my solemn pledge to abide by the Party’s Constitution, rules and regulations, and work conscientiously in concert with my Comrades to promote and maintain the aims and objectives of the Party. So help me God.

124. **OATH OF SECRECY**

I …………………………………….. holding the office of ……………………….….. do hereby swear in the name of the Almighty God (ALLAH) (solemnly affirm) that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person within or outside the party any confidential information that shall come to my knowledge in the discharge of my official duties except as may be permitted by the Constitution of the Party. So help me God.

**CHAPTER 18 - AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

125. **AMENDMENTS**

a) This Constitution or any part thereof may be repealed or amended by a resolution passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority of members of the Nation Congress present and voting thereon.

b) Any proposal for the repeal or amendment of any part of the Constitution shall be made in the form of a Notice and such Notice shall be submitted to the Central Committee not later them four (4) months before the date set for National Delegates Congress.

c) The Notice shall specify the name(s) and description of the proposer(s) and the seconded(s) and details of the proposed repeal or amendment.

d) The proposed repeal or amendment when adopted by the Central Committee, shall not be presented to Congress unless two months’ notice has been given to members of Congress.

126. **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Notwithstanding any provision in this Constitution:
a) The tenure of office of all elected and appointed National, Regional and Constituency officers of the Party who are holding office immediately before the coming into force of this Constitution, shall be deemed to have been elected/appointed under this Constitution.

b) Any officer of the Party whose tenure is taken to have been continued under this Constitution shall continue to hold his/her office until the next election is held by his/her organ of the Party.

c) Notwithstanding provisions of article 76 (a), the term of office of the National Officers elected at the National Delegates Congress that accepted this Constitution, shall end by December 31st 2014.

d) Any Candidate, whose nomination papers are processed under the 2003 constitution for election into national office on the same day of the promulgation of this Constitution, shall be deemed to have satisfied the provisions of this Constitution.

**Interpretation**

Where any gender specific description is indicated, he shall mean she and vice versa.

**AMMENDED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY 2012**