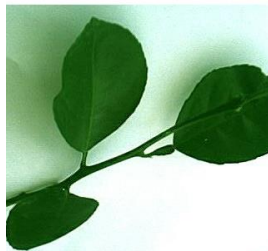


**THE CONSTITUTION  
OF**



**PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY  
(PPP)**

**Motto: Truth, Freedom, and Progress**

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### **PREAMBLE:**

We the progressives of Nigeria, having resolved to form a political party in pursuit of our ideological agenda for the good of all Nigerians, do hereby make, enact and give to ourselves the following Constitution whose provisions shall be binding on ourselves. In doing so, we pledge our abiding loyalty to the Federal Republic of Nigeria whose Constitution shall at all times supersede this Constitution of our party.

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

There shall be a progressive political party to be referred to, known as and called PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY, hereinafter referred to, where the context so admits, as the party.

### **ARTICLE 2: MOTTO**

The motto of the Party shall be "Truth, Freedom, and Progress."

### **ARTICLE 3: SYMBOL**

The emblem of the Party shall be a branch of three green leaves; representing the three arms of the Party's Motto; "Truth, Freedom, and Progress".

### **ARTICLE 4: IDEOLOGY**

The Party shall be guided by a progressive and federalist ideology towards the construction of masses-based politically independent nation, self-reliant in the economy and national defense, and shared socio-economic wellbeing to mitigate and eradicate class disparity.

### **ARTICLE 5: PRIMACY OF PARTY CONSTITUTION**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or of any other law for the time being in force in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the provisions of this Constitution shall take precedence over and above any other Rules or Regulations of the Party which are inconsistent with its provisions.

### **ARTICLE 6: NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**

The registered office of the party shall be in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

### **ARTICLE 7: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

(1) The fundamental socialist principle and objective of the Party is to support, implement, and actualize the fundamental demand of the working class and the masses for social, economic, and political independence at the individual level, family level, community level, provincial level, and national level. This

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is the foundation upon which we shall collectively reconstruct and rebuild Nigeria to global relevance and international acclaim.

(2) The Party aims to democratically acquire, utilize, sustain and retain political power for the sole purpose of rendering total service to the people of Nigeria; to the people of Africa; to the global Black population; and to humanity; on the basis of our peoples-first socialist ideology and the principle and practice of federalism and progressivism.

(3) The driving goals and core strategic objectives of the Party are as follows:

- i. Principal Objective - A free society with democratic and individual freedoms.
- ii. Masses based politically independent nation.
- iii. Self-reliance in the economy and national defense.
- iv. Shared socio-economic wellbeing to mitigate class distinction.

(4) In furtherance to the above stated goals, the party shall pursue and undertake the following initiatives:

- i. To democratically acquire, utilize, sustain and retain political power for the sole purpose of rendering total service to the people of Nigeria; to the people of Africa; to the global Black population; and to humanity; on the basis of our peoples-first socialist ideology and the principle and practice of federalism and progressivism.
- ii. To, after winning the elections, organize an all-inclusive government, using the most competent, reliable, trustworthy, committed, dedicated and honest Nigerians;
- iii. To manage a government rooted in the principles and values of democracy, commitment to the welfare of all the people, anti-corruption, good governance and justice for all;
- iv. To uplift every poor and oppressed Nigerian in the forgotten streets and habitations across our country; those left to rot and die by an uncaring government who see the people as nuisance, rather than resources. PPP is a large tent for our countrymen and women who share our belief that government has grown too corrupt; has become too callous and has done very little.
- v. To actively pursue programs, discussions and legislation leading to a new constitution rooted in the people and a self-sustaining structure for the union states of the federation; a constitution where the will of the people is enshrined supreme through the universal and democratic instruments of referendum.
- vi. To spread and distribute the power of State, to foster diversity and to nurture creativity. We believe that the role of the State is to enable all citizens to attain these ideals; to contribute fully to their communities and to take active part in the decisions that affect their lives.
- vii. To build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no one shall be enslaved by class, poverty, ignorance, or conformity.
- viii. To transform the system of governance so as to foster sustained balanced development throughout Nigeria, facilitate opportunities for all, promote programs and policies of self-actualization and self-enhancement of Nigerians and their communities; usher in genuine security, peace and reconciliation, and implement programs for the rehabilitation of all victims of internal strife, epidemics and other disasters, through the leadership role of the State in the economy to ensure peace, equality and dignity of the human person and

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equitable progressive development of the entire country on the basis of the public interest, equity and justice;

- ix. To champion the freedom, dignity and well-being of individuals. We acknowledge and respect the right of every human being to freedom of conscience and their right to develop their talents to the full.
- x. To build a nation in which all people share the same basic rights and common values, in which they live together in peace and in which their diverse cultures and religions will be able to develop freely and protected from any kind or form of government interference, intervention, or control.
- xi. To achieve all the foregoing under the umbrella of a peoples-first socialist-federalist platform with power continually devolving to the masses, their communities, and the federating units.

### **ARTICLE 8: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **(1) Conditions for Membership**

Membership of the party shall be open to all Nigerians irrespective of their religion, ethnic group, place of birth, gender, social and economic status, provided that:

- (a) The person is a Nigerian and at least 18 years of age;
- (b) The person is not a member of another political party or if he/she was such a member, has resigned such membership and shall show evidence of his/her resignation;
- (c) The person agrees to abide by the provisions of the party's Constitution;
- (d) Application for memberships shall be on individual basis;
- (e) The person shall be registered as a member of the party at the ward in which he/she resides or hails from;

#### **(2) Membership Rules and Obligations**

- (a) Every member shall pay the prescribed registration fee, monthly dues, levies and fines (where applicable).
- (b) Members are obliged to participate in activities of the party e.g. election campaigns, rallies, fund-raising functions, meetings (as appropriate).
- (c) Every member shall possess a membership card.
- (d) Membership of the Party shall be renewed annually on payment of the prescribed fee.
- (e) In an election year, only a member who has paid his/her due subscription up to 3 months before the primaries shall be eligible to vote and be voted for.
- (f) Every member shall strive to understand and propagate the ideology, aim and objectives of the Party.
- (g) Every member shall be disciplined and shall refrain from anti-party and unpatriotic activities.
- (h) Upon registration, a member shall be deemed to have accepted to abide by the provisions of the Party's Constitution and the Party's lawful rules and regulations, directives and decisions.

#### **(3) Rights and Privileges of Membership**

Every member shall have the right to vote and be voted for into any office or post during the election, subject to the Party's rules and decisions regarding the post or office; the financial status of the member as

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provided in section 8(2)(e) of this Constitution; and provided that the member has been known to be actively involved in the Party for at least 6 successive calendar months to the elections.

### **(4) Register of Members**

A register of members shall be kept and maintained at every level of the Party's secretariat, namely; ward, local government area, state and national, provided always that every such level of the Party shall update its membership records from time to time. It shall be responsibility of a member to ensure that his/her name is duly entered in the ward register.

### **(5) Termination of Membership**

- (a) Membership shall be terminated by resignation of membership, expulsion or death.
- (b) Upon resignation or expulsion, a member shall be legally obliged to return to the party all its properties in his/her possession.
- (c) Upon the death of a member, his/her next of kin shall be similarly obliged.

## **ARTICLE 9: ORGANIZATION**

**Party Levels:** There shall be four levels of Party Organization, namely:

- (a) Ward
- (b) Local Government/Council
- (c) State
- (d) National

This provision relating to Ward, Local Government/Council and State levels shall apply *mutates mutandis* to the Wards and Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory as if it were a State.

## **ARTICLE 10: PRINCIPAL PARTY ORGANS**

- (a) The following shall be the **principal** organs of the Party:
  - (i) The Ward Executive Committee
  - (ii) The Ward Congress
  - (iii) The Local Government/Council Executive Committee
  - (iv) The Local Government/Council Congress
  - (v) The State Executive Committee
  - (vi) The State Congress
  - (vii) The National Executive Council
  - (viii) The National Convention
- (b) Each executive committee or council shall implement the policies of the Party and shall be accountable and report to, the congress or convention at its level.
- (c) In all respects, Party hierarchy shall ascend correspondingly from the ward to the national level.
- (d) Each state executive committee and the national executive council shall have a standing sub-committee to be known as the Working Committee whose function shall be as spelt out in this Constitution.
- (f) The above principal organs of the Party shall have power to set up standing and ad-hoc committees for their respective purposes.

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## **ARTICLE 11: COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS & POWERS OF PARTY ORGANS**

### **(1) Composition of the Ward Executive Committee.**

The Ward Executive Committee shall comprise the following officers and ex-officio members:

- (i) Chairman
- (ii) 2 Vice Chairmen
- (iii) General Secretary
- (iv) Assistant General Secretary
- (v) Secretary of Treasury
- (vi) Assistant Secretary of Treasury
- (vii) Secretary of Finance and Funding
- (viii) Assistant Secretary of Finance and Funding
- (ix) Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
- (x) Assistant Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
- (xi) Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization
- (xii) Assistant Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization
- (xiii) Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xiv) Assistant Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xv) Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvi) Assistant Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvii) Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xviii) Assistant Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xix) Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xx) Assistant Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xxi) Legal Adviser
- (xxii) 3 other members elected for special duties (1 male, 1 female, 1 youth)
- (xxiii) All National, State and Local Government/Council officers of the Party who hail from the Ward.
- (xxiv) All elected public officers, produced by the Party, who hail from the Ward.
- (xxv) Provided that the Ward Executive Committee is not required to fill all positions listed herein in order to perform its functions.

### **(2) Functions and Powers of the Ward Executive Committee**

The Ward Executive Committee shall:

- (i) Organize the Ward Congress and implement its decisions;
- (ii) Propose policies for the consideration of the WARD congress;
- (iii) Undertake membership drive and propagate the ideology and manifesto of the Party;
- (iv) Issue rules and regulations on the administration and other activities of the Party;
- (v) Raise funds for the Party;
- (vi) Supervise the Party's projects in the ward;
- (vii) Impose disciplinary sanctions (except expulsion) on any erring or defaulting member;
- (viii) Take any other lawful action in the best interest of the Party.

### **(3) Composition of the Ward Congress**

A ward congress shall be composed of all registered members of the Party in that ward. Mode of identification for the purpose of attendance at the ward congress shall be by show of valid

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membership card, provided that the first ward congress shall be convened by the protem ward executive committee.

### **(4) Functions and Powers of the Ward Congress**

The ward congress will

- (i) Elect Delegates to the LGA Congress and to the State Congress of the Party;
- (ii) Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee;
- (iii) Constitute the electorate for primary elections of the councillorship candidate of the Party in the ward;
- (iv) Approve the budget of the Party in the ward;
- (v) Ratify disciplinary measures taken by the Ward Executive Committee;
- (vi) Evolve policies for the Party in the ward;
- (vii) Consider any other business proposed by the Executive Committee or a member.
- (viii) Take any other lawful decision in the best interest of the Party in the ward.

### **(5) Composition of the Local Government/Council Executive Committee**

The Local Government/Council Executive Committee shall comprise the following officers and ex-officio members:

- (i) Chairman
- (ii) 2 Vice Chairmen
- (iii) General Secretary
- (iv) Assistant General Secretary
- (v) Secretary of Treasury
- (vi) Assistant Secretary of Treasury
- (vii) Secretary of Finance and Funding
- (viii) Assistant Secretary of Finance and Funding
- (ix) Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
- (x) Assistant Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
- (xi) Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization
- (xii) Assistant Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization
- (xiii) Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xiv) Assistant Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xv) Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvi) Assistant Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvii) Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xviii) Assistant Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xix) Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xx) Assistant Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xxi) Legal Adviser
- (xxii) 3 other members elected for special duties (1 male, 1 female, 1 youth)
- (xxiii) All National and State Party Officers who hail from the Local Government/Council.
- (xxiv) All elected public officers, produced by the Party, who hail from the Local Government/Council.
- (xxv) Provided that the Local Government/Council Executive Committee is not required to fill all positions listed herein in order to perform its functions.

### **(6) Functions and Powers of the Local Government/Council Executive Committee**



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The Local Government/Council Executive Committee shall:

- (a) Organize the Local Government/Council Congress and implement its decision;
- (b) Propose policies for the consideration of the Local Government/Council Congress;
- (c) Undertake membership drive and propagate the ideology and manifesto of the Party;
- (d) Issue rules and regulations for the Party administration in the Local Government/Council;
- (e) Organize and supervise Party administration in the Local Government/Council;
- (f) Raise funds for the Party;
- (g) Organize electioneering campaigns and mobilization of voters and the Party's electoral officers in the Local Government/Council;
- (h) Organize the Party's projects in the Local Government/Council;
- (i) Take disciplinary measures (except expulsion) against defaulting or erring members;
- (j) Undertake any other lawful activities or measures in the best interest of the Party in the Local Government/Council, subject to ratification by the Local Government/Council Congress.

### **(7) Composition of the Local Government/Council Congress**

The Local Government/Council Congress shall consist of:

- (i) All members of the Executive Committee of each Ward;
- (ii) All members of the Local Government/Council Executive Committee;
- (iii) 10 Delegates elected by the Congress of each ward in the Local Government/Council.
- (iv) Provided that the founding congress shall be convened by the Protem Local Government/Council Chairman and shall consist of not less than three (3) delegates elected by each ward in the Local Government/Council.

### **(8) Functions and Powers of the Local Government/Council Congress**

The Local Government/Council Congress shall:

- (a) Elect members of the Local Government/Council Executive Committee.
- (b) Ratify disciplinary measures taken by the Local Government/Council Executive Committee.
- (c) Evolve policies for the Local Government/Council.
- (d) Approve the budget of the Party in the Local Government/Council.
- (e) Receive Internal and External Auditor's report.
- (f) Pass a vote of no confidence to remove any officer from office for wrongdoing.
- (g) Take any decisions in the best interest of the Party of the Local Government/Council.

### **(9) Composition of the State Executive Committee**

The State Executive Committee shall comprise of the following officers and ex-officio members:

- (i) Chairman
- (ii) 2 Vice Chairmen
- (iii) General Secretary
- (iv) Assistant State General Secretary
- (v) Secretary of Treasury
- (vi) Assistant Secretary of Treasury
- (vii) Secretary of Finance and Funding
- (viii) Assistant Secretary of Finance and Funding
- (ix) Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
- (x) Assistant Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
- (xi) Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization

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- (xii) Assistant Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization
- (xiii) Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xiv) Assistant Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xv) Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvi) Assistant Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvii) Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xviii) Assistant Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xix) Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xx) Assistant Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xxi) Secretary of Audit
- (xxii) Legal Adviser
- (xxiii) 3 other members elected for special duties (1 male, 1 female, 1 youth)
- (xxiv) National Officers of the party who hail from the State
- (xxv) The Governor and Deputy Governor of the State, if produced by the Party.
- (xxvi) The Speaker and Deputy Speaker and Majority Leader (where the party is in control) or the Minority Leader and Chief Whip (where the party is not in control).
- (xxvii) Provided that the State Executive Committee is not required to fill all positions listed herein in order to perform its functions.

### **(10) Functions of Powers of the State Executive Committee**

The State Executive Committee shall;

- (a) Propagate the Party's ideology and manifesto;
- (b) Organize the Party's election campaigns;
- (c) Ensure the effective administration of the Party in the State;
- (d) Implement the decisions and directives of the state congress and national convention;
- (e) Screen and accredit governorship and legislative aspirants of the Party in the State;
- (f) Prepare the state annual budget of the Party;
- (g) Employ and determine the conditions of service of all party employees in the state.
- (h) Take disciplinary measures (except expulsion) on the defaulting or erring members;
- (i) Exercise such other powers and functions as are vested on it by this Constitution.

### **(11) Composition of the State Congress**

The State Congress shall consist of:

- (i) The State Executive Committee
- (ii) The Governor and the Deputy Governor of the State if produced by the Party;
- (iii) All members of the Federal Executive Council (Council of Ministers) who are members of the Party and hail from the State;
- (iv) The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the State House of Assembly if produced by the Party;
- (v) All Federal and State Legislators produced by the Party;
- (vi) All Local Government/Council legislators (Councilors) produced by the Party.
- (vii) All members of the State Executive Council (the state cabinet) who are members of the Party;
- (viii) All Special Assistants to the Governor and the Deputy Governor who are members of the Party;
- (ix) 3 Delegates elected from each Ward branch of the Party;
- (x) The Chairman and the Secretary of each Ward branch of the Party

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- (xi) The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Area/Council, if produced by the Party;
- (xii) All Special Advisers and Special Assistants to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (if produced by the Party), who hail from the State and who are members of the Party;
- (xiii) All members of the National Executive Council of the Party who hail from the state.
- (xiv) Provided that the first state congress shall be convened by the protem state Chairman and shall be made up of, at least, three (3) delegates elected by each Local Government/Council Chapter of the Party;

### **(12) Functions and Powers of the State Congress**

The State Congress shall:

- (i) Elect officers of the State Executive Committee;
- (ii) Discipline Party members in the State (except by expulsion) and ratify disciplinary measures by Local Government/Council organs of the Party;
- (iii) Organize state electioneering campaigns;
- (iv) Ratify the result of local government primaries in the State;
- (v) Elect the governorship candidate of the Party in the State;
- (vi) Receive Internal and External Auditor Reports;
- (vii) Ratify decisions and actions of the State Executive Committee;
- (viii) Approve the state budget of the Party;
- (ix) Take any other lawful decision in the interest of the Party in the State

### **(13) Composition of the National Executive Council**

The National Executive Council shall comprise the following officers and ex-officio members:

- (i) National Chairman
- (ii) 2 Vice Chairmen
- (iii) Chairman of the State Executive Committee and the Federal Capital Territory Executive Committee of the Party
- (iv) General Secretary
- (v) Assistant General Secretary
- (vi) Secretary of Treasury
- (vii) Assistant Secretary of Treasury
- (viii) Secretary of Finance and Funding
- (ix) Assistant Secretary of Finance and Funding
- (x) Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
- (xi) Assistant Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
- (xii) Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization
- (xiii) Assistant Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization
- (xiv) Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xv) Assistant Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xvi) Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvii) Assistant Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xviii) Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xix) Assistant Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xx) Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xxi) Assistant Secretary of Inter-Party Relations

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- (xxii) Secretary of Audit
- (xxiii) Legal Adviser
- (xxiv) 3 other members elected for special duties (1 male, 1 female, 1 youth)
- (xxv) Party Ambassadors to various regions and nations, domestic and international, as shall be designated from time to time by the National Executive Council.
- (xxvi) In all organs of the party women shall fill at least 30% of the posts; provided there is availability of women and interest so indicated.
- (xxvii) Provided that the National Executive Council is not required to fill all positions listed herein in order to perform its functions.

### **(16) Functions and Powers of the National Executive Council**

The National Executive Council shall:

- (i) Be responsible for the overall administration of the Party;
- (ii) Prepare the agenda for the National Convention;
- (iii) Prepare and submit annual report and budget proposals for the consideration of the National Convention;
- (iv) Initiate policies and programs for the consideration of the National Convention;
- (v) Deal with problems referred to it from the State level and the National Convention, of the Party;
- (vi) Make rules for party discipline and loyalty which shall be binding on all organs and members of the Party;
- (iv) Make party electoral regulations, subject to ratification by the National Convention, to govern the conduct of elections of all party offices at every level and to govern the procedure for selecting Party candidates for elective office;
- (v) Organize the National Convention as and when due and implement its decisions and directives;
- (vi) Propagate the ideology and manifesto of the Party; and implement the objectives of the Party as set out in this Constitution;
- (vii) Have powers to make standing orders for the Party;
- (viii) Employ and determine the conditions of service of the national officials of the Party
- (ix) Have power to convene any consultative meetings and implement its matters arising in the interest of the party, subject to ratification by the National Convention;
- (x) Create, elect or appoint any committee it may deem necessary and assign to them delegated powers and functions;
- (xi) Monitor, guide and supervise the lower organs of the Party
- (xii) Raise funds for the Party;
- (xiii) Organize National electioneering campaigns and rallies for the Party.
- (xiv) Exercise such other functions and powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

### **(17) Composition of the National Convention:**

The National Convention shall consist of:

- (i) The National Chairman and all members of the National Executive Council.
- (ii) The President and the Vice President of Nigeria if produced by the Party.
- (iii) All Legislators (national and state) produced by the Party.
- (iv) Federal Government Ministers produced by the Party.
- (v) Governors & Deputy Governors produced by the Party.
- (vi) State Commissioners produced by the Party.

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- (vii) Maximum of five (5) delegates from each Local Government Area of the Federation, provided that the National Executive Council shall exercise discretion on the number of delegates per State.
- (viii) Members of State Executive Committees.
- (ix) All Chairmen of the Local Government Areas/Councils if produced by the Party.
- (x) Local Government Party Chairmen and Secretaries.
- (xi) Provided that the first convention shall be convened by the protem National Executive Council and shall consist of not less than three (3) delegates per state.

### **(18) Functions and Powers of the National Convention:**

The National Convention shall be the highest and final Authority of the Party. It shall:

- (i) Decide the nationwide policies and programs of the Party;
- (ii) Ratify the decisions of the National Executive Council on disciplinary matters referred to it;
- (iii) Receive annual reports and recommendations from the National Executive Council and take decisions on them;
- (iv) Have power to delegate any of its functions and powers to the National Executive Council or any other organ of the Party, which shall be obliged to comply accordingly;
- (v) Elect or remove national officers of the party;
- (vi) Ratify the result of the party's Presidential Primaries;
- (vii) Review or amend this Constitution as the need arises;
- (viii) Raise funds for the management of the party including participation in general elections;
- (ix) Approve the national budget of the Party;
- (x) Where the party is in power, to guide, advise, and where necessary, discipline members of the party in political office both at the legislative and executive arms of government, in order to ensure the fulfillment of the party's manifesto and constitution;
- (xi) Where the party is not in power at any time and any level of government, to critically examine government policies and programs, to advise or criticize the government as appropriate in order to ensure good governance in the interest of the nation;
- (xii) Exercise such other powers or authority as are vested on it by this Constitution.

### **(19) Other Party Organs.**

#### **(A) Working Committees:**

- (1) The Working Committee at national, state, local government area/council and ward levels shall comprise the principal officers of the organ namely;
  - (i) Chairman
  - (ii) Vice Chairmen
  - (iii) General Secretary
  - (iv) Assistant General Secretary
  - (v) Secretary of Treasury
  - (vi) Assistant Secretary of Treasury
  - (vii) Secretary of Finance and Funding
  - (viii) Assistant Secretary of Finance and Funding
  - (ix) Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
  - (x) Assistant Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology
  - (xi) Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization

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- (xii) Assistant Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization
- (xiii) Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xiv) Assistant Secretary of Media and Public Relations
- (xv) Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvi) Assistant Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs
- (xvii) Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xviii) Assistant Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs
- (xix) Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xx) Assistant Secretary of Inter-Party Relations
- (xxi) Secretary of Audit
- (xxii) Legal Adviser
- (xxiii) Other members elected for special duties.

- (2) Each Working Committee shall be sub-committee of the Executive Council or committee of its level and assist it to implement decisions and programs and report back to it. It shall also oversee administration and carry out special duties. The working committee at the national level shall be known and addressed as the Central Working Committee of the party.

### **(B) Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**

- (1) The National Convention, the National Executive Council, the Congress and Executives Committees of the Party shall have power to set up standing and Ad Hoc Committees for their Purposes.
- (2) The composition, tenure, terms of reference of, and appointments to such committees shall be as may be decided by the Chairman of the organ after consultation with its members.

### **(C) Board of Trustees**

- (i) The Party shall have the Board of Trustees consisting of at least seven members of unquestionable integrity in whom all the movable and immovable properties of the Party shall be vested.
- (ii) The Trustees shall be nominated by the National Executive Council and appointed by the National Convention at whose pleasure the Trustees shall hold office.
- (ii) The Trustees shall hold all properties of the Party subject to the directive of the National Executive Council and shall each sign all documents in which the common seal of the Party shall be affixed as required by law.
- (iii) In the event of death, resignation or removal of a trustee from office, the trustee or his heirs shall surrender all properties of the Party in his/her custody to the General Secretary of the National Secretariat of the Party.
- (iv) All office holders in the Party and in government and all employees of the Party are disqualified from appointment as trustees.
- (v) The trustees shall be registered under the Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.
- (vi) The General Secretary of the National Secretariat shall prepare an inventory of all properties, movable and immovable, real and personal belonging to the Party and shall deposit a copy of the said inventory with the trustees.

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- (vii) The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by the National Executive Council from among the members and appointed as such by the National Convention.

### **ARTICLE 12: POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS**

#### **(1) The National Chairman**

- (a) The National Chairman shall be the Chief Executive of the Party and shall preside over the meetings of the National Executive Council. He shall oversee the working of the Party and provide effective leadership for the Party.
- (b) Protect and promote the policies of the Party.
- (c) Summon and preside over meetings of the National Executive Council and the National Convention.
- (d) Appoint members into Ad hoc committees and standing committees after due consultations with the National Executive Council.
- (e) Authorize expenditures.
- (f) Have powers to delegate his duties; give lawful directives to all officers, agencies, members and officials at the party; and exercise a casting vote where necessary;
- (g) Supervise and control all officials of the party,
- (h) Ensure through supervision, strict compliance with the provisions of the party's Constitution.

#### **(2) National Vice Chairman**

The National Vice Chairman shall, at the discretion of the National Chairman:

- (i) Preside at the meetings in the absence of the National Chairman.
- (ii) Act for the National Chairman in his absence.
- (iii) Assigned other functions.

#### **(3) General Secretary**

The General Secretary, in addition to the specific functions, conferred on him by this Constitution, shall:

- (a) Take or cause to be taken and keep, in the proper books provided for the purposes, all minutes of the National Convention and National Executive Council.
- (b) Conduct such correspondences as may be directed by the National Chairman.
- (c) Prepare the order of business for meetings of all national organs of the Party with the approval of the National Chairman.
- (d) Keep a full and updated register of party membership at all times.
- (e) Supervise the day-to-day activities of the National Secretariat under the general direction of the National Chairman of the Party.

#### **(4) Secretary of Treasury**

The Secretary of Treasury shall:

- (a) Receive and promptly pay into Party's Account all monies received for and on behalf of the Party;
- (b) Keep an Imprest Account as and when authorized by the National Executive Council;
- (c) Ensure that proper accounts records are kept and may cause such books to be produced;
- (d) Be a co-signatory of the Party's Accounts;

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**(5) The Secretary of Finance and Funding shall:**

- (a) Collect all monies due to the party and pay such monies to the Secretary of Treasury not later than five days after collection.
- (b) Prepare and submit proposals for raising Party funds, for the consideration of the National Executive Council.
- (c) Ensure that proper accounts and records are kept and may cause such books to be produced for inspection at periodic auditing.

**(6) The Secretary of Education, Policy and Ideology shall:**

- (a) Be responsible for the education of party officials and members in matters of ideology, policy, party loyalty, administration, finance, records, registers, and other matters of education as may be called upon to perform by the party from time to time.
- (b) Be the Head of the party school and operate the school in accordance to the guidelines and directions provided by the National Secretariat of the party.

**(7) The Secretary of Propaganda and Mobilization shall:**

- (a) Be responsible for the propagation of Party ideology, Party mobilizations, field and campaign operations.
- (b) Be responsible to organize various cadres of party movements both internally and with external groups; such as youth movements, women movements, minority movements, movements of the physically challenged and other disadvantaged groups, trade unions, labour and civil society groups, and other such groups and unions as may be directed by the National Secretariat from time to time.

**(8) The Secretary of Media and Public Relations**

The Secretary of Media and Public Relations shall be responsible for Party information, promotion services and activities, all of which must be consistent with the Constitution, the Party Manifesto and the policies of the Party.

**(9) The Secretary of Gender, Minority, and Human Affairs shall:**

Be responsible for matters of gender and minority representation in all the organs of the party and for matters of representation of the physically challenged and other disadvantaged groups in all organs of the Party.

**(10) The Secretary of Elections and Electoral Affairs shall:**

- (a) Coordinate intra-party election and electoral related matters within the party.
- (b) Keep nationwide records of all party nominations, election guidelines, election timetables, and other electoral matters.
- (c) Coordinate election and electoral administrative matters in general elections and by-elections.

**(11) The Secretary of Inter-Party Relations shall:**

Be responsible for the coordination and representation of the party in matters relating to other political parties.



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**(12) The Secretary of Audit shall:**

Audit the books of accounts of the Party and report annually to the National Convention and may be called upon by the National Executive Council to audit such accounts from time to time.

**(13) The Legal Adviser**

- (a) Advise the Party on legal matters and arrange for the legal defence of the party and its officers when necessary;
- (b) Deal effectively with all correspondence pertaining to legal matters affecting the Party or its officers.

**(14) Party Ambassadors**

- (a) Ambassadors of Peoples Progressive Party shall be appointed by the National Chairman after due consultations with the National Executive Council.
- (b) Ambassadors shall be appointed to specific regions and nations, both domestic and international, and/or for specific duties and functions as shall be designated by the National Executive Council.
- (c) A party Ambassador shall serve in his/her appointed position at the discretion of the National Chairman, who shall exercise the powers to terminate such appointment and notify the National Executive Council accordingly.
- (d) Upon termination of the ambassadorial position, the holder of such terminated office shall cease to act in that capacity.

**(15) Other Elected Members**

The other elected members of the National Executive Council shall perform such functions (special duties) as may be assigned to them by the National Chairman of the party.

**(16) Assistant National Officers**

The Assistant National Officers shall assist their principal officers in the performance of their duties and perform other functions as specifically indicated in the constitution.

**(17) Officers at Other Level**

- (a) All other officers at the State, Local Government and Ward levels shall have the same powers and functions at their respective levels as prescribed for National Officers provided that the legal officers at all levels shall as far as practicable be legal practitioners within the contemplation of the Legal Practitioners Act 1975.
- (b) At all levels, where the Chairman is absent, he shall designate a Vice Chairman to act for him.
- (c) In the event of his removal or resignation from office, a Party Officer shall immediately hand over to his Chairman or the Chairman's nominee all records, files and other property of the Party in his possession.

**ARTICLE 13: TENURE OF OFFICE**

- (a) All State and National Officers of the party shall hold office for a period of four years and may be re-elected to the same office for subsequent periods of four years or to another office.

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- (b) All Local Government and ward officers of the Party shall hold office for a period of three years and may be re-elected to the same office for subsequent periods of three years or to another office.
- (c) Delegates to the Local Government/Council Congress, State Congress and National Convention who are not Party or Government functionaries shall cease to be delegates once the congress or Convention is over.
- (d) Any officer elected into the National Executive Council, State Executive Committee, Local Government/Council Executive Committee or Ward Executive Committee may resign his office by giving 30 days notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Council or Committee.
- (e) Should a vacancy exist in any of the offices, the relevant Committee or Council shall appoint a substitute, subject to ratification at the next Congress or Convention. Officers so appointed shall remain in office for the unimpaired period of the term.
- (f) Any officer or officers may be removed during his tenure of office through a vote of no confidence passed on him by the membership of the Congress or Convention as the case may be.

### **ARTICLE 14: MEETINGS**

#### **A. (1) Convention and Congresses:**

The Convention and Congresses of the party at the national, state and other levels shall be held at least once every four (4) years at a date, venue and time to be decided by the appropriate executive committee after due consultations.

#### **(2) Emergency Meetings:**

- i. Without prejudice to the above provision, the Executive Council or Committee may summon an emergency meeting of the National Convention or Congress provided that at least seven days' notice of the meeting is given to all those entitled to attend.
- ii. The Chairman of the Executive Council or Committee of the Party at any level shall direct the Secretary of the organ to summon a meeting of the Council or Committee as the case may be on joint application made in writing by at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members of that organ;
- iii. Provided that where the Chairman and the Secretary fails to convene the meeting between 21 days of the receipt of the application, a meeting may be convened by a publication in a newspaper made by the signatories to the joint application.

#### **(3) Quorum:**

One-third of the members of any organ of the party shall constitute the quorum for the purpose of a valid meeting of that organ; all meetings shall be summoned in writing.

#### **B. Conduct of meetings**

- (i) Without prejudice to Article 14(2), the meeting of any organ of the Party shall be convened by the Secretary of that organ on the directive of its Chairman or, where necessary, the Chairman himself.
- (ii) The conduct of all meetings shall be in accordance with parliamentary procedures. The Chairman shall preside over the meeting. A member shall speak only when permitted to do

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so by the Chairman. Discipline shall prevail. Decisions shall be taken by consensus or, failing that, by voting. In that case, a simple majority of votes cast shall be the winner.

- (iii) Voting at any meeting, congress or convention shall be in accordance with the rules and procedures of that organ.
- (iv) Indiscipline at meetings including, disruption of a meeting, shall be punished.

### **ARTICLE 15: POWER SHARING**

All political positions, appointive positions and positions in government available in or to the Party shall be representative of the geographical diversity of the country. This principle shall be observed at all levels of the party; States, Local Government Areas/Councils and Wards.

### **ARTICLE 16: PARTY ADMINISTRATION**

- (1) The Administration of the Party shall be supported, facilitated and strengthened by a bureaucracy.
- (2) At the National and State levels, as much as possible the following Departments or Directorates shall be established:
  - (i) **Administration**  
To see to the day-to-day running of the Secretariat; to keep records of Party activities including minutes of the meetings of the Executive and other committees and official communications; to provide secretarial assistance to all committees; and to handle personnel and welfare matters including administrative discipline.
  - (ii) **Finance and supply**  
To keep records of the finances of the Party; to raise and administer such funds for the Party in accordance with the Party's guidelines; to keep inventory of all Party's assets; and to handle capital purchases and stores.
  - (iii) **Planning, Research and Statistics**  
To plan implementation methodology for the manifesto, objectives and programs of the Party; to plan and advise on Campaign strategies to win general elections; to maintain a data bank of Party activities and related matters; to handle statistical computations; and to manage the Library of the Party.
  - (iv) **Operation**  
To be responsible for organization of the Party's public functions, congress, rallies, conventions, electioneering campaign; internal elections of the Party; and field work general.
  - (v) **Public Relations**  
To publicize the activities of the Party; to promote image and explain its policies and programs; to initiate and manage lawful propaganda for the Party; to process the Party's publications; and to arrange press conferences.
  - (vi) **Legal Services**  
To provide all necessary legal support for the Party.
  - (vii) **Security Intelligence**

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To manage security matters including training, scheduling and supervision of security personnel; to watch over and protect Party property; to arrange security cover for party officers as may be decided; and to manage intelligence for the party.

(viii) **Works and Transport**

To manage maintenance of Landed property and vehicles of the Party; to handle lands and property matters; to process contracts awards and supervise contract jobs; to secure party accommodation including official quarters as may be decided; and to manage telecommunications services.

(ix) Provided that the National Executive Council shall from time to time exercise the powers to add or remove Departments or Directorates at the various levels of the party.

- (3) The administrative structure at other levels shall take cognizance of their manpower and operational needs and shall reflect the national; and state structure as much as possible.
- (4) The Secretary at all levels shall be in charge of Party bureaucracy.
- (5) The executive organs of the Party shall have direct official access to party bureaucracy for the conduct of their duties.
- (6) Staff of the Party shall not vote or be voted for at the elections of the Party except such staff who is a member of the Party, has resigned his/her appointment not later than one month to the elections.
- (7) The party shall have conditions of service for its staff.

### **ARTICLE 17: COMMON SEAL**

The common seal of the Party shall be designed and approved by the National Executive Council and shall be in the custody of the National Secretary of the Party who shall produce it when necessary to the Board of Trustees and other organs of the Party.

### **ARTICLE 18: PARTY DISCIPLINE**

#### **(1) Discipline of Members**

- (i) Discipline of Party members shall be exercised through respective Disciplinary Committees of the Party at the appropriate level and shall be governed by due process and fair hearing as may be stipulated by ancillary Party regulations, and the Party's code of conduct, Moral/Ethical codes.
- (ii) Any member of the party found guilty of following offences shall be liable for punishment:
  - (a) A breach of provisions of the Constitution.
  - (b) Anti-party activities or conducting self in a manner likely to embarrass the Party or bring it into hatred, contempt, ridicule or disrepute in whatever manner.
  - (c) Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the Party or the Officers of the Party;

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- (d) Flouting the rulings or decisions of the Party; engaging in dishonest practices; defrauding the Party; continuously being absent at meetings; carrying out anti-party propaganda or any other activities which would tend to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient organization of the Party or which are inconsistent with the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Party;
- (e) Assuming titles not recognized by the Constitution of the Party; giving wrong information to any organ of the party; unauthorized publicity of party dispute – related grievance without exhausting all avenues of settlement or redress within the Party.

### **(2) Punishment**

- (i) Punishment may be imposed by the Party as a disciplinary measure against any of its members and the gravity of the punishment shall depend upon the seriousness and circumstances of each case.
- (ii) Punishment to be imposed may take the form of:
  - (a) Expulsion from the party; provided that the power to expel shall only be exercised by the National Convention on the recommendation of the National Executive Council.
  - (b) Suspension for a specified period:
  - (c) Suspension and removal from office:
  - (d) Debarring from holding office:
  - (e) Fine:
  - (f) Warning (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>):
- (iii) Subject to (ii)(a) above, the Executive Committee at the relevant level of the party shall have power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures, against any party member as specified in the sub-section above.
- (iv) Every member shall have the right of fair hearing in all matters that affect him with regard to discipline, and the right of appeal against the disposal of his/her case.
- (v) The National Headquarters shall be notified through the next higher organ of the party (if any), of all disciplinary actions taken against any member of the Party and records of such actions shall be kept by the National Secretary at the national level or Secretaries of the state, local government and ward levels of the Party.

### **(3) Appeal**

- (i) Any member aggrieved by disciplinary decisions of any of the organs of the Party shall have the right to appeal within 30 days of such decision to the next higher Executive Committee of his/her area. In the event of further dissatisfaction following disposal at the lower levels of the party in his/her area, then the appellant shall be free to appeal to the National Executive Council of the Party.
- (ii) Pending the determination of an appeal in respect of expulsion, suspension, or other disciplinary measures, the members concerned shall be placed under suspension. No information in respect of the expulsion shall be made public until the expulsion is ratified by the National Convention.
- (iii) Any member placed under suspension shall not take part in party activities.

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### **(4) The Recall of Elected/Appointed Officers**

Before a cleared candidate steps into election or appointive position, he/she shall appear before the Executive Council or Committee of the organ immediately relevant to the position, with a privileged legal practitioner as witness, and sign an agreement of three letters as follows:-

- (i) 1<sup>st</sup> warning letter; for non-performance or misconduct after 6 months in office.
- (ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> warning letter; for non-performance or misconduct after 12 months in office.
- (iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> letter; effecting withdrawal for non-performance or misconduct after 18 months in office.

However, no such letter, especially the third above, shall be issued by the relevant authority of the Party, without prior clearance and approval by the next higher organ of the Party, for appointed officers. In addition, for elected officers, a simple majority vote of Party members in the constituency of the affected officer is required for the 3<sup>rd</sup> letter to be of effect.

### **ARTICLE 19: MODE OF ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICERS**

- (i) The National Convention, State Congress, Local Government/Council Congress and Ward Congress of the Party shall meet to elect the officers of the Party, at the relevant levels, as specified in this Constitution.
- (ii) Every registered member who has met his financial obligations to the Party as and when due, and who has satisfied other requirements for nomination and elections specified under this Constitution is eligible to contest for Party office, provided that paid officials of the Party who are registered members are also eligible to contest as long as they relinquish their posts three months before they contest such elections.
- (iii) Every registered member who aspires to any party office at any level must be a certified graduate of the Party School of Ideology and Administration, and the date of such certification shall not be later than two (2) years from the time of the election or appointment to the office; provided that the National Executive Council may grant waivers to this requirement from time to time.
- (iv) Peoples Progressive Party is a party of ideas. Therefore, all party positions shall be nominated, canvassed and elected or appointed on the basis of the party's peoples-first socialist ideology and merit. In view of this overriding party principle and to deter and avoid intra-party disunity arising from sectional, regional, religious and ethnic disruptions, this constitution hereby stipulates as follows:
  - (a) No member(s) of the party shall be nominated, seek or canvass for any party position on the basis of his or her or their sectional, regional, religious or ethnic orientation; either by himself or herself or themselves or in collusion with others.
  - (b) Non-compliance to the provision (a) above is deemed an anti-party activity contrary to the spirit, wellbeing and ideology of the party; and the offending member(s) shall stand disqualified and barred from seeking any office or position of leadership in the party for a period of not less than four (4) years from the date of the offense.

### **ARTICLE 20: OATHS OF OFFICE**

Every officer elected or appointed to a Party position shall subscribe to prescribed Oath of Office before a Commissioner for Oath or a Notary Public.

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### **ARTICLE 21: PARTY FINANCES**

#### **(1) Income:**

The funds of the Party shall be derived from:

- (a) Fees, subscriptions or other levies imposed on members.
- (b) Donations and public collections.
- (c) Proceeds from investments and special fund-raising activities.
- (d) Gifts and grants by individuals or groups.
- (e) Allocations made by Government where legally applicable; provided that collections and disbursement conform with the guidelines of the Independent National Electoral Commission.

#### **(2) Bank Accounts**

- (a) The party shall maintain bank accounts in the Headquarters of the National, State, Local Government/Council and Ward levels of the Party, provided that where banking facilities are not available, the nearest bank facilities shall be utilized.
- (b) The Executive Council or Committees of the various levels of the Party shall decide the banks for such accounts.
- (c) The valid signatories to the Party's bank accounts and other financial transactions shall be:
  - (i) The National Chairman and his counterparts in the State, Local Government/Council, or Ward levels.
  - (ii) The Secretary of Treasury and his counterparts at the State, Local Government/Council or Ward levels.
  - (iii) In the absence of officers of (ii) above, the General Secretary and his counterparts at the State, Local Government/Council or Ward levels.

#### **(3) Audit**

The National Executive Council shall appoint a competent firm of Accounts to audit all the accounts of the Party annually and present the audited reports before the National Convention for consideration and further necessary action.

### **ARTICLE 22: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **1. Amendments**

- (i) The Constitution and the Schedules thereto, can be amended only by the National Convention of the Party.
- (ii) Notice of any proposed amendment shall be given to the National Secretary at least two months before the date of the National Convention. The notice, which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the proposed amendment and reasons for it.
- (iii) Notice of proposed amendment(s) shall be served on the members of the National Convention at least 30 days before the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
- (iv) The Constitution or any part thereof shall stand amended if a proposed amendment is supported by at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

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### **2. Resignation**

- (i) A member of the party shall be free to resign his membership at any time.
- (ii) Upon resignation, a member shall be required to surrender all property of the party in his possession to the nearest registered office of the party and obtain clearance to that effect.

### **3. Interpretation**

- (i) The National Executive Council shall be the final authority as to the interpretation of any aspect of this Constitution and its ruling shall be final.
- (ii) Where new positions and offices are created as a result of the amendment of this Constitution, the relevant, Executive Council or Committee, until the next Congress or Convention, shall fill such positions and offices, in an interim capacity.

## **SCHEDULE I: ELECTION INTO POITICAL OFFICES**

### **(1) Nominations**

Nomination of candidate for political offices shall be conducted on the basis of direct or indirect primaries as designated by the National Executive Council.

### **(2) Criteria for Nomination**

- (a) A candidate for elections must be a registered member of the Party.
- (b) He must satisfy the requirement for election under the country's Constitution and the electoral law.
- (c) Any incumbent President, Governor, Legislator, Chairman of the Council and Councilor need not resign his/her position in order to run for another elective office.
- (d) However, party officers who wish to vie for nomination shall temporarily vacate their posts at least 30 days to the date of nomination. During the period their deputies shall occupy the posts in an acting capacity. The officers can resume their party posts if not nominated or elected in the subsequent elections. The National Executive Council shall exercise the powers to grant waivers to this condition from time to time.

### **(3) Primaries**

#### **(3.1) Ward Councilors**

In the case of a councillorship candidate, the procedure for the nomination of the candidate shall be by direct primaries in the ward and the name of the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be submitted to the Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party.

#### **(3.2) Local Government Council Chairman**

In the case of nominations to the position of a Chairmanship candidate of an Area Council, there shall be a special congress in the Area Council with delegates voting for each of the aspirants at designated centers on a specified date; and the aspirant with the highest number of votes at the end of voting shall be declared the winner of the primaries of the party and the aspirant's name shall be forwarded to the Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party. The congress shall satisfy the composition of LGA congress as contained in Article 11(7).



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### **(3.3) Nomination of Governorship Candidate**

In the case of nominations to the position of Governorship candidate of a State, there shall be special congress in each of the Local Government Areas of the State with delegates voting for each of the aspirants at the congress to be held in designated centers on specified dates; and the aspirant with the highest number of votes at the end of voting shall be declared the winner of the primaries of the party and the aspirant's name shall be forwarded to the Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party for the particular State. The congress shall satisfy the composition of State congress as contained in Article 11(11).

### **(3.4) Nomination of Presidential Candidate**

In the case of nominations to the position of Presidential candidate, there shall be special convention in each of the thirty-six (36) States of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory, where delegates shall vote for each of the aspirants at designated centers in the State Capital on specified dates; and the aspirant with the highest number of votes at the end of voting in the thirty-six (36) States and the Federal Capital Territory shall be declared the winner of the primaries of the party and the aspirant's name shall be forwarded to the Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party, after ratification by the National Convention of the party. The State Conventions shall satisfy the composition of State congress as contained in Article 11(11) and the National Convention shall satisfy the composition of the National Convention as contained in Article 11(17).

### **(3.5) Running Mate**

The party's presidential candidate, gubernatorial candidate, and local government chairmanship candidate, in consultation with the party's leadership, shall nominate their respective running mates and present same at the National Convention, State Congress and LG Congress, as the case may be, for endorsement.

### **(3.6) Nomination of Candidates for State House of Assembly, House of Representatives and the Senate.**

In the case of nominations to the position of a Senatorial candidate, House of Representatives and State House of Assembly, there shall be special congresses in the Senatorial District, Federal Constituency and the State Assembly Constituency respectively, where delegates shall vote for each of the aspirants at designated centers on specified dates; and the aspirant with the highest number of votes at the end of voting shall be declared the winner of the primaries of the party and the aspirant's name shall be forwarded to the Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party. The congresses shall satisfy the composition of the LGA congress as contained in Article 11(7) in all the Area Councils that make up the Senatorial District, the Federal Constituency and the State Assembly Constituency respectively.

**(3.7)** Where there is only one aspirant for any of the elective positions mentioned in subsection 3(2), 3(3), 3(4) and 3(6), the party shall convene a special convention or congress at a designated center on a specified date for the confirmation of such aspirant; and the name of the aspirant shall be forwarded to the Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party.

## **4. Transitional Provisions**

The tenure of office of the Protem Officers for the purpose of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) registration shall be six months from the date of registration of the party and they shall be eligible to contest at the first convention or congress as the case may be.

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**SCHEDULE II: CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

This Constitution shall be cited as Constitution of Peoples Progressive Party 2006 as amended 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014.