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CHAPTER 1

PREAMBLE

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe are an African nation with a long, proud history and cultural heritage; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe recognise the importance of God The Almighty and our Ancestors in guiding the Liberation movements in the execution of the armed struggle; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe acknowledge the role played by our fore-bearers during the first Chimurenga War against colonial occupation; and

Whereas on the 18th April, 1980, we the people of Zimbabwe regained our nationhood and joined the family of nations of the world as a sovereign state; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe have always cherished our sovereignty by resisting aggression and foreign domination; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe acknowledge the role played by the Zimbabwe Revolutionary War Fighters of the Second Chimurenga and those who died whilst fighting the colonial enemy and those that are still alive and the fact that they will forever be the custodians of the Zimbabwean revolution and the bedrock upon which the ZANU PF Party will continue building itself from; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe acknowledge the importance of the supreme sacrifice of all Zimbabweans who paid the ultimate price for the liberation of our motherland Zimbabwe; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe acknowledge the role played by Zimbabwean Liberation Parties and their armies, that is, ZAPU and ZIPRA, and ZANU and ZANLA in the liberation of our country, Zimbabwe and in the subsequent formation of ZANU PF Party after the 22nd December 1987 Unity Accord; and

Whereas ZANU PF and PF-ZAPU have irrevocably committed themselves to unite under one political party; and

Whereas on the 22nd December, 1987, the leaders of the two parties of the Patriotic Front, which led the struggle for national liberation and won the support of the vast majority of the

people of Zimbabwe in two successive General Elections, agreed to unite all the people of Zimbabwe under a single political party; and

Whereas the Unity Accord of the 22nd December, 1987, was subsequently approved by the special congresses of ZANU PF and PF-ZAPU respectively held in 1988; and

Whereas we are conscious of the historical links between ZANU PF and PF-ZAPU that culminated in the formation of the Patriotic Front Alliance which was the effective instrument for prosecuting the armed struggle and winning democracy and national independence; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe acknowledge the immense contribution of the Liberation Committee of the then Organisation of African Unity (OAU), friendly and progressive countries like Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Libya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Bulgaria, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, Denmark, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Norway, Peoples Republic of China, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Syria and Yugoslavia, among others, in helping to sustain the struggle: and that it is our beholden duty to complete the empowerment process;

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe acknowledge the role played by the masses, parents and the War Collaborators towards the liberation of Zimbabwe; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe acknowledge the role played by the detainees and restrictees in the fight against colonialism and other forms of injustice during our liberation struggle; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe acknowledge the role played by the masses, parents and the War Collaborators towards the liberation of Zimbabwe; and

Whereas we acknowledge the importance of the Youths as the future building block and vanguard of the Party; and

Whereas we are desirous to unite our nation permanently, preserve peace, order and good government, guarantee political stability, social and economic development; and

Whereas we are convinced that political stability, peace, order and good government, social and economic development can only be achieved under conditions of national unity; and

Whereas we the people of Zimbabwe desire to preserve and consolidate National Independence for all time, to build a united, progressive, permanent political and social order;

Now Therefore we the representatives of the people of Zimbabwe in Congress assembled and now united and reconstituted under the name ZANU PF do hereby adopt and grant unto ourselves this Constitution:

ARTICLE 1

THE PARTY

Name of the Party

1. The name of the Party shall be the Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front [hereinafter referred to as "ZANU PF or "the Party"]
2. The Party shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, capable of suing and being sued, acquiring and disposing of property, acquiring rights and incurring obligations and engaging in any lawful activities which are not inconsistent with its aims and objectives.

Official Seal

3. There shall be a seal of the Party which shall be kept by the President and First Secretary and shall be used under the direction and control of the President of the Party.

Official Flag

4. The Party shall have an official flag as approved by Congress, comprising of the colours of green, yellow, red and black.

Green – represents the vegetation, the life, flora and fauna, agriculture, growth, hope of continuity as a sovereign people.

Yellow – represents Zimbabwe's abundant mineral wealth, such as diamonds, platinum, gold, coal, methane gas, nickel, copper, iron, chrome, emeralds and others.

Red – represents the blood of the sons and daughters of the liberation struggle;

Black – represents the indigenous people as the sovereign owners and custodians of our motherland Zimbabwe;

Party Headquarters

5. The Head Office of the Party shall be in Harare.

Vision

6. Forever to remain the mass revolutionary socialist Party in the emancipation process of the people of Zimbabwe from all forms of oppression.

Mission

7. To maintain total ownership, control and equitable distribution of the means of production, natural resources, and the defence of the national sovereignty, policies of indigenisation, empowerment and wealth creation so as to sustain the independence of Zimbabwe ; and to remain forever masters of our own destiny.

ARTICLE 2

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Party shall be:-

8. To preserve and defend the National Sovereignty and Independence of Zimbabwe;
9. To create conditions for the establishment of a democratic, political and social order which shall guarantee in perpetuity that the Government of the State shall be answerable to the people through periodic free and fair elections based on universal adult suffrage;
10. To uphold and apply fully the rule of equality before the law, and equality of opportunities for all the people in Zimbabwe, regardless of race, tribe, sex, religion or origin;
11. To establish and sustain a socialist society firmly based on our historical, cultural and social experience and to create conditions for economic independence, prosperity and equitable distribution of the wealth of the nation in a system of economic organisation and management in which elements of free enterprise and market economy, planned economy and public ownership are combined;
12. To continue to participate in the worldwide struggle for the complete eradication of imperialism, colonialism and all forms of racism. Accordingly the Party shall support liberation movements in their just struggle for self determination and social justice;
13. To support and promote all efforts for the attainment of the Pan-Africa goal for the complete independence and unity of African states;
14. To oppose resolutely tribalism, regionalism, nepotism, corruption, racism, religious fanaticism, xenophobia and related intolerance, discrimination on grounds of sex and all forms of exploitation of man by man in Zimbabwe.
15. To oppose resolutely homosexuality and same sex marriage relationships.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP

16. Membership of the Party shall be open to:-

- (1) all citizens and residents of Zimbabwe who subscribe to the Constitution, aims, objectives and policies of the Party; and
- (2) any organisation, association or society whose members are citizens or residents of Zimbabwe and whose aims and objectives are not inconsistent with those of the Party;

17. In order to become a member, a person shall make application:-

- (1) to the local branch nearest to the place he is ordinarily resident or working;
- (2) in exceptional circumstances, to the Politburo through the Secretary for Administration, and any person whose application has been rejected may, through the Secretary for Administration, appeal to the Central Committee whose decision shall be final.

18. An organisation may acquire affiliate membership of the Party by making application to the Secretary for Administration.

19. On acceptance, a member shall pay the joining fee.

Rights of Members

20. Every member of the Party shall have the right:

- (1) to vote in any Party elections in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Central Committee shall determine from time to time;
- (2) to be elected to any office in the Party, subject to such rules and regulations as the Central Committee shall determine from time to time;
- (3) to have audience with any officer of the Party;
- (4) to make representations to any officer or organ of the Party in respect of any matter which affects his or her rights as a member;
- (5) to participate in meetings and other activities organised by the Party;
- (6) not to be subjected to arbitrary or vexatious treatment by those in authority over him;
- (7) to seek a remedy in respect of any grievance as a result of the action of any person in authority over him.

Duties of Members

21. Every member of the Party shall have the duty:-

- (1) to be loyal to the Party;
- (2) to observe and abide by the policies, rules and regulations of the Party;
- (3) to strive continuously to raise the level of his or her own political and social consciousness and understanding of Party policies;
- (4) to strengthen, promote and defend the party and popularise its policies among the people;
- (5) to conduct himself/herself honestly and honourably in his or her dealings with the Party and the public and not to bring the Party into disrepute or ridicule; and
- (6) to pay regular subscriptions.

ARTICLE 4

PRINCIPAL ORGANS AND STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY

Principal Organs

22. (1) There shall be the following principal organs of the party:-

- (1) The National People's Congress;
- (2) The National People's Conference;
- (3) The Central Committee;
- (4) The National Consultative Assembly;
- (5) The National Assembly of the Women's League;
- (6) The National Assembly of the Youth League;
- (7) The Provincial Coordinating Committees;
- (8) The Provincial Executive Council;
- (9) The District Committees;
- (10) The Branch Committees;
- (11) The Cell/Village Committee.

(2) Women shall constitute at least one-third of the total membership of the principal organs of the Party referred to in Sections 22(3), 22(6), 22(7), 22(8), 22(9), 22(10) and 22(11).

ARTICLE 5

NATIONAL PEOPLES CONGRESS

23. There shall be a National People's Congress (hereinafter referred to as "Congress") which shall be the supreme organ of the Party and shall be composed of:-
- (1) members of the Central Committee;
 - (2) members of the National Consultative Assembly;
 - (3) members of the Women's League;
 - (4) members of the National Council of Youth League;
 - (5) members of the Provincial Coordinating Committees;
 - (6) members of the various Provincial Executive Councils; and
 - (7) unless otherwise directed by the Central Committee, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Political Commissar and Treasurer, two members from the Women's League and two members from the Youth League from every District Executive Council of the Party.

Powers and functions

24. Congress shall:-
- (1) be the supreme policy-making organ of the Party;
 - (2) elect the President and First Secretary;
 - (3) elect members of the Central Committee;
 - (4) formulate, pronounce and declare all policies of the Party;
 - (5) formulate and issue directives, rules and regulations to all organs of the Party;
 - (6) approve the financial statements of accounts;
 - (7) be the supreme and ultimate authority for the implementation and supervision of the policies, directives, rules, and regulations of the Party; and
 - (8) have the power and authority to amend the Party Constitution.

Convening of Congress

25. Congress shall convene in ordinary session once every five years and the following provisions shall apply:-
- (1) the Secretary for Administration shall be the Secretary of the Presidium;

- (2) the Secretary for Administration shall, at least, three months before the due date, send notices convening congress to all members, which notice shall state the date and venue of Congress;
- (3) resolutions and decisions of Congress other than Constitutional amendments shall be passed by a simple majority;
- (4) resolutions emanating from the constituent organs of congress for consideration at Congress shall be forwarded to the Secretary for Administration two months prior to the date of Congress;
- (5) the said resolutions shall be circulated to the said constituent organs of Congress at least fourteen days prior to the date of Congress;
- (6) there shall be a Presidium consisting of the President and First Secretary, two Vice Presidents and Second Secretaries and the National Chairperson, who shall preside over proceedings of Congress as directed by the President and First Secretary of the Party; provided that following a dissolution of the Central Committee immediately preceding the election of a new Central Committee in terms of Section 32 of this Constitution, the Presidium established under this section shall continue in office until the conclusion of the business of Congress.
- (7) the Central Committee shall formulate the necessary procedures for the execution of the business of Congress; and
- (8) half of the total membership of Congress shall form a quorum.

Extraordinary Congress

26. An extraordinary session of Congress may be convened—

- (1) whenever it is deemed necessary and at the instance of:-
 - (a) the majority of the members of the Central Committee; or
 - (b) the President and First Secretary, at the instance of not less than one third of members of the Central Committee; or
 - (c) the President and First Secretary, at the instance of at least five Provincial Executive Councils by resolutions to that effect;
- (2) in the event of a vacancy occurring in the Office of National President requiring the Party to nominate a successor, at the instance of the Secretary for Administration.

27. The President and First Secretary, on receipt of a resolution in terms of Section 26(1) requesting an extraordinary session of Congress, shall forward the same to the Secretary for Administration.
28. The Secretary for Administration shall, on receipt of the said resolution, give at least six weeks notice convening an extraordinary session of Congress.
29. The Central Committee shall formulate the necessary procedures for the execution of the business of the extraordinary session of the Congress.
30. The extraordinary session of Congress shall deliberate only on those matters for which it has been specifically convened.
31. Three-quarters of the members of Congress shall form a quorum for the convening of the extraordinary session.

ARTICLE 6

NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Composition

32. There shall be a National People's Conference (hereinafter called "the People's Conference") composed of:-
 - (1) Members of the Central Committee;
 - (2) Members of the National Consultative Assembly;
 - (3) Members of the National Council of the Women's League
 - (4) Members of the National Council of the Youth League;
 - (5) Members of the Provincial Coordinating Committees;
 - (6) Members of the Provincial Councils;
 - (7) Members of the District Executive Councils as may be determined by the Central Committee from time to time.

Powers and Functions of the National People's Conference

33. The powers and functions of the National People's Conference shall be:-
- (1) to receive and consider reports of the Central Committee on behalf of Congress;
 - (2) to co-ordinate and supervise the implementation of decisions and programmes of Congress by the Central Committee;
 - (3) to declare the President of the Party elected at Congress as the State Presidential Candidate of the Party;
 - (4) to exercise any such powers and authority as may be incidental thereto;
 - (5) to make resolutions for implementation by the Central Committee.

Sessions of the National People's Conference

34. The sessions of the People's Conference shall be:
- (1) convened once every year in ordinary sessions or at any time in special or extra ordinary session;
 - (2) conducted as laid down for Congress hereunder.

ARTICLE 7

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

35. There shall be a Central Committee which shall be the Principal organ of the Party in between Congress and shall consist of three hundred (300) members as follows:-
- (1) Four (4) members being:-
 - (a) President and First Secretary, nominated by at least two Provinces and elected nationally by Party members for his or her probity, integrity and commitment to the Party, its ideology, values, principles and policies;
 - (b) Two (2) Vice Presidents and Second Secretaries, appointed in accordance with the Unity Accord by the President and First Secretary for their skill, experience, probity, integrity and commitment to the Party, its ideology, values, principles and policies;
 - (c) The National Chairperson of the Party, appointed by the President and First Secretary for his or her skill, experience, probity, integrity and commitment to the Party, its ideology, values, principles and policies.

- (2) Ninety-four (94) members who shall be allocated to the Provinces in such a way and manner that each Province shall have a proportionate quota or number having regard to the results of the preceding General Election and/or e.s may be determined by the Central Committee from time to time:

Provided that the respective Provincial Coordinating Committees shall nominate the candidates in an equitable way, in such a way that each Administrative District shall have at least one member elected to the Central Committee.

- (3) One hundred (100) members allocated on equal basis to Provinces;
- (4) The Secretary for Women's League;
- (5) The Secretary for Youth Affairs;
- (6) Twenty (20) members representing the Women's League nominated by the League at the National Women's Conference;
- (7) Twenty (20) members representing the Youth League nominated by the National Youth Conference;
- (8) Ten (10) members nominated by the President and First Secretary on account of their outstanding contribution to either the armed liberation struggle of the country and/or its development after Independence;
- (9) Fifty (50) members who shall be women allocated to the Provinces in such a way and manner that each Province shall have five members.
- (10) For the avoidance of doubt, each Provincial Co-ordinating Committee shall act as the electoral college for the purpose of arriving at the nominations referred to on section 32(1).
- (11) The manner in which candidates shall be nominated by the Provincial Co-ordinating Committees in terms of section 32(2) and 32(3) shall be guided by rules and regulations determined by the Central Committee from time to time.

36. Any member of the Party other than Provincial Chairmen, who is elected or appointed a member of the Central Committee shall automatically cease to hold office in any subordinate organ of the Party. Where a vacancy occurs in the organ as a result of this provision, a by-election or co-option, as the case may be, shall be held or done to fill that vacancy.

Powers and Functions of the Central Committee

37. The Central Committee being the highest organ of the Party in-between Congress, and acting on behalf of Congress when Congress is not in session shall have full plenary unfettered powers to:-

- (1) make rules, regulations and procedures to govern the conduct of the Party and its members;
- (2) implement all policies, resolutions, directives, decisions and programmes enunciated by Congress;

- (3) give directions, supervise and superintend all the functions of the Central Government in relation to the programmes as enunciated by Congress,
- (4) set up Committees, Institutions, Commissions and Enterprises in the name and on behalf of the Party;
- (5) convene congress in ordinary and/or extraordinary session;
- (6) formulate the agenda, procedures and regulations for business of Congress;
- (7) meet once every three months in ordinary session or at any time in special or extraordinary sessions;
- (8) amend the Constitution, if deemed necessary, subject to ratification by Congress.

Sessions of Central Committee

38. The President and First Secretary of the Party or, in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents and Second Secretaries or the National Chairperson shall preside over the meeting of the Central Committee and at such a meeting;
- (1) decisions of the Central Committee shall be by simple majority; and
 - (2) a majority of the total membership shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE 8

THE POLITICAL BUREAU AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

39. There shall be a Political Bureau (hereafter referred to as "Politburo") which shall consist of the President and First Secretary of the Party, the two (2) Vice Presidents and Second Secretaries, the National Chairperson, the Heads of Departments and five (5) Committee Members appointed by the President and First Secretary under Section 40. The President and First Secretary may, at his or her discretion, appoint any or all of the Heads of Departments listed below. If in the opinion of the President and First Secretary it is desirable to create additional departments to the ones listed below, he shall at his discretion add such departments and appoint Heads to the departments so created.
- (1) The Secretary for Administration;
 - (2) The Secretary for Finance;
 - (3) The Secretary for Commissariat;
 - (4) The Secretary for External Relations;
 - (5) The Secretary for National Security;
 - (6) The Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare;
 - (7) The Secretary for Information and Publicity;

- (8) The Secretary for Legal Affairs;
- (9) The Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
- (10) The Secretary for Production and Labour;
- (11) The Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly;
- (12) The Secretary for Economic Affairs;
- (13) The Secretary for Women's League;
- (14) The Secretary for Youth Affairs;
- (15) The Secretary for Education;
- (16) The Secretary for Gender and Culture;
- (17) The Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons;
- (18) The Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement;
- (19) The Secretary for Science and Technology;
- (20) The Secretary for Business Liaison and Development;
- (21) The Secretary for Environment and Tourism.

Appointment of Members of the Politburo and the Deputy Heads of Departments

40. Soon after the election of the President and First Secretary and Members of the Central Committee, the President and First Secretary of the Party shall, during the sitting of the Congress, appoint from the newly elected Central Committee, two (2) Vice-Presidents and Second Secretaries, the National Chairperson, the Heads of Departments of the Politburo, the Committee Members of the Politburo and the Deputies to the Heads of Departments.
41. The Deputies to the Heads of Departments of the Politburo shall not sit in the Politburo.

Powers and functions of the Politburo

42. The Politburo shall be the executive committee of the Central Committee and shall have the following powers and functions:-
- (1) act as the administrative organ of the Central Committee;
 - (2) implement all decisions, directives, rules and regulations of the Central Committee;
 - (3) be answerable to the Central Committee on all matters;
 - (4) meet at least once a month in ordinary session;
 - (5) meet in special session as determined by the President and First Secretary.

Meetings and Sessions of Politburo

43. During the meetings and sessions of the Politburo:-

- (1) the President and First Secretary shall preside over the meeting of the Politburo provided that, in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents and Second Secretaries shall preside;
- (2) decisions of the Politburo shall be by simple majority;
- (3) the President and First Secretary or Chairperson shall have a casting vote;
- (4) two-thirds of the total membership of the Politburo shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 9

FUNCTIONS OF MEMBERS OF POLITBURO

President and First Secretary of the Party

44. There shall be a President and First Secretary who shall be the Head of the Party.

Functions of President and First Secretary

45. The President and First Secretary shall:-

- (1) be the chief exponent and defender of the party, its Constitution, policies, leadership and disciplinary principles;
- (2) report to the Central Committee on behalf of the Politburo;
- (3) report to the National People's Congress and the National People's Conference on behalf of the Central Committee.

Two Vice Presidents and Second Secretaries

46. There shall be two Vice Presidents and Second Secretaries of the Party whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to deputise and exercise any or some of the functions of the President and First Secretary in his or her absence or at his or her request;
- (2) to carry out any other functions as may be assigned to them by the President and First Secretary.

The National Chairperson

47. There shall be a National Chairperson whose main functions shall be to preside over:-

- (1) the National People's Congress convened in terms of Article 5 Section 25;
- (2) the extraordinary session of the National People's Congress convened in terms of Article 5 section 26;
- (3) the National People's Conference convened in terms of Article 6 section 34;
- (4) the extraordinary session of the National People's Conference convened in terms of Article 6 section 34;
- (5) the National Consultative Assembly;
- (6) the National Conference of the Women's League;
- (7) the National Conference of the Youth League;
- (8) the National Disciplinary Committee; and
- (9) to perform any other functions assigned to him or her by the President and First Secretary.

Secretary for Administration

48. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for administration shall be:-

- (1) to act as the Secretary to the National People's Congress, the National People's Conference, the Central Committee, the National Consultative Assembly and the Politburo;
- (2) to act as the Secretary of the National People's Congress, the National People's Conference, the Central Committee, the National Consultative Assembly and the Politburo and maintain "minutes of the above as well as minutes of the Youth and Women's Conferences;
- (3) to conduct and receive all general party correspondence relating to the Administration of the Party;
- (4) to supervise and coordinate the efficient administration of the Party;
- (5) to be the depository for Party records.

Secretary for Finance

49. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Finance shall be:-

- (1) to raise funds and mobilize resources for the Party;
- (2) to establish commercial and industrial undertakings in collaboration with the Secretaries for Production and Labour, Economic Affairs and Business Liaison and Development;
- (3) to receive and deposit all Party funds in a bank account and disburse the same in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Party;
- (4) to acquire assets for the Party;
- (5) to keep financial accounts and records of all moveable and immovable property of the Party;
- (6) to prepare and submit to the Central Committee, once a year, financial statements relating to the assets and liabilities of the Party; and
- (7) to submit to the Central Committee at the end of the financial year externally audited accounts in respect of the finances, assets and liabilities of the Party.

Secretary for Commissariat

50. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Commissariat shall be:-

- (1) to coordinate programs of the party at Provincial, District and Branch Levels;
- (2) to maintain records relating to organs and membership of the Party;
- (3) to formulate strategies for the implementation of the Party's Political programme;
- (4) to be the Chairperson of the Political and Policy Committee of the Central Committee;
- (5) to establish, maintain and administer Party ideological schools, colleges or other training institutions for the Party.

Secretary for External Relations

51. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for External Relations shall be:-

- (1) to establish, promote and maintain friendly relations with all progressive political parties, associations or organisations and movements throughout the world;
- (2) to foster stronger relations between the Party and international institutions whose ideals coincide with those of the Party;

- (3) to strengthen regional harmony built around former liberation movements but also taking into account other progressive political parties.

Secretary for National Security

52. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for National Security shall be:-

- (1) to be the Chief Security Officer for the Party;
- (2) to carry out such national security duties as the Party may direct;
- (3) to be the Chairperson of the National Security Committee of the Central Committee.

Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare

53. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare shall be:-

- (1) to formulate Party policy and programmes on Social Welfare;
- (2) to administer and maintain the Party's transport fleet;
- (3) to prepare and maintain records relating to the transport fleet of the Party;
- (4) to attend to the welfare needs of members of the Party; including amongst others, War Veterans, War Collaborators, Ex-detainees, Widows and Widowers of heroes and heroines of the liberation struggle and retired members.

Secretary for Information and Publicity

54. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Information and Publicity shall be:-

- (1) to be the chief Information and Publicity Officer of the Party;
- (2) to organise and arrange the publicity of the policies and activities of the Party;
- (3) to coordinate all activities relating to publicity carried out by organs of the Party at National, Provincial, District, and Branch Levels;
- (4) to be Chief Editor of the Party publications including newspapers, bulletins, newsletters and other forms of mass communication;
- (5) to undertake and sustain a nationwide programme for the dissemination of Party policies, programmes and other information relating to the activities of the Party.

Secretary for Legal Affairs

55. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Legal Affairs shall be:-

- (1) to be the Chief Legal Adviser to the Party on all legal and constitutional matters;
- (2) to be the Chairperson of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Central Committee;
- (3) where appropriate, to represent the Party and its members in the courts of law.

Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment

56. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment shall be:-

- (1) to design and implement programmes and activities for indigenisation of the economy and economic empowerment of the previously economically discriminated and disadvantaged black majority;
- (2) to liaise and coordinate with groups and individuals, Non-Governmental Organisations, Government agencies whose responsibility, role and function is to deal with the issues of indigenisation and economic empowerment of the previously economically discriminated and disadvantaged black majority, in particular Women, Youth and the Disabled groups.

Secretary for Production and Labour

57. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Production and Labour shall be:-

- (1) to establish co-operatives, commercial farms, estates and other productive undertakings of the Party;
- (2) to liaise and coordinate with agencies of Government responsible for production and labour;
- (3) to be the Chairperson of the Production and Labour Committee of the Central Committee;
- (4) to liaise and coordinate with agencies of Government and Non-Governmental Organisations in matters of employment;
- (5) to liaise with labour organisations and unions affiliated to the Party.

Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly

58. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly shall be:-

- (1) to promote health throughout Zimbabwe;
- (2) to promote and implement the Party's policy on the welfare of children;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Government and Non-Governmental Agencies responsible for matters relating to health and child welfare.

Secretary for Economic Affairs

59. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Economic Affairs shall be:-

- (1) to formulate economic strategies for co-ordinated development; and
- (2) to be the Chairperson of the Economic Committee of the Central Committee.

Secretary for Women's League

60. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Women's League shall be :-

- (1) to be the head of the Women's League;
- (2) to formulate and implement programmes for the general education of women, designed to enhance the process of transformation and liberation of women from the bondages of illiteracy, ignorance and suppressive or oppressive customs and traditions;
- (3) to promote and sustain the role of the Women's League in relation to the organisation and administration of women's associations and other popular and progressive women's organisations;
- (4) to foster the unity and harmony of all women's associates and organisations in Zimbabwe;
- (5) to promote self-reliance in the implementation of development programmes among women in Zimbabwe;
- (6) in consultation with the Secretary for External Relations to establish, promote and maintain relations with all women's international groups whose aims and objectives are not inconsistent with those of the Party;
- (7) to preside over the sessions of the National Assembly and National Executive Council of the Women's League.

Secretary for Youth Affairs

61. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Youth Affairs shall be:-

- (1) to be the Head of the Youth League;
- (2) to direct and supervise the affairs of the Youth League;
- (3) to preside over the sessions of the National Assembly and National Council of the Youth League;
- (4) to establish production projects to be implemented by the youth in co-operation and coordination with agencies of Government responsible for production;
- (5) to co-ordinate the promotion of National Youth Service programmes with Government;
- (6) to foster the unity and harmony of all youth associations and organisations in Zimbabwe;
- (7) in consultation with the Secretary for External Relations, to establish, promote and maintain relations with all youth international groups whose aims and objectives are not inconsistent with those of the Party.

Secretary for Education

62. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Education shall be:

- (1) to promote educational policy, opportunities and programmes for Government;
- (2) to co-ordinate with Government in organising manpower development programmes;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to education.

Secretary for Gender and Culture

63. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Gender and Culture shall be:-

- (1) to ensure that the issues of gender balance and equity are addressed and incorporated in all economic and social spheres of the party and society;
- (2) to ensure that Zimbabwe culture in its diversity is addressed by the Party in all spheres of life and activities;
- (3) to liaise and coordinate with Government agencies, community groups and Non-Governmental organisations, responsible for gender and culture.

Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons

64. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons shall be:-

- (1) to draw up programmes and activities promoting the welfare of the disabled and disadvantaged persons;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with Government agencies, community groups and Non-Governmental Organisations responsible for the welfare of the disabled and disadvantaged persons.

Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement

65. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement shall be:-

- (1) to formulate strategies that ensure equitable redistribution of land;
- (2) to work in close consultation and coordination with Government agencies; responsible for matters relating to Land Reform and Resettlement Programmes.

Secretary for Science and Technology

66. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Science and Technology shall be:-
- (1) to promote policy for advancement in science and technology;
 - (2) to identify science and technology projects as a vehicle for achieving economic growth and prosperity;
 - (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to science and technology.

Secretary for Business Development and Liaison

67. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Business Development and Liaison shall be:-
- (1) to identify and promote business opportunities;
 - (2) to ensure that members are assisted to have a stake in local and internationally linked business;
 - (3) to ensure development and growth in all the existing and new Party businesses;
 - (4) to facilitate the establishment of joint ventures and other forms of business between Party members and other businesses from within and outside the country.

Secretary for Environment and Tourism

68. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Environment and Tourism shall be:-
- (1) to promote a clean, safe and healthy environment for the benefit of all citizens;
 - (2) to promote tourism, including township tourism, eco-tourism, among others;
 - (3) to promote sustainable use of the environment.

ARTICLE 10

NATIONAL AND SUBORDINATE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEES

69. There shall be established a National Disciplinary Committee of the Central Committee which have jurisdiction of first instance, appeal and review, comprising:
- (1) the Party National Chairperson who shall be chairperson of the committee;
 - (2) four other members of the Central Committee appointed by the President and First Secretary for their ability, probity and integrity.

70. The National Disciplinary Committee may confirm, amend or reverse the decision of any lower disciplinary committee and may direct that any disciplinary proceedings shall be transferred to it without being completed or commenced by any subordinate Disciplinary Committee.
71. The National Disciplinary Committee shall conduct hearings informally but having proper regard to the principles of natural justice.
72. The National Disciplinary Committee shall submit a report to the Central Committee on each case so adjudicated.
73. The report shall include a summary of the evidence, the conclusion reached and penalty imposed, if any.
74. The Central Committee may, on appeal or review, confirm, amend or reverse the decision of the National Disciplinary Committee.
75. A member shall have the right to be assisted or represented in the conduct of his or her case by any member of his or her own choice.

Ad Hoc Appeals Committee of Congress

76. During the sitting of Congress:

- (1) Congress may create an Ad Hoc Appeals Committee to determine any appeals against the determination of the National Disciplinary Committee and any determination of the Central Committee itself.
- (2) The Ad Hoc Appeals Committee shall be composed of the following members :-
 - (a) two from the Legal Affairs Committee, who are legally qualified where possible;
 - (b) one from the Department of the Commissariat;
 - (c) one from the National Disciplinary Committee;

- (d) one from the Department of National Security;
- (e) one from the Women's League and;
- (f) one from the Youth League;
- (g) one of the Vice Presidents and Second Secretaries who shall chair the Ad Hoc Appeals Committee of the Congress.

Provincial, District and Branch Disciplinary Committees

77. There shall be established Disciplinary Committees at the Branch, District and Provincial levels of the Party whose composition shall be as follows:-

- (1) the Vice Chairperson of the Branch, District or Province who shall be Chairperson of the Committee respectively;
- (2) the Political Commissar;
- (3) three other members of the Branch, District or Province appointed by Branch, District or Provincial Committees as the case may be, for their ability, probity and integrity.

78. All Disciplinary Committees of the Party shall conduct their hearings informally, but having proper regard to the principles of natural justice.

79. (1) Any member of the Party against whom disciplinary action is intended to be taken shall first be issued with a prohibition order and notice of charges in writing, for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days in respect of the Branch and District and twenty-one (21) days in respect of the Province. The notice of charges shall state the charges and the date and venue of the hearing of the case by the appropriate disciplinary organ. The notice shall also inform the member being charged of his constitutional rights under Article 10 Section 75.
- (2) After the hearing of the matter, each respective disciplinary Committee shall hand down its decision in writing:

Provided that the Prohibition Order against any member shall cease if the hearing does not take place as provided under this section unless for good cause, an extension of time has been sought from the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee of the next superior organ, before the time stipulated in the Constitution has elapsed.

- (3) The Branch Chairperson shall submit all reports of disciplinary matters to the District Chairperson and the District Chairperson shall submit all reports of the disciplinary matters to the Province which in turn shall submit same whether appealed against or not to the National Disciplinary Committee. The Provincial Chairperson shall submit all records of disciplinary proceedings from the Branch, District, and itself immediately to the National Chairperson, who shall submit same to the Central Committee. In all cases, the record shall consist of the following:
- (a) Prohibition Order and Notice of Charges;
 - (b) Record of hearing;
 - (c) Reasons for the decision;
 - (d) Notice of Appeal;
 - (e) Any other relevant document or exhibit.

80. Any member of the Party who has been found guilty of any disciplinary offences prescribed by the Constitution, rules and regulations shall be liable to any one or more of the following punishments:-

- (1) Oral reprimand;
- (2) Written reprimand;
- (3) A fine;
- (4) Suspension or removal from holding any of the offices in the Party;
- (5) Expulsion from membership of the Party.

81. Where the member has lodged his appeal timeously and the Appeals Committee has failed, without good cause to hear the appeal, the charges shall fall away and may not be revived without the sanction of the next superior organ:

Provided that it shall not be competent for inferior Disciplinary Committees of the Party to expel a member save only that they may, where deemed appropriate, recommend to the National Disciplinary Committee the expulsion of any member found guilty of a serious offence.

82. For the avoidance of doubt only the National Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to expel a member from the Party.

Appeals from decisions of Disciplinary Committees at Branch and District levels

83. In the case of appeals, the following provisions shall apply:-

- (1) any appeal against the decision of the Branch or District Disciplinary Committee in respect of minor offences attracting punishment provided for in

subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section 80 shall lie to the District Committee or Provincial Disciplinary Committee, as the case maybe. In all cases referred to under subsection (1), (2) and (3) of section 80, and subject to section 70 of Article 10, the decision of the Provincial Disciplinary Committee shall be final;

- (2) save as provided under Section 80 above, in all serious offences attracting punishment provided for under subsection (4) and recommendation for the expulsion from membership of the Party as provided under Subsection (5) of Section 80, appeals from the Branch Disciplinary Committee shall lie to the Provincial Disciplinary Committee and only appeals from the Provincial Disciplinary Committee shall lie to the National Disciplinary Committee of the Central Committee;
- (3) appeals from the decisions of the National Disciplinary Committee shall lie in the first instance to the Central Committee and thereafter to the Ad Hoc Appeals Committee of Congress whose decisions shall be final;
- (4) any appeal against the decision of a lower Disciplinary Committee shall be lodged with the Chairperson of the immediate higher Disciplinary Committee within fourteen days of the decision of the lower Disciplinary Committee and such an appeal shall be heard and disposed of by such higher Disciplinary Committee within thirty days of the noting of the Appeal;
- (5) any appeal against the decision of the Provincial Disciplinary Committee, shall be lodged with the Chairperson of the National Disciplinary Committee within sixty days of the decision of the Provincial Disciplinary Committee and such appeal shall be heard and disposed of by the National Disciplinary Committee within 90 days of noting of the appeal.

ARTICLE 11

NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Membership of National Consultative Assembly

84. There shall be a National Consultative Assembly of the Party comprising:-

- (1) Members of the Central Committee;
- (2) Members of the National Assembly of the Women's League and their Deputies;
- (3) Members of the National Assembly of the Youth League and their Deputies;
- (4) Members of the ten Provincial Executive Councils;
- (5) Such other members designated by the Central Committee on account of their contribution to the liberation struggle or development of the country after Independence;
- (6) Former members of the Central Committee.

Powers and Functions

85. The powers and functions of the National Consultative Assembly shall be:-

- (1) to receive, hear and debate any major matters of policy as the President and First Secretary or the Central Committee shall from time to time determine;
- (2) to make recommendations to the Central Committee on any matter of policy relating to the Party or Government.

Sessions of the National Consultative Assembly

86. The President and First Secretary, at the instance of the Central Committee shall cause to be convened the National Consultative Assembly at least twice a year.

ARTICLE 12

THE PROVINCE

Provincial Coordinating Committee

87. There shall be a Provincial Co-ordinating Committee composed of:-

- (a) The Provincial Executive Council;
- (b) Members of the Politburo in the Province;
- (c) Members of Central Committee in the Province;
- (d) Members of the National Consultative Assembly in the Province;
- (e) Members of the National Executive of the Women's League;
- (f) Members of the National Executive of the Youth League;
- (g) Chairpersons of the War Veterans, ZEPEDRA, and ZILIWACO;
- (h) The Provincial Executive Committee of the Women's League;
- (i) The Provincial Executive Committee of the Youth League;
- (j) Party Members of Parliament from the Province;

Powers and Functions

88. (1) The Provincial Co-ordinating Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Province and shall meet once every three months or as the situation may demand from time to time at the instance of either the Chairperson, the Provincial Executive Council, or at least one third of the members of the Central Committee and the National Consultative Assembly in the Province.

- (2) The functions of the Provincial Coordinating Committee shall be:-
- (a) to act as the Elections Directorate of the Province;
 - (b) to monitor and recommend any political or development programmes and initiatives in the Province;
 - © to foster an integrated approach to provincial issues between Party, Government and non-governmental organisations.

The Joint Provincial Council

89. There shall be a Joint Provincial Council in each Province composed of:-
- (1) The Provincial Executive Council of the Party;
 - (2) The Provincial Executive Committee of the Women's League;
 - (3) The Provincial Executive Committee of the Youth League.
90. The main functions of the Joint Provincial Council shall be to co-ordinate the affairs of the three wings of the Party within the Province.
91. The Joint Provincial Council shall meet at least twice a year.
92. The Provincial Chairperson shall preside over the deliberations of the Joint Provincial Council.
93. A majority of the total membership of the Joint Provincial Council shall form a quorum.

The Provincial Executive Council

94. There shall be a Provincial Executive Council for each Province which shall consist of fifty (50) members as follows:-
- (1) The Chairperson;
 - (2) The Vice Chairperson;
 - (3) The Secretary for Administration;
 - (4) The Secretary for Finance;
 - (5) The Secretary for Commissariat;
 - (6) The Secretary for Security;
 - (7) The Secretary for Transport and Social welfare;
 - (8) The Secretary for Information and Publicity;

- (9) The Secretary for Legal Affairs;
- (10) The Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
- (11) The Secretary for Production and Labour;
- (12) The Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly;
- (13) The Secretary for Economic Affairs;
- (14) The Secretary for Education;
- (15) The Secretary for Gender and Culture;
- (16) The Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and the Disadvantaged persons;
- (17) The Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement;
- (18) The Secretary for Science and Technology;
- (19) The Secretary for Business Development and Liaison;
- (20) The Secretary for Environment and Tourism;
- (21) The (2) Committee members;
- (22) Five (5) members being the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Commissar of the Provincial Women's League;
- (23) Five (5) members being the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Commissar of the Provincial Youth League;
- (24) Eighteen (18) Vice Secretaries for offices listed in sub-sections (3) to (20) above.

95. Members of the Provincial Executive Council shall be elected for a maximum period of four years at a Provincial Conference specially convened for the purpose by delegates representing each of the Party Districts in the Province.

96. Any person holding executive office in the lower organs of the Party, namely the Branch or District Executive Committee and who is elected member of the Provincial Executive Council shall, on being so elected, automatically cease to be an executive member of the Branch or District Executive Committee, as the case may be.

97. The number of delegates from each District to the Provincial Conference shall be determined from time to time by the Central Committee.

98. The Provincial Executive Council shall hold the Provincial Conference at least 12 months before Congress.

99. A majority of the membership of the Provincial Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.

Powers and Functions

100. (1) The Provincial Executive Council shall be responsible for:-
- (a) the implementation of the Party decisions, directives, rules and regulations;
 - (b) the organisation, formulation and coordination of Party activities in the Province; and
 - (c) the organisation of public meetings and provincial rallies of the Party.
- (2) The Provincial Executive Council shall meet at least once every month.
101. Each of the Provincial Heads of Departments shall exercise the functions specified in relations to their office.

Provincial Chairperson

102. (1) The Provincial Chairperson shall be the Head of the Political and Administrative Department for the Province and his or her main functions and responsibilities shall be:-
- (a) to preside over meetings of the Provincial Executive Council, the Provincial Co-ordinating Committee, the Joint Provincial Council the Provincial Inter-District Conference;
 - (b) to prepare periodic and annual reports on the Province and submit those reports to the Secretary for Administration of the Party;
 - (c) to attend Central Committee meetings as an ex-officio member.
- (2) There shall be a Vice Chairperson to deputise the Chairperson.

Provincial Secretary for Administration

103. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Administration whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-
- (1) to keep and maintain minutes of all meetings of the Provincial Executive Council, the Provincial Co-ordinating Committee, the Joint Provincial Council and Provincial Inter-District Conference;
 - (2) to receive and conduct general correspondence relating to the overall administration in the Province; and
 - (3) to supervise the efficient administration of the Province.

Provincial Secretary for Finance

104. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Finance whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to raise funds and mobilise other resources in the Province;
- (2) to receive funds and deposit all funds in a bank account of the Party in accordance with the directive of the Secretary for Finance of the Party;
- (3) to keep accounts and records of all the financial transactions in the Province;
- (4) to prepare and submit to the Province reports relating to the assets and liabilities of the Province once every year or as may be directed by the Secretary for Finance of the Party.

Provincial Secretary for Commissariat

105. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Commissariat whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:

- (1) to organise and supervise the activities of Branch Executive Committees and District Executive Committees;
- (2) to prepare and maintain records relating to membership of the Party in the Province;
- (3) to prepare reports to the National Secretary for Commissariat as often as may be directed.

Provincial Secretary for Security

106. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Security whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to carry out such provincial security duties as the Party may direct;
- (2) to liaise with the Secretary for National Security in matters affecting security in the Province;
- (3) to carry out such provincial security duties as the party may direct.

Provincial Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare

107. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to maintain and supervise the use of the Party's transport fleet in the Province;
- (2) to implement the Party's programmes of welfare within the province including the care of the elderly.

Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity

108. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to be the Chief Information and Publicity Officer for the Party in the Province;
- (2) to undertake and sustain a programme for the dissemination of information relating to the activities or other programmes of the Party in the Province.

Provincial Secretary for Legal Affairs

109. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Legal Affairs whose main function and responsibilities shall be to advise the province on all legal and constitutional matters.

Provincial Secretary for Production and Labour

110. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Production and Labour whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-
- (1) to establish business ventures and other productive undertakings the province;
 - (2) to promote, foster and encourage self-reliance and production among members in the Province.

Provincial Secretary for Health and Child Welfare

111. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Health and Child Welfare whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-
- (1) to implement and promote the Party's national programme for the Health and Welfare of the Children;
 - (2) to promote primary health care throughout the Province;
 - (3) to work in close consultation and co-ordinating with Government agencies responsible for matters relating to health;
 - (4) to enhance and promote the education of members generally on matters of the health affecting them and their dependants.

Provincial Secretary for Economic Affairs

112. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Economic Affairs whose main functions and responsibilities shall be to formulate economic strategies for co-ordinated development in the Province.

Provincial Secretary for Education

113. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Education whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-
- (1) to promote educational policy, opportunities and programmes for Government;
 - (2) to co-ordinate with Government in organising manpower development programmes;

- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to education.

Provincial Secretary for Gender and Culture

114. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Gender and Culture whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to ensure that the issues of gender balance and equity are addressed and incorporated in all economic and social spheres of the Party and society;
- (2) to ensure that Zimbabwean culture is addressed by the Party in all spheres of life and activities;
- (3) to liaise and co-ordinate with community groups, NGOs and Government agencies responsible for gender and culture.

Provincial Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged persons

115. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged persons whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to draw up programmes and activities promoting the welfare of the disabled and disadvantaged persons;
- (2) to liaise and coordinate with community groups, non-governmental organisations and government agencies responsible for the welfare of the disabled and disadvantaged persons.

Provincial Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement

116. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to formulate strategies that ensure equitable redistribution of land;
- (2) to work in close consultation and coordination with government agencies responsible for matters relating to the Land Reform and Resettlement Programmes.

Provincial Secretary for Science and Technology

117. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Science and Technology shall be:-

- (1) to promote policy for advancement in science and technology;
- (2) to identify science and technology projects as a vehicle for achieving economic growth and prosperity;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to science and technology.

Provincial Secretary for Business Development and Liaison

118. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Business Development and Liaison shall be:-

- (1) to identify and promote business opportunities;
- (2) to ensure that members are assisted to have a stake in local and internationally linked business;
- (3) to ensure development and growth in all the existing and new Party businesses;
- (4) to facilitate the establishment of joint ventures and other forms of business between Party members and other businesses from within and outside the country.

Provincial Secretary for Environment and Tourism

119. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Environment and Tourism shall be:-

- (1) to promote a clean, safe and healthy environment for the benefit of all citizens;
- (2) to promote tourism, including township tourism, eco-tourism, among others;
- (3) to promote sustainable use of the environment.

The Provincial Inter-District Conference

120. There shall be a Provincial Inter-District Conference which shall meet at least twice a year for purposes of reviewing Party programmes and projects in the province to discuss any other matters referred to it by the Central Committee.

121. The Provincial Inter-District Conference to be chaired by the Provincial Chairperson shall consist of:-

- (1) the Joint Provincial Council, and other members of the Provincial Coordination Committee; and

- (2) such number of delegates from the Party Districts as determined by the Central Committee from time to time.

ARTICLE 13

THE DISTRICT

122. There shall be a District Executive Committee for each District of the Province which shall consist of all Branches within the District.
123. Members of the District Executive Committees shall be elected to hold office for a maximum period of three years at a District Conference specially convened for the purpose by delegates representing each of the Branches in the District.
124. The District Executive Council shall consist of forty-seven (47) members constituted as follows:-
 - (1) The Chairperson;
 - (2) Vice Chairperson;
 - (3) The Secretary for Administration;
 - (4) The Secretary for Finance;
 - (5) The Secretary for Commissariat;
 - (6) The Secretary for Security;
 - (7) The Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare;
 - (8) The Secretary for Information and Publicity;
 - (9) The Secretary for Legal Affairs;
 - (10) The Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
 - (11) The Secretary for Production and Labour;
 - (12) The Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly;
 - (13) The Secretary for Economic Affairs;
 - (14) The Secretary for Education;
 - (15) The Secretary for Gender and Culture;
 - (16) The Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons;
 - (17) The Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement;
 - (18) The Secretary for Science and Technology;
 - (19) The Secretary for Business Liaison and Development;
 - (20) The Secretary for Environment and Tourism;
 - (21) Two (2) Committee members;
 - (22) Five (5) members being the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary,

Secretary for Finance and Secretary for Commissariat of the District Women's League;

- (20) Five (5) members being the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Secretary for Finance and Secretary for Commissariat of the District Youth League;
- (23) Fifteen (18) Vice Secretaries for posts referred to in sub-sections (3) to (20) above.

125. Any member holding an executive Office in the branch who is elected a member of the District Executive Committee shall, on being so elected, automatically cease to be an executive member of the Branch Committee.
126. The number of delegates from each Branch to the District Conference shall be determined by the Central committee from time to time.
127. The District Executive Committee shall hold the District conference at least 12 months before the Provincial Conference.
128. The District Executive Council shall meet at least once every month.
129. A majority of the membership of the District Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.
130. There shall be a District Inter-Branch meeting at least twice a year for purposes of reviewing Party programmes and projects or discuss any other matters to it by the District Co-ordinating Committee and the Provincial Executive Council.

ARTICLE 14

THE BRANCH

131. There shall be a Branch Executive Committee for each Branch in the Province.
132. Members of the Branch Executive Committee shall be elected to hold office for a maximum period of two years at a Branch Conference specially convened for the purpose by such number of delegates representing each of the Cells/Village in the Branch as may be determined by the Central Committee from time to time.

133. The Branch Executive Committee shall consist of forty-seven (47) members constituted as follows:-
- (1) The Chairperson;
 - (2) The Vice Chairperson;
 - (3) The Secretary for Administration;
 - (4) The Secretary for Finance;
 - (5) The Secretary for Commissariat;
 - (6) The Secretary for Security;
 - (7) The Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare;
 - (8) The Secretary for Information and Publicity;
 - (9) The Secretary for Legal Affairs;
 - (10) The Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
 - (11) The Secretary for Production and Labour;
 - (12) The Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly;
 - (13) The Secretary for Economic Affairs;
 - (14) The Secretary for Education;
 - (15) The Secretary for Gender and Culture;
 - (16) The Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons;
 - (17) The Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement;
 - (18) The Secretary for Science and Technology;
 - (19) The Secretary for Business Liaison and Development;
 - (20) The Secretary for Environment and Tourism;
 - (18) Two (2) Committee members;
 - (19) Five (5) members being the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Secretary for Finance and Secretary for Commissariat of the Branch's Women's League;
 - (20) Five (5) members being the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Secretary for Finance and Secretary for Commissariat of the Branch's Youth League;
 - (21) Fifteen (15) Vice Secretaries for posts referred to in subsections (3) to (20).
134. Any person holding an executive office in the Cell or Village Committee, who is elected a member of the Branch Executive Committee shall, on being so elected, automatically cease to be an executive member of the Cell or Village Committee.
135. The number of delegates from each Cell or Village to the Branch Conference shall be determined by the Central Committee from time to time.
136. The Branch Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.

137. In order to become a member, a person shall make application:-
- (1) to the local Branch nearest to the place where he is ordinarily resident or working,
 - (2) directly to the Secretary for Administration in exceptional circumstances.
138. A majority of the membership of the Branch Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
139. The Branch Executive Committee shall hold office for a term of two years.

ARTICLE 15

THE CELL OR VILLAGE COMMITTEE

140. There shall be ten (10) Cell Committees (Urban Areas) or ten (10) village Committees (Rural Areas) in every Branch.
141. A Cell or Village shall consist of such number of members as may be determined by the Central Committee from time to time.
142. Members of the Cell or Village shall elect seven members each for the Main Wing, Women's League and Youth League to constitute a Cell or Village Committee as the case may be as follows:-
- (1) The Chairperson;
 - (2) The Secretary;
 - (3) The Treasurer;
 - (4) The Political Commissar;
 - (5) The Secretary for Security, and
 - (6) The two (2) Committee members.
143. Members of the Cell/Village Committee shall hold office for a period of one year.

CHAPTER TWO

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

ARTICLE 16

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES/MEMBERSHIP

144. There is hereby constituted and established the Women's Wing as a constituent component and integral part of the Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front and the Women's Wing shall be known as the Women's League.

Aims and Objectives

145.(1) The aims and objectives of the Women's League shall be the same as those set out in Article 2 of this Constitution and, in addition, it shall be the duty of the Women's League:-

- (i) to mobilise the women of Zimbabwe in support of the Party;
- (ii) to defend, promote the rights of women and remove customs and attitudes that oppress and suppress women;
- (iii) to promote the education and adult literacy of women;
- (iv) to achieve for women equality of opportunity in employment and education and in society generally;
- (v) to promote the dignity of women as mothers and as custodians of what is good in the national cultural heritage;
- (vi) to promote and protect the rights of children;
- (vii) to foster solidarity with progressive women's organisations and groups in Zimbabwe and internationally.

(2) In carrying out their functions and responsibilities, members of the Women's League have a right to convene meetings and implement their programs without interference as authorised by the Central Committee.

Membership

146. Every woman who has attained the age of 18 years and who is a member of the Party shall be entitled to membership of the Women's League through her Branch Executive Committee;
147. Every woman who is a fully paid up member of the Women's League shall be entitled to be issued with a membership card of the Women's League.

ARTICLE 17

ORGANS AND STRUCTURES OF THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

148. The Women's League shall consist of the following organs:-
 - (1) The National Conference;
 - (2) The National Assembly;
 - (3) The National Executive Council;
 - (4) The Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (5) The District Executive Committee;
 - (6) The Branch Executive Committee; and
 - (7) The Cell/Village Committee.

National Conference

149. There shall be a National Conference which, subject to the overriding authority of the Central Committee of the Party, shall be the principal organ of the Women's League responsible for all matters of policy and shall be governed by the following provisions :-
 - (1) The National Conference shall be composed of:-
 - (a) members of the Provincial Executive Committee of each Province;
 - (b) such number of members from every District as the Central Committee may determine from time to time.
 - (2) The National Conference shall have exclusive powers and authority to elect members of the National Executive Committee who shall be heads of departments.
 - (3) The National Conference may convene in extraordinary session at the instance

of the Central Committee in consultation with the National Executive Council of the Women's League;

- (4) More than half the total membership of the National Conference shall form a quorum.

National Assembly

150. There shall be a National Assembly which shall be the principal deliberative organ of the Women's League on matters of policy and the following provisions shall govern operations:-

(1) The National Assembly shall be composed of:-

- (a) Heads of Departments of the National Executive Committee;
- (b) Deputy Heads of Departments of the National Executive Committee;
- (c) Heads of Departments of the Provincial Executive Committees;
- (d) the fifty Women's Quota in the Central Committee.

(2) The main functions and responsibilities of the National Assembly shall be:—

- (a) to issue directives to all organs of the Women's League;
- (b) to supervise the implementation of the policies and directives of the Party;
- (c) to approve reports, including reports of the accounts and other financial affairs.

(3) More than half the total membership of the National Assembly shall form a quorum.

National Executive Council

151. (1) There shall be a National Executive Council which, subject to the overriding authority of the Central Committee of the Party shall be the principal organ for the implementation of the policies of the Party and the administration of the affairs of the Women's League.

(2) The National Executive Council shall be constituted by:—

- (i) The Secretary for Women's League;
- (ii) Other Secretaries and Deputies as provided for hereunder;
- (iii) Chairpersons of Provincial Executive Committees of the Women's League who shall be ex officio members.

(3) The National Executive Council shall convene in ordinary session once every two months.

- (4) The National Executive Council shall have a quorum of more than half of the total membership.
- (5) The National Executive Council may convene in extraordinary session at any time with a quorum of more than half of the total membership.

Principal Officers

152. The Principal Officers of the Women's League shall be:—

- (1) The Secretary for Women's League;
- (2) The Deputy Secretary for Women's League;
- (3) The Secretary for Administration;
- (4) The Secretary for Finance;
- (5) The Secretary for Commissariat;
- (6) The Secretary for External Relations;
- (7) The Secretary for Security;
- (8) The Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare;
- (9) The Secretary for Information and Publicity;
- (10) The Secretary for Legal Affairs and Women's Rights;
- (11) The Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
- (12) The Secretary for Production and Labour;
- (13) The Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly;
- (14) The Secretary for Economic Affairs;
- (15) The Secretary for Education;
- (16) The Secretary for Gender and Culture;
- (17) The Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons;
- (18) The Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement;
- (19) The Secretary for Science and Technology;
- (20) The Secretary for Business Development and Liaison;
- (21) The Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
- (22) The Secretary for Environment and Tourism;
- (23) Deputies to officers referred to in subsections (3) to (22).

Secretary for Women's League

153. There shall be a Secretary for Women's League whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to head the Women's League;
- (2) to preside over sessions of the National Assembly and the National Executive Council of the Women's League;
- (3) to promote and defend the aims and objectives of the Women's League as stated in Section 145
- (4) to promote and sustain the role of the Women's League in relation to the organisation and administration of women's associations and other progressive organisations so as to foster unity and harmony of all women's associations and organisations in Zimbabwe;
- (5) to establish and maintain relations with international organisations, institutions and solidarity groups whose aims and objectives are consistent with those of the Women's League, in consultation with the Secretary for External Relations.

The Deputy Secretary for Women's League

154. There shall be a Deputy Secretary for Women's League whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to deputise in the absence of the Secretary for Women's League or at her direction;
- (2) to exercise any powers and functions of the Secretary for Women's League at her direction.

Secretary for Administration

155. There shall be a Secretary for Administration whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to conduct and receive all general correspondence relating to overall administration of the Women's League;
- (2) to be the Secretary of the National Conference, the National Assembly and the National Executive Council;

- (3) to maintain minutes of sessions of the National Conference, the National Assembly and the National Executive Council and other records relating thereto;
- (4) to supervise, direct and coordinate the efficient administration of the Women's League.

Secretary for Finance

156. There shall be a Secretary for Finance whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to raise funds and mobilise resources for the Women's League;
- (2) subject to the Party's financial rules and regulations and supervision by the Secretary for Finance of the Party, to receive and deposit all such funds in a bank account;
- (3) to keep accounts and records of all moveable and immoveable property assigned for use to the Women's League;
- (4) to prepare and submit to the Secretary for Finance of the Party once a year, financial statements, including externally audited account: relating to the assets and liabilities of the Women's League.

Secretary for Commissariat

157. There shall be a Secretary for Commissariat whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to work in close consultation and co-ordination with the National Secretary for the Commissariat in the implementation of the Party's programmes;
- (2) to prepare and maintain records relating to membership of the Women's League;
- (3) to supervise the activities of the organs of the Women's League;
- (4) to ensure that the Party's ideology is upheld within the Women's League.

Secretary for External Relations

158. There shall be a Secretary for External Relations whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to work in close consultation and coordination with the Secretary for External Relations of the Party in the implementation of the Party's policies and external affairs;

- (2) to work in close consultation and co-ordination with the Secretary for External Relations of the Party to establish, promote and maintain friendly relations with progressive political parties, associations, organisations and movements throughout the world, whose aims and objects are not inconsistent with those of the Party.
- (3) to promote understanding between the Zimbabwean women and women of other friendly countries.

Secretary for Security

159. There shall be a Secretary for Security whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to advise, the Women's League on matters relating to national security;
- (2) to assist the Secretary for National Security in the development and implementation of a National Security Policy of the Party.

Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare

160. There shall be a Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to administer and maintain the transport fleet and other property connected thereto;
- (2) to prepare and maintain records relating to the transport fleet;
- (3) to advise the National Executive Council on matters relating to transport.

Secretary for Information and Publicity

161. There shall be Secretary for Information and Publicity whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to be Chief Officer of Information and Publicity;
- (2) to organise and arrange the publicity of the activities of the Women's League;
- (3) to direct, control, supervise and co-ordinate all activities relating to publicity carried out by organs of the Women's League at the National, Provincial, District and Branch levels;
- (4) to be the Chief Editor of the Party publications on women's issues,

including newspapers, bulletins, newsletters and other forms of mass communication;

- (5) to undertake and sustain a nationwide programme for the dissemination of information relating to the activities of the Women's League;
- (6) to advise and from time to time report to the National Executive Council on matters relating to information and publicity.

Secretary for Legal Affairs and Women's Rights

162. There shall be a Secretary for Legal Affairs and Women's Rights whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to promote at all times the enjoyment by Zimbabwean women of fundamental human rights and freedoms;
- (2) to undertake nationwide campaigns for political and women's rights;
- (3) to be the Legal Advisor to the League on all legal and constitutional matters and women's rights.

Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment

163. There shall be a Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to design and implement programmes and activities for indigenisation of the economy and economic empowerment of the previously economically discriminated and disadvantaged black majority;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with groups and individuals, non-governmental organisations, government agencies whose responsibility, role and function is to deal with the issues of indigenisation and economic empowerment of the previously economically discriminated and disadvantaged black majority.

Secretary for Production and Labour

164. There shall be a Secretary for Production and Labour whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to establish co-operative farms, estates and other productive undertakings;
- (2) to promote, foster and encourage self reliance and productivity among women at all levels;
- (3) to liaise and co-ordinate with Government agencies responsible for production and development in the pursuit of those objectives.

Secretary for Health and Child Welfare

165. There shall be a Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to implement and promote the Party's national programmes for health and the welfare of children and mothers;
- (2) to promote primary health care throughout Zimbabwe;
- (3) to work in close consultation and coordination with Government agencies responsible for matters relating to health and child welfare.

Secretary for Economic Affairs

166. There shall be a Secretary for Economic Affairs whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to implement Party economic policies;
- (2) to formulate economic strategies for co-ordinated development;
- (3) to be Chairperson of the Economic Committee of the Women's League.

Secretary for Education

167. There shall be a Secretary for Education whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to promote educational policy, opportunities and programmes for Government;
- (2) to co-ordinate with Government in organising manpower development programmes;

- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to education.

Secretary for Gender and Culture

168. There shall be a Secretary for Gender and Culture whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to ensure that the issues of gender balance and equity are addressed and incorporated in all economic and social spheres of the Party and society;
- (2) to ensure that Zimbabwean culture is addressed by the Party in all spheres of life and activities;
- (3) to liaise and co-ordinate with community groups, NGOs and Government agencies responsible for gender and culture.

Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons

169. There shall be a Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged persons whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to draw up programmes and activities promoting the welfare of the disabled and Disadvantaged persons;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with community groups, nongovernmental organisations and Governmental agencies responsible for the Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons.

Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement

170. There shall be a Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to formulate strategies that ensure equitable redistribution of land and in particular to ensure that women have access to land;
- (2) to work in close consultation and coordination with Government agencies responsible for matters relating to Land Reform and Resettlement Programme.

Secretary for Science and Technology

171. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Science and Technology shall be:-

- (1) to promote policy for advancement in science and technology;
- (2) to identify science and technology projects as a vehicle for achieving economic growth and prosperity;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to science and technology;

Secretary for Business Development and Liaison

172. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Business Development and Liaison shall be:-

- (1) to identify and promote business opportunities;
- (2) to ensure that members are assisted to have a stake in local and internationally linked business;
- (3) to ensure development and growth in all the existing and new Party businesses;
- (4) to facilitate the establishment of joint ventures and other forms of business between Party members and other businesses from within and outside the country.

Secretary for Environment and Tourism

173. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Environment and Tourism shall be:-

- (1) to promote a clean, safe and healthy environment for the benefit of all citizens;
- (2) to promote tourism, including township tourism, eco-tourism, among others;
- (3) to promote sustainable use of the environment.

ARTICLE 18
PROVINCE

Provincial Conference

174. There shall be a Provincial Conference of the Women's League for each province which shall be composed of:-

- (1) members of the Provincial Executive Council of the Province;
- (2) such number of delegates, representing each District in the Province as the Central Committee may determine from time to time.

175. The Provincial Conference shall have power and authority:-

- (1) to elect members of the Provincial Council who shall be the Heads of Departments in the Province;
- (2) to elect the Deputy Heads of Departments in the Province who shall be members of the National Conference.

176. The Provincial Conference shall:-

- (1) convene in ordinary session once every four years;
- (2) convene in extraordinary session when so directed by the Central Committee.

177. More than half of the total membership shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE 19

**THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Principal Officers

178. There shall be a Provincial Executive Committee of the Women's League in each Province of the Party composed of:-

- (1) The Chairperson;
- (2) The Vice Chairperson;
- (3) The Secretary for Administration;

- (4) The Secretary for Finance;
- (5) The Secretary for Commissariat;
- (6) The Secretary for Security;
- (7) The Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare;
- (8) The Secretary for Information and Publicity;
- (9) The Secretary for Legal Affairs and Women's Rights;
- (10) The Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
- (11) The Secretary for Production and Labour;
- (12) The Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly;
- (13) The Secretary for Economic Affairs;
- (14) The Secretary for Education;
- (15) The Secretary for Gender and Culture;
- (16) The Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons;
- (17) The Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement;
- (18) The Secretary for Business Liaison and Development;
- (19) The Secretary for Science and Technology;
- (20) The Secretary for Environment and Tourism;
- (21) Deputies to Officers referred to in Subsections (3) to (20).

179. The Provincial Executive Committee of the Women's League shall be responsible for the implementation of the policies of the Party and administration of the affairs of the Women's League in the Province.
180. The Provincial Executive Committee shall be answerable to the Provincial Conference and the Central Committee of the Party.

ARTICLE 20

DISTRICTS

District Executive Committee

181. There shall be a District Executive Committee of the Women's League for each District of the Party.
182. Each District Executive Committee shall comprise such number of members of the Women's League as the Central Committee of the Party may from time to time specify.
183. The members of the Women's League who constitute the District Executive Committee shall be representatives from Branches in the District, and the number of such representatives from each Branch shall be as specified by the Central Committee from time to time and the number of Branches sending representatives to the District Executive Committee shall also be specified by the Central Committee from time to time.
184. All members of the District Executive Committee shall be elected once every two years at an interbranch meeting of the District specifically convened for that purpose attended by duly elected representatives of the Branches.
185. In every District Executive Committee the number and designation of every office and the title of every officer holding office in the District Executive Committee shall be the same as the corresponding office, designation and title in the Provincial Executive as provided in this Constitution.
186. Every officer of the District Executive Committee and her Deputy shall be directly responsible to the appropriate officer of the Provincial Executive Council to whom they shall submit reports on matters relating to their functions and responsibilities and as often as may be directed.

ARTICLE 21

BRANCH

Branch Executive Committee

187. There shall be a Branch Executive Committee of the Women's League for each Branch of the Party.
188. A Branch Executive Committee shall comprise such number of members as the Central Committee of the Party may determine from time to time.
189. All members of the Branch Executive Committee shall be elected annually at meeting of all the members of the Branch specifically convened.
190. In every Branch Executive Committee the number and designation of every office and the title of every officer holding office in the Branch Executive Committee shall be the same as the corresponding office, designation and title in the District Executive Committee.
191. Every officer of the Branch Executive Committee and her Deputy shall be directly responsible to the appropriate officer of the District Executive Committee to whom they shall submit reports on matters relating to their functions and responsibilities.

CHAPTER THREE
THE YOUTH LEAGUE

ARTICLE 22

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES/MEMBERSHIP

192. There is hereby constituted and established the Youth Wing as a constituent component and integral part of the Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front and the Youth Wing shall be known as the Youth League.

Aims and Objectives

193.(1) The aims and objectives of the Youth League shall be those set out in Article 2 of this constitution and in addition it shall be the duty of the Youth League:-

- (i) to mobilise the youth for full participation in the political, social, cultural and economic affairs of the country;
- (ii) to mobilise the youth in support and defence of the Party;
- (iii) to promote and protect the interests of the youth;
- (iv) to foster solidarity with progressive youth organisations and groups in Zimbabwe and internationally;
- (v) to promote National Youth Service;
- (vi) to promote, foster and encourage skills development and self reliance among the Youth;
- (vii) to implement projects and programmes of the Youth League.

(2) In carrying out their functions and responsibilities, members of the Youth League have a right to convene meetings and implement their programs without interference as authorised by the Central Committee.

Membership

194. Membership of the Youth League shall be open to all citizens and residents of Zimbabwe who have attained the age of 15 years but have not attained the age of 30 years.

ARTICLE 23

YOUTH LEAGUE

Principal Organs

195. The Youth League shall consist of the following organs:-
- (1) The National Conference;
 - (2) The National Assembly;
 - (3) The National Executive Committee;
 - (4) The Provincial Conference;
 - (5) The Provincial Executive Committee;
 - (6) The District Executive Committee;
 - (7) The Branch Executive Committee; and
 - (8) The Cell/Village Committee.

The National Conference of the Youth League

196. There shall be a National Conference which shall be the principal organ of the Youth League and shall consist of:-
- (1) The Secretary for Youth Affairs;
 - (2) The National Executive Council;
 - (3) Members of the Provincial Executive Committee of each Province;
 - (4) such other number of members from each District as the Central Committee may from time to time determine.
197. The main functions and responsibilities of the National Conference shall be:-
- (1) to be responsible for all matters of youth policy subject to the overriding authority of the Central Committee;
 - (2) to elect members of the Heads of Departments;
 - (3) to elect Deputy Heads of Departments.

198. The National Conference shall:-

- (1) convene in ordinary session once every five years;
- (2) elect members of the Heads of Departments;
- (3) elect Deputy Heads of Departments.

199. The National Conference shall:-

- (1) convene in ordinary session once every five years;
- (2) convene in extra-ordinary session at any time when deemed necessary by the Central Committee;
- (3) a majority of members of the National Conference shall form a quorum.

National Assembly of the Youth League

200. There shall be a National Assembly of the Youth League which shall be the deliberative organ and shall consist of:-

- (1) The Secretary for Youth Affairs;
- (2) The Deputy Secretary for Youth Affairs;
- (3) The Heads of Departments;
- (4) The Deputy Head of Departments; and
- (5) The Heads of Departments of the Provincial Executive Committee.

201. The main functions and responsibilities of the National Assembly shall be:-

- (1) to issue directives to all organs of the Youth League;
- (2) to supervise the implementation of policies and directives;
- (3) to approve such financial reports and statements of accounts as may be presented to it by the National Executive Committee;
- (4) to perform such other functions as the Central Committee may from time to time determine.

202. (1) The National Assembly:-

- (a) shall convene in ordinary session at least twice a year; and
- (b) may convene in extra-ordinary session at any time determined by the Central Committee.

(2) A majority number of members of the National Assembly shall form a quorum.

National Executive Council of the Youth League

203. There shall be a National Executive Council which shall be the principal organ for the supervision of implementation of the policies of the Youth League and shall consist of:-

- (1) The Secretary for Youth Affairs;
- (2) The Deputy Secretary for Youth Affairs;
- (3) Heads of Departments elected by the National Conference and their Deputies;
- (4) Chairpersons of provincial Executive Committees of the Youth League who shall be members of the National Executive Council ex-officio.

204. (1) The National Executive Committee shall:-

- (a) convene in ordinary session at least once in two months; and
- (b) convene in extra-ordinary session at any time.

(2) More than half of the Heads of Departments shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE 24

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE YOUTH LEAGUE

Principal Officers

205. The Principal Officers of the Youth League shall be:-

- (1) The National Secretary for Youth League;
- (2) The Deputy Secretary for Youth League;
- (3) The Secretary for Administration;
- (4) The Secretary for Finance;
- (5) The Secretary for Commissariat;
- (6) The Secretary for External Relations;
- (7) The Secretary for Security;
- (8) The Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare;
- (9) The Secretary for Information and Publicity;
- (10) The Secretary for Legal Affairs;
- (11) The Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
- (12) The Secretary for Production and Labour;

- (13) The Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly;
- (14) The Secretary for Economic Affairs
- (15) The Secretary for Education;
- (16) The Secretary for Gender and Culture;
- (17) The Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons;
- (18) The Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement;
- (19) The Secretary for Science and Technology;
- (20) The Secretary for Business Development and Liaison;
- (21) The Secretary for Environment and Tourism;
- (22) Deputies and Officers referred to in subsections (3) to (21).

Functions and Responsibilities of the Principal Officers of the Youth League

206. There shall be a National Secretary for Youth League whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to be Chief Political and Administration Officer;
- (2) in consultation with the Secretary for External Relations, to establish and maintain international relations with organisations, institutions and solidarity groups whose aims and objectives are not inconsistent with those of the Party;
- (3) to preside over sessions of the National Assembly and the National Executive Committee of the Youth League.

Secretary for Administration

207. There shall be a Secretary for Administration whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to conduct and receive all correspondence relating to the overall administration of the Youth League;
- (2) to act as Secretary to the National Conference, the National Assembly and National Executive Committee;
- (3) to keep and maintain minutes of sessions of the National Conference, the National Assembly and National Executive Committee;

- (4) to direct, supervise and co-ordinate the efficient administration of the Youth League.

The Secretary for Finance

208. There shall be a Secretary for Finance whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to raise funds and mobilise resources for the Youth League;
- (2) to receive and deposit funds into a bank account and to disburse the same in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Party;
- (3) to keep accounts and records of all moveable and immoveable property assigned for use to the Youth League;
- (4) to prepare an annual financial-statement of accounts and to submit externally audited accounts to the National conference.

The Secretary for Commissariat

209. There shall be a Secretary for Commissariat whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to consult and to liaise with the National Secretary for Commissariat of the Party;
- (2) to prepare and maintain records relating to membership;
- (3) to implement the Party's political programmes;
- (4) to direct, supervise and co-ordinate the activities of all lower organs of the Youth League.

Secretary for External Relations

210. There shall be a Secretary for External Relations whose main functions and responsibilities shall be;

- (1) to consult and liaise with the National Secretary for External Relations of the Party in implementation of Party policies;
- (2) to work in close consultation with the National Secretary for External

Relations to establish, promote and maintain friendly relations with all organisations, associations and solidarity groups whose aims and objectives are consistent with those of the Party;

- (3) to establish, promote and maintain sporting and cultural ties with the youth of friendly countries.

Secretary for Security

211. There shall be a Secretary for Security whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to advise the Youth League on matters of security;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with the National Secretary for Security of the Party;
- (3) to be responsible for all matters of security and protocol;
- (4) to carry out such other functions as may be directed from time to time by the National Secretary for Security.

Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare

212. There shall be a Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to administer and maintain a transport fleet assigned to the Youth League;
- (2) to prepare and maintain records and reports of all property assigned to the Youth League;
- (3) to liaise with the National Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare.

Secretary for Information and Publicity

213. There shall be a Secretary for Information and Publicity whose functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to consult and liaise with the National Secretary for Information and Publicity;

- (2) to organise and arrange publicity of the policies of the party and activities of the Youth League.

Secretary for Legal Affairs

214. There shall be a Secretary for Legal Affairs whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to be the Legal Advisor of the Youth League on all legal and constitutional matters;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with the National Secretary for Legal Affairs of the Party.

Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment

215. There shall be a Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to design and implement programmes and activities for indigenisation of the economy and economic empowerment of the previously economically discriminated and disadvantaged black majority;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with groups and individuals, non-governmental organisations, government agencies whose responsibility, role and function is to deal with the issues of indigenisation and economic empowerment of the previously economically discriminated and disadvantaged black majority.

Secretary for Production and Labour

216. There shall be a Secretary for Production and Labour whose main functions and responsibilities shall be to establish co-operatives, commercial farms, estates, mines, SMEs, and other productive undertakings in consultation with the National Secretary for Production and Labour.

Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly

217. There shall be a Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to promote primary health care programmes among the youth throughout Zimbabwe;
- (2) to promote and implement the Party's policy on the welfare of children;
- (3) to liaise with the National Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly in the Party.

Secretary for Economic Affairs

218. There shall be a Secretary for Economic Affairs whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to implement Party economic policies;
- (2) to formulate economic empowerment strategies and income generating programmes;
- (3) to be the Chairperson of the Economic Committee of the Youth League.

Secretary for Education

219. There shall be a Secretary for Education whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to promote educational policy, opportunities and programmes for Government;
- (2) to co-ordinate with Government in organising manpower development programmes;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to education.

Secretary for Gender and Culture

220. There shall be a Secretary for Gender and Culture and Culture whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to ensure that the issues of gender balance and equity are addressed and incorporated in all economic, political and social spheres of the Party and society;
- (2) to ensure that Zimbabwean culture is addressed by the Party in all spheres of life and activities;

- (3) to liaise and co-ordinate with community groups, NGOs and Government agencies responsible for gender and culture.

Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons

221. There shall be a Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons whose main functions shall be:-

- (1) to draw up programmes and activities promoting the welfare of the disabled and disadvantaged persons;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with community groups, non-governmental organisations and government agencies responsible for the welfare of the disabled and disadvantaged.

Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement

222. There shall be a Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to formulate strategies that ensure equitable redistribution of land in particular to ensure that youth have access to land;
- (2) to work in close consultation and co-ordination with Government agencies responsible for matters relating to Land Reform and Resettlement Programmes;
- (3) to formulate strategies for productivity on land allocated for youth.

Secretary for Science and Technology

223. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Science and Technology shall be:-

- (1) to promote policy for advancement in science and technology;
- (2) to identify science and technology projects as a vehicle for achieving economic growth and prosperity;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to science and technology.

Secretary for Business Development and Liaison

224. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Business Development and Liaison shall be:-

- (1) to identify and promote business opportunities;
- (2) to ensure that members are assisted to have a stake in local and internationally linked business;
- (3) to ensure development and growth in all the existing and new Party businesses;
- (4) to facilitate the establishment of joint ventures and other forms of business between Party members and other businesses from within and outside the country.

Secretary for Environment and Tourism

225. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Environment and Tourism shall be:-

- (1) to promote a clean, safe and healthy environment for the benefit of all citizens;
- (2) to promote tourism, including township tourism, eco-tourism, among others;
- (3) to promote sustainable use of the environment.

ARTICLE 25 PROVINCE

226. There shall be a Provincial Conference of the Youth League for each Province which shall be composed of:-

- (1) members of the Provincial Executive Committee of the Province;
- (2) such members of delegates representing each District in the Province as may from time to time be determined by the Central Committee.

Functions and Responsibilities of the Provincial Conferences of the Youth League

227. The main functions and responsibilities of the Provincial Conference shall be:-

- (1) to elect Heads of Departments in the Province;

- (2) to elect Deputy Heads of Departments.

Convening of Provincial Conference

228. (1) The Provincial Conference of the Youth League shall:-

- (i) convene in ordinary session once a year; and
 - (ii) convene in extra-ordinary session at any time at the direction of the Central Committee.
- (2) More than half the number of the members of the Provincial Conference shall form a quorum.

Provincial Executive Committee

229. (a) There shall be a Provincial Executive Committee of the Youth League in each Province which shall be composed of:-

- (1) The Provincial Chairperson;
- (2) The Deputy Provincial Chairperson;
- (3) The Provincial Secretary for Administration;
- (4) The Provincial Secretary for Finance;
- (5) The Provincial Secretary for Commissariat;
- (6) The Provincial Secretary for Security;
- (7) The Provincial Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare;
- (8) The Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity;
- (9) The Provincial Secretary for Legal Affairs;
- (10) The Provincial Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment;
- (11) The Provincial Secretary for Production and Labour;
- (12) The Provincial Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly;
- (13) The Provincial Secretary for Economic Affairs;
- (14) The Provincial Secretary for Education;
- (15) The Provincial Secretary for Gender and Culture;
- (16) The Provincial Secretary for the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons;
- (17) The Provincial Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement;
- (18) The Provincial Secretary for Business Liaison and Development;

- (19) The Provincial Secretary for Science and Technology;
- (20) The Provincial Secretary for Environment and Tourism;
- (21) Deputies to officers referred to in subsections (3) to (20).

(b) More than half the members of the Provincial Executive shall form a quorum.

Functions and Responsibilities of Provincial Executive Committee

230. The Provincial Executive Committee of the Youth League shall be:-

- (1) responsible for the implementation of the youth policies of the Party;
- (2) responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Youth League;
- (3) accountable to the National Executive Committee of the Youth League.

Provincial Chairperson of the Youth League

231. There shall be a Provincial Chairperson of the Youth League whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to preside over meetings of the Provincial Conference and Provincial Executive Committee;
- (2) to prepare annual work plans for the Provincial Youth League and for the National Executive;
- (3) to prepare annual reports on the activities of the Youth League and submit the same to the Chairperson of the Provincial Council of the Party.

Provincial Secretary for Administration

232. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Administration whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to keep and maintain minutes of meetings of the Provincial Conference and of the Provincial Executive Committee;
- (2) to receive and conduct correspondence relating to the overall administration of the Province;
- (3) to direct, supervise and co-ordinate efficient administration;
- (4) to submit reports to the Provincial Chairperson for the Youth League.

Provincial Secretary for Finance

233. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Finance whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to raise funds and mobilise resources;
- (2) to receive and deposit all funds into a bank account of the Party in accordance with the directives of the Secretary for Finance of the Party;
- (3) to keep accounts and records of all financial transactions;
- (4) to prepare and submit to the Provincial Executive, reports relating to the assets and liabilities at least once a year as may be directed by the National Secretary for Finance.

Provincial Secretary for Commissariat

234. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Commissariat whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to organise and supervise the implementation of Party political programmes at District and Branch levels;
- (2) to prepare and maintain records of membership at District Branch and Cell/Village levels;
- (3) to submit reports to the Provincial Executive of the Youth League.

Provincial Secretary for Security

235. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Security whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to advise the National Secretary for Security of the Youth League and National Secretary for Security of the Party on matters relating to security in the Province through the Chairperson of the Province;
- (2) to carry out any new functions as may be directed from time to time by the Secretary for National Security of the Party and Secretary for Security of the Youth League.

Provincial Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare

236. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to administer and maintain a transport fleet;

- (2) to prepare and maintain records and reports of all property connected with transport;
- (3) to liaise and co-ordinate with the National Secretary for Transport and Social Welfare of the Youth League.

Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity

237. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Information and Publicity whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to be Chief Information and Publicity Officer;
- (2) to organise and arrange publicity for the policies of the Party and activities of the Youth League;
- (3) to organise and arrange publicity for the policies of the Party and activities of the Youth League;
- (4) to direct, control and co-ordinate activities relating to information and publicity at Provincial, District and Branch levels as often as may be directed by the National Secretary for the Youth League.

Provincial Secretary for Legal Affairs

238. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Legal Affairs whose functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to act as Legal Adviser;
- (2) to liaise with the Secretary for Legal Affairs of the Youth League;
- (3) where appropriate, to represent the Youth League and its members in the courts of law.

Provincial Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment

239. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to design and implement programmes and activities for indigenisation of the economy and economic empowerment of the previously economically discriminated and disadvantaged black majority;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with groups and individuals, non-governmental organisations, government agencies whose responsibility, role and

function is to deal with the issues of economically discriminated and disadvantaged black majority.

Provincial Secretary for Production and Labour

240. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Production and Labour whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to establish co-operatives, commercial farms and estates in consultation with the Secretary for Production and Labour of the Youth League;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with agencies of the Government responsible for production and labour;
- (3) to promote self-reliance among the Youth of the Province.

Provincial Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly

241. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Health and Child Welfare and the Elderly whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to promote primary health care among the youth in the Province;
- (2) to promote and implement the Party's policy on the welfare of children;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Government agencies responsible for matters relating to health and child welfare.

Provincial Secretary for Economic Affairs

242. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Economic Affairs whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to formulate and implement economic strategies for co-ordinated development in the Province;
- (2) to be the Chairperson of the Economic Committee of the Province.

Secretary for Education

243. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Education shall be:-

- (1) to promote educational policy, opportunities and programmes for Government;

- (2) to co-ordinate with Government in organising manpower development programmes;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to education.

Provincial Secretary for Gender and Culture

244. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Gender and Culture whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to ensure that the issues of gender balance and equity are addressed and incorporated in all economic and social spheres of the Party and society;
- (2) to ensure that Zimbabwean culture is addressed by the Party in all spheres of life and activities;
- (3) to liaise and co-ordinate with community groups, NGOs and Government agencies responsible for gender and culture.

Provincial Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged persons

245. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Welfare of the Disabled and Disadvantaged Persons whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to draw up programmes and activities promoting the welfare of the disabled and disadvantaged persons;
- (2) to liaise and co-ordinate with community groups, non-governmental organisations and government agencies responsible for the welfare of the disabled and disadvantaged persons.

Provincial Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement

246. There shall be a Provincial Secretary for Land Reform and Resettlement whose main functions and responsibilities shall be:-

- (1) to formulate strategies that ensure equitable redistribution of land and in particular to ensure that the youth have access to land;
- (2) to work in close consultation and co-ordination with government agencies responsible for matters relating to Land Reform and Resettlement Programmes.

Provincial Secretary for Science and Technology

247. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Science and Technology shall be:-

- (1) to promote policy for advancement in science and technology;
- (2) to identify science and technology projects as a vehicle for achieving economic growth and prosperity;
- (3) to work in close consultation with Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies responsible for matters relating to science and technology.

Provincial Secretary for Business Development and Liaison

248. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Business Development and Liaison shall be:-

- (1) to identify and promote business opportunities;
- (2) to ensure that members are assisted to have a stake in local and internationally linked business;
- (3) to ensure development and growth in all the existing and new Party businesses;
- (4) to facilitate the establishment of joint ventures and other forms of business between Party members and other businesses from within and outside the country.

Provincial Secretary for Environment and Tourism

249. The main functions and responsibilities of the Secretary for Environment and Tourism shall be:-

- (1) to promote a clean, safe and healthy environment for the benefit of all citizens;
- (2) to promote tourism, including township tourism, eco-tourism, among others;
- (3) to promote sustainable use of the environment.

Provincial Deputy Chairperson and Deputy Secretaries

250. There shall be a Provincial Deputy Chairperson of the Youth League and a Deputy Secretary for each of the offices of Secretary specified above.

ARTICLE 26

DISTRICTS

District Executive Committee

251. There shall be a District Executive Committee of the Youth for each District of the Party.
252. Each District Executive Committee shall comprise such number of members of the Youth League as the Central Committee of the party may from time to time specify.
253. The members of the Youth League who constitute the District Executive Committee shall be representatives from Branches in the District and the number of such representatives from each Branch shall be as specified by the Central Committee from time to time and the number of Branches sending representatives to the District Executive Committee shall also be specified by the Central Committee from time to time.
254. All members of the District Executive Committee shall be elected once every three years at an interbranch meeting of the District specifically convened for the purpose attended by duly elected representatives of the Branches.
255. In every District Executive Committee the number and designation of every office and the title of every officer holding office in the District Executive Committee shall be the same as the corresponding office, designation and title in the Provincial Executive Council as provided in this Constitution and every officer of the District Executive Committee shall have the same functions as those of their counterparts at Provincial level.
256. Every officer of the District Executive Committee and Deputy shall be directly responsible to their District Committee to whom they shall submit reports on matters relating to their functions and responsibilities and as often as may be directed.

CHAPTER FOUR

ARTICLE 28

GENERAL PROVISIONS

262. Any member holding office in any organ at any level of the Party who has been found guilty of:-
- (a) corruption;
 - (b) dishonesty;
 - (c) gross misconduct;
 - (d) an offence in respect of which he or she is sentenced to imprisonment for a period in excess of six (6) months; or
 - (e) failure to discharge functions and responsibilities of that office;
- shall be liable to disciplinary action by the appropriate organ.
263. Any member holding office in any organ at any level of the Party who absents himself from any meeting on more than three consecutive occasions without reasonable cause may, on a resolution of the relevant organ, lose office.
264. Any office which falls vacant in any organ of the Party, other than the Central Committee, shall be filled by co-option by the Executive Council/Committee of the appropriate organ until the next elections but where the vacant offices are one third of the total membership that organ shall automatically dissolve itself and new elections shall be held.
265. A motion of no confidence shall be by a simple majority of at least two-thirds of all members of the appropriate organ.

Provided that where a vote of no confidence is passed against one third of the total membership of any organ, that organ shall automatically dissolve itself and new elections shall be held.

266. A motion of no confidence must specify and detail the reasons thereof which reasons shall fall into any one the following categories, namely: -
- (a) incompetence and/or dereliction of duty;
 - (b) gross misconduct;
 - (c) disloyalty or treachery.
267. A member or office holder on whom a vote of no confidence has been passed by an appropriate organ shall:-
- (a) not qualify to hold any other office in any organ of the Party for a period of three (3) years from the date on which the vote of no confidence was passed, if the said vote is on the grounds of incompetence and/or dereliction of duty;
 - (b) be suspended from the membership of the Party for a period of five (5) years from the date on which the vote of no confidence was passed, if the said vote is on the grounds of gross misconduct; and
 - (c) be expelled from the party from the date on which the vote of no confidence was passed, if the vote of no confidence is on the grounds of disloyalty or treachery.
268. A vote of no confidence shall be subject to confirmation by the National Disciplinary Committee of the Party.
269. (1) There shall be a ZANU PF Elections Commission composed of nine (9) persons appointed by the President and First Secretary for their skill, experience or competence and for their integrity, probity, loyalty and commitment to the Party.
- (2) Election to any and all Party organs shall be by secret ballot conducted by the ZANU PF Elections Commission.
- (3) The ZANU PF Elections Commission shall be responsible for compiling voters registers and for conducting all elections to Party organs.

ARTICLE 29

INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Interpretation of the Constitution

270. Any issue or matter arising in connection with the interpretation or application of this Constitution which cannot be resolved otherwise under this Constitution shall be referred for determination to the Central Committee whose decision thereon shall be final.

Amendments to the Constitution

271. The power to amend the Constitution shall vest in the Central Committee subject to ratification by Congress and the following provisions shall apply in respect thereof: -

- (1) any member of the Party supported by fifty other members may propose or move an amendment to the Constitution and shall be required to submit such proposed amendment to the District Committee which shall, on receipt of the said proposed amendment, forward the same to the Provincial Executive Committee;
- (2) any organ of the Party may propose or move an amendment to the Constitution and shall, in the case of subordinate organs of the Party, be required to submit such proposed amendment to the next superior Party organ for onward transmission to the Provincial Executive Council;
- (3) the Provincial Executive Council shall, in the case of all proposed amendments, whether these emanate from it or from subordinate Party organs, forward the same to the National Secretary for Legal Affairs;
- (4) any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the National Secretary for Legal Affairs at least three months before the date of the meeting of the Central Committee at which the amendments are to be considered;
- (5) the Secretary for Legal Affairs, upon receipt of the proposed amendments, shall cause the same to be circulated to the Provinces at least two months before the date of meeting;

- (6) a two-thirds majority of delegates of Central Committee present and voting shall be required for the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution;
- (7) A two-thirds majority of delegates of Congress present and voting shall be required for adoption by Congress.

(6) a two-year period of suspension of the right to practice and
where such suspension is the subject of the proposed amendment to the
Constitution.
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