CONSTITUTION OF THE ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY (AGAP)



ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY Motto: Security, Education & Agriculture.

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PREAMBLE:

The **ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY (AGAP)** is a political movement whose consciousness revolves around the need to, among other things:-

- 1. Promote a national political environment based on social justice, freedom, equity, peace and progress of all the people.
- 2. Preserve and promote the sovereignty, unity and progress of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 3. Encourage the 'policy of service to our nation first' as the motivating factor for participation in politics while maintaining high sense of patriotism and unity in diversity amongst Nigerian citizens.
- 4. Promote a society that will guarantee equality of opportunity to all Nigerians devoid of any form of discrimination.
- 5. Ensure the development of a system of government that is based on the principles of seperation of power to all segments of the country.
- 6. Establish and ensure that policies are put in place guaranteeing the protection and safety of all the citizens of Nigeria and their property where ever they reside in Nigeria.

Therefore, We, The Nigerian Masses Progressives Across Nigeria, Do Hereby And Solemnly Resolve to constitute ourselves into a political party, enact and give to ourselves the following Constitution and accept to be bound by its provisions both in conduct and deliberations.

<u>ARTICLE 1</u> SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

Subject to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and any other law in force, this constitution shall be supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all members of the party.

ARTICLE 2

NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY

1. The name of the political Party shall be **ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY (AGAP)** hereinafter referred to as "The Party".

MOTTO:

2. The motto of the party shall be: "SECURITY, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE".

SLOGAN

- 3. The slogan of the Party shall be:
- AGAP Prosperity to the People
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FLAG AND LOGO

- 4. **The Flag:** of the Party shall consist of two colours of red and green. The red colour stripe which cover a third of the size of the flag, shall run vertically on the left of the flag while the green colour which covers two third of the flag size shall run vertically on the right end of the flag. A red bus carrying Nigeria Citizens. The colour red symbolises strength while green stands for productivity in all aspects.
- 5. **The Logo**: of the Party shall be a red coloured bus carrying Nigeria Citizen with the acronym of the

party AGAP in white colour

SECRETARIAT

6. The Registered Office of the Party shall be located at Abuja, the Federal Capital of Nigeria, with offices in every State capital and Local Government Area headquarters.

ARTICLE 3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Party include the following:

- 1. The attainment of political power through legitimate, democratic and constitutional means for the purpose of evolving an egalitarian society where there is equality of opportunity in the production of wealth and its distribution based on principles of equity, freedom and social justice.
- 2. To encourage the development of education, agriculture, commerce and industry being the drawing forces for the achievement of mass literacy, food sufficiency and security of lives and property.
- 3. To uphold and defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at all times.
- 4. To defend the sovereignty of the people of Nigeria and the observance of an open and transparent democratic process in all organs of the Party and government at all levels.
- 5. To promote the unity and political stability of Nigeria by instituting equitable principles of power sharing, derivation and rotation for key public offices among

the six geo-political zones and States of Nigeria.

- 6. To work at eliminating poverty, ignorance, discrimination, corruption and exploitations of all kinds from our society.
- 7. To ensure that the programmes and policies of the Party shall be in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that accordingly, the Party shall at all times pursue the political, economic, social, educational and other objectives as well as the directive Principles of State Policy as contained in the Nigerian Constitution. Provided that the Party shall put in place the process that will ensure the amendment of the said Constitution to reflect separation of power to the federating units in order to ensure true federalism.
- 8. To establish conditions and structures which shall guarantee social justice, equality in all spheres of national life, economic and political freedom, and the general well-being of all Nigerians.
- 9. To maintain and promote the secularity of the Nigerian nation, religious tolerance and harmonious living among Nigerians.
- 10. To ensure purposeful mobilization of the creativity and resourcefulness of the people of Nigeria for the establishment of a high standard of living and the pursuit of happiness through equitable distribution of the wealth of the Nation.
- 11. To encourage and promote active public and private

sector participation in all the strategic sectors of our economy.

- 12. To design platforms for the purposeful development of the talents of Nigerian Youths and the development of Youth leaderships capable of participating effectively in the management of our national institutions and resources within the government and Party.
- 13. To ensure the creation of employment opportunities for the teeming population of Nigeria and incorporate same as an objective of National policy.
- 14. To encourage the investment of private capital in the distribution and production of wealth and to ensure the formulation of legislation to discourage private monopolies.
- 15. To pursue the realization of industrial, science and technological transformations of our country with a view to placing Nigeria among the tops in the comity of nations.
- 16. To protect the interest of the farmers, workers and other masses of Nigeria and to strive to obtain for them the greatest possible returns of fruits for their labours.
- 17. To embark on programmes for the integration of rural and urban development aimed at enhancing the quality of life of rural and urban dwellers.
- 18. The development of the Nigerian Youth through the establishment and sustenance of socio-cultural

activities in all institutions of our National life.

- 19. To create a platform for activities of trade union organizations and co-operative movements in Nigeria for the development and maintenance of their economic progress, this will in turn positively stimulate the Nigerian economy.
- 20. To create opportunities and encourage full development of the political, social, cultural and economic potentials of the Nigerian woman.
- 21. Pursuit of a proactive and dynamic foreign policy aimed at achieving the following, to wit:
- a. Mutual friendship and reciprocal relations with all countries;
- b. Total decolonization and self-determination of all peoples especially of African descent and all oppressed in the world;
- c. Promotion of the socio-cultural values of black people all over the world and
- d. Maintenance of international peace, harmony and co-operation among the comity of Nations.
- 22. To preach and defend the freedom of the Press through the Freedom of Information Act and the fundamental freedom and human rights of all Nigerians.
- 23. To undertake positive activities and adopt measures for policies aimed at improving the general standard of living and well-being of all Nigerians.
- 24. Co-operate with any legitimate institution, group or association for the purpose of achieving the

objectives of the Party.

- 25. To organize our Nigerian masses throughout the Federation, sponsor candidates and canvass for votes for their election into all elective offices in all tiers of government in Nigeria.
- 26. Generally to provide the basic necessities of life, i.e. education, food and water, security, primary health care, housing, roads, etc. for all Nigerians.

ARTICLE 4

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Membership of the Party shall be open to all Nigerians who are not below the age of 18 (eighteen) years and who undertake to abide by the provisions of this Constitution.
- 2. Prospecting member shall register at his or her Ward of origin or where he or she ordinarily resides or carries on business.
- 3. The application for membership shall be considered by the Ward Executive Committee upon payment of a prescribed fee.
- 4. Membership card shall be issued to a registered member of the Party which shall bear the photograph of the member.
- 5. It shall be the duty of the National Headquarters of the Party to produce membership cards which shall be endorsed by the National Chairman and the National Secretary.
- 6. Upon enrolment, a member shall;
- (a) Pay all such fees and levies as may be prescribed from time to time by any of the National, State, Local Government and Ward Organs of the Party;
- (b) Be deemed to have accepted to abide by the

provisions of the Party's Constitution as well as its policies and programs;

- (c) Be deemed to have accepted to abide by all lawful directives and decisions of the Party or any of its organs and
- (d) Be deemed to have accepted to refrain from acts capable of undermining the aims and objectives of the Party.

ARTICLE 5

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 1. The Party shall maintain a Register of its members at its Secretariat at every level i.e. National, State, Local Government and Ward.
- 2. The Register of members shall contain the name of every member of the Party, his or her address and registration number.
- 3. The member's name in the Register of members shall be the prima facie evidence of valid membership registration of a member.
- 4. The membership Register shall continuously be updated to accommodate new members provided that the Register so updated can only be relevant for Congresses 90days before such Congress or Convention.

ARTICLE 6

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- 1. Good Membership shall confer on the individual the following rights and privileges:
- (a) Right to contest elections on the platform of the Party without any discrimination whatsoever.
- (b) Right to democratic process and to free and fair election.
- (c) Right to fair hearing.

- (d) Right to governance and accountability within the Party.
- (e) Any other rights or privileges conferred on members by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, this Constitution and any other rules and regulations of the Party.

ARTICLE 7.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- 7.1 The Party shall be organized and administered at the following levels:
- (a) Ward
- (b) Local Government Area
- (c) Senatorial District
- (d) State
- (e) Zonal and
- (f) National
- 7.2 The Organizational structure at the State level shall also apply mutatis mutandis to that of the Federal Capital Territory of Abuja.
- 7.3 Without prejudice to article 7.1 of this Constitution, any level of the Party may put in place such zonal political arrangement that may serve its own peculiar political circumstances.

PARTY ORGANS

7.4 Constitution of Party Organs

The following shall constitute the Organs of the Party:

- (a) The National Convention
- (b) Board of Trustees
- (c) The National Executive Committee
- (d) National Working Committee
- (e) The State Congress

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- (f) The State Elders Forum
- (g) The State Executive Committee
- (h) The State Working Committee
- (i) The Local Government Area Congress
- (j) The Local Government Area Executive Committee
- (k) The Ward Congress
- (l) The Ward Executive Committee

COMPOSITION OF PARTY ORGANS:

7.5 There shall be a Ward Executive Committee which shall consist of the following

- I. Chairman
- ii. Deputy Chairman
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Assistant Secretary
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Assistant Treasurer
- vii. Financial Secretary
- viii. Assistant Financial Secretary
- ix. Organizing Secretary
- x. Assistant Organizing Secretary
- xi. Publicity Secretary
- xii. Assistant Publicity Secretary
- xiii. Legal Adviser
- xiv. Assistant Legal Adviser
- xv. Welfare Officer
- xvi. Assistant Welfare Officer
- xvii. Auditor
- xviii. Assistant Auditor
- xix. Youth Leader
- xx. Women Leader
- xxi. 2 Ex-Officio Members
- xxii. Members of the National Convention from the Ward
- xxiii. Councilor

7.6 The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month to discuss matters affecting the Party at their level.

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

7.7 Ward Executive Committee:

- The Ward Executive Committee of the Party shall be the principal Executive Organ of the Ward and shall exercise the following powers:-
- (a) Convene the Ward Congress and prepare its agenda.
- (b) Make recommendations on policies and programmes to the Ward Congress.
- (c) Discipline its members pursuant to Article 9 of this Constitution.
- (d) Implement the decision of the Local Government Congress.
- (e) Handle all other matters that may be referred to it by the Local Government Executive Committee.

7.8 The Ward Congress

The Ward Congress shall consist of all registered members of the Party in the Ward.

7.9 Ward Congress: Power and Functions

- The powers and functions of the Congress in each Ward shall include the following:
- (a) Evolving policies and programs for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Party in the Ward;
- (b) Exercising all other powers, authority and functions similar to those of the L.G.A. Congress in the area of its jurisdiction.
- (c) Nominate Councillorship candidates for the Local Government Council elections in accordance with

the guidelines of the Party.

- (d) Acting as Electoral Unit for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Local Government, State and National Assembly elections in its Constituency.
- (e) Implementation of directives from the Local Government Congress.

7.10 Local Government Area Executive Committee:

Every Local Government Area shall have an Executive Committee of the Party whose members shall comprise:

- I. Chairman
- ii. Deputy Chairman
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Assistant Secretary
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Assistant Treasurer
- vii. Financial Secretary
- viii. Assistant Financial Secretary
- ix. Organizing Secretary
- x. Assistant Organizing Secretary
- xi. Publicity Secretary
- xii. Assistant Publicity Secretary
- xiii. Welfare Officer
- xiv. Assistant Welfare Officer
- xv. Legal Adviser
- xvi. Assistant Legal Adviser
- xvii. Auditor
- xviii. Assistant Auditor
- xix. Youth Leader
- xx. Women Leader
- xxi. Ward Chairmen of the Party
- xxii. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Local Government Council who are members of the Party.
- xxiii. 1 Ex-officio member from each Ward of the Local

Government Area.

- **7.11** The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet at least once in a month.
- 7.12 The Local Government Executive Committee: Powers and Functions

The Local Government Area Executive Committee of the Party shall be the principal executive Organ of the Local Government Area Congress and in this capacity shall:

- (a) Convene the Local Government Congress on the recommendation of the Local Government Area Executive Committee or in exceptional cases on directives from the National or State Executive Committees.
- (b) Make recommendations on policies and programmes of the Party to the Local Government Congress.
- (c) Implement the decisions of the Congress

7.13 Local Government Area Congress: The Local Government Area Congress shall consist of:

- i. Chairman of the Local Government Area if he/she is a member.
- ii. Deputy Chairman if he/she is a member.
- iii. Local Government Area Executive Committee members of the Party.
- iv. National and State Congress members of the Party from the Local Government Area.
- v. Councilors who are members of the Party or Councillorship candidates nominated by the Party.
- vi. Ward Chairmen and Ward Executive members of the Party within the Local Government Area.
- vii. Three Local Government Delegates elected from each

Ward in the area.

7.14 Local Government Area Congress: Powers and Functions

The powers and functions of the Congress in each Local Government Area shall include the following:

- (a) Evolving policies and programs for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Party in the Local Government Area.
- (b) Ratifying candidates in accordance with the guidelines approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party at a Special Congress convened for that purpose, this is without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution.
- (c) To undertake and ensure the implementation of directives from the State Congress.
- (d) In cases where the Local Government constitutes State and Federal Constituency, the Local Government Congress shall be responsible for the nomination of candidates into those houses.
- (e) Exercising all other powers, authority and functions in its area of jurisdiction similar to those of the State Congress provided that State functions shall be replaced by the Local Government functions.

7.15 State Executive Committee

The State Executive Committee shall comprise the following:

- i. State Chairman
- ii. State Deputy Chairman
- iii. Three Vice-Chairmen, one from each Senatorial District of the State.
- iv. State Secretary
- v. Assistant State Secretary
- vi. State Treasurer
- vii. Assistant State Treasurer

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- viii. State Financial Secretary
- ix. Assistant State Financial Secretary
- x. State Publicity Secretary
- xi. Assistant State Publicity Secretary
- xii. State Welfare Officer
- xiii. Assistant State Welfare Officer
- xiv. State Legal Adviser
- xv. Assistant State Legal Adviser
- xvi. State Organizing Secretary
- xvii. Assistant State Organizing Secretary
- xviii. State Auditor
- xix. Assistant State Auditor
- xx. Youth Leader
- xxi. Women Leader
- xxii. National Executive Committee members of the Party from the State.
- xxiii. The State Governor and the Deputy Governor if they are members of the Party.
- xxiv. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Chief Whip and their Deputies in the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party.
- xxv. The Chairman and Secretary of the Party in each Local government Area of the State.
- xxvi. Local Council Chairmen and their Deputies who are members of the Party.
- xxvii. One Ex-Officio member from each Local Government Area of the State.
- **7.16 The State Executive Committee** shall meet at least once every three months.
- 7.17 The State Executive Committee: Powers and Functions

The State Executive Committee of the Party shall be the principal Executive Organ of the State Congress

and in this capacity shall;

- (a) Convene the State Congress on the recommendation of the State Executive Committee or in exceptional circumstances by the National Executive Committee.
- (b) Organize and supervise nomination of candidates for Local Government Council, State and National Assembly elections in accordance with the guidelines approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- (c) Organize, manage and supervise the elections of Party chairmen and members of the Party Executive Committees in the Local Governments within the State in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (d) Make recommendations on policies and programmes to the State Congress.
- (e) Implement the decisions of the State Congress.
- (f) Where the Party is in power, guide and advise the government and generally assist in the implementation and achievement of the programmes of the Party.
- (g) Generate funds for the achievement of the objectives of the Party.
- (h) Carry out disciplinary actions against any erring member of the Party pursuant to Article 9 of this Constitution.
- (I) The State Executive Committee may appoint subcommittee(s) and adhoc committees to carry our any of its functions from time to time as occasion demands.

7.18 The State Working Committee: Composition

- i. State Chairman shall be the Chairman
- ii. State Deputy Chairman
- iii. Three Vice Chairmen one from each Senatorial

District

- iv. State Secretary who shall serve as Secretary to the Committee.
- v. State Deputy Secretary
- vi. State Treasurer
- vii. State Deputy Treasurer
- viii. State Financial Secretary
- ix. State Deputy Financial Secretary
- x. State Publicity Secretary
- xi. State Deputy Publicity Secretary
- xii. State Organizing Secretary
- xiii. State Deputy Organizing Secretary
- xiv. State Welfare Officer
- xv. State Deputy Welfare Officer
- xvi. State Legal Adviser
- xvii. State Deputy Legal Adviser
- xviii. State Auditor
- xix. State Deputy Auditor
- xx. State Youth Leader
- xxi. State Women Leader

7.19 State Working Committee

The functions of the National Working Committee shall be carried out mutatis mutandis by the State Working Committee.

7.20 The State Working Committee shall meet at least once a month.

7.21 State Congress

The State Congress shall consist of the following:-

- I. Chairman
- ii. Deputy chairman
- iii. Three State Vice Chairmen one from each Senatorial District
- iv. The Governor and Deputy Governor if they are

members of the party

- v. Members of the National Assembly who are members of the Party
- vi. Members of the National Executive Committee of the Party who are from the State.
- vii. Members of the National Convention of the Party from within the State.
- viii. Members of the State Executive Committee of the Party.
- ix. Members of the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party.
- x. Chairmen and Secretaries of the Party in the local Government Area.
- xi. Local Government Council Chairmen and their Deputies who are members of the Party.
- xii. All Ward Chairmen
- xiii. 3 Delegates from each Ward of the State elected for that purpose at least one of whom must be a woman.
- xiv. The Local Government Youth Leader and Women Leader from each of the Local Government Areas of the State.

7.22 State Congress: Powers and Functions

The State Congress shall have the following powers and functions:

- (a) Ratify list of aspirants for state elective offices in accordance with the guidelines approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party at a Special Congress convened for the purpose, this is without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution.
- (b) Electing officers of the Party that will constitute the State Executive Committee of the Party.
- © Electing members of the Party as candidates for gubernatorial elections in the State.
- (d) Ensuring the implementation of directives from the

National Convention.

- (e) Exercising all other powers, authority and functions similar to those of the National Convention in its areas of jurisdiction.
- 7.23 The provisions in this Constitution relating to Ward, Local Government and State levels of Organs of the Party shall apply mutatis mutandis to Ward, Area Council and Federal Capital Territory levels of the Party Organs.

7.24 National Executive Committee

Members of the National Executive Committee shall comprise:-

- i. National Chairman who shall be the Chairman
- ii. Deputy National Chairman
- iii. National Secretary
- iv. Vice National Chairman six (6) each of whom shall represent a Geo-political Zone of the Country
- v. Deputy National Secretary
- vi. National Treasurer
- vii. Deputy National Treasurer
- viii. National Financial Secretary
- ix. Deputy National Financial Secretary
- x. National Organizing Secretary
- xi. Deputy National Organizing Secretary
- xii. National Publicity Secretary
- xiii. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- xiv. National Legal Adviser
- xv. Deputy National Legal Adviser
- xvi. National Welfare Officer
- xvii. Deputy National Welfare Officer
- xviii. National Auditor
- xix. Deputy National Auditor
- xx. National Women Leader
- xxi. National Youth Leader

- xxii. State Chairmen of the Party
- xxiii. The Chairman of the Party in Abuja Federal Capital Territory
- xxiv. The President and Vice-President of the country if they are members of the Party.
- xxv. State Governors who are members of the Party.
- xxvi. President and Deputy President of the Senate, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of the Representatives if they are members of the Party.
- xxix. Majority or Minority Leader, Chief whip and their Deputies in the National Assembly who are members of the Party.
- xxx. Ex-officio members six (6) each representing a geopolitical zone of the Country.

7.25 National Executive Committee: Power and Functions

The National Executive Committee of the Party shall be the principal Executive Organ of the National Convention and in this capacity shall:

- (a) Convene the National Convention if necessary and may at any time constitute a Committee to organize and summon Congresses of the Party.
- (b) Prescribe guidelines and modalities for the election or nomination of candidates for elective positions or offices at all levels
- (c) Implement the decisions of the National Convention.
- (d) Where the Party is in power, it shall guide and advise the government and generally assist in the implementation of the Party's programmes.
- (e) Where the Party is not in power at any level of government, it shall critically examine government policies and programmes and advise or constructively criticize the government as appropriate in order to ensure good governance at the levels of government in the interest of the nation.

- (f) Generate funds towards the achievement of the Party's aims and objectives.
- (g) Approve the Annual Budget of the Party and recommend the adoption of the Audit Report to the Convention.
- (h) Decide on final appeal on all matters of discipline of any member of the Party.

7.26 National Working Committee

The National Working Committee shall comprise the following:

- i. National Chairman who shall be the Chairman
- ii. Deputy National Chairman
- iii. National Secretary
- iv. National Vice Čhairman six (6) each of whom shall represent a Geopolitical Zone of the country.
- v. Deputy National Secretary
- vi. National Treasurer
- vii. Deputy National Treasurer
- viii. National Financial Secretary
- ix. Deputy National Financial Šecretary
- x. National Organizing Secretary
- xi. Deputy National Organizing Secretary
- xii. National Publicity Secretary
- xiii. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- xiv. National Legal Adviser
- xv. Deputy National Legal Adviser
- xvi. National Welfare Officer
- xvii. Deputy National Welfare Officer
- xviii. National Auditor
- xix. Deputy National Auditor
- xx. National Women Leader
- xxi. Deputy National Women Leader
- xxii. National Youth Leader
- xxiii. Deputy National Youth Leader
- xxiv. Six Ex officio members from six geo political zones of the country.

7.27 National Working Committee shall

- (a) Be the Caucus of the Party and in the exercise of its responsibilities shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- (b) Intervene in disputes and ensure equity and justice in the resolution of every matter.
- (c) Monitor all activities of the Party nationally to ensure conformity with the Party's norms and standards.
- (d) Consider and make recommendations on disciplinary action(s) against any member, officer and Organ of the Party to the National Executive Committee of the Party pursuant to Article 9 of this Constitution.

7.28 National Convention

The National Convention shall comprise:

- i. The National Chairman.
- ii. The Deputy National Chairman.
- iii. All members of the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- iv. State Chairmen of the Party.
- v. The State Secretaries of the Party.
- vi. The State Treasurers of the Party.
- vii. The President and Vice President of the country if they are members of the Party.
- viii. Governors and Deputy Governors who are members of the Party.
- ix. Members of the National Assembly who are members of the Party.
- x. Party Chairmen of the Local Government Areas.
- xi. Party Secretaries of the Local Government Areas.
- xii. Party Treasurers of the Local Government Areas.
- xiii. All State Legislators who are members of the Party.
- xiv. Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who are members of the Party.
- xv. Five National Delegates Elected for that purpose

from each Local Government Area.

xvi. Members of the Board of Trustees.

7.29 National Convention: Power and Functions

The National Convention shall be the Party's supreme authority and shall among other things, do the following:

- (a) Elect the National Officers of the Party.
- (b) Consider and approve all recommendations for review and amendment of the Party Constitution.
- (c) Consider and approve recommendations on the Party's Programs and Manifestoes.
- (d) Nominate the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates of the Party in accordance with the Party's laid down guidelines.
- (e) Receive, consider and decide on reports from other subordinate Organs of the Party.
- (f) Take all necessary and legitimate steps to protect and promote the corporate interest to the Party in all parts of the country.
- (g) Take any other action which, in its opinion is in the best interest of the Party in particular and the nation in general.

7.30 Powers and Functions of Officers

The National Officers of the Party shall have the following powers and functions:

7.31 National Chairman shall -

- (a) Be the head of the Party, providing good, effective leadership and direction to the Party.
- (b) Promote and implement the policies of the Party.
- (c) Appoint and inaugurate members of Standing and Ad-hoc Committees with the approval of the National Executive Committee and the National

Working Committee respectively.

- (d) Delegate duties by way of giving lawful directives to all Officers, Organs, Members and Officials at all levels of the Party and exercise a casting vote where necessary.
- (e) Authorize expenditures.
- (f) Ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the Party's Constitution.
- (g) Exercise all powers and functions vested in him by this Constitution, the National Convention, National Executive and National Working Committees of the Party.

7.32 Deputy National Chairman shall:

- (a) Perform the functions of the Chairman in his absence.
- (b) Carry out any other duties that may be assigned to him by the Chairman, the National Convention or the National Executive Committee.

7.33 National Secretary shall

- (a) Supervise the day-to-day administration of the Party.
- (b) Supervise and direct all Officials of the Party.
- (c) Ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee.
- (d) Issue notice of meetings and make effective arrangements for the meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee and National Working Committee on the directive of the National Working Committee.
- (e) Keep accurate records of all the proceedings at the National Convention, the National Executive

Committee and the National Working Committee.

- (f) Render a written Annual Report on the activities of the Party.
- (g) Be the custodian of all Party documents and materials.
- (h) Carry out all other duties that may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Party.

7.34 Deputy National Secretary shall

- (a) Assist the National Secretary in the performance of his duties.
- (b) Perform the functions of the National Secretary in his/her absence.
- (c) Perform all such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Secretary.

7.35 National Treasurer shall

- (a) Ensure that all revenues and expenses of the Party are properly accounted for.
- (b) Be the custodian of all financial and security documents of the Party
- (c) Advise the National Executive Committee and National Working Committee on financial matters.
- (d) Pay monies duly approved by the National Chairman.
- (e) Prepare and submit to the National Executive Committee a quarterly Statement of accounts of the Party.
- (f) Ensure that all monies paid to the Party are duly receipted and paid into the approved Bank accounts of the Party within 24hours after collection, except during weekends and public holidays when such monies must be lodged on the next working day.
- (g) Keep general impress account the limit of which

shall be determined by the National Executive Committee.

7.36 Deputy National Treasurer shall

- (a) Assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties.
- (b) Act as Treasurer in his absence.
- (c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Treasurer

7.37 National Financial Secretary shall

- (a) Collect and record all dues, levies, subscriptions and such other monies payable to the Party.
- (b) Pay all such monies to the Party treasurer within 24hours of collection.
- (c) Prepare and submit proposals for fund raising for the consideration of the National Executive Committee or National Working Committee as the case may be.

7.38 Assistant National Financial Secretary shall

- (a) Assist the National Financial Secretary in the performance of his duties.
- (b) Act for him in his absence.
- (c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Financial Secretary.

7.39 National Organizing Secretary shall

- (a) Liaise with the State Chairman and members of the State Executive Committee for the purposes of mobilizing members of the Party towards winning elections at all levels.
- (b) Initiate strategies including budget for the purpose of winning elections.
- (c) Arrange and prepare venues for Party functions including the National Convention.
- (d) Take any other directive from the National Chairman

or National Executive Committee.

7.40 Deputy National Organizing Secretary shall

- (a) Assist the National Organizing Secretary in the performance of his duties.
- (b) Act for him in his absence.
- (c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Organizing Secretary

7.41 National Publicity Secretary shall

- (a) Be responsible for the public relations and general publicity of the Party.
- (b) Be the principal image maker of the Party.
- (c) Advise the Party on media matters and relations.
- (d) Publicize the policies and programs of the Party.

7.42 Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall

- (a) Assist the National Publicity Secretary in the performance of his duties.
- (b) Act for him in his absence.
- (c) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the National Publicity Secretary.

7.43 National Welfare Officer shall

Be responsible for the general welfare of members of the Party.

7.44 Deputy Welfare Officer shall

- (a) Assist the National Welfare Officer in the performance of his duties.
- (b) Act for him in his absence
- (c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Welfare Officer.

7.45 National Auditor shall

(a) Quarterly audit the account books of the Party and

submit reports of same to the National Executive Committee.

(b) Conduct other checks on the finances and assets of the Party as may be directed from time to time by the Chairman, National Executive Committee or the National Convention.

7.46 Deputy National Auditor shall

- (a) Assist the National Auditor in the performance of his duties.
- (b) Act for him in his absence.
- (c) Perform other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Auditor.

7.47 National Legal Adviser who must be of the Legal Profession shall

- (a) Be responsible for giving legal advice to the Party.
- (b) Interpret the Constitution of the Party and other relevant legal documents.
- (c) Arrange for the conduct of litigation and defense on behalf of the Party including its Organs, Officers and Officials where the subject of litigation pertains to the Party's interest.
- 7.48 Deputy Legal Adviser who must be of the Legal Profession shall
- (a) Assist the National Legal Adviser in the performance of his duties.
- (b) Act for him in his absence.
- (c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Legal Adviser.

7.49 National Youth Leader

(a) Be responsible for the promotion and protection of Youth issues in the Party.

- (b) Be responsible for the sensitization of the Youths through seminars, workshops and other forms of public enlightenment.
- (c) Be responsible for the mobilization of the Youths to effectively participate in the affairs of the Party.

7.50 National Women Leader

- (a) Be responsible for the promotion and protection of Women issues in the Party.
- (b) Be responsible for the sensitization of the Women through seminars, workshops and other forms of public enlightenment.
- (c) Be responsible for the mobilization of the women to effectively participate in the affairs of the Party.

ARTICLE 8

1. CONVENTIONS AND CONGRESSES:

- (a) The Convention and Congresses of the Party at the National, State and other levels shall be held at least once a year at a date, venue and time to be approved by the relevant Executive Committee.
- (b) Special Conventions or Extra-ordinary Conventions may be convened to consider special issues of paramount importance to the Party.

2. Emergency Meetings:

- (a) The National Executive Committee may summon an emergency meeting of the National Convention or Congress at any time, provided that at least seven (7) days' notice of the meeting is given to all those entitled to attend.
- (b) The Chairman to the Executive Committee of the Party at any level shall direct the Secretary of the Organ to summon a meeting of the Executive Committee as the case may be on joint application

made in writing by at least one third (1/3) of the members of that Organ.

(c) Where the Chairman and Secretary fail to convene the meeting within seven (7) days of the receipt of the application, a meeting may be convened by a publication in a National Newspaper made by the signatories to the joint application and in case of the Local Government and Wards by a notice pasted in the relevant Party secretariat.

3. Quorum:

A quorum for a valid meeting of any organ of the party shall be by a third (1/3) of the members of organs inclusive of the chairman or his deputy.

4. Mode of conveying Meetings:

All meetings shall be summoned in writing and or through well circulated mass media.

5. Rules for the Conduct of Meetings:

- (a) All meetings of the various Organs of the Party shall follow the same or similar procedure as prescribed herein under. Irregular conduct of meetings shall be unconstitutional and shall accordingly render null and void decisions reached at such meetings.
- (b) The Chairman of any Organ of the Party shall preside over the meetings of such Organ except in the case of sub-committee where the presiding person may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the parent Organ or from amongst themselves.
- (c) All meetings of the Party shall be conducted and recorded in English Language. However, the Chairman of the meeting may use his discretion to allow the use of a local language if in his judgment communication and the peace of the meeting would

be facilitated by such discretion.

- (d) With the exception of the following listed motions, no motion or amendment shall be entertained at a meeting unless at least seven (7) days' notice of such motion had been given in writing to the Secretary or the Chairman.
- i. A motion that any subject matter be approved, deferred or referred to a Committee or some other appropriate body.
- ii. A motion for adjournment.
- iii. A motion proposing an amendment to some opinion already presented at the same meeting.
- (e) Every motion and amendment shall be seconded before discussion.
- (f) A motion for amendment may be withdrawn at any time at the request of the mover.
- (g) Without prejudice to Article 8.5(d), in urgent or emergency situations, the Chairman of a meeting shall have the discretion to dispense with the requirement to give notice of motion.
- (h) Deliberations at a meeting shall be strictly on the subject matters listed on the agenda of the meeting, provided that general issues may be presented or discussed at the end of the main agenda.
- (i) Except upon a duly notified motion, a fresh deliberation or debate on a matter already concluded shall not be permitted.
- (j) A member shall indicate a desire to speak by show of hand, sitting and shall rise to speak only when called upon to do so by the Chairman.
- (k) The Chairman of a meeting shall have power to ask anyone who in his opinion is manifestly obstructing the conduct and peace of the meeting to leave the meeting.

- (l) 'Putting the question' shall follow normal parliamentary procedure.
- (m) Voting on any subject matter at a meeting shall be by a show of hands or by secret ballot.
- (n) Except otherwise provided in this Constitution, decisions of any Organ of the Party shall be taken by a simple majority of votes of members present at that meeting.
- (o) No member shall leave a meeting without the leave of the Chairman.
- (p) Any member deviating from these rules or from the agenda of a meeting shall be immediately called to order by the Chairman or by another member raising a point of order.

ARTICLE 9:

DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

- 1. The Party shall be a disciplined Organization and all members of the Party shall be disciplined, honest, credible, worthy and of good conduct and shall always be loyal to the Party and its constituted authorities.
- 2. The following shall constitute acts of indiscipline in the context of the Party, to wit- disloyalty, disorderly behavior at meetings, theft, fraud, disrespect to the Party, immoral conducts, failure to fulfill financial obligations and other obligations of membership and conviction for criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 3. All acts of indiscipline shall be sanctioned. Such sanction shall vary according to the gravity of the offence committed.

- 4. The Executive Committee at every level shall have power to decide on disciplinary measures against an offending member provided that only the National Convention shall have power to expel a member.
- 5. Notwithstanding any provision of this Article, the Party may, where necessary invoke its right to seek legal redress against any offending member.
- 6. A suspended member shall lose the privileges or membership for the period of suspension and may be required to fulfill certain conditions before the suspension is lifted.
- 7. A suspended member shall have the right of appeal to the Local Government Elders Forum in the case of suspension by the Local Government or Ward Executive Committees, to State Elders Forum in the case of suspension by the State Executive or the National Executive Committee.
- 8. Only the National Convention shall have power to expel a member from the Party.
- 9. In all matters of discipline, every member of the Party shall enjoy the right to a fair hearing.

ARTICLE 10

TENURE OF OFFICE

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, all Officers of the Party elected into the Party's Organs shall serve in such Organs for a period of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election for another period of four (4) years only, provided that an Officer elected or appointed to fill a vacancy arising from death, resignation or otherwise shall notwithstanding be eligible for election to the same office for two terms.

- 2. No member shall serve in the same office for more than eight (8) years continuously.
- 3. An Officer at the National and State levels of the Party shall not hold another office at State or National Organ of the Party concurrently, other than being an ex-officio member of that Organ.
- 4. Subject to ratification by Convention or Congress, an officer shall be relieved of his post at any time if a vote of "No confidence" is passed on him by two-thirds (2/3) of members of the relevant Party Organ.
- 5. Pursuant to Article 10.4 of this Constitution, where a vote of "No Confidence" is passed on an officer, the relevant Party Organ shall appoint another person to act in his place pending ratification by the Convention or Congress as the case may be.
- 6. Any officer at any level of the Party who wishes to contest an elective office into government shall resign his Party position at least Ninety (90) days before the Party nominations for the election, provided that in all general elections the Party shall One Hundred and Twenty (120) days before the elections, issue and publish dates for the Convention and Congress at which candidates for election shall be nominated.

ARTICLE 11.

ADMINISTRATION

- 1. There shall be Administrative Officers at all levels of the Party who shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the Party and report to the relevant Executive Committee through the Secretary.
- 2. Subject to Article 11.1 above, the Directorate in the Party's administration shall include:
- (a) The Directorate of Organization which shall be headed by a Director of Organization and shall be responsible for the organization of the Party at all levels.
- (b) The Directorate of Administration and Trainingwhich shall be headed by a Director of Administration who shall be responsible for personnel and other administrative matters.
- c) The Directorate of Finance- which shall be headed by a Director of Finance who shall attend to all financial matters.
- (d) The Directorate of Media and Publicity- which shall be headed by a Director of Media and Publicity and shall administer all public relations matters.
- (e) Directorate of Research, Planning and Programme which shall be headed by Director of Research, Planning and Program and shall deal with research, planning, programs and policy matters of the Party.
- (f) Directorate of Social Welfare and Protocol- which shall be headed by a Director of Social Welfare and Protocol who shall be responsible for welfare and protocol matters.
- (g) Directorate of Security and Intelligence- shall be headed by a Director of Security and Intelligence who shall be responsible for Security and Intelligence matters.

- (h) Directorate of Legal Services- shall be headed by a Director of Legal Services who shall be responsible for legal matters and must be of the Legal profession.
- 3. All officials of the Party shall be appointed by the relevant Executive Committee.
- 4. The salaries and other conditions of service of officials shall be decided by the appropriate Executive Committee which shall have power to employ and dismiss any official.

ARTICLE 12

COMMITTEES

- 1. The following shall constitute Standing Committees of the Party:
- (a) Ways and Means Committee: Shall be headed by the Treasurer as Chairman; shall comprise a minimum of seven members including the Financial Secretary and shall advise the Party on ways and means of generating funds and property and investing these for the Party in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of this Constitution.
- (b) Media and Publicity Committee: Shall have the Publicity Secretary as its chairman and six others as members. This Committee shall advise the Party on generation and management of information, communication, publication, public relations, education, mass media matters and community affairs.
- (c) Disciplinary and Arbitration Committee: Shall have the Legal Adviser as Chairman and six other members and shall receive, examine, investigate, initiate and propose disciplinary and arbitration

measures in matters affecting members or group of members and submit findings to the appropriate Executive Committee for consideration and necessary actions.

- (d) Election Committee: Shall have the National Organizing Secretary as Chairman and six other members who shall advise the Party on legitimate strategies, logistics and modalities for conduct of campaigns and elections to ensure total success at elections.
- (e) Establishment Committee: Shall have the Party Secretary as Chairman and six other members at relevant levels of the Party who shall advise the elected Chief Executive who is elected on the platform of the Party on appointments.
- 2. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 12.1 of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall have power to set up Ad-hoc Committees whenever the need for such Committees arises.

ARTICLE 13

1. TRUSTEES

- I. There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Party which shall be appointed by the National Convention on the recommendation of the State Congress passed through the National Executive Committee and shall hold office for a period of 5 years and no more.
- ii. The Board of Trustees shall have in its membership 3 members (one from each Senatorial District) from each State of the Federation including Abuja (FCT) at least one of whom shall be a woman. A Chairman shall be appointed by them from their membership.
- iii. The President, Vice President, Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives if they

are members of the Party shall also be members of the Board of Trustee.

- iv. Qualification for appointment as a member of the Party's Board of Trustees shall be the same as that of a Senator in the National Assembly.
- 2. Power and Functions of the Board of Trustees:
- (a) The Board of Trustees shall be the conscience of the Party and shall ensure that high moral standards are observed in the conduct of the Party activities
- (b) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution, the Board of Trustees shall not take part in the day-to day running of the Party at any level.
- (c) Members of the Board of Trustees can attend any meeting organized by any Organ of the Party but shall have no voting rights at any of those meetings except at the National Convention and meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- (d) The Chairman and Secretary of the Board are full members of the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- (e) A Trustee may be removed from office by a resolution at the Annual Convention on the recommendation of the Board on the grounds of infirmity or misconduct.
- (f) A Trustee may resign his/her membership of the Board by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairman of the Board which letter must also be copied to the National Chairman of the Party.
- (g) The Board of Trustees shall mediate in the event of disputes across the arms of the Party, Executive and Legislative.
- (h) The Board of Trustees shall co-ordinate, harmonize, review and advise when necessary on policies, programs and activities of the Party.

- (I) The Board of Trustees shall co-ordinate the funding activities of the Party.
- (j) The Board of Trustees shall be the Custodians of Party assets.
- (k) The Board of Trustees shall generally advise the National Executive Committee of the Party which advise the National Executive Committee of the Party shall consider appropriately.

ARTICLE 14

STATE ELDERS FORUM:

- 1. There shall be a State Elders Forum of the Party which shall be appointed by the State Congress on the recommendation of the Local Executive Committees through the State Executive Committee. This Forum shall hold office for a period of three (3) years.
- 2. The State Elders Forum shall have at least one member from each LGA of the State and shall elect their Chairman from amongst themselves.
- 3. The Governor, Deputy Governor and the Speaker of the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party shall be members of the Forum. The State Elders Forum shall at its level exercise the powers of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 15

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. All Party posts prescribed by this Constitution shall be filled by democratically conducted elections and in accordance with the guidelines that may be approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party.

- 2. In the event of nominations, elections or appointment for formation of or participation in government, the National Executive Committee shall make rules and regulations for the selection of candidates in consultation with the State Executive Committees. All such rights and regulations shall take into consideration and uphold the following:-
- (a) Aims and objectives of the Party in Article 3;
- (b) The federal character principle and principle of geographical spread and
- (c) Equitable representation for Women and Youths.

ARTICLE 16 OATHS OF OFFICE:

Every Officer elected or appointed as an Officer of the Party shall subscribe to the Oath of Office as provided in Schedule 2B of this Constitution before the Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public.

ARTICLE 17 FINANCE, BANKING AND AUDIT:

17.1 FINANCE

The funds of the Party at all levels shall be derived from all or any of the following sources:-

- (a) Membership fees/dues.
- (b) Income generated by property owned by the Party
- (c) Profit from the income of enterprises owned by the Party.
- (d) Private funding i.e. gifts and grants by groups or individuals, loans duly approved by the national executive committee.

- (e) Levies, donation and other grants.
- 17.2 The National Executive Committee shall have the power to make special grants and donations or grant loans without interest to any Organ of the Party subject to guidelines and regulations approved by the National Convention.
- 17.3 The Budget of the Party at any level shall be approved by the appropriate Executive Committee and authorization of all expenditures therein shall be vested in the relevant Chairman.
- 17.4 A fee to be known as the membership fee shall be paid to the Party by every member. The fee which shall be a uniform amount throughout the country shall be determined from time to time by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- 17.5 A financial member of the Party shall be a member who has paid all approved dues, fees and levies payable by him under this Constitution.

17.6 BANKING:

The Party at all levels shall operate accounts in Banks approved by the relevant Executive Committee. Withdrawals from such accounts shall be effected jointly by the appropriate Chairman as principal signatory and either the Secretary or the Treasurer as co-signatory.

17.7 AUDIT

(a) A Firm of Accountants shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee to audit all the accounts of the Party and submit the audited Accounts and Report thereon to the National Executive Committee which shall consider the Report and authorize its publication.

- (b) A Statement of the Party's assets and liabilities shall be published in accordance with the prevailing Laws of the Federation on the authority of the National Executive Committee.
- (c) Without prejudice to Article 17.7(a) of this Constitution, there shall be an Internal Auditor who shall be responsible for the internal auditing of the Party's finances.

ARTICLE 18 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

- 1. **RESIGNATION:**
- (a) A member of the Party shall be free to resign his membership at any time.
- (b) Upon resignation, a member shall surrender all property of the Party in his or her possession with immediate effect.
- 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- (a) Election of Officers of the Party at every level shall be held not later than one month before the expiration of tenure of the incumbent Executive Committee.
- (b) Voting shall be by open ballot at the Ward and Local Government levels but by secret ballot at State Congresses and National Conventions.
- (c) The winner of an election shall be determined by a simple majority of the total votes cast.
- (d) In the event of a tie in any ballot, the election for that particular office shall be repeated for the tying candidates until a winner emerges.

3. ELIGIBILITY

No member shall be eligible to contest any election as an Officer or candidate of the Party unless that member had been a financial member of the Party for at least six (6) months before the date of such Party elections, this Clause shall not apply during the transition/formative period.

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Organs of the Party shall have powers to make rules and regulations for the smooth running of the Party provided that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution.

<u>ARTICLE 19</u> NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION INTO PUBLIC OFFICES: PARTY PRIMARIES

1. The National Executive Committee shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended, the Electoral Acts as amended and the Party Constitution formulate guidelines and regulations for the nomination of candidates for election into public offices at all levels and shall be the final authority for resolving all disputes arising from the choice of candidates for the Party for any election and for conveying to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) or any other authority in that behalf, confirming the names or list of names of the Party's candidates for any elective public office in Nigeria.

- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7 of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall regulate the procedures for selecting the Party's candidates for elective offices in the manner herein under provided;
- (a) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidate for the post of member of Local Government Council, Council Chairman and State House of Assembly, the primaries shall be held at the Local Government Constituency headquarters;
- (b) 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 Constituency headquarters of the federal Constituency;
- (c) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidate for the post of Senator, the primaries shall be held at the Senatorial headquarters of the District;
- (d) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidates 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 at a venue within the State capital;
- (e) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidate for the office 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.
- 3. Congress for the election of Ward Officers, Councillorship candidates and the 3 Delegates to Local Government Congress and State Congress, out of which at least one (1) shall be a woman, shall be by direct primaries in which all card carrying members

of the Party at the Ward level shall participate;

- 4. There shall be a minimum of one (1) year membership span to qualify a member to stand for election into any public office, unless the appropriate Executive Committee gives a waiver or rules to the contrary.
- 5. However, without prejudice to the foregoing, the National Executive Committee of the Party in consultation with the Executive Committee of the appropriate State may nominate a popular member of the Party that possesses the requisite wide acceptability, potentials and capacity to fly the flag of the Party at the relevant election at any level.
- 6. WAIVER

In considering a waiver for an aspiring member, the following shall apply:

- (a) For members aspiring for Party nomination for election to the post of Councilor, Local Government Council Chairman or membership of the State House of Assembly, the deciding authority shall be the State Executive Committee through the State Working Committee;
- (b) For members aspiring for Party positions or nominations for National Assembly, Governors or Deputy Governors, President or Vice President, the deciding authority shall be the National Executive Committee, through the National Working Committee. However the process of clearance for the waiver shall start from the Ward level.
- 7. In respect of any decision under this sub-head, an aggrieved person shall have recourse to appeal to the National Executive Committee, through the Party's National Working Committee.

- 8. There shall be a minimum of one year membership span for a member to be eligible to be considered for political appointment, but this is without prejudice to the discretion of the appropriate authority.
- 9. Where the appropriate Committee rules to the contrary, such ruling must be ratified by the immediate higher Executive Committee, save for the National Executive Committee which is the final authority.
- 10. Candidates for the Party position must possess a minimum of Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent as requisite qualification to be eligible to contest.

ARTICLE 20

ELECTION PANEL:

- 1. There shall be Election Panels to adjudicate on complaints of any candidate.
- 2. The Election Panel at the National level shall be constituted by the National Executive Committee and shall constitute Party members of proven integrity and reflect National geographical spread.
- 3. The Election Panel at the State level shall be constituted by the State Executive Committee and shall consist of seven (7) Party members of proven integrity and shall reflect the State geographical spread.

ARTICLE 21

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:

The provisions of this Constitution shall be subject to amendment if so decided by a minimum of twothirds (2/3) of the financial members of the Party present and voting at a National Convention, provided that notice of such amendment shall have been filed with the National Secretariat not less than thirty (30) days before the National Convention and circulated for not less that 14 days before the date of the Convention.

SCHEDULE 1

INTERPRETATION OF TERMS:

- For the purpose of this Party and in the context of this Constitution, the following terms are herby defined, to wit -
- (a) At all levels' means at the National, State, Local Government Area and Council Ward levels.
- (b) Egalitarian society' means society in which members of that society are treated as equals legally, socially, morally and politically and exposed to equal opportunities to develop their inherent potentials as individuals without prejudice to ethnic origin, religion or circumstances of birth or sex.
- (c) Officer' means elected official
- (d) Official' means a person employed and paid by the Party.
- (e) Primary health care' means comprehensive health care, including basic medical immunization, health education, essential drug supply to health institutions designated for the purpose, environmental sanitation, nutrition, maternal and child health.
- (f) Principal Executive Organs' means the National

Executive Committee at the Nation level, the State Executive Committee, Local Government Area level, and Ward Executive Committee at the Ward level.

(g) Transition period means the time between the formation of the Party and when it becomes established

SCHEDULE 2:

A. Oath of Constitution "I..... do solemnly swear/ affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY and bear true allegiance to Nigeria and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

So help me God.

B. Oath Of Office

"I do solemnly swear/affirm, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY and the law and always in interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the and of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, that I will strive to pursue, enhance and implement the aims and objectives of the Party as contained in its Constitution and Manifestoes, that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official decision, that in all circumstances, I will do right to all members and Organs of the Party and to all manner of people according to the law without fear

or favor, affection or ill-will, that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or 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 will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria.

So Help Me God.