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PREAMBLE

We the Social Democrats of Nigeria, inspired by the urgent need to change the shape, content and character of partisan politics Nigeria to that based on issues and identifiable ideology, which also pre-requisite for governance based on commitment to ide have decided to bind ourselves to form the **Labour Party (LP)**.

For the avoidance of doubt, **Social Democrats** includes working class, farmers, professionals, intellectuals, student women, environmentalists, patriotic businessmen and won and all other Nigerians who accept the ideals of **Social Democracy** as enumerated in the Aims and Objectives of Party as stated in this constitution.

In forming the **Labour Party**, we affirm our commitment to the unity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the leading role of the Nigerian state in the economic and social empowerment of all Nigerians as a pre-requisite for sustainable democracy and prosperity of the people.

CONSTITUTION OF LABOUR PARTY (12)

ARTICLE 1 NAME OF THE PARTY

The name of the Party shall be known as and called 'LABOUR PARTY'.

ARTICLE 2 MOTTO

The motto of the Party shall be "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE".

ARTICLE 4 LOGO

The logo of the party shall be THE WHEEL WITH A MAN AND WOMAN WITH A CHILD ENGRAVED IN THE CENTRE

- ✓ The wheel stands for industry and work as basis for economic empowerment of the populace and the prosperity of the nation, i.e. continuous economic growth and development.
- ✓ The linkage, between the wheel and man, woman and child connotes that governance, economic and social development must lead to the advancement of human beings.

ARTICLE 5 FLAG

The flag of the party shall be RED AND GREEN, both equal in size, placed vertically, Red representing transformation and Green agriculture. The logo of the Party shall be at the centre of the flag with background.

ARTICLE 6 REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered National Secretariat of the Party shall be located at Abuja the Federal Capital Territory, in such place as shall be decided by the National Executive Council (NEC)

ARTICLE 7 SUPREMACY OF THE PARTY CONSTITUTION

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and any other Law of 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 and where any rule, regulation or any other enactment of the Party is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, such enactment is to the extent of its inconsistency null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

ARTICLE 8 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Aims and Objectives of the Party are:

- a. To democratically seek political power and sustain same for the purpose of enacting a government that shall pursue social democratic programmes as basis for good governance, as prerequisite for sustainable democracy and national prosperity.
- b. To foster a Party that shall be rooted in and sustained by the commitment of all social democrats. Consequently, the Party shall be open to all Nigerian irrespective of gender, religion, state and ethnic background who accept the Party's Constitution, Manifesto and Programmes.
- c. To create a new Nigerian personality who would be patriotic, altruistic, transparent and committed to due process and rule of law in governance, industry and other spheres of our national life.
- d. To faithfully work towards translating to reality, the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State policy contained in the Nigerian Constitution by making them justiciable
- e. To foster a state based on full and gainful employment and access to free and compulsory education at all levels; health care and social security schemes for the vulnerable, i.e. physically challenged the aged and pensioners.
- f. To foster self sufficiency of the country in food production.
- g. To consciously narrow the social and economic gap between the urban and rural dwellers in the spheres of access to basic necessities, infrastructure and quality of life.
- h. To broaden participation in governance at all levels by ensuring that the costs of the electoral process do not constitute hindrance to any Nigerian.

- i. To ensure gender balance in governance
- j. To create enabling environment for the private sector, adequately protect them and encourage them to compete with foreign investors.
- k. To sustain and defend democracy in Nigerian, expand the democratic space and culture, strengthen press freedom and guarantee the unfettered right to peaceful protests and assembly.
- l. To promote rapid technological and scientific advancement of Nigeria as basis for bailing the country out of its present status of under development to an industrialized country within the shortest possible time.
- m. To provide alternative views on all national issues consistent with the ideals of social democracy and canvass same.
- n. To promote and defend the political interests of the working people, businessmen and women and patriotic entrepreneurs and indeed all Nigerians.
- o. To constantly organise political and voters education programmes and publish Party literatures, newspapers, etc.
- p. To pursue the principles of integrity, credibility and consistency in all aspects of our national life
- q. To promote the emergence of only worthy and credible candidates to contest elections on the Party's platform at all levels.

ARTICLE 9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Composition shall be as follows:

- All past and serving Presidents and vice presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who held or hold the respective posts as members of the Party and who are still members of the Party.
- All past and serving National Chairmen, Deputy National Chairmen and National Secretaries of the Party who are still members of the Party.
- All past serving Presidents of the Senate and Speakers of the House of Representatives who are still members of the Party.

- Two women selected from each of the six geo political zones; three members; at least one of who shall be a woman from each of the six geo political zones.
- Person(s) not exceeding six, who have in one way or the other contributed immensely to the growth of the Party found suitable by the Board.
- Current Presidents of NLC and TUC respectively.

ARTICLE 9 (1) Duties of the National Board of Trustees

A. There shall be a National Board of Trustees, which shall:

- i. Ensure highest standards of morality in all the activities of the Party, with powers to call to order any officers of the Party whose conduct falls below the norms.
- ii. Ensure high morale if members of the Party, and ensure that the Party enjoys a good image before the Nigerian populace and that the Party is in good political health.
- iii. Harmonizes co-ordinate, review and advise on politics, programmes and activities of the Party on National level.
- iv. Be vested with the assets of the Party and shall serve as custodians of such assets.
- v. Co-ordinate the sourcing of Party funds
- vi. Mediate in dispute between the executive and legislative arms of government.
- vii. Carry out all such other functions and activities as may be referred to it by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention.
- viii. Give advice on any Party matter to the National Executive Committee of the Party.

B. Member of the Board of Trustees may attend any meetings of any organ of the Party except the National Caucus

C. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be members of the National Executive Committee

D. A Trustee may be removed from office by a resolution of the National Executive Council of the party on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, on the ground of infirmity or misconduct

E. A Trustee may resign his membership of the Board of Trustees by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairman

- F. Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the Board subject to ratification by the National Executive Council of the party
- G. The Board of Trustees shall regulate its own proceeding and shall draw up a code of conduct which shall be binding on the members.

ARTICLE 10 (1) MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership of the Party shall be open to all Nigerians who accept its ideology, programmes and the constitution irrespective of their religion, ethnic origin, gender, social and economic status persons with disability provided that.
 - i. The person is 18 years of age and above
 - ii. The person does not belong to any other political party whether or not such political party is based outside the country.
 - iii. The person applies for membership on individual basis.
 - iv. A prospective member shall register at the ward he/she ordinarily resides in or his/her ward of origin.
 - v. NEC shall determine platform membership for organizations whose members decide to be members of the Party as a group.
 - vi. NEC shall decide from time to time representation of platform membership in the various organs of the Party.

ARTICLE 10 (2) PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Every member shall fill prescribed membership application form and pay membership fee of fifty naira (50.00) or as the NEC shall fix from time to time.
2. Every member shall be issued a membership card, which shall indicate other details including monthly subscription.

ARTICLE 10 (3) MEMBERS OBLIGATIONS TO THE PARTY

- i. Every member of the Party shall accept the principle of equality of all members irrespective of his/her economic and social status.
- ii. Every member shall renew his/her membership card every three (3) years by paying the prescribed fee
- iii. Only members who pay their monthly membership dues at rates prescribed shall be deemed to be bonafide members of the Party. Arrears of dues of up to six months shall lead to forfeiture of membership.

- iv. Every member shall be required to faithfully work toward the attainment of the aims and objectives of the Party as contained in Article 8 of this Constitution and abide by lawful decisions of all organs of the Party.
- v. No member shall engage in antiparty activities but shall refrain from putting the Party into disrepute.
- vi. No member shall directly or indirectly belong to another political party or act to further the aims and objectives of any other political party.
- vii. Members are obliged to participate in the activities of the party e.g. election campaigns, rallies, fund raising functions and meetings.
- viii. Every member of the National Executive Council of the Party shall pay his/her monthly dues into the Bank Account of the Party.
- ix. Every Governor, Deputy Governor, who is a member of the Party shall pay his or her monthly dues into the Bank Account of the Party.
- x. All State Exco shall pay their monthly due into the coffers of the National Party bank Account.
- xi. Every member of the State or National Assembly who is a member of the Party shall pay his/her monthly dues into the National Bank Account of the Party.
- xii. Only fully registered and financially up to date members of the Party shall have the right to vie for office in the Ward Executive, Local Government Area Executive, State Executive Councils and the National Working Committee of the Party or be a delegate to the Congresses and the National Convention.

ARTICLE 11 RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- i. Every member shall have the right to speak and vote on any issue at any meeting of any organ of the Party he/she rightly belongs to.
- ii. Every member shall have the right to vote and be voted for, into any elective posts, in any organ of the Party, subject to guidelines by the NEC or any organ so designated and in line with Article 9(3) of this constitution
- iii. Every member shall have the right to stand for election to the legislative houses, and political offices subject to the approved guidelines by the NEC of the Party.
- iv. Every member shall be encouraged to participate in the political education of the Party necessary for preparing them for responsibilities in the Party and the nation.

ARTICLE 12 PARTY ORGANIZATIONS

There shall be four (4) levels of Party Organization Namely

- i. Ward
- ii. Local Government Area
- iii. State
- iv. National

The organizational structure at the State level shall also apply mutatis mutandis to the Federal Capital Territory Abuja as if it were a state.

The composition of all national organs of the party, that is, the NEC and NWC, shall reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria that is, their members shall belong to different states of the country.

ARTICLE 13 PRINCIPAL ORGANS OF THE PARTY

- i. National Convention
- ii. National Executive Council
- iii. National Working Committee
- iv. State Congress
- v. State Executive Council
- vi. State Working Committee
- vii. Local Government Congress
- viii. Local Government Area Executive Council
- ix. Local Government Area Working Committee
- x. Ward Congress
- xi. Ward Executive Council

ARTICLE 14 COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF PARTY ORGANS

- I. That National Convention of the Party shall hold once in four (4) Years.

A. COMPOSITION

- i. National Chairman and all members of the National Executive Council including the NLC and TUC Presidents and General Secretaries.
- ii. The President and the Vice President of the Nigeria produced by the Party.
- iii. Governors and Deputy Governors produced by the Party.

- iv. All National and State Houses of Assembly members produced by the Party.
- v. Chairmen and Councilors of local Government Councils who are members of the party.
- vi. All members of the State Executive Councilors of the Party.
- vii. Ministers produced by the Party.
- viii. State Commissioners produced by the Party
- ix. All Special Advisers/Assistants in State and Federal levels produced by the Party.
- x. Chairmen of Boards and Parastatals who are members of the Party at the state & national levels.
- xi. Delegates elected by the Congress of each State within the federation including the FCT.
- xii. Former National Chairmen and Secretaries of the Party who are still members of the Party.
- xiii. The composition of numbers of delegates can be altered by the National Executive Council subject to availability of fund.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The final authority of the Party shall rest with the National Convention which shall have the power to:

- i. Formulate and decide the nationwide policies and programmes of the Party.
- ii. Receive reports and recommendations from the National Executive Council and take decision on them
- iii. Delegate any of its functions and powers to the National Executive Council or any other organ of the Party.
- iv. Elect or remove the national officers of the Party and constitute the National Executive Council of the Party
- v. Determine the Party's Presidential Candidate and his running mate on the basis of the Party's guidelines.
- vi. Review and/or, amend the constitution of the Party
- vii. Exercise control and take disciplinary action on all organs, offices and members of the Party and determine appeals brought before it by any member or organs of the party
- viii. Take any action as may be necessary for the promotion of the aims and objectives of the Party as laid down by the Constitution.

- ix. Exercise such other powers and functions as provided by the constitutions.
- x. Co-opt such, person(s) as it deems necessary, desirable or expedient to attend its meeting(s) and take part in its deliberations provided that such coopted person(s) shall have no voting right.

C. SPECIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 13 (1) of this constitution, there shall be Special National Convention to address specific issues concerning the Party when the need arises.

2. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)

A. COMPOSITION

- i. National Chairman
- ii. Four (4) National Deputy Chairmen at least two of whom must be females representative of the platform i.e. NLC Women Commission Chairperson.
- iii. The President, Vice President, the President of the Senate and the Deputy, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives; if produced by the Party and all the Governors and Deputy Governors produced by the Party.
- iv. Chairmen and Secretaries of State Executive Councils of the Party.
- v. Six (6) National Vice Chairmen each representing the six geopolitical zones of the country.
- vi. National Secretary
- vii. Three (3) National Deputy Secretaries
- viii. National Treasurer
- ix. Financial Secretary
- x. National Publicity Secretary
- xi. National Organizing Secretary
- xii. National Legal Adviser
- xiii. National Auditor
- xiv. National Women leader
- xv. Six (6) Deputy National Women leaders each representing each of the six geo political zones of the country.
- xvi. National Youth leader

- xvii. Six (6) Assistant National Youth Leaders, each representing each of the six geo political zones of the country.
- xviii. Presidents and General Secretaries of the two Central Labour Organizations, that is, Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) & Trade Union Congress (TUC) representing the Platforms.
- xix. Ex-officio members to be appointed by the National Executive Council
- xx. Chairperson of the N.L.C Women Commission.
- xxi. Deputy Treasurer
- xxii. Assistant Financial Secretary
- xxiii. Assistant National Organizing Secretary.
- xxiv. Six National Deputy Youth Leaders, one from each geo political zone.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- i. To be responsible for the overall administration and organization of the Party and putting into effect the decisions of the National Convention.
- ii. To prepare the agenda, organize the National Convention as and when due and implement its decisions and directives.
- iii. To prepare and submit reports and recommendations for the consideration of the National Convention.
- iv. To prepare draft policies and programmes for the consideration of the National Convention.
- v. To deal with problems referred to it by lower organs of the Party.
- vi. To make rules for Party discipline and loyalty- which shall be binding on all organs and members of the party.
- vii. To approve the annual budget of the Party.
- viii. To have the powers to decide on and convene Special National Conventions and Congresses.
- ix. To take decision on when to hold a regular National Convention of the Party in the event that the National Convention could not hold for any reason whatsoever when it fell due.
- x. To co-opt such person(s) as it deems necessary, desirable or expedient to attend its meetings and take part in its deliberations provided that such co-opted person(s) shall have no voting right.

- xi. To have powers to make standing orders/rules for the approval of the Convention.
- xii. To have powers to establish ad-hoc and standing committees of the Party and appoint members of such committees.
- xiii. To determine the conditions of service of the National officers of the Party.
- xiv. To monitor, guide and supervise the lower organs of the Party.
- xv. To raise funds for the Party
- xvi. To fill vacancies in the NWC as they may occur from time to time in between National Conventions.
- xvii. To take disciplinary action against any member or organ of the Party as it may deem fit in the interest of the Party.
- xviii. To have powers to make rules and guidelines governing conduct of elections into the organs of the Party.

3. NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

A. COMPOSITION

- i. The National Chairman
- ii. Three (3) Deputy National Chairmen at least one of whom must be a female and the other are representative of the platform.
- iii. Six (6) National Vice Chairmen each representing each of the six geopolitical zone of the country
- iv. National Secretary
- v. Three (3) Deputy National Secretaries
- vi. The NLC and TUC Presidents
- vii. General Secretaries of NLC and TUC
- viii. National Treasurer
- ix. National Financial Secretary
- x. National Publicity Secretary
- xi. National Organizing Secretary
- xii. National Legal Adviser
- xiii. National Auditor
- xiv. National Women leader
- xv. Six (6) Deputy National Women leaders each representing the six geo-political zones of the country.
- xvi. National Youth Leader

xvii. Six (6) Assistant National Youth Leaders each representing each of the six geo-political zones of the country.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

- i. Shall in between meetings of the NEC administer the Party and take such decisions which in its opinion, are in the best interest of the Party.
- ii. Shall be fully accountable to the NEC
- iii. Shall prepare draft policy documents for the consideration of the NEC.
- iv. Shall prepare the annual budget and submit same to the NEC for approval.
- v. Shall take such measures that are necessary and expedient for protecting the unity and viability of the Party at all levels.

4. STATE CONGRESS (SC)

The State Congress of the Party shall hold once in three (3) years

A. COMPOSITION:

- i. All members of State Executive Council of the Party.
- ii. The Governor, the Deputy Governor and Commissioners of the State if produced by the Party.
- iii. All ministers who are members of the Party and hail from the State.
- iv. All legislators (Federal, State and Local Government) produced by the Party and hail from the State.
- v. All Special Advisers/Assistants at the State and Federal levels produce by the Party and hail from the state.
- vi. All members of the Local Government Executive Council of the Party.
- vii. All members of the National Executive Council of the Party who hail from or reside in the State.
- viii. Delegates elected by the Congress of each EGA within the state.
- ix. All Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Local Government Councils if produced by the Party.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF STATE CONGRESS.

- i. To elect officers of the State Executive Council
- ii. To elect delegates, to the National Convention of the Party.
- iii. To consider the reports of the State Working Committee including the Financial and Auditor's reports.
- iv. To discipline Party members in the State (except expulsion) and ratify disciplinary measures by LG organs of the Party
- v. To approve the Party's programmes in the State to be put to the electorates for elections.
- vi. To take any other lawful decision in the best interest of the Party in the State.
- vii. To receive and evaluate the performance of the State Government.
- viii. To organize primaries for Wards, Local Government Councils and State Assemblies elections

5. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SEC)

A. COMPOSITION

- i. State Chairman
- ii. Six (6) Deputy State Chairmen one each from the Senatorial Districts; one female and at least one representing the platforms of i.e. NLC and TUC
- iii. The Governor and Deputy Governor if produced by the Party, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, if produced by the Party, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Party in the State House of Assembly and all National Officers of the Party who hail from or reside in the state.
- iv. State Secretary
- v. Two (2) Assistant Secretaries
- vi. State Treasurer
- vii. State Financial Secretary
- viii. State organizing Secretary
- ix. State Publicity Secretary
- x. State Legal Adviser
- xi. State Auditor
- xii. State women leader
- xiii. Three (3) Deputy State Women Leaders each representing each of the Senatorial Districts in the State.
- xiv. State Youth leader

Three (3) Assistant State Youth Leaders each representing each of the three Senatorial district in the state.

- xv. Chairmen and Secretaries of all the Local Government Executive Committees of the Party in the Slate.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- i. To coordinate the activities of all organs of the Party in the State and ensure their viability.
- ii. To organize the Party's election campaigns
- iii. To propagate the Party's ideology, programme and manifestoes and implement the educational programmes of the Party.
- iv. To implement the decisions and directives of the state congress, National Working Committee, National Executive Council and National Convention.
- v. To consider the report of the State Working Committee, the Financial and the Auditor's Reports and approve the budget for the State.
- vi. To receive and periodically evaluate and monitor the performance and activities of the State Government.

6. STATE WORKING COMMITTEE

A. COMPOSITION

- i. State Chairman
- ii. Six (6) Deputy State Chairmen.
- iii. State Secretary
- iv. Two Assistant State Secretaries
- v. State Treasurer
- vi. State Financial Secretary
- vii. State Publicity Secretary
- viii. State Organizing Secretary
- ix. State Legal Adviser
- x. State Auditor
- xi. State Women Leader
- xii. Three deputy state women Leaders
- xiii. State Youth Leader.
- xiv. Three Assistant State Youth Leaders

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE WORKING COMMITTEE

- i. Shall in between meetings of the State Executive Council administer the party at state level and take such decisions which in its opinion are in the best interest of the Party in the state.
- ii. Shall be fully accountable to the State Executive Council.
- iii. Shall draft policy documents for the consideration of the state executive.
- iv. Shall prepare the annual budget and submit same to the State Executive Council for approval.
- v. Shall take such measures that are necessary and expedient for protecting the unity and viability of the Party at the state level.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS

The Local Government area shall hold one in three (3 years)

A. COMPOSITION

- i. Chairman
- ii. All members of the LGA Executive Council
- iii. All members of the Executive Council of each Ward.
- iv. Chairman and Deputy Chairman and of the Local Government if produced by the Party and all councilors produced by the party.
- v. All members of the State House of Assembly, produced by the Party and hail from the LGA.
- vi. State Party officers who hail from the LGA
- vi. Delegates elected by the Congress of each Ward within the LGA.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS

- i. To elect members of the LGA Executive Council
- ii. To elect delegates to the State Congress of the Party.
- iii. To ratify disciplinary measures taken by the LG Executive Council
- iv. To approve the Party's budget of the LGA.
- v. To determine the Party's candidate for Chairmanship of the LG A and the Deputy on the basis of the Party's guidelines.
- vi. To evolve Party's policies for the LGA
- vii. To take any lawful decisions in the best interest of the Party in the LGA.

- viii. To consider and approve Local Government Executive Council Report, the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report.
- ix. To receive and evaluate the activities of the Local Government and all Councilors produced by the Party.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A. COMPOSITION

- i. Chairman
- ii. Four (4) Vice Chairmen, one of whom must be a female and at least one representative of the platform
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Three (3) Assistant Secretaries for Welfare, Education and Guidance and Organization.
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Financial Secretary
- vii. Publicity Secretary
- viii. Legal Adviser
- ix. Auditor
- x. Youth leader
- xi. Ward Chairmen and Secretaries
- xii. Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Local Government if produced by the Party.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- i. To organize the LGA Congress and implement its decisions
- ii. To propose policies for the consideration of the LGA Congress.
- iii. To undertake membership drive and propagate the ideology and manifest to the Party, and organize the party's Political programmes in the Ward.
- iv. To issue rules and regulations for the Party administration in the Local Government area including coordination of the activities of the Ward Executive Council.
- v. To undertake any other lawful activity or measure in the best interest of the Party in the LGA, subject, to ratification by the LGA Congress.

- vi. To receive and periodically evaluate the activities of the Local Government, administration and the activities of the Councilors produced by the party.
- vii. To prepare the annual budget of the Party in the LGA.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA WORKING COMMITTEE

A. COMPOSITION

- i. Chairman
- ii. Four (4) Vice Chairmen, one of whom must be a female and at least one representative of the platform
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Three (3) Assistant Secretaries for Welfare, Education and Guidance and Organization.
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Financial Secretary
- vii. Publicity Secretary
- viii. Legal Adviser
- ix. Auditor
- x. Women leader
- xi. Youth leader
- xii. Ward Chairmen and Secretaries

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- i. Shall in-between meetings of the Local Government Executive Council administer the Party in the Local Government Area and take such decisions which in its opinion are in the best interest of the Party.
- ii. Shall be fully accountable to the Local Government Area Executive Council.
- iii. Shall prepare draft policy documents for the consideration of the Local Government Area Executive Council.
- iv. Shall prepare the annual budget and submit same to the Local Government Area Executive Council for approval.
- v. Shall take such measures that are necessary and expedient for protecting the unity and viability of the Party within the Local Government Area.

10. WARD CONGRESS

The ward congress of the party shall hold once in every three (3) years.

A. COMPOSITION

- i. All members of the Party in the ward who are not in arrears of due' for not more than three (3) months shall be delegates
- ii. All members of the Ward Executive Council
- iii. The Local Government Councilor representing the ward if produced by the Party.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WARD CONGRESS

- i. To elect delegates to the LGA, and State Congresses of the Party.
- ii. To elect members of the Ward Executive Council
- iii. To determine the Party's Candidate for councillorship elections on the basis of the Party's guidelines.
- iv. To approve the budget of the Party in the Ward.
- v. To impose disciplinary sanctions (except expulsion) on any erring or defaulting member.
- vi. Take any other lawful action in the best interest of the Party in the Ward.
- vii. To consider and approve the Ward Executive Councils Report, the Financial and the Auditor's reports.
- viii. To receive and evaluate performance report of the councilor representing the Ward.

11. WARD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A. COMPOSITION

The Ward Committee shall be elected at the Annual Ward Congress and shall be composed as follows;

- i. Chairman
- ii. Two (2) vice Chairmen (One Male and One Female)
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Assistant Secretary
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Financial Secretary
- vii. Publicity Secretary
- viii. Legal Adviser
- ix. Auditor

- x. Women Leader
- xi. Youth Leader
- xii. Local Government Councilor representing the Ward it produced by the Party.

The Ward Executive Council shall meet at least once every month.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WARD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- i. To organize Ward Congress and implement its decisions and to convene ward general meetings.
- ii. To propose policies for the consideration of the Ward Congress
- iii. To undertake membership drive, propagate the ideology, programme and manifesto of the Party and also implement the political education programme of the Party.
- iv. To prepare the Annual Budget for the approval of the Ward Congress.
- v. To evaluate and periodically monitor the performance of the councilor
- vi. To take any other lawful actions in the best interest of the Party.

ARTICLE 15 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS

1. National Chairman

- a. Shall give leadership to the Party and preside over all meetings of the National Convention, National Executive Council and the National Working Committee of the Party.
- b. Shall be the Accounting Officer of the Party and shall promote and defend the name, policies and programmes of the party.
- c. Shall direct the due execution of the programmes of the Party and shall have powers to delegate his duties, give lawful directives to all officers, agencies, officials and members at all levels of the Party.
- d. Shall approve all expenditures and shall be a signatory to the Party's Bank account(s)
- e. Shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to him from time to time by the National Convention, the National Executive Council and the National Working Committee

2. Deputy National Chairmen

- a. Shall assist the National Chairman in the discharge of his duties.

- b. A Deputy National chairman shall act in the absence of the National Chairman and shall in the absence of the National Chairman preside over the meetings of the party.

3. National Vice Chairmen

- i. Shall act in the absence of the Deputy National Chairman.
- ii. Shall liaise with the National Chairman in coordinating and promoting interstate relationship within the Party in a geopolitical zone.

4. National Secretary

- a. Shall supervise the day-to day activities of the Party at the National Secretariat and shall be the principal administrative officer of the Party in consultation with the National Chairman
- b. Shall cause to be issued notices of meetings of the National Convention, National Executive Council, the National working Committee in consultation with and approval of the National Chairman.
- c. Shall cause to be kept all records and books of proceedings of the National Convention, National Executive Council Committee.
- d. Shall render a written annual report on the activities of the Party
- e. Shall ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National convention, the National Executive Council and the National Working Council.
- f. Shall be a signatory to the Party's bank accounts) and shall recommend major expenditure to the National Chairman for approval.
- g. Shall carry out any other duty as may be assigned to him from time to time by the National Convention, the National Executive Council, the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

5. Deputy National Secretaries

- a. Shall assist the National Secretary in the discharge of his duties.
- b. Shall in the absence of the National Secretary act for him with the approval directive of National Chairman.
- c. Shall be assigned such other functions as may be deemed necessary by the National Secretary or the National Chairman,

6. National Treasurer

- a. Shall receive and promptly pay into the Party's account(s), all monies received for and on behalf of the Party.
- b. Shall ensure the preparation of Annual Statement of Account/Reports on finances of the Party including compilation of the Party's Assets and liabilities and make same available to the National Executive Council from time to time.
- c. Shall be a co-signatory to the Party Account(s).

7. National Financial Secretary

- a. Shall collect monies due to the Party and pay such monies to the National Treasurer not later than 3 working days after collection.
- b. Prepare and submit proposals for raising Party funds for consideration by the National Executive Council.
- c. Ensure that proper account and records are kept and caused such books to be produced for inspection as may be required.

8. National Publicity Secretary

- a. Shall be responsible for all Party information, promotional services and activities all of which must be consistent with the Party's constitution, manifesto and policies
- b. Shall be responsible for the production and publication of Party literatures, newspaper, etc.

9. National Organizing Secretary

- a. Shall initiate Programmes for the general mobilization of the Party faithful and recruitment of new members
- b. Shall be responsible for Party field and Campaign Operations
- c. Liaise with the National Women and youth leaders for harmonization of programmes for attainment of Party victory at all elections
- d. Organize rallies, seminars, workshops and campaign programmes for the attainment of the party objectives.

10. National Legal Adviser

- a. Shall advise the Party on legal matters
- b. Shall give legal opinion on all laws, regulations and construction of the Party in the event of ambiguities.

11. National Auditor

- a. Shall be responsible for proper and accurate auditing of the books of account of the Party bi-yearly and shall report accordingly to the National Executive Council.
- b. Shall in consultation with the External Auditors, present the Audited Account of the Party to the National Convention.
- c. Organize rallies, seminars, workshops and campaign programmes for the attainment of the party objectives.

12. National Women Leader

- a. Shall be responsible for women mobilization and organization.
- b. Shall initiate and implement strategic programmes and policies that would endear the Party to Nigerian women.

13. Deputy National Women Leaders (6)

- a. There shall be six (6) Deputy Women Leaders each representing each of the six geo-political zones in the country.
- b. Shall be responsible for the mobilization of women in their respective zones.

14. National Youth leader

- a. Shall be responsible for mobilization of youths for the attainment of Party objectives.
- b. Initiate and implement strategic programmes and policies that would endear the Party to Nigerian Youth.

15. Assistant Youth Leaders (6)

- a. Shall be responsible for the mobilization of Party Youths in their respective geo-political Zones.

16. Functions of Officers of the Party at other Levels (Ward, Local Government and State).

Subject to, the Provisions of this constitution, all other officers at the Ward, Local Government and State levels of the Party' shall have the same powers and functions at their respective levels as prescribed for National officers provided that Legal Advisers at all levels shall be legal practitioners within the conte..... of the Legal Practitioner's Act, 1975

ARTICLE 16 TENURE OF OFFICE

- i. All National and State Officers of the Party shall hold office for a period of 2 terms of 4 years each.
- ii. L.G.A's and Ward Officers shall be 3 years of 2 terms and shall not seek reelection for that same position.
- iii. No member shall serve in the same position continuously, except the person who first came into the office by a vacancy.

ARTICLE 17 PROHIBITION FROM HOLDING DUAL OFFICES

Subject to the provisions of this constitution, any member holding a Party office at any level shall be deemed to have resigned that position if he assumes any of the following offices:

1. President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
2. The Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
3. Governor and Deputy Governor of a State.
4. Ministers, Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
5. Members of the National and State Assemblies.
6. Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Councilors of Local Government Councils.
7. Any other full time political appointment
8. Headship of the Legislative Houses
9. All other political appointees may hold office notwithstanding their occupying a Party position.

ARTICLE 18 REMOVAL FROM OFFICES

- The National Chairman of the Party may be suspended or removed from office on a vote of No Confidence passed by at least two-thirds majority at a National Convention convened solely by him for such purpose.
- Any other Officer of the Party may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) of majority of votes cast by members of the National Executive Council or Congress of a State -LGA or Ward Executive Council as the case may be.
- Where a vacancy occurs in any office (s) of the Party, the Executive Committee at the appropriate level shall elect another person from the area or zone where the officer (s) originated from, pending the conduct of election to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE 19 SPECIAL ADVISERS, SPECIAL & PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

There shall be the offices of Special Advisers attached to the office of the National Chairman. Their number shall be decided by the National Executive Council while the National Secretary shall have one Special Assistant.

In addition, principal officers of the Party may have attached to their offices Personal Assistants as may be determined by the National Chairman.

ARTICLE 20 PARTY DISCIPLINES

All members of the Labour Party must maintain a commendable and exemplary level of discipline in both their public and private lives and conduct. Having regard to the fact that a substantial attraction of the Party is derived from the element of moral authority, the Party will impose disciplinary measures for any misdemeanor aimed at tarnishing its well nurtured image and credibility.

The provision of this constitution applies to all members of the Party.

1. Discipline of Members

- A. 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, and moral/ethical codes.

- B. Any member of the Party, who contravenes any of the provisions under this article, shall face disciplinary action (s) in line with the relevant provisions of this constitution.
 1. A breach of provisions of the Constitution
 2. Anti-party activities by conducting self in a manner likely to embarrass the Party or bring it into hatred, contempt, ridicule or, disrepute in whatever manner.
 3. Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the Party or of the officers of the Party.
 4. Indiscipline at meetings including disruption of meetings.

5. Flouting the rulings or decisions of the Party; continuously, being absent at meetings without cogent and verifiable reasons, for ten times or more, consecutively; 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.
6. Assuming falsely official Party titles; giving wrong, false and misleading information to any organ of the Party; unauthorized publicity of Party related grievance without exhausting all avenues of, settlement or redress within the Party.
7. Taking the Party and its officers to court without following the laid down procedure under this constitution.

2. Disciplinary Action

- A. Disciplinary measure may be imposed by the Party against any of its members and the gravity of the disciplinary measure shall depend upon the seriousness and circumstances of each case.
- B. Disciplinary measure to be imposed shall take the form of:
 1. From the Party provided that the power to expel shall only be exercised by the National Convention.
 2. Suspension for a specified period.
 3. Suspension and removal from office
 4. Debarring from holding office.
 5. Fine.
 6. Warning (1st and 2nd).
- C. Subject to (a) above, the Executive Council at the relevant level of the Party shall have the power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures, against any Party member as specified in the sub-section above.
- D. Every member shall have the right of fair hearing in all matters that affect him/her with regard to discipline, and the right of appeal against the disposal of his/her case.
- E. The National Working Committee shall be notified through the National Chairman of the Party, 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 at the State, Local Government and Ward levels of the Party.

3. Appeal

- a. Any member aggrieved by disciplinary actions of any of the Party organs shall have the right to appeal within 30 days of such decision to the next higher organ of the Party. In the event of further dissatisfaction following disposal at this level, then the appellant shall be free to appeal to NEC of the Party.
- b. Pending the determination of an appeal in respect of expulsion, suspension, or other disciplinary measures, the member 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.
- c. Any member placed under suspension shall not take part in party activities.

ARTICLE 21

1. STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- A. The convention or congress at every level or its principal organ, shall have the power to set up standing committees and, where necessary, ad-hoc committees.
- B. Without prejudice to the above provisions, the Party may have the following standing committees, subordinate and secondary to the executive committee at every level of the party,
 - a. Working Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Publicity Committee
 - d. Screening/Selection Committee

2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Working Committee

Shall headed by the Chairman at the respective levels and shall comprise of all Principal Officers and their deputies, shall be responsible for the implementation of decisions of its Executive Council in between meetings

b. Finance Committee

Shall be headed by the Treasurer as chairman and shall comprise a minimum of seven members, including the financial Secretary to be appointed by the Executive Council and shall advise the Party on ways and means of generating funds and investing these funds for the Party in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

c. Publicity Committee

Shall be headed by the National Publicity Secretary, and shall comprise seven members and shall advise the party on management of information, communication, publication, public relations propaganda, mass media matters and community affairs.

d. Screening and Selection Committee

Shall be headed by the National Chairman of the Party and six other members to be appointed by the National Working Committee and shall:

- i. Be solely responsible for the screening of Party candidate(s) official(s) for nomination for elections.
- ii. Select and recommend to Independent National Electoral Commission all candidates for political offices on the Party's platform.
- iii. Provide all guidelines for the nominations of the Party's candidate(s) in all elections. An appeal shall lie from the decision of the committee to the National Executive Council whose decisions duly authenticated by the National Chairman and National Secretary, shall be binding on all members.

ARTICLE 22 ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

1. The Administrative of the Party shad be supported facilitated and strengthened by a bureaucracy.
2. At the national and state levels, as mush as possible, the following departments or directorates shall be established.

a. Administration

To see to the day to day running of the secretariat, to keep records of Party activities including minutes of meetings of the executive and other committees and official communications: to provide secretariat

assistance to all committees, and to handle personnel and welfare matters including administrative discipline.

b. 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 assets and to handle capital purchases and stores.

c. Planning, Research and Statistics

To plan implementation methodology for the manifesto, objectives and programmes 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 computation and to manage the library of the Party.

d. Operations

To be responsible for organization of the Party's public functions, congress, rallies, conventions, electioneering campaign, internal elections of the Party, and general field.

e. Public Relations

To publicize the activities of the Party; to promote Party's image and explain its policies and programmes to initiate and manage propaganda for the party; to process the Party's publications and to arrange press conferences.

f. Legal Services

To provide all necessary legal support for the Party.

g. Security and Intelligence

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.

h. Works and Transport

To manage and maintain landed property and vehicles of the Party; to handle lands and property matters, to process contracts awards and supervise such contracts, to secure party accommodation including official quarters as may be decided, and manage telecommunications services.

ARTICLE 23 CODE OF CONDUCT AT ELECTIONS

Any members of the Party who is contesting for any Party office or political office shall not establish, operate, retain, train, equip any person or group of persons or maintain any armed wing or vanguard in whatever manner and in whatever name called, for use or display of physical force or coercion in promoting or attaining any political objective.

Any member who contravenes this provision stands to be expelled from the party by the appropriate organ of the Party.

ARTICLE 24 QUORUMS

One third (1/3) of all eligible delegates to the various congresses and conventions shall form the quorum, one third (1/3) of all eligible members shall form the quorum for the working committees and one third (1/3) of all eligible members for meetings of the Executive Councils.

ARTICLE 25 METHOD OF VOTING

Voting in all meetings shall be by any of the followings:-

- i. Acclamation
- ii. Show of hands
- iii. Secret ballot, as may directed by the presiding Chairman.

ARTICLE 26 PARTY FINANCES

a. Income: The funds of the Party shall be derived from:

- i. Monthly dues at the rate of N100.00 per member or as the NEC of the Party may decide from time to time,
- ii. Levies
- iii. Donations and public collections
- iv. Proceeds from investments and special fund raising activities
- v. Gifts and grants by individuals or group.

vi. Allocations made by Government where legally applicable; provided that collections and disbursements shall conform with guidelines of the TNEC

b. Distribution of Funds: Monthly membership dues shall be distributed as follows:

- i. Ward - 20%
- ii. LGA- 15%
- iii. State - 25%

c. Bank Accounts

- i. The Party shall maintain bank account(s) in the Headquarters of the National, State, Local Government and Ward levels of the Party, provided that where banking facilities are not available, the nearest bank facilities shall be utilized.
- ii. The Executive Council of the various levels of organization shall decide the bank(s) for such account(s)
- iii. Any two of the following officers of the Party, one of whom shall be the chairman, shall be valid signatories to the Party's Bank Account(s) and other financial transactions,
 1. The National Chairman and his/her counterparts in the State, Local Government or Ward levels
 2. The National Treasurer and his/her counterparts in the State, LGA and Ward levels.
 3. The National Secretary and his/her counterparts at the State, LGA or Ward levels.

ARTICLE 27 OATH OF OFFICE

Every officer elected or appointed as an Officer of the Party shall subscribe to the oath of allegiance /oath of office as provided in schedules 1 and 2 to this constitution before a Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public.

ARTICLE 28 NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR AN ELECTION AT ANY LEVEL

The National Executive Council of the Party shall formulate guidelines and regulations for nomination of candidates for election into public offices at all levels, subject to the provisions of this constitution.

1. Presidential Candidate

- i. Aspirants for Presidential election shall be nominated as Candidate for the Party at the National Convention
- ii. Where the National Executive Council identifies a credible and nationally acceptable person, it shall nominate and present such a person for ratification only at the National Convention as the Party's presidential candidate.

2. Vice Presidential Candidates

The nomination of the Vice Presidential candidate shall be by the Presidential Candidate subject to ratification by the National Convention.

3. Governorship Candidate.

- i. Nomination of aspirant for the office of the Governor of a state shall be by the State Congress
- ii. Where the State Executive Committee identifies a credible and acceptable person, it shall nominate and present such a person for ratification only at the State Congress of the arty. Such ratification shall be approved by the National Executive Council of the Party.

4. Deputy Governorship Candidates

The nomination of the Deputy Governorship candidate shall be by the Governorship candidate, the nominated candidate shall be forwarded to the State Congress candidate for ratification, such ratification shall be approved by the National Executive Council of the Party.

5. National and State Assemblies Candidates

The nomination of the candidates for the National Assembly (Senators and members of the house of Representatives) and State Assemblies shall be made by the affected Local Government Congresses subject to the approval of the National Executive Council. Where credible and acceptable persons have been identified by the affected Local Government Executive Council, it shall forward the name of such person after due consultation with the State Executive Council to the National Executive Council for approval.

6. Local Government Chairmen/Councillors Candidates

The nominations of Chairmanship/Councillorship candidates for a Local Government shall be made by the Ward Congress/Local Government

Congress subject to the approval of the National Executive Council. Where an acceptable and credible person has been identified by the Ward Executive Council, Local Government Area Executive Council and after due consultation with the State Executive Council the names of such candidates shall be forwarded to the National Executive Council for approval.

7. Deputy LGA Chairmanship Candidate

The selection of Deputy Chairmanship Candidate shall be made by the Chairmanship Candidate of the Local Government Area in consultation with the Local Government Area Executive Council after due consultation with the State Executive Council and shall be subject to the approval of the National Executive Council of the party.

8. Nomination Dispute

The National Executive Council shall be the final authority for resolving all disputes as to the choice of Party's candidates for all elections. The National Executive Council shall in case of electoral dispute set up an Ad-hoc Appeal Committee to arbitrate on matters arising there from. Such Ad-hoc Committee shall report to the National Executive Council through the National Working Committee. The National Executive Council shall be the final authority for ratification of all electoral decisions arising from the Appeal Committee of all levels

ARTICLES 29 INTERPRETATION

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 unless reserved by the National Convention of the Party.

ARTICLE 30 AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

The National Convention of the Party shall have the sole right of amending any provision of this constitution based on a majority vote, provided that the amendment does not contravene any of the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and shall be lodged with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) within 30 days from the date of the amendment.

SCHEDULE 1 OATH OF OFFICE

In the presence of everyone, particularly the members of the Labour Party assembled here, and in full realization of the high calling, I assume office as the **(Insert Office)**

Of the Labour Party, I do solemnly and sincerely swear before the members of this Party, the Labour Party, that I will observe, uphold and defend the Constitution of the Labour Party and that of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and I solemnly and sincerely promise that I will always promote all that will advance the Party and the Republic of Nigeria, and I solemnly and sincerely promise that I will always promote all that will advance the Party and the Republic and oppose all that may harm them, faithfully perform my duties with all my strength and talents to the best of my knowledge and ability and true to the dictates of my conscience, promote the welfare of the members of the Party and will not in any way betray the trust of the members of the Party bestowed on me. Should I break my oath, I shall be willing to submit myself to severe punishment in line with the constitution of the Party. This is my solemn oath.

SO HELP ME GOD.

National Chairman

National Secretary