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PREAMBLE

WE THE MEMBERS of Young PROGRESSIVES Party (YPP) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,

HAVING firmly and solemnly resolved,

THAT based on the idea of progress, which asserts that advancement in science, technology, economic development, and social organisations are vital to improve the human condition,

AND BEING solidly united to provide genuine and transparent accountability in governance with tangible, concrete, cogent and compelling dividends of democracy to the people of Nigeria,

DO HEREBY MAKE, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES the following Constitution.

Article 1

THE PARTY CONSTITUTION

1. This Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all members and organs of the party, provided that this Constitution shall be subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Electoral Act.
2. If any of the provisions of this Constitution is inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Electoral Act, then that provision shall be null and void to the extent of the inconsistency.
3. In line with the Party's Supremacy, every executive party meeting involving party officials which includes elected

government officials on the Party's platform shall be held in the Party's Secretariat whether at National, Zonal, State, Local or ward levels; PROVIDED that for security or other expedient reasons the meeting may take place at a more appropriate venue.

Article 2

PARTY NAME

The name of the party is YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY (YPP), hereinafter in this Constitution referred to as “The Party”.

Article 3

PARTY LOGO, FLAG AND COLOURS

- 3.1 The Logo of the Party shall be a white Open Door in the Nigeria Map comprising three colours Yellow, Red and Green with a human hand holding a green leaf and the inscription of the Party’s acronym YPP in white on a red background and a green outline outside the door.
- 3.2 The Party’s flag shall be a white background with the party’s logo printed in the center and the party’s colours of Yellow, Red and Green vertically inscribed at the edge with the party’s name in full, YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY below the logo.



Article 4

4.1 MOTTO AND SLOGAN

“Unity, Service & Accountability” shall be the motto of the party, and the slogan of the party shall be “YPP” – “SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE”! PROVIDED that the party can alter, amend or improve on the slogan as it deems fit in any circumstance, without having to first amend the Constitution.

4.2 VISION

To build an egalitarian society anchored on Nigerian citizens as the prime resource driven by mentally progressive and young innovative leaders without greed.

4.3 MISSION STATEMENT

Faced with the tragic consequences of poverty and under-development, our mission is to qualitatively transform the Nigeria economy and society.

Therefore, we shall tirelessly work for:

- (a) The enthronement of the Nigerian Youths as the prime resource of Nigeria, and the creation of a dynamic economy designed to serve the people's interest, and in which market forces are combined with the forces of partnership, solidarity and cooperation to create and produce goods and services for the benefit of all;
- (b) The establishment of free and democratic society, in which the powers and actions of Government are lawful, and where those in authority are held accountable to the people;
- (c) Building a just society, which provides basic needs, ensures equal opportunities for self-development

through education and gainful employment; defend the dignity of the human person; judge its strength by the condition of the weak; provide security against fear; and deliver the masses from the tyranny of abject poverty, oppression and abuse of power;

- (d) Sustained implementation of Youth-oriented programmes with particular emphasis on:
- (i) War Against Poverty
 - (ii) Integrated rural development
 - (iii) Rapid Industrial Growth
 - (iv) Excellence in Education, Science and Technology
 - (v) Rebuilding and Expanding Basic Infrastructure and services.

Article 5

PARTY MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The Party membership shall be open to all Nigerians who accept it's ideology, programmes and the Constitution irrespective of religion, ethnic origin, gender, social and economic status.
- 5.2 The person is 18 years of age or above and **MUST** have a Permanent Voters Card (PVC).
- 5.3 The person does not belong to any other political party whether or not such political party is based outside the country.
- 5.4 The person applies for membership on individual basis.
- 5.5 A prospective member shall register at any of the Party Offices nearest to him.

- 5.6 Every member shall pay a prescribed registration fee which shall be determined from time to time by the National Working Committee.
- 5.7 The membership card being a classified document as well as party property, shall have the member's details; and shall be authenticated and signed by the designated Party Authorities. Its form shall be as prescribed by the Party at any time.
- 5.8 Membership card shall be produced by the National Executive Committee and shall be authenticated by the National Chairman, National Secretary and National Organizing Secretary.
- 5.9 One month to the date of party congresses, or as may be modified by NEC, membership cards and registers shall be closed and members are required to confirm their names before the registers are closed. Ward Chairmen and Secretaries shall validate and re-certify registers before nomination processes. The NEC may modify its policy for state congresses in so far as justice and transparency is attained.
- 5.10 Every member shall pay a prescribed annual subscription fee
- 5.11 Membership Withdrawal:
- a. Any member who wishes to withdraw his membership shall notify the appropriate level Secretary in writing.
 - b. Membership withdrawal application shall be considered within 30 days by the Ward Executive Committee, after which the member may be free to leave. For any party official or any party member holding any office at Federal, State or Local Government level, such membership withdrawal shall only be considered by the

Executive Committee at the appropriate level.

- c. Any member holding an elective or appointive office who wishes to withdraw his membership from the party, shall while notifying the party of his withdrawal also tender a letter of resignation of that office.

5.12 Re-joining the Party:

- a. Any person or persons willing to re-join the Party after leaving the party shall apply for membership through his Ward. The application shall be considered within 30 days for acceptance or refusal by the Ward Executive Committee provided that where no answer is received within the time stipulated above, it is deemed to have been accepted.
- b. He may be placed on 6 months' probation and may lose the previous status held in the party and or in a public office before decamping or his exit from the Party by other means except for a waiver by the Executive Committee at the appropriate level.
- c. the Party shall, however, issue additional guidelines on procedures for re-joining the Party from time to time which shall be binding on all members.

Article 6

OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTY TO MEMBERS

- 6.1 The party shall take on measures that give confidence to volunteer services by creating opportunities for members to serve.
- 6.2 The party shall strengthen membership cohesion and bonding through organization of town hall meetings, community/ward assemblies and promotion of social activities/interventions for community development.

Article 7

CODE OF CONDUCT

- 7.1 A party member shall-
- (i) Actively participate in the community development activities of his/her ward;
 - (ii) Endeavour to understand, publicize and implement the aims and objectives of The party;
 - (iii) Endeavour to acquaint him with the social, cultural, political and economic challenges of the country with proffered solutions;
 - (iv) Defend the policies and programs of the party;
 - (v) Have zero tolerance to ethnicity, religious and political or any other form of Discrimination;
 - (vi) Behave honestly and carry out with all sense of loyalty all popular decisions of The party and of its organs;
 - (vii) Abstain from publishing or distributing to the public, any article which declares to be the view of any aggrieved person or persons within the party without due approval of the Executive Committee at the appropriate level;
 - (viii) Make sure that he is registered as a voter in the community where he resides;
 - (ix) Be qualified to vote and be voted for at party meetings or elections supported by the constitutional provisions of the party
 - (x) Not do anything that is inconsistent with this constitution.
- 7.2 Not disclose the proceedings and decisions of the party unless specifically authorized.
- 73 All public officers elected or appointed on the platform of the party shall be guided by the manifesto, rules and decisions of the party.
- 7.4 Not bring to public attention disagreements and variances within the party unless specifically authorized

to do so in writing by the Executive Committee at the appropriate level.

- 7.5 Not publicly make critical comments about the policies of any government elected on the platform of the party.
- 7.6 Not side with other political parties or groups to undermine the party or any of its elected governments.
- 7.7 Not initiate or provoke any cruel behaviour or do something capable of provoking violence at any of its gatherings.

Article 8

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 8.1
 - a To build a stable and lasting institutions where good governance, respect for human rights, unity, service and accountability is entrenched in our body polity.
 - b. To lead on industrialization, innovation, science and technology compatible with international standards.
 - c. To build the Nigerian Youth as the prime resource of the country.
 - d. To establish progressivism and reduce power at the Centre, thereby giving power to the grassroots to foster growth and justice.
 - e. To secure, protect the future and build an egalitarian society for the success of generations to come.

SUBJECT to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the party shall have a manifesto to be implemented by all organs of the party and governments elected under its platform.

8.2 The Party shall strive to:

- (a) Educate and empower the Nigerian **Youth** as the

- prime resource of the Nigerian state.
- (b) Provide a true and purposeful leadership at all levels of governance by promoting federalism and fundamental objectives and directive principles of State Policy enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, while upholding the integrity and sovereignty of Nigeria as one united indivisible political entity. Engineer a sincere belief in Nigeria amongst all citizens notwithstanding their strata.
 - (c) Provide a convenient platform that will enhance effective and efficient electoral processes by upholding the independence of the judiciary and all election conducting institutions.
 - (d) Encourage and sustain gender equality by creating avenues for fair participation and representations of both genders.
 - (e) Harness our natural resources for the development of our local wealth through rapid industrial growth.
 - (f) Develop and encourage local and foreign investments in the agricultural sector for the provision of food, full employment and promoting self-reliance.
 - (g) Improve on infrastructure and other basic services for effective common deliveries in the transport and power sectors
 - (h) Provide an accountable and effective income/revenue generating system at all levels of government and an equitable revenue sharing formula.
 - (i) Provide adequate apparatus and effective security system for the protection of life and properties and control of crime.
 - (j) Provide a holistic measure in the protection of the sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and her citizens on immigration and International diplomacy.

- (k) Provide a sustainable advancement of the Nation through the specification of sound education, basic health care, adequate housing.

Article 9

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- 9.1 The party shall be organized and administered at the following levels:
 - (a) National
 - (b) Zonal,
 - (c) State;
 - (d) Senatorial District;
 - (e) Local Government Areas (LGA)
 - (f) Ward
- 9.2 There shall be informal units or ad hoc committees for mobilization of voters during election campaigns at all levels, such as:
 - (a) The Presidential Vote Canvassers
 - (b) The Gubernatorial Vote Canvassers
 - (c) The Senatorial District Vote Canvassers
 - (d) The Federal Constituency Vote Canvassers
 - (e) The Local Government Area Vote canvassers
 - (f) The Ward Vote Canvassers
 - (g) The Poling Unit Vote Canvassers
- 9.3 The Party shall have secretariat at all levels.
- 9.4 The Federal Capital Territory Headquarters Abuja shall be the Party's Headquarter, considered part of which can house the state FCT Office and to be a State for the administration of the party.

Article 10

PARTY ORGANS

10.1 The party organs shall consist of the following:

- (a) The National Convention
- (b) The Board of Trustees
- (c) The National Executive Committee
- (d) The National Working Committee
- (e) The Zonal Working Committee
- (f) The Zonal Executive Committee
- (g) The Zonal Congress
- (h) The State Working Committee
- (i) The State Executive Committee
- (j) The State Congress
- (k) The Senatorial District Working Committee
- (l) The Local Government Executive Committee
- (m) The Local Government Area Congress
- (n) The Ward Executive Committee
- (o) The Ward Congress

Article 11

PARTY MEMBER INTEREST

The interest of the party members shall be considered in every decision and policy that will be taken by any organ of the party at any level whether National, Zonal, State, Local Government or Ward level.

Without prejudice to the interest of any party member, every organ of the party must adhere to the ideology and philosophy of the party at all times.

The Party leadership shall ensure that in protecting the interest of the party member, the ideology and philosophy of the party particularly as it affects the Nigerian citizen is strictly adhered to, and that the love for country remains unchanged at all times. The party shall ensure that Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is first and foremost adopted in all disputes within the party at all levels. The NEC shall provide policies on ADR which must be adhered to by the party.

Article 12

MODE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE PARTY

- 12.1 The Party shall practice an Option “A4” Formula by card carrying members in all it’s Electioneering contest positions. The National Convention, the Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward Congresses shall meet to elect the officers of the party at the various levels of the party structure as specified in this Constitution including the Federal Capital Territory, PROVIDED that the National Executive Committee (NEC) may resolve to alter the mode of elections provided above as it deems fit in view of the exigencies or peculiarities of the particular election in question.
- 12.2 Every registered member of the party who has satisfied the requirements for nomination and election under this Constitution, the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other law, rules or regulations in force shall be eligible to contest for any of the offices of the party.
- 12.3 The guidelines for elections to any office of the party or to any elective office shall be approved by the National Executive Committee of the party in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 12.4 No member of the party shall be qualified for nomination or election or appointment into any of the offices of the party or to any elective office, unless he or she has been a registered member for at least 3 months, and is of good financial standing in the party, except there is a waiver by the National Chairman or the appropriate Executive Committee in writing.

Article 13

WARD LEVEL

WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

13.1 The party shall have a Ward Executive Committee which consists of:

- (a) The Ward Chairman
- (b) The Ward Deputy Chairman
- (c) The Ward Secretary
- (d) The Ward Assistant Secretary
- (e) The Ward Treasurer
- (f) The Ward Financial Secretary
- (g) The Ward Organizing Secretary
- (h) The Ward Publicity Secretary
- (i) The Ward Woman Leader
- (j) The Ward Youth Leader
- (k) The Ward Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal Practitioner
- (l) The Ward Auditor
- (m) The Ward Corporate Officer
- (n) The Ward Government Liaison Officer
- (o) The Ward Technical Adviser
- (p) The Ward Welfare Officer
- (q) The Ward Security Adviser
- (r) The Ward Leader for Persons with Disabilities
- (s) The Ward Sport Adviser
- (t) Elected Councilor for the Ward

13.2 FUNCTIONS

The function of the Ward Executive Committee shall be-

- (a) Administration of the Party at the ward level;
- (b) Raising funds for the party;
- (c) Membership drive for the party;
- (d) Drawing up strategies for political campaigns;
- (e) Mobilizing voters for the party;

- (f) Implement the decisions of the Ward Congress
And other organs of the party;
- (g) Receiving the ward auditor's report;
- (h) Submitting reports of activities to LGA party
Chairman; and
- (i) Perform such other functions as may be in the
interest of the Party, and as may, from time to time,
be assigned to it by higher organs of the party.

MEETINGS

- 13.3 The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.
- 13.4 Meetings shall be summoned by the Ward Chairman
- 13.5 The quorum at Ward Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 13.6 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 14

WARD CONGRESS

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 14.1 There shall be a party Ward Congress as follows:
- (a) All Ward Executive Committee officers
 - (b) All registered members from the ward.
 - (c) All Supervisory Councilor and all political
appointees from the Ward.
 - (d) All elected officials from the Ward.

14.2 FUNCTIONS

The Ward Congress shall be to-

- (a) Receive reports of officers of the Ward
- (b) Receive Auditors reports

- (c) Approve the budget of the Ward
- (d) Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee
- (e) Conduct primaries for the Ward Councillorship Elections
- (f) Carry out such other functions as may be in the Interest of the party

MEETINGS

- 14.3 Ward Congress shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Ward Executive committee at least once a year, or as may be directed by the State Executive Committee of the Party and must be approved by the National Working Committee (NWC).
- 14.4 The quorum of the Ward Congress shall be one-third of the registered members of the Ward and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 14.5 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 15

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

15.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

The party shall have a Local Government Executive Committee which consists of:

- (a) The Chairman
- (b) The Deputy Chairman
- (c) All Ward Chairmen
- (d) The Treasurer
- (e) The Secretary
- (f) The Assistant Secretary
- (g) The Financial Secretary
- (h) The Publicity Secretary
- (i) The Organizing Secretary

- (j) The Auditor
- (k) The Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner
- (l) The Woman Leader
- (m) The Youth Leader
- (n) The Government Liaison Officer
- (o) The Corporate Officer
- (p) The Technical Adviser
- (q) The Welfare Officer
- (r) The Security Adviser
- (s) The Leader for Persons with Disabilities
- (t) The Sport Adviser
- (u) Elected Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councilors for the Local Govt. Area

15.2 FUNCTIONS

The Local Government Executive Committee shall be to:

- (a) Identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the Local Government area;
- (b) Receive and implement reports from the wards on:
 - i. Mention and development membership
 - ii. Fund raising
 - iii. Strategies for political campaigns and electoral success, and
 - iv. Mobilization of voters;
- (c) Provide strategies for effective communication between the Wards and the local government area;
- (d) Undertake general administration of the Party in the local government area;
- (e) Implement the decisions of the Local government Congress and other higher organs of the party; and
- (f) Employ all Secretarial staff for the Local Government branch of the party;
- (g) Perform such other functions as may be in the interest of the Party, and as may, from time to time, be assigned to it by higher organs of the party

MEETINGS

15.3 The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet

not less than once a month.

- 15.4 The meetings shall be summoned by the Chairman.
- 15.5 The quorum of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership drawn from at least one-third (1/3) of the Wards in the Local Government Area and a simple majority shall pass a motion.
- 15.6 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 16

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 16.1 The party shall have a Local Government Area Congress which consists of:
- (a) The Local Government Chairman of the Party and other members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee;
 - (b) All the National, Zonal and State Executive Committee members of the Party from the Local Government Area;
 - (c) The elected public officers who are members of the Party;
 - (e) Members of the Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area;
 - (f) All Committee members of the Ward Executive Committees from all the Wards in the Local Government Area;
 - (g) All card carrying party members from each Ward of the Local Government Area.

FUNCTIONS

- 16.2 The Local Government Area Congress shall be to:
- (a) Elect members to the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party;

- (b) Elect Local Government Council Chairmanship and House of Assembly Candidates of the Party;
- (c) Approve the budget of the Party at the Local Government level; and
- (d) Receive the Local Government Auditor's Report.

MEETINGS

- 16.3 The meetings of the Local Government Area Congress shall be held at least once a year or as may be directed by the State Executive Committee of the Party subject to approval by the National Working Committee.
- 16.4 The quorum for the Local Government Area Congress shall be one-third of the delegates to the Congress; provided that not less than one-third (1/3) of all the wards in the Local Government Area are represented, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 16.5 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 17

SENATORIAL DISTRICT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 17.1 The party shall have a Senatorial District Executive Committee which consists of:
- (a) The LGA party Chairmen from the Senatorial District shall elect from among them who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) The LGA party Secretaries from the Senatorial District shall elect from among them who shall be the Secretary;
 - (c) The LGA party Women Leaders from the Senatorial District shall elect from amongst them who shall be the Woman Leader

- (d) The LGA party Youth Leaders from the Senatorial District shall elect from amongst them who shall be the Youth Leader;
- (e) The LGA party Treasurers from the Senatorial District shall elect from among them who shall be the Treasurer
- (g) Five ex-officio members elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee, minimum two of whom shall be women;

FUNCTIONS

17.2 The functions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be to:

- (a) Identify and resolve social, political and economic issues of concern to the Senatorial District;
- (b) Co-ordinate the policies, programs and operations of the Party within the Senatorial District;
- (c) Liaise with the Local Government Areas within the Senatorial district and State headquarters;
- (d) Undertake general administration of the party in the Senatorial District and implement the decisions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee;
- (e) Prepare the annual budget of the Party in the Senatorial District; and
- (f) Receive the Senatorial District Auditor's report.
- (g) Liaise with all elected political office holders who are our party members from that district to co-ordinate, appraise and encourage good governance.

MEETINGS

17.3 The Senatorial District Executive Committee shall meet monthly and report to the State Working Committee prior to the State Executive Committee meeting.

- 17.4 The quorum of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from at least one-third (1/3) of the Local Government Areas in the Senatorial District and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 17.5 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 18

STATE WORKING COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 18.1 The party shall have a State Working Committee which consists of:
- (a) The State Chairman
 - (b) The State Deputy Chairman
 - (c) The State Secretary
 - (d) The Deputy State Secretary
 - (e) The State Treasurer
 - (f) The State Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 5 years post call
 - (g) The State Financial Secretary
 - (h) The State Publicity Secretary
 - (i) The State Auditor
 - (j) The State Organizing Secretary
 - (k) The State Woman Leader
 - (l) The State Youth Leader
 - (m) The State Technical Adviser
 - (n) The State Welfare Officer
 - (o) The State Corporate Adviser
 - (p) The State Government Liaison Officer
 - (p) The State Security Adviser
 - (q) The Senatorial Chairmen
 - (r) The State Leader for Persons with Disabilities
 - (s) The State Sports Adviser

FUNCTIONS

18.2 The State Working Committee shall:

- (a) Undertake the policies for the day-to-day administration of the Party in the State and shall be responsible to the State Executive Committee; and
- (b) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the State Executive Committee.

MEETINGS

18.3 The State Working Committee shall meet not less than twice a month at the instance of the Chairman.

18.4 The quorum of the State Working Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts in the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

18.5 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 19

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

19.1 The party shall have a State Executive Committee which consists of:

- (a) The State Chairman, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) The State Deputy Chairman.
- (c) 3 Vice Chairmen from the 3 senatorial districts
- (d) The State Secretary, Deputy State Secretary and 3 Assistant State Secretaries;
- (e) The State Treasurer and his Deputy;
- (f) The State Organizing Secretary and Deputy State Organizing Secretary;
- (g) The State Financial Secretary and Deputy State Financial Secretary;

- (h) The State Publicity Secretary and Deputy State Publicity Secretary;
- (I) The State Legal Adviser with a minimum of 6 years post call and Deputy State Legal Adviser with a minimum of 3 years post call;
- (j) The State Auditor and Deputy State Auditor;
- (k) The State Woman Leader and Deputy State woman leader;
- (l) The State Youth Leader and Deputy State Youth Leader;
- (m) The State Technical Adviser and the Deputy State Technical Adviser;
- (n) The State Welfare Officer and the Deputy State Welfare Officer;
- (o) The State Corporate Adviser and the Deputy State Corporate Adviser;
- (p) The State Government Liaison Officer and the Deputy State Government Liaison Officer
- (q) The State Security Adviser and the Deputy State Security Adviser
- (s) The State Leader for Persons with Disabilities and Deputy State Leader for Person with Disabilities
- (t) Six ex-officio members, three of whom shall be women from each of the three Senatorial District;
- (u) All State governors elected under the party's platform;
- (v) All honourable members of the State House of Assembly elected under the Party's platform;
- (w) All Local Government Council Chairmen elected under the Party's platform;
- (x) All appointed State Commissioners.
- (y) State Leader for Persons with Disabilities and Deputy State Leader for Persons with Disabilities.
- (z) State Sport Adviser and Deputy State Sport Adviser.

FUNCTIONS

- 19.2 The functions of the State Executive Committee shall be to:-
- (a) Identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the State.
 - (b) Undertake the general administration of the party in the state and implement the decisions of the State Congress, and the directives of the National Working Committee, the National Executive Committee and the National Convention; and
 - (c) Prepare the annual budget of the State Branch of the party

MEETINGS

- 19.3 The State Executive Committee shall meet at the instance of the Chairman not less than once every quarter.
- 19.4 The quorum for the State Executive committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 19.5 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 20

STATE PARTY CONGRESS

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 20.1 The party shall have a State Party Congress which consists of:
- (a) The State Chairman, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) All members of the State Executive Committee;
 - (c) All elected and appointed public office holders;
 - (d) All registered party members from all the Wards in the State.

FUNCTIONS

20.2 The functions of the State Congress shall be to:

- (a) Ratify the budget and expenditure of the State Branch of the party.
- (b) Elect officers of the State Executive Committee.
- (c) Elect governorship candidate of the party.
- (d) Receive reports from officers of the party; and
- (e) Receive the Auditor's report.

Note- All Senatorial and House of Representatives candidates shall be elected during the congresses convened for that purpose.

MEETINGS

20.3 The State Congress shall meet every two years on a date and at a venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee subject the approval of the National Working Committee, PROVIDED that the State Congress shall be held before the National Convention

20.4 The quorum of the State Congress shall be one-third (1/3) of members from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

20.5 All registered party members from the Wards shall assemble at designated venue at the LGA centre to cast their votes, which are collated and sent to the State Party Headquarters for declaration.

20.6 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 21

ZONAL LEVEL

ZONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

21.1 The party shall have a Zonal Working Committee which consists of:

- (a) The Zonal Chairman;
- (b) The Deputy Zonal Chairman;
- (c) The Zonal Secretary;
- (d) The Deputy Zonal Secretary;
- (e) The Zonal Treasurer;
- (f) The Zonal Financial Secretary;
- (g) The Zonal Organizing Secretary;
- (h) The Zonal Legal Adviser; who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 7 years post call;
- (i) The Zonal Publicity Secretary;
- (j) The Zonal Auditor;
- (k) The Zonal Woman Leader;
- (l) The Zonal Youth Leader;
- (m) The Zonal Technical Adviser;
- (n) The Zonal Welfare Officer;
- (o) The Zonal Corporate Adviser;
- (p) The Zonal Government Liaison Officer;
- (m) The Zonal Leader for Persons with Disabilities;
- (n) The Zonal Sports Adviser

FUNCTIONS

21.2 The Zonal Working Committee shall:

- (a) Undertake the policy for administration of the Party at the Zonal level and shall be responsible to the Zonal Executive Committee;
- (b) Liaise with the National Secretariat and the State Chapters in the zone;
- (c) Prepare and submit reports for the consideration of the Zonal Executive Committee; and
- (d) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee.

MEETINGS

- 21.3 The Zonal Working Committee shall meet not less than once every fortnight, and its quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of its membership drawn from at least one-third (1/3) of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass a motion of the Zonal Working Committee.
- 21.4 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 22

ZONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 22.1 There shall be a Zonal Executive Committee which shall consist of-
- (a) The Zonal Chairman shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) The Deputy Zonal Chairman
 - (c) The Zonal Secretary,
 - (d) The Deputy Zonal Secretary
 - (e) The Zonal Treasurer and the Deputy Zonal Treasurer
 - (g) The Zonal Financial Secretary and the Deputy Zonal Financial Secretary
 - (i) The Zonal Publicity Secretary and the Deputy Zonal Publicity Secretary
 - (k) The Zonal Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 7 Years post call and the Deputy Zonal Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 4 years post call
 - (m) The Zonal Woman Leader and the Deputy Zonal Woman Leader
 - (o) The Zonal Youth Leader and the Deputy Zonal Youth Leader
 - (q) The Zonal Organizing Secretary and the Deputy Zonal Organizing Secretary
 - (s) The Zonal Auditor and the Deputy Zonal Auditor

- (u) The Zonal Technical Adviser and the Deputy Zonal Technical Adviser
- (d) The Zonal Welfare Officer and the Deputy Zonal Welfare Officer
- (e) The Zonal Corporate Adviser and the Deputy Zonal Corporate Adviser
- (f) The Zonal Government Liaison Officer and the Deputy Zonal Government Liaison Officer
- (g) The Zonal Security Adviser and the Deputy Zonal Security Adviser
- (u) The Zonal Leader for Persons with Disabilities and Deputy Zonal Leader for Persons with Disabilities
- (v) The Zonal Sports Adviser and Deputy Zonal Sports Adviser
- (w) One ex-officio member from each of the states in the zone.

Apart from the Zonal Chairmen and Zonal Women Leaders (who are elective members of the NEC), every other position may be appointed by the National Working Committee upon the recommendation of the National Chairman to the NWC subject to ratification at a Special Convention.

FUNCTIONS

22.2 The functions of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be to:

- (a) Harmonize, co-ordinate and review all activities of the party within the zone;
- (b) Establish ad-hoc or standing committees of the party within the zone;
- (c) Prepare agenda for and summon meetings of the Zonal Congress;
- (d) Prepare reports and budgets for the consideration of the zonal congress; and
- (e) Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

MEETINGS

- 22.3 The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet not less than once in every quarter at the instance of the National Vice Chairman provided that one-third (1/3) of the members of the Committee shall have power to summon an extraordinary meeting.
- 22.4 The quorum of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be one-third of the membership of the Committee drawn from at least one-third (1/3) of the States in the zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 22.5 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 23

ZONAL CONGRESS

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 23.1 The party shall have a Zonal Congress to consist of:
- (a) All members of the Zonal Working Committee,
 - (b) The Zonal Executive Committee,
 - (c) The States Executive Committee,
 - (d) All members of the party from all the States in the zone (for election purposes).

FUNCTIONS

- 23.2 The functions of the Zonal Congress shall be to-
- (a) Approve the budget of the Party in the zone;
 - (b) Elect officers of the Zonal Working Committee;
 - (c) Receive the reports of officers of the party in the zone; and
 - (d) Receive the Zonal Auditor's report

MEETINGS

- 23.3 The Zonal Congress shall meet yearly at the instance of the Zonal Chairman from the Zone.
- 23.4 The quorum of the Zonal Congress Meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the members of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 23.5 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 24

NATIONAL LEVEL

NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 24.1 The party shall have a National Working Committee which consists of:
- (a) National Chairman
 - (b) Deputy National Chairman
 - (c) National Secretary
 - (d) Deputy National Secretary
 - (e) National Legal Adviser
 - (f) National Treasurer
 - (g) National Publicity Secretary
 - (h) National Financial Secretary
 - (I) National Auditor
 - (j) National Women Leader
 - (k) National Youth Leader
 - (l) National Organizing Secretary
 - (m) National Government Liaison Officer
 - (n) National Corporate Officer
 - (o) National Technical Adviser
 - (p) National Welfare Officer
 - (q) Chief Security Adviser
 - (r) National Leader for Persons with Disabilities

- (s) National Sports Adviser
- (t) Zonal Chairmen

FUNCTIONS

- 24.2 The National Working Committee shall-
- (a) Be responsible for the day to day policies for administration of the party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee; and may set up ad hoc committees in the discharge of the duties so named.
 - (b) Set up committees with operational guidelines for such committees for clearance of aspirants for the primaries of the party at all levels. Such cleared aspirants shall be voted for by all members of the party within the designated constituency to become the standard bearer of the party in the designated office.
 - (c) Make party electoral regulations to govern the conduct of elections to all party offices at every level and regulate procedure for selecting the party candidates for elective offices;
 - (d) In case of emergency, act on behalf of the National Executive Committee subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee; and
 - (e) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

MEETINGS

- 24.3 The National Working Committee shall meet not less than once every fortnight at the instance of the National Chairman or at the instance of one-third (1/3) of the members.
- 24.4 The quorum of the National Working Committee shall be one-third (1/3) of the membership drawn from at least one -third of the Zones represented in the committee and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 24.5 The Zonal Chairmen shall attend the meetings of the National Working Committee as specified in Article 24.1.

- 24.6 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 25

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 25.1 The party shall have a National Executive Committee comprising:
- (a) The National Chairman, who shall be the chairman;
 - (b) The Deputy National Chairman;
 - (c) The National Leader
 - (d) The National Secretary and the Deputy National Secretary;
 - (e) The Zonal Chairmen of the 6 geo-political zones;
 - (f) The National Government Liaison Officer and the Deputy National Government Liaison Officer
 - (g) The National Corporate Adviser and the Deputy National Corporate Adviser
 - (h) The National Technical Adviser and the Deputy National Technical Adviser
 - (i) The National Treasurer and Deputy National Treasurer;
 - (j) The National Financial Secretary and the Deputy National Financial Secretary;
 - (k) The National Organizing Secretary and Deputy National Organizing Secretary;
 - (l) The National Publicity Secretary and the Deputy National Publicity Secretary;
 - (m) The National Legal Adviser, the Deputy National Legal Adviser

- (n) The National Auditor and the Deputy National Auditor
- (o) The National Women Leader, Deputy National Women Leader and six Zonal Women Leaders;
- (p) The National Youth Leader and Deputy National Youth Leader
- (q) The National Welfare Officer and the Deputy National Welfare Officer
- (r) The Chief Security Adviser and Deputy Chief Security Adviser
- (s) The National Leader for Persons with Disabilities and Deputy National Leader for Persons with Disabilities
- (t) National Sports Adviser and Deputy National Sports Adviser
- (u) All elected public office holders of the Party at the Federal level
- (v) All State Governors elected under the Party's platform
- (w) Chairman of the Board of Trustees
- (x) Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
- (y) All State Chairman of the 36 States including the FCT (who shall primarily be virtual members)

FUNCTIONS

25.2 The National Executive Committee shall:

- (a) Convene the National Convention and appoint members of the Convention Organizing Committee which shall circulate Convention information in advance and ensure that the concerns of the membership are reflected on the Agenda.
- (b) Carry out the decisions and instructions of the National Convention.
- (c) Supervise and direct the work of the party and all its organs including the National, Zonal, State and Local Government organs.

- (d) Ensure that all the organs of the party function democratically and effectively.
- (e) Where necessary, dissolve a State Executive Committee and appoint a Care-Taker Committee to run the Party until another Executive Committee is elected, provided that the period from the dissolution to the election of the new Executive Committee shall not exceed 2 months all subject to the terms of the constitution.
- (f) Prepare reports and budgets for approval by the National Convention.
- (g) Initiate policies and programs for approval by the National Convention.
- (h) Consider appeals and other matters referred to it by the zones or states of the Federation.
- (i) Make rules for party discipline which shall be binding on all organs and members of the party.
- (j) Ratify the conditions of service of the employees of the party in accordance with the Establishment Manual.
- (k) Make standing orders for approval by the National Convention.
- (l) Deal with any other matters referred to it by the National Convention or the Board of Trustees;
- (m) Establish departments and set up ad-hoc or standing committees of the party.
- (n) In consultation with the Board of Trustees appoint eminent party leaders to the position of member Emeritus and persons so appointed shall have the right to attend all the meetings of the organs of the party as determined by NEC; But shall have no voting rights.
- (o) Examine the actions, policies, programs and legislations proposed by the federal or state governments produced by the party and in conjunction with the BOT take measures to ensure that they are in accordance with the principles, policies, programs, objectives and manifesto of the

- party and make necessary recommendations or take any appropriate actions;
- (p) Subject to this constitution, raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party;
 - (q) Approve the minimum rates of annual subscription and other levies payable by members of the party; and
 - (r) Confer such honours as may aid the realization of the objectives of the party.

MEETINGS

- 25.3 The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter at the instance of the National Chairman, or at the request of one-third (1/3) of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting; and an emergency meeting may be summoned by the National Chairman having regard to all the circumstances of the agenda.
- 25.4 The quorum of the National Executive committee shall be one-third (1/3) of its members, and a simple majority shall pass any motion provided that the quorum for emergency meetings shall be one-third (1/3) of its membership.
- 25.5 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 26

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 26.1 The party shall have a Board of Trustees (BOT) which consists of:
- (a) The BOT Chairman and Secretary, National Chairman and National Secretary, two credible party loyalist from each State and Abuja who shall

- be elected at the National Convention.
- (b) The Pioneer BOT Chairman and Secretary, Pioneer National Chairman and National Secretary who are live members of the BOT PROVIDED they still remain members of the Party,
- (c) Person(s) who have contributed immensely to the growth of the party and found suitable by the Board.
- (c) The Board shall not exceed seventy two persons provided that every State in Nigeria shall have a minimum of one person in the Board of Trustees (BOT).
- (d) The board shall not exceed 100 persons at any time.
- (e) The National Working Committee shall appoint 12 persons, 2 from each geo-political zone. And shall also be responsible for the appointment of the Chairman and Secretary of the BOT.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

26.2 A person shall qualify for membership into the Board of Trustees if he:

- (a) Is a registered card carrying member of the Party for not less than four years consecutively except in the first four years of the formation of the party;
- (b) Has been paying his annual subscription fees as at when due;
- (c) Has attained the age of twenty five years; and
- (d) Is a person of integrity.

26.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, all members of the Board of Trustees shall serve a term of four years and renewable for another term only, provided that in any general election any Board of Trustee member who officially steps down to run for any elective office shall be entitled to return back to his position in the event that he did not win the elective post. But where any member steps down and wins the elective post then the

person Acting in his capacity shall be properly confirmed and shall continue in that office to the end of tenure of that BOT member except found to be subsequently unfit to continue in that capacity in accordance with this Constitution.

FUNCTIONS

26.4 The Board of Trustees shall subject to the provision of this constitution,

- (a) Ensure highest standards of morality in all the activities of the Party by acting as the conscience of the Party;
- (b) Ensure high morale of members of the party and that the party enjoys a good image before the Nigerian populace;
- (c) Harmonize and advice on policies, programs and activities of the party at the national level;
- (d) Co-ordinate the sourcing of party funds as advised by the NEC;
- (e) Mediate in disputes between the Executive and Legislative arms of Government and shall refer such lingering crises to NEC;
- (f) Offer advice on party matters to the National Executive Committee of the party;
- (g) Attend all conventions of the Party.
- (h) Undertake all other functions and activities as may be referred to it by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention.
- (i) Make rules for party discipline in conjunction with the NEC provided that the BOT can refer any BOT member in default of the said Rules to the Disciplinary Committee for necessary actions.
- (j) May subject to the party policy on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mediate in disputes referred to it by the NWC.

26.5 The Board of Trustees shall regulate its own proceedings

and shall draw up a code of conduct for its members and shall have the power to suspend any of its members who openly causes division in the party or is involved in serious party breach of national consequence in so far as its quorum is formed with at least one-third (1/3) of its members from at least four geo-political zones assenting to such suspension. Such suspension shall not exceed 30 days within which the suspended member shall face the disciplinary committee of the party and if ratified by the NEC, the suspended member shall be liable to any or a combination of the penalties listed in this constitution, subject to the party's policy on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

ARTICLE 27

REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

27.1 A member of the Board of Trustees shall

- (a) Be removed from office by a resolution of the NWC on the recommendations of the Board of Trustees on grounds of infirmity or misconduct; such infirmity must be in written form from a Public Hospital that must have examined the Trustee.
- (b) If he resigns his membership of the Board of Trustees by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairman of Board.

27.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, a member of the Board of Trustees shall lose his membership of the Board if:

- i. He is expelled from the party by a combined majority of the Board of Trustees and the National Executive Committee.

27.3 Fresh selection shall be made to fill any vacancies in the Board of Trustees where applicable.

MEETINGS

- 27.4 The Board of Trustees shall meet at the instance of the Chairman of the Board and or upon a request for convening Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting made in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees by the NEC.
- 27.5 The quorum of the Board of Trustees (BOT) shall be one-third (1/3) of its members. A simple majority shall pass any motion except as otherwise provided.
- 27.6 The Chairman and Secretary Board of Trustees (BOT) also shall attend all NEC Meetings.
- 27.7 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 28

NATIONAL CONVENTION

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 28.1 There shall be a National Convention of the Party which may be, a Special Convention for non – elective matters, or for the Nomination of a Presidential Candidate and may be summoned at any time by the National Chairman as the need arises, or an Elective National Convention, which shall be held every four (4) years, upon the expiration of the tenure of the National Executive Committee (NEC); **PROVIDED** That nothing shall preclude the combination of all the above in one Special Convention.
- (a) The National Chairman of the party, who shall be the Chairman of the Convention and other members of the National Executive Committee;
 - (b) All Gubernatorial candidates of the Party; who shall be members to the convention;
 - (c) Members of the State Houses of Assembly, who shall be members to the convention;

- (d) All members of the Board of Trustees (BOT);
- (e) Members of the Zonal Working Committee, State Party Chairmen and Secretaries, including those of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;
- (f) All Party Chairmen of the Local Government Areas;
- (g) One National Member from each Local Government Area, to be elected at the Local Government Area Congress convened for the purpose;
- (h) All elected political office holders who are party members;
- (I) All other persons which the National Chairman may deem fit to invite.

FUNCTIONS

- 28.2 The National Convention shall be the supreme and controlling authority of the party within the limits prescribed in this Constitution and it shall be the principal representative, highest policy making body of the party.
- 28.3 Except in the exercise of the functions granted only to other bodies as specified in this Constitution or in the regulations made pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, the National convention shall have supremacy in all matters pertaining to the party and all officers and organs of the party shall be bound in the exercise of their functions by the decisions of the National Convention.
- 28.4 The policies of the party, derived from the resolutions of the National Convention, shall be amended or revoked only by a subsequent resolution of the National Convention except in matters of serious National or Party interest then the NEC may make such intermediary or temporary amendments but must be ratified at the next convention.

- 28.5 The National Convention shall have and exercise authority to:
- (a) Formulate policies and programs for the party;
 - (b) Elect or remove the National Officers of the party;
 - (c) Elect the Presidential candidate of the party;
 - (d) Demand and receive reports from the National Executive committee and from any other committees or organs of the party and take appropriate action on such reports;
 - (e) Appoint such committees, as it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit;
 - (f) Examine the actions taken or legislation proposed by any government under its control whether federal, state or local government committee and ensure that they are in conformity with the policies and programs of the party;
 - (g) At all elections, secure the return of as many party candidates as possible in a manner consistent with the laws of the land;
 - (h) Consider reports from the states and local government branches of the party and take such decisions and actions as may be necessary to protect, advance and consolidate the gains and interest of the party;
 - (i) Through the organs of the party as already contained in this constitution, raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party;
 - (j) Exercise control and take disciplinary action against all officers and members of the party;
 - (k) Determine the type and membership of standing committees to be set up by the National Executive Committee;
 - (l) Review and amend the constitution of the party, from time to time, as the need arises and the powers of the National Convention to propose

- amendments to the Constitution shall not be delegated except as have been delegated in this constitution;
- (m) Delegate any of its powers, except the power to amend the Constitution, to the National Executive Committee or to any other organ of the party;
 - (n) Take such other actions as may aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives of the party;
 - (o) Appoint external Auditors to audit the party's accounts;
 - (p) Determine the minimum rate of annual subscription to be paid by members and the proportion of income from such subscription to be remitted to the National Secretariat of the party;
 - (q) Review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision taken by any of the constituent bodies, units or officials of the party; and
 - (r) Exercise such other powers and authority not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution as shall aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives and the founding ideals and philosophy of the party.

MEETINGS

- 28.6 The quorum of the National convention shall be one-third (1/3) of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- 28.7 Subject to any provision on special convention, the National Convention shall meet every four years provided it must fall within the same month of the last convention or not exceeding six months thereafter;
- 28.8 The National Convention shall determine its own procedure as proposed by the NEC in accordance with democratic principles;

- 28.9 Voting on key issues at the National Convention shall be by secret ballot or as provided by the Convention committee.
- 28.10 Meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the National Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

Article 29

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS

NATIONAL OFFICERS

- 29.1 There shall be the National Officers of the Party, who shall be men and women of integrity with demonstrable competence and shall perform the functions assigned to them in this constitution.

THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

- 29.2 There shall be a National Chairman who shall be the Chief Executive of the party and his functions shall be to:
- (a) Summon and preside over the meetings of the National Working Committee as convened by the NEC of the party except as already delegated to any other body or person;
 - (b) Provide firm and effective leadership and direct the activities of the party under the overall supervision of the National Executive Committee;
 - (c) Promote and defend the integrity, policies and programs of the party and make pronouncements for and on behalf of the National Executive Committee outlining the policies, programs and activities of the Party;
 - (d) Assign specific functions to any member or officer of the party subject to the provisions of this constitution;
 - (e) Delegate his powers to the Deputy National Chairman;

- (f) Cast votes if and when necessary.
- (g) Present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement of the State of the party and the political situation generally;
- (h) Ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and do all such other things as shall promote the growth and welfare of the party;

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

29.3 There shall be a Deputy National Chairman who shall come either from the Northern or the Southern part of the country, depending on the part of the country the National Chairman hails from.

- 29.4 The Deputy National Chairman shall perform the following functions-
- (a) Assist the National Chairman in the discharge of his duties;
 - (b) Deputize for the National Chairman in the latter's absence; and
 - (c) Performing such other party functions as may be assigned to him.

THE NATIONAL LEADER

- 29.5 There shall be a National Leader for the Party who shall perform the following functions:
- (a) Act as the official representative of the Party
 - (b) Typically responsible for managing the Party's relationship with the general public
 - (c) Shall be the public face of the Party and the principal media contact
 - (d) Shall take a leading role in developing and communicating Party policy, especially election platforms, to the electorate
 - (e) Shall be elected by the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Party

- (f) Shall be a member of the Board of Trustees and the National Executive Committee of the Party

THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

29.6 There shall be a National Secretary who shall be the Chief Administrative and Accounting Officer of the party Secretariat whose functions shall be to-

- (a) Supervise the day-to-day activities of the party in the secretariat;
- (b) Conduct or direct the conduct of the correspondences of the party and cause to be issued notices of meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee, **PROVIDED** that such meetings may be held by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the National Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion;
- (c) Keep or cause to be kept all records of proceedings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee, as well as other records of the party;
- (d) Render a written annual report of the activities of the party to NEC and National Convention;
- (e) Ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee and ensure that all units of the party carry out their duties promptly and efficiently;
- (f) Relate to the National Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his or her office;
- (g) Carry out any other duties as may be assigned to him or her, from time-to-time by the National Convention, National Executive Committee, National Working Committee and the National Chairman, and
- (h) The National Secretary of the party shall be the custodian of the common seal of the party.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY

29.7 A Deputy National Secretary who shall assist the National Secretary in the discharge of his duties and shall act for him in his absence or wherever so directed.

ZONAL CHAIRMEN

29.8 There shall be Zonal Chairmen representing each of the six geo-political zones, namely:

- (a) North/West Zonal Chairman
- (b) North/Central Zonal Chairman
- (c) North/East Zonal Chairman
- (d) South/South Zonal Chairman
- (e) South/West Zonal Chairman
- (f) South/East Zonal Chairman

29.9 The Zonal Chairmen shall perform the following functions-

- (a) Coordinate the activities of the party in the states of their various geo-political zones
- (b) Perform such other party functions as may be assigned to them by the National Chairman, National Working Committee (NWC) and National Executive Committee (NEC).

THE NATIONAL TREASURER

29.10 The National Treasurer who shall be an Accountant with track records of prudence whose functions shall be to:

- (a) Receive and promptly pay into the party's accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the party and keep all cheque books and other banking documents of the party;
- (b) Ensure prudent management of the party's funds;
- (c) Ensure that all funds received by the party are paid into the party's accounts immediately and if for any reason that is not possible, the fund shall be paid within 48 hours after collection; and

- (d) Prepare and submit a yearly statement of account and periodic reports to the National Executive Committee.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL TREASURER

29.11 There shall be a Deputy National Treasurer who shall assist the National Treasurer in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LIAISON OFFICER

29.12 There shall be a National Government Liaison Officer who shall-

- (a) Attend to issues between the party and government and makes appropriate recommendation to the National Chairman for approvals
- (b) Consult the National Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his or her office

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LIAISON OFFICER

29.13 There shall be a Deputy National Government Liaison Officer who shall assist the National Government Liaison Adviser in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL CORPORATE OFFICER

29.14 There shall be a National Corporate Officer who shall-

- (a) Recommend ventures of benefit to the party
- (b) Coordinate the establishment of any profitable concerns of the party

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL CORPORATE OFFICER

29.15 There shall be a Deputy National Corporate officer who shall assist the National Corporate Adviser in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISER

29.16 There shall be a National Technical Adviser who shall-

- (a) Plan, direct and oversee political tact of the party subject to approval by National Working Committee.
- (b) Conduct administrative and technical reviews of continuing party policies
- (c) Research and develop formulation data of strategic program management, operational and financial plans
- (d) Consult the National Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his or her office

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISER

29.17 There shall be a Deputy National Technical Adviser who shall assist the National Technical Adviser in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence..

THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

29.18 There shall be a National Financial Secretary whose functions shall be to-

- (a) Collect and keep records of all dues, levies, subscriptions and donations paid or made to the party;
- (b) Receive any advice on fund raising and consequently prepare and submit proposals for raising funds for the party to the National Executive Committee;
- (c) Undertake strict supervision of budgeting, budgetary control and financial reporting;
- (d) Protect the assets of the party and institute operating procedures through internal control; and
- (e) Establish and co-ordinate policies for the investment of funds to generate income for the party.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

29.19 There shall be a Deputy National Financial Secretary who shall assist the National Financial Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties, and deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY

29.20 There shall be a National Organizing Secretary whose functions shall be to:

- (a) Initiate programs for the general mobilization of the members of the party and the recruitment of new members;
- (b) Appraise the problems of the party and proffer solutions to such problems;
- (c) Harmonize all information and devise appropriate strategy for winning elections;
- (d) Coordinate all field activities of the party;
- (e) Organize seminars, workshops, rallies and campaign programs for the attainment of the party's objectives; and
- (f) Liaise with the National Woman and Youth Leaders for the harmonization of the programs for the attainment of the party's success at all elections.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY

29.21 There shall be a Deputy National Organizing Secretary who shall assist the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties, and deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

29.22 There shall be a National Publicity Secretary whose functions shall be to:

- (a) Co-ordinate all information and public relations of the party;

- (b) Be the chief image maker of the party; and
- (c) Cause to be publicized, the policies and programs of the party in line with the aims and objectives of the party.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

29.23 There shall be a Deputy National Publicity Secretary who shall assist the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties, and deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL AUDITOR

29.24 There shall be a National Auditor of the party, who shall be an Accountant and whose functions shall be to-

- (a) Audit the books of account of the party annually and report to the National Executive Committee;
- (b) Present the audited account of the party to the National Convention; and
- (c) Carry out any other functions as may be directed by the National Executive Committee.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL AUDITOR

29.25 There shall be a Deputy National Auditor who shall assist the National Auditor in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

29.26 There shall be a National Legal Adviser of the Party who shall be a lawyer of not less than 10 years post-call and whose functions shall be to-

- (a) Advise the party on legal matters;
- (b) Conduct, litigation and prosecute and defend actions on behalf of the party including its organs and officials in so far as the subject matter of the litigation affects the interest of the party;
- (c) Interpret the laws, regulations and Constitution of the party in the event of any ambiguities; and

- (d) To handle any other assignment pertaining the activities of the party as would be assigned to him by the NEC and National Convention.

NATIONAL DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER

29.27 There shall be a National Deputy Legal Adviser, who shall be a lawyer of not less than 7 years post call shall deputize for the National Legal Adviser in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL WOMEN LEADER

29.28 There shall be a National Women Leader, who shall be responsible for:

- (a) Mobilizing and organizing women;
- (b) Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to Nigerian women; and
- (c) To perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National Chairman, National Working Committee (NWC) and National Executive Committee (NEC).

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL WOMEN LEADER

29.29 There shall be a National Deputy Women Leader who shall assist the National Women Leader in the discharge of her duties and shall act for her in her absence or wherever so directed.

ZONAL WOMEN LEADERS

29.30 There shall be Zonal Women leaders representing each of the six geo-political zones, namely:

- (a) North/West Zonal Women Leader
- (b) North/Central Zonal Women Leader
- (c) North/East Zonal Women Leader
- (d) South/South Zonal Women Leader
- (e) South/West Zonal Women Leader
- (f) South/East Zonal Women Leader

29.31 The Zonal Women Leaders shall perform the following functions-

- (a) Coordinate the activities of the party in the states in their various geo-political zones as far as it relates to women.
- (b) Perform such other party functions as may be assigned to them by the National Chairman, National Working Committee (NWC) and National Executive Committee (NEC).

THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER

29.32 There shall be a National Youth Leader, whose functions shall be-

- (a) Mobilizing the youth for the attainment of the objectives of the party;
- (b) Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian youth; and.
- (c) Perform such other party functions as may be assigned by the National Chairman, National Working Committee (NWC) and National Executive Committee (NEC).

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER

29.33 There shall be a Deputy National Youth Leader who shall assist the National Youth Leader in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

THE NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER

29.34 There shall be a National Welfare Officer who shall-

- (a) shall develop welfare programs and proffer systematic avenues for funding and sustaining welfare packages for meritorious party members, officials, organs and any other persons as may be recommended at any time by the Party.
- (b) Ensure the provision of welfare services for the members of the party during National Convention, National Working Committee Meetings and other

official programs/functions of the party at the National Level including campaigns. The National Welfare Adviser shall in conjunction with the National Secretariat set up a welfare department of the party subject to ratification by the NWC.

- (c) Perform any other duty or duties as may be assigned by the NEC or National Convention.

DEPUTY NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER

29.35 There shall be a Deputy National Welfare Officer who shall assist the National Welfare Adviser in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

29.36 There shall be a National Security Adviser of the Party whose functions shall be to-

- (a) Advise the party on Security matters;
- (b) Ensure the safety of the Party Secretariats and Officials;
- (c) Liaise with all the various security agencies in the performance of his duties
- (d) To handle any other assignment pertaining the activities of the party as would be assigned to him by the National Chairman, National Working Committee (NWC) and National Executive Committee (NEC).

DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

29:37 There shall be a Deputy National Security Adviser who shall assist the National Security Adviser in the discharge of his duties, and to deputize for him in his absence.

NATIONAL LEADER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

29:38 There shall be a National Leader for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) who shall be a person with disability, whose functions shall be to:

- (a) Advise the party on matters related to persons

- with Disabilities on equal opportunities, protection of their rights and full participation in Politics and governance.
- (b) Take steps to safeguard the rights of Persons with disabilities in the Party
 - (c) Initiate programs for the general mobilization and recruitment of Persons with disabilities as new members of the Party
 - (d) Liaise with other National Officers of the Party especially the National Women and Youth Leaders for the harmonization of programs for the attainment of the Party's success at all elections.
 - (e) Carry out such functions as the National Chairman or the National Executive Committee (NEC) shall delegate to him from time to time
 - (f) Consult the National Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his Office

DEPUTY NATIONAL LEADER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

29:39 There shall be a Deputy National Leader for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) who shall assist the National Director for Persons with Disabilities in the discharge of his duties, and to deputize for him in his absence.

NATIONAL SPORTS ADVISER

29:40 The functions of the National Sports Adviser shall be:

- (a) To coordinate and advise the party on all sporting activities;
- (b) To represent the party in all sports consultations and engagements;
- (c) Resolving sports public relation issues;
- (d) Discover, harness and develop new talents

29: 41 DEPUTY NATIONAL SPORTS ADVISER

There shall be a Deputy Sports Adviser who shall assist the National Sports Adviser in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence.

Article 30

GOOD FAITH OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

- 30.1 All National officers must show good faith in the discharge of their duties subject to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Act and the constitution of the party.
- 30.2 Lack of good faith by any National party Official shall be treated as a serious violation of this constitution and oath of office.

Article 31

RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

- 31.1 If a National Officer of the Party is removed or resigns from office, he shall immediately hand over to the National Secretary all records, files and other properties of the Party in his or her possession.
- 31.2 In the case of the National Chairman, he shall hand over to the Deputy National chairman who shall, without prejudice to Article 31.5 of this Constitution, act as the National Chairman pending an election by the NEC for a replacement within 8 weeks from the same region to complete the tenure.
- 31.3 In the case of National Secretary, he shall hand over to the Deputy National Secretary who shall be in acting capacity pending an election by the NEC for a replacement within 8 weeks from the same region to complete the tenure.
- 31.4 This provision shall apply mutatis mutandis to other levels of the Party structure except where there are two Vices then to any of the Vices.

PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF PARTY OFFICIALS

- 31.5 The National Chairman and the National Secretary shall be removed by a resolution of two third majority votes of members of the National Executive Committee, which

shall be ratified by a two third majority votes of the National Convention, after which the removal shall then take effect.

31.6 Other National Executive Committee members shall be removed by a two third majority votes resolution of the National Executive Committee Members.

31.7 The State Chairman and the State Secretary shall be removed by a resolution of two third majority votes of members of the State Executive Committee, which shall be ratified by a two third majority votes of the National Working Committee, after which the removal shall then take effect.

31.8 Other State Executive Committee members shall be removed by a two third majority votes resolution of the State Executive Committee Members.

31.9 The Local Government Area Chairman and the Local Government Area Secretary shall be removed by a resolution of two third majority votes of members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee, which shall be ratified by a two third majority votes of the State Working Committee, after which the removal shall then take effect.

31.10 Other Local Government Area Executive Committee members shall be removed by a two third majority resolution of the Local Government Area Executive Committee Members.

31.11 The Ward Chairman and the Ward Secretary shall be removed by a resolution of two third majority votes of

members of the Ward Executive Committee, which shall be ratified by a two third majority votes of the Local Government Area Working Committee, after which the removal shall then take effect.

- 31.12 Other Ward Executive Committee members shall be removed by a two third majority resolution of the Ward Executive Committee Members. PROVIDED that in deciding the votes cast in ALL cases of removal stated above, ballots shall be cast and not voice votes.

PROVIDED that without prejudice to the above provisions, the National Working Committee (NWC) shall have the power by a 1/3 votes of its members to remove any State Chairman or any other party official at any level, and or to dissolve the entire Executive Committee of the State, LGA or Ward of the party for any reason it deems necessary without due regards to the provisions above.

POWERS OF OFFICERS AT OTHER LEVELS

- 31.13 Except where the provisions of this Constitution state otherwise, all other officers at the Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward levels shall, in relation to their respective functions, have the same powers as their corresponding National Officers.

- 31.14 Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Executive Committee at all levels shall have power to set up committees where necessary, desirable or expedient and shall assign to them such powers and functions as may be deemed appropriate.

- 31.15 The Executive Committee at all levels shall, in the appointment or election of members of the Executive Committees at respective levels of the Party, observe and apply the principle of Federal Character.

TENURE OF OFFICE OF PARTY OFFICERS

- 31.16 All Ward, LGA, Senatorial, State, Zonal and National Officers of the Party shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 31.17 The election of National Officers shall be at the National Convention, while that of those at the lower levels shall be at the respective congresses.
- 31.18 A vote of no-confidence may be moved on any member of the Executive Committee of the Party at any level at any National Convention or congress of the Party two years into the tenure of such member of the Executive Committee, and where such a vote is passed, the Executive Committee member shall be replaced at that National convention or congress, as the case may be. Provided that two months' notice of such vote of confidence motion shall be given to the Secretariat in order to circulate it to the relevant chapters one month before the National Convention or Congress, as the case may be.
- 31.19 A vote of no-confidence shall be deemed defeated if not passed by a simple majority of the members of the Party at the Convention or Congress sitting and voting.
- 31.20 Any officer elected into the Executive Committee of the Party at any level may resign his or her office by giving thirty days' notice in writing (unless waived by him) to the appropriate Executive Committee, except in the case of resignation for the purpose of vying for an elective office which shall be effective within the period stipulated in the guideline issued for such elective office by the State Executive Committee in respect of Local Government elections.
- 31.21 Where a vacancy occurs in any of the offices of the Party, the Executive Committee at the appropriate level shall appoint another person from the area or zone where the

officer originated from, pending the conduct of election within 8 weeks to fill the vacancy.

PROHIBITION FROM HOLDING DUAL OFFICES

31.22 Subject to the provisions of this constitution and without prejudice to Article 28, any member holding any office in the party at any level shall be deemed to have resigned that office, if he or she assumes any of the following offices-

- (a) President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (b) Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (c) Member of the National Assembly
- (d) Governor or Deputy Governor of a state
- (e) Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; or
- (f) Secretary to the Government of the Federation; or
- (g) Special Adviser or Special Assistant to the President or Vice President;
- (h) Ambassador or High Commissioner; or
- (i) Commissioner, Special Adviser or Special Assistant to the Governor or Deputy Governor of a State; or
- (j) Chairman, Vice Chairman of Committee or of a Local Government Committee; or
- (k) Any full time employment or appointment in the public service of the federation, state or local government
- (l) **PROVIDED** that it is not required of an officer of the Party to resign if he is appointed to the membership of any Board, Agency or Commission at any level.

Article 32

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION INTO PUBLIC OFFICES

32.1 The National Working Committee shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), the Electoral Act (as amended) and this constitution, formulate guidelines

and regulations for the nomination of candidates for election into public offices at all levels and shall resolve all disputes relating to the choice of candidates for the party for any election and for conveying to the Independent National Electoral Commission, or any other authority to whom it may concern, confirming the names or list of names of candidates for the party in any elective public office in the federation, provided that NWC will refer lingering disputes to the NEC.

- 32.2 In line with the provisions of this Constitution, the National Working Committee shall regulate the procedure for selecting the party's candidates for elective offices in the following manner prescribed below;
- 32.3 In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the primary shall be held at the National Convention of the party specially convened for that purpose;
- 32.4 In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Governorship of a state, the primary shall be held at the State Congress of the party specially convened for that purpose;
- 32.5 In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Senator, the primaries shall be held at Senatorial Congress or as may be specified by the NWC.
- 32.6 In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of member of the House of Representatives, the primaries shall be held at the Federal Constituency Headquarters;
- 32.7 In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Local Government Council Chairman and House of Assembly, the primaries shall be held at the local

government Congress

- 32.8 Congress shall be held by direct primaries in which all card carrying members of the party at all level shall participate; or by indirect primaries as may be specified by the National Working Committee.
- 32.9 There shall be a minimum of two years membership span for a member to be eligible to stand for election into any public office, unless the appropriate authority gives a waiver or rules to the contrary.
- 32.10 In considering the waiver mentioned in Article 32(9), of this constitution the following shall apply:
- (a) For members aspiring for nomination for election to the post of Councillor or Local Government Council Chairman, the deciding authority shall be the State Chairman and State Secretary; and
 - (b) For members aspiring for Party positions or nomination for State House of Assembly election, National Assembly, posts of Governors or Deputy Governors, President or Vice President, the deciding authority shall be the National Chairman and the National Secretary.
- 32.11 In respect of any decision, any aggrieved party member shall have recourse to appeal to the National Executive Committee, through the National Working Committee of the Party.
- 32.12 There shall be a minimum of two years membership span except on special consideration for a member to be eligible to be considered for political appointment, but this is without prejudice to the discretion of the appropriate authority.
- 32.13 Candidates for party positions must possess a minimum of secondary school certificate or its equivalent as requisite qualification to be eligible to contest except

waived by the National Executive Committee. The demand for literacy as a qualification should not be compulsory at the ward level.

32.14 In the case of death or withdrawal of any candidate that has a deputy or not during or after elections, but before swearing in, fresh primaries shall be conducted by the party.

32.15 Subject to the provisions of this constitution on disputes, the decision of the National Working Committee shall be final in the event of a non-lingering dispute as to who becomes the candidate of the party into any public elective office whatsoever at all levels from the Ward to the National levels.

Article 33

FUNDING

33.1 There shall be established and maintained for the party a fund or funds into which shall be paid all:

- (a) Subscription, fees, and levies from membership of the party;
- (b) Proceeds from investments made by the party;
- (c) Subventions and donations;
- (d) Gifts and grants by individuals or groups of individuals as authorized by law;
- (e) Loans approved by the National Executive Committee; and
- (f) Such other moneys as may be lawful by the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria received by the party.

33.2 A prescribe annual membership subscription fee per annum, or such amount as the National Executive Committee, upon the recommendation of the National Working Committee, may, from time to time, approve shall be paid by all members.

- 33.3 The fee shall be paid as and when due and endorsed on the membership card. The NEC shall determine and fix the different allowances and remunerations of all officers and organs of the party. Provided that the Party shall strictly follow the party's financial policy as regards the revenue ration of the pioneering members of the Party.
- 33.4 For the purpose of strengthening the Party's finances, all elected Party men and women shall pay additional levies as follows-
- (a) Elected Public Officers in the legislature (at the three tiers of government): 5% of annual basic salary.
 - (b) Elected public officers in the Executive (at the three tiers of government): 10% of annual basic salary.
- 33.5 The various individuals and friends of the Party that enjoy patronage from the Party at National, State and Local Government levels shall be encouraged to make donations annually to the Party, and these must be consistent with any law in operation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at the time of the donation.
- 33.6 Money generated from the sale of nomination forms shall form part of the Party's finances.
- 33.7 The Party shall hold a National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner at which friends and members of the Party will be charged, in a manner to be recommended by the National Finance Committee of the Party and approved by the National Working Committee, to raise fund for the Party.

Article 34

NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- 34.1 There shall be established for the Party, a National Finance Committee (NFC) to consist of the following, that is:
- (a) A Chairman, who shall be a Party member of repute and integrity;
 - (b) 1 member drawn from each of the 6 geopolitical zones of the country;
 - (c) The National Treasurer of the Party,
 - (d) Financial Secretary of the Party,
 - (e) National Auditor of the Party,
 - (f) National Welfare Adviser of the party,
- 34.2 National Financial Secretary shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee.
- 34.3 Except for the ex-officio members of the Committee, the Chairman and other members are to be appointed by the National Working Committee subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee.

FUNCTIONS

- 34.4 The NFC shall be responsible for-
- (a) Organizing a National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner.
 - (b) Embarking on other fund raising activities and solicitations for party, provided that such activities and solicitations must be in conformity with the extant laws and this constitution;
 - (c) Ensuring that the fund raising policy of the party is maintained.
 - (d) Establishing a good and prudent but effective management system for resources and funds.
- Provided that there shall be a State Finance Committee, which shall be constituted along the lines of the National Finance Committee and to perform like functions.

BORROWING POWER

- 34.5 The Party may, with the consent of or in accordance with any general authority given by the National Executive Committee, borrow, by way of loan or overdraft, from any source, any money required by the party to meet its obligations and functions under this Constitution.
- 34.6 Subject to the provisions of this constitution and the conditions of any trust in respect of any property, the party may invest all or any of its funds with the consent or general authority of the National Executive Committee.

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARTY FINANCES

- 34.7 For the purpose of ensuring transparency and accountability in the management of finances of the party, the National Executive Committee shall design Standard Financial regulations to govern the management of party's finances at all levels.
- 34.8 At the National level, the National Chairman of the Party shall ensure that members of the party comply with the provisions of this constitution as affects membership dues expected from elected public office holders, Federal and National Assembly. The National Working Committee led by the National Chairman of the party shall twice in a year brief the party of all activities of the party with regards to the constitution, manifesto, ideology, harmony and operations.
- 34.9 At the State level, the State Chairman of the party shall ensure that members of the party comply with the provisions of this constitution as relates to membership dues in respect of all elected public office holders, and in the State House of Assembly.
- 34.10 At the local government level, the local government committee party Chairman, shall ensure that members

comply with the provisions of this constitution as relates to membership dues in respect of all elected public office holders and Local Government Legislative House.

BANK ACCOUNTS

34.11 The party shall maintain a Bank Account or Bank Accounts at the city or town where its headquarters is situated and where bank facilities are not available, the services of the bank nearest to the city or town shall be utilised.

34.12 The Executive Committee of the party at any level shall decide the banks to be used in keeping the account.

34.13 The authorized signatories to the bank account and other financial transactions shall be the following officers, as the case may be:

- (a) The National Chairman or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels;
- (b) The National Financial Secretary or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, local government and ward levels;
- (c) The National Treasurer or his or her counterpart at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels, the National Secretary or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels
- (d) The National Secretary or his counterpart at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels: and Provided that for any withdrawal the National Chairman or the National Financial Secretary or the National Treasurer must be regular signatories together with any two other authorised signatories. The NEC may expand the scope of accounts and signatories for different organs as it deems necessary, and as the circumstance demands.

AUDIT OF PARTY ACCOUNTS

34.14 The National Executive Committee of the Party shall appoint a competent firm of accountants to audit the accounts of the party annually and present the report of the audited accounts at the National Convention.

34.15 The Zonal, State and the Local Government Executive Committees shall, similarly, appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit the accounts of the party annually and present the report of the audited accounts at their respective congresses.

NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

34.16 The National Executive Committee shall establish a National Investment Committee for the party which shall-

- (a) Ensure the broadening and sustainability of the Party's revenue base, including, subject to the provisions of this constitution, investment of the party funds in to long term viable ventures such as government securities, blue-chip companies and real estate; and
- (b) Establish any business ventures that do not violate the provisions of any sections of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Act and this constitution.
- (c) Any other duty or duties as may be assigned by the NEC.

The membership of the Investment Committee shall be as determined by the NEC.

Article 35

COMMITTEE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (CADR)

35.1 The National Executive Committee shall establish a committee for alternative conflict resolution for the Party which shall:-

- (a) Facilitate impartial mediation through communication and shall assist with negotiation between parties to resolve problems/insures and promote reconciliation, settlement and understanding among party members
- (b) Ensure that all parties to a dispute must agree to mediation before arrangements will be made for a session
- (c) To further the voluntary resolution of problems/issues among party members and or party organs at the earliest opportunity without recourse to the Law Courts
- (d) To provide an internal process to increase voluntary resolution of problems/disputes at the earliest opportunity
- (e) To provide a forum for the Parties to work toward a voluntary, consensual agreement
- (f) To do any such other things as may be assigned to them by the National Executive Committee **PROVIDED** that this Committee may be replicated at the State, Local Government Area and Ward levels as may be required by the relevant Party organ.

Article 36

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- 36.1 Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, there shall be a Disciplinary Committee of the Party at every level consisting of seven members with proven integrity, one of whom shall have a legal background. The Legal Adviser or his/her nominee shall be a member of the committee except where the Legal Adviser is the one facing the committee.

- 36.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed by the appropriate Executive Committee of the Party.
- 36.3 The Working Committee, at any level of the Party, and the Executive Committee (at the Ward Level) may, after preliminary hearings, suspend a member from the Party for a period not exceeding one month, during which period the member so suspended shall lose his right of contest any election, and shall be referred to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee.
- 36.4 Where an allegation is made against a member of the Party, the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the member in writing of the allegations made against him and the place and time of hearing the case against him or her.
- 36.5 A member who appears before a Disciplinary Committee shall be given opportunity to present his case orally or in writing either in person or through a counsel of his choice and shall be allowed to call witnesses.
- 36.6 Any decision taken against a member who has not been informed of the charges against him or has not been given any opportunity of defending himself shall be null and void.

OFFENCES AND SANCTIONS

OFFENCES

- 36.7 Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Party shall have power to discipline any member who:
- (a) Commits any breach of the Party's Constitution, or Manifesto;
 - (b) Says or does anything likely to bring the party into disrepute, hatred or contempt;
 - (c) Disobeys or neglects to carry out lawful directives of the party or any organ or officer of the party;
 - (d) Engages in dishonest practices, defrauds the party,

- its members or officials;
- (e) Is persistently absent from meetings or other official duties;
- (f) Engages in anti-party activities;
- (g) Engages in disorderly conduct at meetings or rallies or at any party function;
- (h) Engages in any conduct likely to cause disaffection among members of the party or is likely to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient conduct of the business of the party;
- (i) Engages in unauthorized publicity of disputes within the party or creates a parallel party organ at any level;
- (j) Promotes factions or belongs to any group under the guise of the party and by whatever name called, not being one provided for in this constitution;
- (k) Organizes, retains, trains, equips or encourages the organization, retention, training, equipping of any member or group of members for the purpose of employing violence or coercion or any form of intimidation whatsoever;
- (l) Resorts to court action or litigation on any disputes or on any matter whatsoever concerning rights, obligations and duties of any member of the party without first availing himself or herself of the remedies provided by the party under this constitution; or
- (m) Fails, refuses or neglects to treat a petition, complaints or appeal timeously.
- (n) Any elected public office holder who decamps while in office to another political party automatically loses his seat and shall face disciplinary sanctions.
- (o) Any elected Public office holder or Party Official who by conduct, speech or omission does anything to contradict/contravenes any

decision(s) of any organ of the Party shall face disciplinary sanctions

SANCTIONS

- 36.8 Any member of the Party who commits any of the offences listed in Section 36.7 of this Constitution shall be liable to any or a combination of the following penalties-
- (a) Reprimand
 - (b) Censure
 - (c) Fine
 - (d) Suspension with a fine;
 - (e) Debarment from holding any Party office;
 - (f) Removal from office
 - (g) Expulsion from the Party
- 36.9 Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Executive Committee, at any level of the Party, shall have power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures to be taken against any member at that level.
- 36.10 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution relating to discipline, no Executive Committee at any level except the National Executive Committee shall entertain any question of discipline as may relate or concern a member of the National Executive Committee or any elected public Officer of the Party.
- 36.11 The appropriate Executive Committee shall have the power to initiate and take necessary disciplinary action against other categories of Executive Committee members, public Office Holders and other members of the Party.
- 36.12 Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall have power to expel any member of the Party for serious acts of indiscipline or misconduct or anti party activity which brings, or is likely to bring, the Party into disrepute. The expulsion is

final if rectified by either the mini Convention or Elective Convention.

REMEDIES

- 36.13 If any member of the party is aggrieved, he shall report to the appropriate authority.
- 36.14 If he or she is not satisfied, an appeal shall lie with the next higher party authority.
- 36.15 All appeals must be dealt with timely, expeditiously; in any event not later than 2 weeks after the filing of the appeal.
- 36.16 The Appeal committee shall be set up by NEC with 50% membership from the BOT and the other 50% made up of NEC Members.

APPEAL

- 36.17 Any member of the Party who is aggrieved by a decision taken against him by any of the organs or officers of the Party shall have the right of appeal to the immediate higher organ of the Party within fourteen days of the decision.
- 36.18 An appeal shall be determined by the appropriate appeal body within twenty-one days from the date of the receipt of the notice of appeal by the appropriate Executive Committee. In all matters contained in Article 36 herein, the policy on ADR must be adhered to and complied with.

Article 37

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY

- 37.1 The party shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and can sue or be sued in its corporate name with power to acquire, hold and alienate property, enter into valid agreements and to do all things necessary to carry out its aims and objectives and defend its members, property and reputation.
- 37.2 Only National Officers of the party shall have the authority to create any legal relationship binding on the party provided that the Convention shall have the powers to revoke any legal relationship made in bad faith and against the interest and philosophy of the party. The party leadership shall be responsible to the party constitution and its ideals and shall in the case of serious emergency matters call for relevant leaders across the party so as to take such actions that would cater for the emergency as the case may be.

RESOLUTION OF CRISES (ROC)

- 37.3 In the event of a lingering unresolved crises, the pioneer National Chairman who is the Leader of the Party shall be consulted to mediate over crises and his decision thereon shall be final. In the absence of the pioneer Chairman, resolution of the crises shall be by a Committee set up by BOT Chairman.

COMMON SEAL

- 37.4 There shall be a common seal of the party, which shall be in the custody of the National Secretary of the party.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 37.5 All Committees ad-hoc or standing, at all levels shall have the power to hold meetings either by physical attendance of members and or by virtual means as the Chairman may deem fit and proper for the occasion.

OATH OF OFFICE

- 37.6 Any person elected or appointed into any office of the party shall subscribe to the Oath of Office as provided in Schedule I to this Constitution, in the language that he or she understands and before a commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public. Where the Oath officer is a member of the executive committee then he shall administer the oath for others and then affirm in the presence of the other members of the executive committee. Provided that for zonal or state or LG or Ward executives, the National shall give directions on the modalities to adopt.

AMENDMENTS

- 37.7 The party shall have the power to amend this constitution at any time it deems fit or necessary **PROVIDED** that the National Executive Committee of the party shall have given approval to the proposed amendment by a motion passed by one-third (1/3) majority of members present.
- 37.8 The Notice of the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be given to the National Secretary, at least two months before the date of the National or Special Convention and the notice which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the amendment sought and the reasons for the amendments.
- 37.9 The National Secretary upon receipt of the notice shall cause it to be circulated to the State Chapters of the party for publication at least one month before the date of the National or Special Convention.

INTERPRETATION

- 37.10 Except on express words of this constitution, any divided questions as to the meaning of any section of this constitution or the Schedule hereto shall be referred to the National Executive Committee whose interpretation of the same shall be final.

37.11 In this constitution:

- (a) "ADR " means Alternative Dispute Resolution
- (b) "Constitution" means CONSTITUTION OF THE YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY.
- (c) "Funds" include valuable properties;
- (d) "He" or "His" shall include the female gender;
- (e) "The Party" means YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY; and shall include its constituted organs as the case may be.
- (f) "Month" means calendar month;
- (g) Where computation of any figure in this Constitution results in a fraction, the figure obtained shall be approximated to the nearest whole number;
- (h) "BOT" means Board of Trustees
- (i) "Congress" a large formal meeting or series of meetings where representatives from different party levels in the State discuss ideas, make decisions, pass resolutions and conduct election;
- (j) "National Convention" - The largest meeting of YPP at National level which is the highest authority of the party where decisions are ratified and Presidential candidates and national Officers are elected;
- (k) "Option A4" - An Election Procedure where electorates line-up behind their choice candidate (either by physical presence or by poster) after accreditation and are counted as voting.
- (l) "National" - This refers to Federal level as contained in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (m) "Zonal" - This refers to each of the geo-political entities viz: North/East, North/Central, North/West, South/East, South/West, South/South.
- (n) "State" - This refers to geographical entity as

defined in the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

- (o) "Local Government Area" - This refers to the Local Government Area as defined by S.7 and particularly schedule 2 of the constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (p) "Ward" - This refer to the area delineation of the Local Government Area by the Independent National Electoral Commission.
- (q) "Direct Primaries" – this refers to a Party Executive Congress to be held in each Ward and all registered and financial members of the Party to participate in electing a candidate of the Party for election into public office.
- (r) "NEC" means or refers to the National Executive Committee
- (s) "Emergency" means any situation that is capable of negatively affecting the party immediately.

SCHEDULE I

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Ido solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Young PROGRESSIVES Party and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and policies of the Young PROGRESSIVES Party and of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. So help me God.

SCHEDULE II

OATH OF OFFICE

I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I shall be faithful and bear true allegiance to the YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY, I shall discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the party and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the party and the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will strive to pursue, enhance and achieve the aims and objectives of the party as contained in its Constitution and Manifesto; that I shall be bound by the party's policy on ADR, and shall not allow my personal interest to influence my official decision; that in all circumstances I shall do right to all the members of the party and to all manner of people, according to law without fear or favour, affection or ill-will; that I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any manner which shall be brought to my attention or which shall become known to me as an officer of the party, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties and that I shall devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria. So help me God.

SCHEDULE III

PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

1. Language to be used at meetings
The proceedings of the meetings of the party at all levels shall be in the English language or any Nigerian language understood by a majority of members of the party at respective levels;
2. All the meetings of the party shall be chaired by the Chairman, or in his or her absence the Deputy Chairman. In the event of the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, the Secretary preside over the meeting. In the absence of the mentioned officers, members present shall elect a member from amongst themselves to preside over the meeting.
3. The rules and regulations governing the conduct of any meetings of the party shall be as approved, from time to time, by the National Executive Committee of the party.

NOTICES

The Notices for all meetings at any level shall be a minimum of 7 days for statutory meetings or constitutional meetings, and not less than 24 hours for emergency meetings except where the emergency is of grave consequence then the Notice shall be immediate, provided that any decision pursuant to an immediate Notice, if not reached by a simple majority, must be ratified by a majority of that particular organ

SCHEDULE IV

STAFF RULES

- (1) Employees of the party shall be subject to the direct control and discipline of the National, Zonal, State,

Local Government area and ward secretariat of the party and appeals on matters of the discipline and routine administration matters shall lie with the Secretary at the various levels, in compliance with the establishment manual.

All employees of the party shall be bound by the provisions of this constitution, the rules and regulations of the party and the decisions of the National Executive Committee and other authorized organs of the party.

- (2) A person who seeks and obtains employment in the party shall be deemed to be a member of the party.
- (3) Any employee of the party who acts in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the party or its officers or take part in subversive activities against the party or its officers shall, if found guilty, be immediately relieved of his or her post.
- (4) Erring employees shall be afforded ample opportunity to defend themselves before disciplinary action is taken against them.
- (5) No employee of the party shall seek nomination to enable him or her contest any election, unless he or she resigns his or her appointment one month to the date of the election.
- (6) The remuneration and other conditions of service of employees of the party shall be determined by the National Working Committee for the National and any other and by the State Working Committees, Local Government Committee and Ward Executive Committee as the case may be.

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF June, 2022



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