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The origin of the People's Redemption Party goes directly back to the establishment of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (NCNC) on 26th August, 1944. The NCNC was the first national political party in Nigeria. It was the first political party to consciously shift party politics and party political agitation out of Lagos and Calabar. It was also the first party to attempt to mobilise ordinary people in all parts of Nigeria, and to organise and channel their grievances against British colonial domination. The NCNC's appointment of Mallam Sa'ad Zungur, in 1948, as its Federal Secretary and its conscious effort to form a nationally representative executive council, were revolutionary in the context of Nigerian politics. The party quickly consolidated itself as a genuine national political party, and above all challenged the colonial strategy of divide and rule, which insisted on the so-called irreconcilable differences between northerners and southerners in Nigerian politics.

The establishment of the NCNC in 1944 was followed by the General Strike of 1945, which lasted for 44 days and was the first nation-wide strike in Nigerian history. The strike apart from shaking the very foundation of the colonial economy exposed the vulnerability of colonialism in the face of a united front by the people of Nigeria. This strike was led by Michael Imoudu, who was a member of the NCNC's executive council, and who later became the Deputy National President of our party, the Peoples Redemption Party, in 1978-1983.

The NCNC led the nation-wide campaign tour of 1946, to mobilise and obtain the mandate of ordinary Nigerians to lead a delegation to London to protest against certain provisions of the Richards Constitution considered to be obnoxious. The Richards Constitution had been promulgated without due regard to the opinions of the people of Nigeria. The rallies organised by the NCNC in the course of this campaign were the first of their kind in most parts of Nigeria. During these rallies, Nigerians were seen and heard denouncing the whiteman, in public, and getting away with it

Out of these developments emerged the Northern Elements Progressive Association, the NEPA, in Kano, on 1st December 1946 as the first political party from Northern Nigeria. The party's political outlook was clearly radical. The emergence of a political party with such a radical outlook in Kano, whose leaders, like Habib Raji Abdallah, Abubakar Zukogi and Abdurrahman Bida, were openly associated with the Zikist Movement, shocked the British.

The British responded to these developments by promulgating the Richards Constitution, with dispatch, in 1947. The most important objective of this constitution was to divide the ranks of Nigerian nationalists, not just along the north-south line, but now into three regions which were made the new centres of power, under the new dispensation. This was clearly aimed at breaking the ranks of those struggling to consolidate the pan-Nigerian anti-colonial movement.

The British moved swiftly to disband the Northern Elements Progressive Association by dismissing those of its leaders and members who were government workers. But even those of them who were Native Authority employees, and who were not therefore affected by General Order 40B, such as Abdurrahman Bida, the President of NEPA, were dismissed. Consequently, most of the NEPA leadership moved to Lagos and joined the ranks of the Zikist Movement where they intensified their nationalist activities. The British moved swiftly to ban the Zikist Movement in 1950.

The reshaping of the Richards Constitution into the Macpherson Constitution at the Ibadan General Conference in January 1950, was used to launch a vicious attack on the unity of Nigeria. The Northern Region's delegates at the conference, made up almost entirely of members of the emirate aristocracies, including a powerful presence of the emirs, threatened secession on the grounds of religion, tradition and cultural differences between the Northern Region and the rest of Nigeria.

It was in this context that the Northern Elements Progressive Union, the NEPU, emerged. When eight young Nigerians, with Mallam Sa'ad Zungur, the NCNC Federal Secretary, and Mallam Aminu Kano, Headmaster of Maru Teachers College, acting in the background, launched the party, on Tuesday, 8th August 1950. These historic

eight were: Bello Ijumu, Abba Maikwaru, Mudi Sipikin, Magaji Dnbatta, Babaliya Manaja, Musa Kaula, Abdulkadir Danjaji and Garba Bida. The party therefore took off as a Northern-based political party, with a deeply Nigerian nationalist outlook. The NEPUS's profound commitment to democracy and social progress found its most articulate expression in the Sawaba Declaration of 1960, which heralded its birth. It asserted that:

...at present, the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation exist only to conserve the privilege of this selfish minority group. The talakawa must organise consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government both nationally and locally in order that this machinery of government, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and the overthrow of bureaucracy and autocratic privilege.. .all political parties are but the expression of class interest and as the interest of the talakawa is diametrically opposed to the interest of all sections of the master class, both white and black, therefore the party seeking the emancipation of the taiakawa must naturally be hostile to the party of the oppressors. The Northern Elements Progressive Union, therefore, being the only political party of the talalcaawa enters the field of political action determined to reduce to nonentity any party of hypocrites and traitors to our mother country...

This ringing declaration announced the birth of one of the most dedicated movements for national and social liberation in our history, which also planted deep roots within the oppressed masses of this country, wherever it was active, From 1950 to 1966 the leaders, militants and cadres of the NEPU, alongside other patriots and revolutionaries, sacrificed all they had, including their lives, to ensure that our national independence was complete, our unity as Nigerians defended, and our democratic rights asserted.

The onset of the civil war and the attempt to balkanise Nigeria in 1966-70 was a major setback to these efforts. But in various organisations and positions the NEPU leaders and cadres played key roles in uniting the patriotic forces that came together to save Nigeria from disintegration and continued in the years after the war to struggle to chart an alternative path of genuine national independence and socialism for Nigeria.

The sacrifices of these leaders, militants and cadres of the NEPU have not been in vain, for directly out of the NEPU emerged the People's Redemption Party, which was launched on 28th October, 1978, under the leadership of Mallam Aminu Kano. The twenty one who attended the inaugural meeting of the PRP included S.G Ikoku, Una Akpan, Dr Kolabogdi, Balarabe Musa, AD. Yahaya and others. In its General Programme, the PRP declared that:

.....in the last analysis, the people are the motive power of history. The people are the salt of the earth In order to build an independent, balanced, self-sustained and people-oriented national economy there is the need to eliminate foreign dominance in the economy; there is the need to get rid of productive relations based on exploitation: there is the need to vest the commanding heights of the national economy in the State.

The struggles of the PRP and its two state governments of Kaduna and Kano over democracy national unity, taxation, land reform, industrialisation, mass literacy, and dependence on the World Bank. for example, continued what started with the early NCNC, and was sustained by the NEPA and the NEPU.

The military coup of December 1983 did not terminate this political movement, which by then had been engaged activity, in almost four decades of struggle for independence, unity and democracy, and had got deep roots in the country. In 1986, the PRP group launched the *Analyst* and *Fitila* monthly magazines, with the declared intention of continuing with the true of the NEPU and the PRP by other means under new conditions.

When the ban on politics was lifted in 1989, a party known as the People's Liberation Party was launched on 5th May, 1989, with an explicit commitment to continue with the work of the NEPU and the PRP. Alongside the PLP were other groupings also committed to the continuation of the PRP. These included the NEPU History Committee, under the chairmanship of Alhaji Mudi Sipikin.

Revival

All these came together at the launching of the book *The Politic of Mallam Aminu Kano*, on 8th August. 1994, held en that day to mark the 44th anniversary of the founding of the NEPL. During that

occasion it was raised and resolved with acclamation that whenever the ban on politics is lifted the People's Redemption Party should come out again and continue with the struggle started by the early NCNC and continued by the NEPA and the NEPU.

With the partial lifting of the ban on political activity the People's Redemption Party emerged again, under the name NEPU-PRP, and its structures all over the country were revived. A National Organising Committee with state, local government and ward coordinating committees were established to bring together all those committed to continuing with the ideals of the NEPU and the PRP. The meeting of the National Sub-Committee on Organisation at Kaduna, on Monday 24th June, 1996, authorised the decision to seek the registration of the People's Redemption Party with the National Electoral Commission.

Presently, the People's Redemption Party operates and conducts its day-to-day business in accordance with the committee system. Apart from the National Delegates Conference, there are six other functioning organs of the party viz: the National Organisation Committee made up of four members from each state; the National Organisation Sub-Committee made up of the chairpersons of the associations Co-ordinating Committee in each state and Abuja; the National Finance Sub-Committee which is a seven-member sub-Committee of the National Organisation Committee; the State Coordinating Committee which is the steering committee of the association at the state level; and the Local Government Coordinating Committee which is the local government equivalent of the steering committee at the state level under the general direction of a chairperson: at the grassroots level, is the Ward Coordinating Committee.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PEOPLE'S REDEMPTION PARTY

We, the members of the People's Redemption Party of Nigeria, believe in five fundamental principles. These five principles constitute the foundations on which our party exist; the pillars upon which our party firmly stands, deeply rooted in the history of our country; the cement which binds us together in our struggle for the redemption of our people and our country; the ideals which give us a sense of common purpose; and the beam of light illuminating our path towards our vision of the future of our great country. These live fundamental principles of the People's Redemption Party are:

I. The Value and the Equality of Human Beings

We believe in the human being as the most precious thing in the world, above all wealth and material objects; in the sacrosanct nature of human life; in the collective nature of human existence, in which, while every human being is unique and has equal rights and duties, as an individual, he and she, are primarily social beings. as members of families, members of communities, and citizens of nations, and as links in the chain of succeeding generations of the dead, the living and the unborn, with the fundamental human right to the conditions necessary for the creative development of his and her human potential to the fullest, free from all forms of discrimination, degradation, oppression and exploitation.

II. The Power of the People

We believe in the inalienable democratic rights and duties of the people to fully, and purposefully, participate in exercising their sovereign rights to decide how they are governed to elect and, hold to public account, and to remove those who govern them, and to actively participate in determining the direction and content of the political, economic, social, and cultural structures, policies and practices shaping their lives and destiny; and to resist, by whatever means, any attempt at the violation of this right; for we believe that it is only by the exercise of this right, through the power of a conscious, organised and vigilant people, that any form of human development can be achieved and sustained.

III. Socialism

We believe that the building of a prosperous and self-reliant national economy has to be on the basis of just social relations of production and exchange, with the democratic state playing the leading role in ensuring that our domestic productive capacity, and the national currency are developed, modernised and strengthened: and all the human and natural resources of the nation are identified, cherished, utilised and renewed within the framework of long-term national planning; and that everyone receives fair and adequate returns for their mental and manual labour and legitimate private enterprise, with the aim of constructing a new social order on the basis of the socialist tenet of from each according to his ability to each according to his work.

IV. Genuine Federalism

We believe in the forging of Nigerian national unity on the basis of all justice and equal political, social and economic opportunities for all citizens, within a genuinely federal system of government, in which our diversity is recognised and cherished and which promotes a national sense of belonging and of a common destiny, through the elimination of all unequal and unjust relations of hegemony and monopoly of office and assets, between and within ethnic groups, wherever they exist: and we are committed to the prevention of religious and ethnic strife, through sustained democratic community action and the strong purposeful defence of the fundamental human rights of all citizens, wherever they are.

V. Total Liberation from Imperialism

We believe that the defence and promotion of our national independence. Sovereignty, territorial integrity, economic survival and development, requires the total liberation of our country and the rest of Africa. from the chains of old, and new forms of imperialist domination., including those being imposed through the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank: and that this, in turn, requires the forging of the unity of all patriotic political organisations across the continent, in order to renew and revitalise the Pan-African vision, commitment, and action and use this to contain and end the civil wars and other violent conflicts and institutionalise peace and democracy, and accelerate regional and continental economic and political integration: and it also requires

solidarity with the peoples and governments of Asia, the Pacific, South and Central America and the Carribbean, in order to bring about a new, and just international economic order, based on mutual respect and cooperation among nations and which promotes the sustainable use of the natural environment, and world peace.

**THE GENERAL PROGRAMME
(MANIFESTO)
OF THE
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We the members of the People's Redemption Party of Nigeria, believing in the five fundamental principles on which our party exists, which are:

- (i) The Value and the Equality of Human Beings;
- (ii) The Power of the People;
- (iii) Socialism;
- (iv) Genuine Federalism;
- (v) Total Liberation From Imperialism;

Solemnly commit ourselves to the following, as the general programmes of our party, derived from the five fundamental principles, and formulated in the light of the conditions, circumstances, aspirations and needs of our country and our people today, as we face the enormous domestic, regional, continental, and global challenges of the twenty-first century.

1. Building Durable Democratic Institutions

We are committed to the building of durable democratic institutions, which shall be capable of permanently subordinating the military to legitimate, democratic, civilian authority, and bringing to an end clannish, feudal, bureaucratic and all other forms of autocratic political and administrative practices, because we shall ensure that these democratic institutions gain for themselves, the respect and the vigilant support of the majority of the people of this country, for the people will see that, in practice, these institutions can ensure the security of their lives and property, their fundamental human rights, the rule of law, probity and full public accountability, at all levels and at all times; and also because the democratic state plays the leading role in ensuring that everybody gets fair and adequate returns, and a minimum living income, from their labour and legitimate private enterprise, so that the mass impoverishment and elite enrichment which breeds and sustains money politics, election rigging and election conflicts, and military dictatorships, can be systematically reduced and country.

2. Restoring Public Service and Public Accountability

We are committed to restoring the public services and public accountability by ensuring that all those employed in the public services, in all categories, are adequately paid salaries allowances and other benefits regularly, in order to enhance their diligence and productivity and by assuring public employees of adequate living standards, through wages, and which are rationally related to prices and the remuneration in the private sector. We are also committed to restoring discipline, the established administrative, financial, and accounting procedures and orderly conduct at all levels of the public services, strictly separating public office from private enterprise, by entrenching public accountability and by the leadership setting a clear and unambiguous example of probity and sacrifice and by developing public scrutiny and the public monitoring of the conduct of public officers and by ensuring prompt investigation trial and punishment of all those found guilty of abuse of office and the betrayal of public trust.

3. Guaranteeing Public Safety and the Rule of Law

We are committed to guaranteeing the safety and security of life, and of private and public property, in every nook and corner of Nigeria, at every hour of the day and night with an irrevocable determination to assert and sustain the rule of law, through the revitalisation, reorientation and enhancement of the moral, material and physical capacities of the police and the judiciary, supported by democratic grassroots community organisations to ensure the prevention and combating of crime, the elimination of drug abuse, child abuse, prostitution, alcoholism, gambling, wife beating and all other vices; and through the systematic rehabilitation of the victims of crime, ex-convicts and drug addicts, and by strengthening the fabric and bonds of family and community life.

4. Forging National Unity Based on Genuine Federalism

We are committed to forging Nigerian national unity, based on a genuinely federal system of government, by squarely addressing the problems of marginalisation, monopoly of offices and assets and uneven development; by vigorously correcting all injustices and inequities and ensuring that the constitutional separation of powers and functions, and the revenue allocation formula, are rigorously adhered to, for each of the three tiers of the Nigerian federal system;

and by abiding by the constitutional provisions for zoning and rotation and ensuring that a multi-party democratic system, made up of genuinely national political parties, in vigorous democratic competition with one another, at all three tiers of government is developed and consolidated. We are also determined to oppose, expose and eliminate all internal and external-forces manipulating communal, ethnic, regional and religious differences.

5. The Advancement of the Role of Women

We are committed to advancing and enhancing the role of women in all spheres of the political, social, economic and cultural life of the nation, and ensuring and entrenching their active participation in the control and functioning of all organs of government, at all levels and mobilising them to empower and emancipate themselves from the bondage of retrograde customs and tradition and modern form of sexist manipulation, degradation and exploitation, by providing all the means necessary for their organization, creative recreation and the learning of productive skills. We shall advocate a constitutional amendment to ensure the take-off of active women participation in political activity through a form of gender based zoning. by which one-third of all seats in all legislatures of the three tiers of government are reserved exclusively for women, and are not contested for in the elections, but are filled with women nominated by political parties on a ratio based on the seats won by each party in the legislature, after the election, in order that, at least, one quarter of all legislators in the country are women.

6. Promoting and Defending Fundamental Human Rights

We are committed to ensuring for all citizens the fundamental human freedoms and rights guaranteed by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the African Charter of Human and Peoples Rights, and other human rights commitments entered into by Nigeria; and are committed to promoting and defending the fundamental rights of freedom of speech. and of association of all individual citizens, groups, associations, and trade unions, and political parties. to enable them to lawfully take part in political activities provided that the political parties, and trade unions, are open to all Nigerians without. any linguistic, ethnic, regional, state, religious, and gender discrimination. We shall extend our fraternal

cooperation 1.0 all those among them participating in the struggle for democracy, national unity and national liberation.

7. Combating Corruption and indiscipline

We are committed to a total war against the cancer of corruption, indiscipline and unpatriotism and shall ensure that patriotism, probity, principles, integrity and public accountability are entrenched, in practice, in all spheres of national life. We shall take measures to ensure that all those acquiring ill-gotten wealth and sabotaging the national economy, and the national morale, receive exemplary punishment, whoever they may be.

8. A New System of National Defence by and for All Citizens

We are committed to the defence of the national independence, the national sovereignty, and the territorial integrity of Nigeria, and shall awaken, organise and actively involve all citizens in this sacred duty at all times and all levels. We shall take measures to ensure that the armed forces, and all the security services, are re-organised, revitalized and modernised for their effective integration as the professional arm of this new system of national security and national defence by, and for, all citizens.

9. The Total Liberation of Africa

We are committed to continue with the struggle for the total liberation of Africa from imperialist domination, in its old, bilateral and neo-colonial form, and also in the new multilateral form through the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. by forging the unity of thought and action of all patriotic and democratic forces across the continent and by the revitalisation of the Pan-African vision, commitment and action, to deal directly with the problem of civil wars and other violent conflicts, and dictatorships and foreign intervention, which weaken and entrench divisions and facilitate the subjugation of Africa and which can only be overcome by regional and continental integration.

10. Foreign Policy for Self Reliance

We are committed to a foreign policy whose basic objective is self-reliance, by diversifying the range of our external relations, by building mutually beneficial relations of equality and mutual respect with other countries of Asia, the Pacific, South and Central America

and the Carribean, in order to defend our common interest in bringing about a just international economic order, ensure complete nuclear disarmament, reduce and eliminate the arm race and the proliferation of wars, promote the sustainable use of the natural environment, and bring about genuine world peace.

11. Public Control of Strategic Economic Sectors

We are committed to ensuring that the commanding heights of our national economy are owned and controlled by the people of Nigeria through their governments. This leading role of the state in the economy to ensure that we build the infrastructure, the industries and the other essential economic, scientific and technological assets needed for our own and for African self reliance, social justice, and even development, shall be without prejudice to the encouragement and support of legitimate private enterprise which contributes to the productive capacity and development of the national economy.

12. A Just Land Policy

We are committed to ensuring that all land in Nigeria remains the property of all the people of Nigeria and is utilised by those who live and work on it. We shall resolve the problem of wasteful, parasitical and destructive land ownership in the interest of the peasant farmers, the pastoralists, fishermen, craftsmen and residents in order to promote just and integrated national development.

13. A Just System of Taxation

We are committed to the reform of the whole system of taxation in this country and shall categorically abolish the poll-tax, cattle-tax, and all other taxes and levies unjustly imposed on peasant farmers, workers, pastoralists, fishermen, craftsmen, artisans, mechanics, and petty traders, for the purpose of subjugating them and controlling them and which deprive them of the freedom and the capital resources they need to develop and sustain their productive activity; instead of these unjust taxes and levies, we shall establish a new, just and efficient taxation system based on level of income and type of activity, so that the producer is encouraged and supported and taxation becomes a positive means of developing real production, and all tax evasion by the rich and powerful is minimised.

14. Supporting the Rural Producer

We are committed to supporting the rural producer through the provision of seasonal credit and agricultural inputs on reasonable terms, guaranteed prices, and the active encouragement of all forms of mutual aid and cooperative and community organisations, so that the peasant farmer, the pastoralist, the fishermen, and the rural artisan and craftsmen can, in a sustainable way, raise their productivity per person, per acre and per unit of livestock, and provide the essential rural foundation for economic recovery and growth.

15. Medium Scale industrialisation

We are committed to nation-wide medium-scale industrialisation, through the systematic utilisation of existing capital resources in the banks and credit institutions, to establish one commercially viable medium scale industry in every local government area, within four years, with each of these industries required to be built with machinery and spare-parts designed and fabricated in Nigeria, using raw materials produced in Nigeria, using local labour and operating as a joint partnership between the federal agency, State agency and the local government councils, cooperatives, community banks and local entrepreneurs.

16. Large-Scale Industrialisation

We are committed to giving the highest priority to the completion and the maximum utilisation of all our iron and steel projects; the aluminium project; the petrochemical projects; the machine tool industry and all the pulp, paper and cements, chemical and other basic industries in order to establish the foundations for a self-sustaining large-scale industrialisation process. The thrust of this strategy is that the three sub-sectors of the manufacturing sector, namely, capital goods industries, the basic materials industries, and the consumer goods industries, are going to be developed in an integrated fashion. The capital goods industries are primary, for they produce the tools for making other tools and the machines for making other machines. Central to these are the machine tools proper: presses, drills and lathes which we need to produce all other machines. Secondly, there are the basic materials industries, which transform raw materials into usable, intermediate input for subsequent use by other industries, like steel, aluminium, acids,

caustic sodas, dyes. chlorine, sodium carbonate and the petrochemical substances used in the pharmaceutical, textiles, metallurgy and other industries. As these two groups of industrialising industries are completed reconstructed, revived and expanded, the consumer goods industries shall develop with them, providing a solid home base for growth, free from the crippling fetters of import dependence. The objective is to start and sustain an industrialisation process geared to produce, for the home market, and the West. Central and East African markets, and for other parts of the world, not just processed raw material, and consumer goods, but also agricultural machinery, fertiliser, pharmaceuticals, bicycles, cars, trucks, ships and the basic construction material needed for the national energy, water, transport, communications, and engineering infrastructure, which we require for effective entry into the world of the 21st century.

17. The Rational Use of Petroleum and other Sources of Energy

We are committed to the planned and systematic utilisation of the petroleum, coal, hydroelectric and other energy resources of the country, for the purpose of earning foreign exchange for self-sustaining industrialization; providing the domestic manufacturing and transport sectors with adequate energy and feedstock supplies to expand them and strengthen them against Foreign competition and promote their export capacity; rehabilitate, restore, promote and protect the livelihood, and ensure healthy environmental conditions for all citizens living in the areas from where these natural resources are extracted: and systematically provide electricity, natural gas and petroleum products to every nook and corner of the country for establishing the broad home base for our industrial take-off, and for the protection of our natural environment from desertification and erosion.

18. An Efficient Transport and Communications infrastructure

We are committed to the rehabilitation and expansion of the whole of the transport and communications infrastructure of the country, with special priority given to the revitalization, expansion and dualisation of the railway using domestic iron and steel production; the restoration of the importance of the waterways; the rationalisation of road and air transport; and the development of a well-equipped, reliable and modern, telecommunication system,

sustained through the rapid development of a supporting electronics industry; all geared to serve in forging the integration of the Economic Community of West African States and the African Economic Community.

19. Medium Term National Economic Recovery Plan

We are committed to the systematic expansion of productive employment and the gradual elimination of unproductive employment, together with the stabilisation of real incomes and prices as part of a medium-term, emergency, National Economic Recovery Plan necessary for the revival of the economy. This will involve the imposition of firm limits on the proportion of our capital resources going into debt servicing, administration and into private bank accounts abroad. and the investment of most of the capital generated in the country into productive projects for real production and For education and health: it also involves national collective wages and salaries hargaining, and nationally agreed indexation of wages to prices whose level will be stabilised by increasing the real production 01' goods and services and liv fixing a value for the naira consistent with our essential domestic needs for economic survival, recovery and self-sustained growth. The plan shall aim at the revival and restoration of production in agriculture, manufacturing, mining and other sectors of real production in We economy, and it shall be worked out and formally agreed to and enacted with the full involvement of the private sector, the trade unions, the senior staff, and professional and market associations, and shall provide for all productive sectors, effective protection from unfair foreign competition special credit, foreign exchange and tax incentives, and subsidies for the purpose of raising their output, the productivity of their employees and their forward and backward linkages.

20. Ensuring Healthy and Productive Citizens

We are committed to the provision, as a matter of the highest priority, of clean potable water for all Nigerians, wherever they live in the country. and the rehabilitation of the primary health care and medical services to all citizens, to provide free health care for all citizens and to the pursuit of a food policy aimed at using our varied and rich food resources to enable everybody to be able to afford a reasonably balanced diet, as a minimum, necessary to ensure that

the country's greatest asset, its people, are made healthy, educated, capable, creative, and productive.

21. Education for Enlightenment and Production

We are committed to the rehabilitation and restoration of our education system from the primary to the university level, for this is a matter of the highest priority for the forging of national unity, the institutionalisation of democracy, the entrenchment of public accountability, the rule of law and the revival of the economy, all of which are only possible with an enlightened and educated citizenry. The process of learning shall be reoriented and revitalised with greater participation in its administration by parents, Teachers, students, and the community in order to produce disciplined, democratic and productive citizens. We are committed to the provision of free and compulsory education for all children up to senior secondary level; free education at all tertiary institutions; and mass functional literacy for all adults, leading to the complete elimination of illiteracy among those aged between 10 and 60 years.

22. Science and Technology for Self-Reliance

We are committed to vigorously implementing the existing national science and technology policy and completing all projects under it, with the objective of getting the country on the road of, significantly, reducing its scientific and technological dependence on foreign countries; and all major agricultural, manufacturing, construction and service enterprises will be required to establish and adequately fund research and development divisions and show evidence that they are pursuing a clearly set out plan of reducing their dependence on imported technology; special credit facilities and tax concessions shall be given to encourage this; the scientific and technological content of education, at all level shall be raised and a nation a programme for computer education from the primary level shall be worked out and implemented, alongside the policy of the computerisation of the operations of the public service; and the Ministry of Science and Technology shall be given legal powers to scrutinise all projects and all government contracts to ensure that they are used to enhance the scientific and technological development of the country.

23. Housing Development

We are committed to ensuring that at the local government, state government and federal government level, comprehensive plans are made for the development of houses and residential areas which involve both the public and private sector and which encourage owner occupation and owner-responsibility for maintenance and sanitation; this requires a re-orientation of the construction industry to bring down the cost of building material and enable as many people as possible to build their own houses with durable material and adequate ventilation and sanitation; this requires the development and the supervision of building societies and other financial institutions in the housing sector.

24. Comprehensive Urban Development

We are committed to reversing the disastrous decline of the infrastructure, organisation and sanitation in all our cities and urban centres, where increasingly, more and more of our people live, and where our industries and major service enterprises are located; we are committed to comprehensive planning of urban development, from the grassroots level of the street and the quarter, to ensure the active involvement of the residents and others who through their organisations shall be empowered to play a significant role in urban administration; we shall establish a Ministry of Urban Development, whose first task is to coordinate all government policy to see that we work out and reverse the decline and decay in our urban centres and start our cities on the road to renewal and revival.

25. Rural Empowerment and Development

We are committed to formulating and implementing a national rural development policy involving the active empowerment of the organised groups in the rural communities so that in each of the rural wards of this country a minimum level of infrastructure is provided within four years, including clean potable water, electricity, and motorable roads, or water transport facilities and markets to enable the rural communities to have a basic level for economic recovery and revival; we shall do everything to support the empowerment of organisations of farmers, rural artisans, fishermen, pastoralists, traders, and youth, women and elders, to work together to contain and eliminate the increasing incidences of violent rural conflicts, and also to supervise and monitor government projects in

the rural areas; the rehabilitation of oil-producing areas devastated by oil pollution caused by oil production will get the highest priority, together with sustained programmes for reversing erosion and desertification.

26. Cultural Development

We are committed to the promotion and sustained development of our rich and diverse cultural heritage, particularly our languages and the arts that convey our distinctly humane African values, including the plastic arts, the literary arts, the performing arts and all facets of our culture as a living part of the daily productive and recreational life of the people, in order to develop deep cultural roots for the present and future generations and to forge unity, patriotism and mutual respect among all our people.

27. Information for National Development and Self-Reliance

We are committed to formulating and implementing a national policy on information which will take into account the powerful influence the new information technology has given to mass communications, with the objective of ensuring that we reconstruct and upgrade our information infrastructure and stay abreast of current developments in information science and technology which are changing the ways people communicate and interact globally, in order to stay in control of these developments so that they enhance national development and self-reliance, and protect our cultural identity and national sovereignty. The role of the mass media, both electronic and print, in enlightenment for popular democratic participation and public accountability will be supported and incentives will be given to encourage the mass media to play a more useful role in education, particularly promoting scientific knowledge and scientific attitudes, patriotism, humane values and a Pan African vision and commitment.

28. Youth Development

We are committed to the building of youth programmes with youth centres which conduct recreational, sporting, cultural, educational and other activities to promote individual and collective, creativity, a sense of worth, social responsibility and patriotism among the youth; and the harnessing of their energy for productive projects and for building communal harmony, strengthening the fabric of our society

and nation and developing in them a Pan African vision and commitment.

29. Constructive Roles for Ex-Servicemen

We are committed to the provision for senior citizens, who have served the country honorably in the armed forces and the security services, with guaranteed and adequate pension, paid promptly, and regularly, and indexed to prices; and ensuring that the provision of social amenities is made to make their retirement decent and dignified; and support them in playing a constructive role in the community in inculcating patriotism and communal and national harmony.

30. Respect and Dignity for the Aged

We are committed to the provision to all senior citizens of pension and social amenities and all benefits due to them, indexed to prices, to ensure that they live decently and with dignity and play a positive role in strengthening the fabric of the community and promoting patriotism, and communal and national harmony.

31. Directive Principles of State Policy

We are committed to upholding all the objectives and principles contained in the fundamental objectives and directive principles of state policy enshrined in chapter II of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.

32. Quantitative and Financial plans and Budgets

We are committed to producing (annually, four yearly, and eight yearly) quantitative and financial plans and budgets for the purpose of achieving the 31 objectives stated above.

THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PEOPLE'S REDEMPTION PARTY

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the People's Redemption Party.

Believing deeply in the five cardinal principles that form the foundations of our party.

Committed to advancing the struggle of the people of Nigeria for national liberation, national unity, democracy and social progress, hereby adopt this Constitution for our party.

ARTICLE ONE

Name

The party shall be known as, The Peoples Redemption Party.

ARTICLE TWO

Party Flag

The party's flag shall be in three colours:

Reds depicting struggle and work;

White. depicting love and peace;

Black, depicting liberation;

imposed on the white section shall be a **golden key**, symbolising the opening of a golden future.

ARTICLE THREE

Aims and Objectives

- a) The aims and objectives of the People's Redemption Party are enshrined in The Principles and General Programmes of the People's Redemption Party, which together with this constitution establish and enact the moral, political and legal foundations of the party.
- b) For the purpose of contesting elections to public office in order to implement the party's policies at the various levels, the Branch Convention, the Ward Convention, the Local Government Convention, the State Convention and the National Convention, shall approve election manifestoes made up of specific policies and programmes addressed to the specific conditions of the constituency of the election, and the specific circumstances of the election, based on and consistent with, The Principles and General Programmes of the Party.
- c) In the event of an election victory, the Branch Executive Committee, the Ward Executive Committee, the Local Government Executive Committee, the State Directorate and the National Directorate shall, as the case may be, distill this election manifesto into a programme of action for the party's successful candidate or candidates to implement while in office.
- d) It shall be the duty of all party members elected to public offices on the party's platform to purposefully and conscientiously implement this programme of action, and to submit regular reports on its implementation, to the party's executive at the relevant level.
- e) The party shall uphold and abide by all the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ARTICLE FOUR

Membership

- a. Membership of the party shall be open to every citizen of Nigeria, provided he or she has attained the age of 18 years.
- b. A person seeking to become a member of the party shall apply to the branch where he or she resides, or works, and pay the prescribed membership fee, and shall, on admission to the party, be entitled to all the rights, and be expected to perform all the duties, due to and expected of every other member.
- c. No person shall be entitled to participate in any election in the party unless such a person has been a fully paid-up member of the party, continuously, for a period of twelve calendar months.
- d. No person shall hold, or be entitled to contest, for any party office unless such a person has been a fully paid-up, continuous, member of the party for a period of twelve calendar months.
- e. The first election in the party and to all party offices shall not be subject to the provisions of sections (c) and (d) of this article.
- f. Nigerians domiciled outside the country shall be entitled to form branches of the party in accordance with this constitution and they shall enjoy all the rights and privileges conferred by this constitution on members of the party.
- g. The payments binding on all members of the party are:
 - i. membership fee;
 - ii. monthly subscription.
- i. All membership fees and monthly subscriptions collected shall be shared equally between the live levels of the party, with each level receiving twenty percent of the total amount collected, to be used solely for financing the activities of the party provided that party branches outside Nigeria may utilise all of such fees to fund their activities.
- ii. A register of members shall be maintained at all five levels of the party.

ARTICLE FIVE

1. Party Structure

There shall be five levels of party organisation, as follows:

- a. The Branch
- b. The Ward
- c. The Local Government
- d. The State
- e. The National

2. Party Organs

There shall be twelve party organs, as follows:

- a. The Branch Convention
- b. The Branch Executive Committee
- c. The Ward Convention
- d. The Ward Executive Committee
- e. The Local Government Convention
- f. The Local Government Executive Committee
- g. The State Convention
- h. The State Directorate
- i. The State Executive Committee
- j. The National Convention
- k. The National Directorate
- l. The National Executive Committee

3. The Branch Convention

- a. The basic unit in the party's structure shall be the party branch. This shall be the grassroots organisation of members at their places of residence or of work in cities, towns, villages and hamlets.
- b. The Branch Convention shall consist of all registered members of the party in the place, or area where the branch is established.
- c. Meetings of the Branch Convention shall be held from time to time and the quorum at such meetings shall be one-quarter of the registered members of the branch.
- d. The Annual Convention of the branch shall be summoned not later than ten weeks before the Annual National Convention of the party.
- e. The funds and other assets of a branch shall be the common property of the party, and shall be used solely for financing and facilitating party activities.

- f. Permission to establish a new branch of the party shall be sought from the Ward Executive Committee, which shall approve and register the branch.
- g. The Ward Executive Committee shall inform the Local Government Executive Committee of the registration of any new branch of the party.
- h. The Local Government Executive Committee may, on the advice of the Ward Executive Committee, recommend to the State Executive Committee, the suspension or dissolution of any branch, the existence of which it may consider inimical to the interest of the party. Provided that the branch can appeal to the State Convention for a review of such suspension or dissolution.
- i. The powers and functions of the Branch Convention shall be:
 - i. To deliberate upon all matters affecting the party, including party policies and programmes and the implementation of these by those elected Or appointed to hold public office on the party's platform.
 - ii. To elect members of the Branch Executive Committee.
 - iii. To elect ten delegates, to the Ward Convention.
 - iv. To sunmon any member of the party, including those holding public office, at all levels, to give account of their conduct, and recommend appropriate action to the relevant party organ.

4. ***The Branch Executive Gommittee***

- a. The Branch Executive Committee shall consist of eight members, as follows:
 - i. Chairperson,
 - ii. Vice-Chairperson,
 - iii. Secretary,
 - iv. Treasurer,
 - v. Financial Secretary,
 - vi. Auditor,
 - vii. Publicity Secretary,
 - viii. Organising Secretary.
- b. The Branch Executive Committee shall he responsible for the day to day running of the affairs of the party at the level of the branch and shall meet from time to time for that purpose.
- c. It shall receive reports and monitor the implementation of the programme of action of the party as provided for in Sections (c) and (d) Article 3 of this constitution.

5. The Ward Convention

- i. The Ward Convention shall consist of all the members of the Ward Executive Committee and ten delegates elected annually by each party branch in the ward; provided that a member of the party elected into the Local Government Council from that ward shall have the right to attend and participate fully in the deliberations of the Ward Convention.
- ii. An Emergency Ward Convention may be held as and when necessary.
- iii. The Annual Ward Convention shall be held not later than eight weeks before the Annual National Convention.
- iv. The Ward Convention shall have the power to:
 - i. Deliberate upon all matters affecting the party, including party policies and programmes and the implementation of these by those elected or appointed to hold public office on the party's platform.
 - ii. Elect ten delegates to the Local Government Convention and five delegates to the State Convention.
 - iii. Elect the Ward Executive Committee.
 - iv. Ratify the nomination of the party candidates to contest local government councillorship elections from that ward.
 - v. Establish a special committee to summon any member of the party, including those holding public office at all levels, to give account of their conduct and recommend appropriate action to the relevant party organs.

6. The Ward Executive Committee

- a) The Ward Executive Committee shall consist of twelve members, as follows:
 - i. Chairperson.
 - ii. Vice-Chairperson.
 - iii. Secretary.
 - iv. Treasurer,
 - v. Financial Secretary,
 - vi. Auditor,
 - vii. Publicity Secretary,
 - viii. Organising Secretary.
 - ix. Four ex-officio members elected by simple majority at the Ward Convention.

- b. The Ward Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day to day running of the party at the ward level.
- c. The Ward Executive Committee shall be responsible for nominating party candidates to contest Local Government councillorship elections, from that ward.
- d. The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month and the quorum for such meetings shall be four members.
- e. The Ward Executive Committee shall receive reports from, and monitor, the implementation of the programme of action as provided for in sections (c) and (d) of Article 3 of this constitution.

7. The Local Government Convention

- i. The Local Government Convention shall consist of:
 - i. All members of the Local Government Executive Committee
 - ii. All members of the Ward Executive Committees, in
 - iii. that local government area
 - iv. Ten delegates elected by the Ward Convention from each ward in the local government area.
 - v. Chairpersons and councilors of the local government who are members of the party.
 - vi. All members of the Senate the House of Representatives and the House of Assembly who are members of the party. from that local government.
- a. The Local Government Convention shall have the power to:
 - i. deliberate upon all matters affecting the party.
 - ii. Elect members of the Local Government Executive Committee.
 - iii. Elect ten delegates to the State Convention.
 - iv. Elect two local government delegates to the National Convention.
 - v. Confirm the nomination of all party candidates to contest local government council elections in that local government area
 - vi. Receive and consider the reports of the activities of the Local Government Executive Committee,
 - vii. Establish a special committee to summon any member of the party including those holding public office at any levels, to give account of their conduct and recommend appropriate action to the relevant party organs.

viii. Deal with all matters relating to discipline of members brought before it by the Local Government Executive.

8. The Local Government Executive Committee

a. The Local Government Executive Committee shall consist of fifteen members as follows:

- i. Chairperson.
- ii. Vice-Chairperson,
- iii. Secretary,
- iv. Assistant Secretary.
- v. Financial Secretary,
- vi. Treasurer,
- vii. Auditor,
- viii. Publicity Secretary.
- ix. Organising Secretary.
- x. Assistant Organising Secretary.
- xi. Five ex-officio member elected at the Local Convention

b. The Local Government Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the local government level.

c. The Local Government Executive Committee shall nominate party candidate to contest local government council chairperson elections and House of Assembly elections subject to ratification by the Local Government Convention and confirmation by the State Convention.

d. The Local Government Executive Committee shall receive reports from wards on membership drive, fund raising activities, strategies for political campaign and mobilisation of voters for elections.

e. The Local Government Executive Committee shall receive reports from, and monitor the implementation of, the programme of action of the party as provided for in sections (c) and (d) of Article 3 of this constitution.

f. The Local Government Executive Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of decisions of the Local Government Convention.

9. The State Convention.

a) The State Convention shall consist of:

- i. The Chairperson and all other members of the State Executive Committee.
- ii. The Governor and Deputy Governor of the state, if they are members of the party.
- iii. The Chairperson and Secretary of the party From each ward in the state.
- iv. The Chairperson and Secretary of the party from each Local Government Executive Committee.
- v. The Chairperson of Local Government Councils and Councilors in the state who are members of the party.
- vi. All legislators in the State House of Assembly and the National Assembly who are members of the party.
- vii. Five delegates from each ward elected by the Ward Convention.
- viii. Ten delegates elected for the purpose at the Local Government Convention.
- ix. Members of the Federal and State Executive Councils and Special Advisers from the state who are members of the party.
- x. Members of the National Executive Committee of the party who are from the state.

b. The State Convention shall have the powers to:

- i. deliberate upon all matters affecting the party including party policies and programmes and the implementation of these by those elected or appointed to public office on the party's platform.
- ii. Elect all officers of the State Executive Committee.
- iii. Confirm the nomination of party candidates to contest the post of Chairperson of Local Government Council and House of Assembly elections:
- iv. Nominate party candidates to contest Gubernatorial, House of Representatives and Senatorial elections, in the State.

10. The State Directorate

a. The State Directorate of the party shall consist of the following:

- i. The Chairperson and all the members of the State Executive Committee.
- ii. The Chairpersons and Secretaries of the party from each Local Government Area.

- iii. The Chairpersons of Local Government Councils and Councilors of the state, who are members of the party.
 - iv. The Governor and Deputy Governor of the state, if they are members of the party.
 - v. Members of Federal and State Executive Councils and Special Advisers, from the state, who are members of the party.
 - vi. The members of the National Executive Committee of the party who are from the state.
 - i. vii) Members of the House of Assembly and the National Assembly who are members of the party and who are from the state.
- b. The State Directorate of the party shall have the powers to:
- i. Approve the annual budget of the party submitted by the State Executive Committee.
 - ii. Receive reports from members of the party elected or appointed to public offices and monitor their implementation of the programme of action of the party as provided for in sections (c) and (d) of Article 3 of this constitution.
 - iii. Receive reports from the State Executive Committee.
 - iv. Receive reports of the External Auditors of the party on the accounts of the party at the State level.
 - v. Ensure regular meetings of the State Executive Committee.
- c. The State Directorate shall meet at least once every three months.
- d. The dates, and venue, for such meetings shall be decided by the State Executive Committee.
- e. A special meeting of the State Directorate may be held at any time at the request of the State Executive Committee or at the request of one quarter of the members of the State Directorate.
- f. The quorum of the State Directorate shall be one quarter of its membership.

11. The State Executive Committee

- a. The State Executive Committee of the party shall consist of fifteen members, as follows:
- i. Chairperson
 - ii. Vice Chairperson
 - iii. Secretary

- iv. Assistant Secretary
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Financial Secretary
- vii. Assistant Financial Secretary
- viii. Auditor
- ix. Legal Adviser
- x. Assistant Legal Adviser
- xi. Publicity Secretary
- xii. Assistant Publicity Secretary
- xiii. Organising Secretary
- xiv. Assistant Organising Secretary (Membership)
- xv. Assistant Organising Secretary (Operations)

- b. The State Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month.
- c. The State Executive Committee shall meet at any time at the request of the Chairperson, or at the request of one third of its members.
- d. The quorum of such meetings shall be one-third of the membership of the committee
- e. The State Executive Committee of the party shall be responsible for the day- to-day running of the party at the state level.
- f. The State Executive Committee shall prepare the annual budget of the party.
- g. The State Executive Committee shall receive reports from Local Government Executive Committees of the party in the State

12. Federal Capital Territory

The provisions made in sections 10 and 11 of this Article shall apply to the Federal Capital Territory.

13. The National Convention

- i. The National Convention of the party shall consist of the following:
 - i. The President and Vice President, who are members of the party.
 - ii. All Governors and Deputy Governors, who are members of the party.
 - iii. All members of the National Executive Committee of the party
 - iv. All members of the National Assembly who are members of the party

- v. All Ministers and Special Advisers to the President who are members of the party.
 - vi. All State Commissioners and Special Advisers to the Governor who are members of the party.
 - vii. All members of State Executive Committees.
 - viii. Two delegates elected by each Local Government Convention.
- ii. The National Convention is the highest decision-making body of the party and has powers to enact, review, and amend the principles and programmes of the party and to enact, review and amend this constitution.
 - iii. The National Convention shall elect National Officers of the party.
 - iv. The National Convention shall ratify decisions of the National Executive Committee and the National Directorate on all matters referred to it.
 - v. The National Convention shall nominate the party's candidates to contest Presidential elections, and other elections to posts in the Federal Executive and the National Assembly
 - vi. The National Convention shall confirm the nomination of the party's candidates to contest Gubernatorial, House of Representatives and Senatorial elections.
 - vii. The National Convention shall have power to establish a special committee to summon any member of the party, including those holding public office at all levels, to give account of their conduct and recommend action to the relevant party organ.

14. The National Directorate

a. The National Directorate shall consist of the following:

- i. The President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, who are members of the party;
- ii. Members of the National Executive Committee.
- iii. The President and Vice President, who are members of the party.
- iv. Governors, and Deputy Governor who are members of the party.
- v. Members of the National Assembly who are members of the party;
- vi. Chairpersons of Local Government Councils who are members of the party.

- b. The National Directorate shall have the powers to:
 - i. Approve the annual budget of the party submitted by the National Executive Committee.
 - ii. Receive reports from members of the party elected to public offices at the federal level and monitor the implementation of the programme of action of the party as provided for by sections (c) and (d) of Article 3 of this constitution.
 - iii. Receive reports from State Executive Committees.
 - iv. Receive reports from the National Executive Committee.
 - v. Receive reports of the external Auditors of the part.
 - vi. Ensure regular meetings of the National Executive Committee of the party
- c. The National Directorate shall meet at least once every three months.
 - i. The dates and venue of such meetings shall be decided by the National Executives Committee.
 - ii. A special meeting of the National Directorate may be held at any time at the request of the National Executive Committee or at the request of one third of the members of the National Directorate.
 - iii. The quorum of the National Directorate shall be one third of its membership.

15. The National Executive Committee

- a. The National Executive Committee shall consist of nineteen members, as follows:
 - i. The National Chairperson
 - ii. Deputy National Chairperson
 - iii. Vice chairpersons, being chairpersons of each State and FCT Abuja.
 - iv. The National Secretary
 - v. The Director, Planning, Research and Documentation.
 - vi. The Assistant National Secretary (Membership)
 - vii. The Assistant National Secretary (Operations)
 - viii. The National Financial Secretary
 - ix. The Assistant National Financial Secretary
 - x. The National Publicity Secretary
 - xi. The Assistant National Publicity Secretary
 - xii. xii, The National Auditor
 - xiii. The National Legal Adviser

xiv. The Assistant National Legal Adviser

- a. The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for running the day to day affairs of the party at the national level.
- b. The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for the National Convention and the meeting of the National Directorate
- c. The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing and submitting reports and budgets for consideration by the National Directorate,
- d. The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for dealing with appeals and other problem referred to it from other levels of the party.
- e. The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for making rules for party discipline which shall be binding on all organs and members of the party, subject to their ratification by the National Directorate.
- f. The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for making party electoral regulations, subject to ratification by the National Convention, to govern the conduct of election of all party offices at every level and to govern the procedure of selecting candidates for elective officers.
- g. The National Executive Committee shall determine the conditions of service for all employees of the party, subject to ratification by the National Convention.
- h. The National Executive Committee of the party shall meet at least once every two months.
- i. The National Executive Committee shall meet at any other time at the request of the National Chairperson of the party, or at the request of at least one-third of the members of the committee.
- j. The quorum for the meeting of the National Executive Committee shall be one-third of the membership of the Committee.

15. Duties of The National Officers

- a. The National Chairperson
 - i) The National Chairperson shall preside over the meetings of the National Convention, the National Directorate and the National Executive Committee, and ensure the implementation of all their decisions.

- ii) The National Chairperson shall monitor the conduct of all National Officers and ensure the effective performance of their duties.
- b. The Deputy National Chairperson
- i. The Deputy National Chairperson of the party shall preside at meetings in the absence of the National Chairperson.
 - ii. The Deputy National Chairperson shall act for the National Chairperson during his absence.
- c. The National Secretary
- i. The National Secretary of the party shall keep proper of all meetings of the National Convention, National Director and the National Executive Committee of the party.
 - ii. The National Secretary shall conduct such correspondence as may be necessary on behalf of the party.
 - iii. Prepare the, order of business for the meetings of all the national organs of the party with the approval of the National Chairperson.
 - iv. Supervise the day to day activities of the National under the general direction of the National Chairperson.
- d. The National Treasurer
- i. The National Treasurer shall receive and promptly pay into the party's accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the party.
 - ii. The National Treasurer shall keep an imprest account, as and when authorised by the National Executive Committee.
 - iii. The National Treasure shall ensure that proper book of accounts and records are
- e. The National Financial Secretary
- i. The National Financial Secretary shall collect monies due to the party and pay such monies to the National Treasurer within three days after collection.
 - ii. The National Financial Secretary shall prepare and submit proposals for raising party funds for consideration by the National Executive Committee.
 - iii. The National Financial Secretary shall ensure proper books of accounts and records are kept.

f. National Publicity Secretary

- i. The National Publicity Secretary shall be responsible for party propaganda information and public relations.
- ii. The National Publicity Secretary shall keep up to date record of the coverage of the party's activities in the print and electronic media in Nigeria and all other countries.

g. The National Legal Adviser

- i. The National Legal Adviser shall advise the party on all legal matters and arrange for the legal defence of the party and its members and all other legal action at the national level.
- ii. The National Legal Adviser shall deal effectively with all correspondence pertaining to legal matters affecting the party.

h. The National Auditor

- i. The National Auditor of the party shall audit the books of accounts of the party and report to the National Directorate and the National Convention.
- ii. The National Auditor may be required to audit party accounts by the National Executive Committee pertaining to special matters.

i. The Director Planning, Research and Documentation

- i. The Director Planning, Research and Documentation shall be responsible for conducting research into all matters in which the party has an interest.
- ii. The Director, Planning, Research and Documentation shall be responsible for preparing economic, social and political blueprints on party policies periodically for the consideration of the National Executive Committee.
- iii. The Director, Planning, Research and Documentation shall maintain a data bank for party use.

j. Assistant National Officers

The Assistant National officers of the party shall assist their principal officers in the performance of their duties.

16. Composition of Executive Committees of the Party

The composition of the executive committees of the party, at both the national state, local government, Ward and branch levels shall reflect

the ethnic, national and geographical diversities of the respective consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ARTICLE SIX

Discipline of Members

- a. Discipline of party members shall be exercised through respective disciplinary committees of the party at the five levels and shall be governed due process and principles of fair hearing.
- b. Any member found guilty of the following offences shall be liable to punishment:
 - i. A breach of any provisions of this constitution including the Code of Conduct, anti-party activities and conduct likely to embarrass the party or bring the party into hatred, contempt, ridicule or disrepute in whatever manner.
 - ii. Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the party.
 - iii. Flouting the decisions of the party, engaging in dishonest practices, defrauding the party, continuously being absent at party meetings, carrying out anti-party propaganda or any other activity which would tend to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient organisation of the party or which are inconsistent with the achievement of the aims and objectives of the party.
 - iv. Assuming titles not recognised by the constitution of the party, giving wrong information on any organ of the party or disruptive publicity of party disputes.
- c. The punishment to be imposed by the party may take the form of:
 - i. Expulsion from the party by the National Directorate, which shall report such expulsion to the next National Convention, for ratification.
 - ii. Suspension for a specified period.
 - iii. Removal, or suspension from office.
- d. Subject to the provision of clause c(i) of this Article, the executive committee at any of the five levels of the party shall have the power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures against any party member.
- e. The National Directorate of the party shall be notified of all disciplinary actions taken against any member of the party,

together with the observation and recommendations of the other levels of the party.

- f. Any member aggrieved by a decision of any organ of the party taken in pursuance of the provisions of this article shall have right of appeal within 30 days of the decision to the immediate higher organ of the party.
- g. The National Directorate of the party may suspend the implementation of any decision pending the hearing of appeal against such a decision.
- h. Any member placed under suspension shall not take part in the activities of the party.
- i. The decision of the National Directorate, as ratified by the National Convention, with regard to any such disciplinary measures shall be final.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Tenure of Office

- a. All State and National officers of the party shall hold until the next annual convention.
- b. Any elected officer of the party may be removed during his tenure through a vote of no confidence passed by a two-third majority of the membership of the body that elected him, or her, to office.
- c. An elected officer of the party shall be deemed to have resigned his party office if he submits a letter of resignation to the Executive Committee of the appropriate level of the party.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Administrative Organisation

The administrative organisations at the National, State Local Government level, shall have the following specific division

- a) Administration and General Services
- b) h) Membership
- c) Finance and budget
- d) Audit
- e) Propaganda and Publicity
- f) Legal Service
- g) Planning, Research and Documentation

ARTICLE NINE

Bank Account

- a. The party shall maintain bank accounts in the capital or headguarers.at the various levels of the party. Provided that where banking facilities are not available the services of the nearest bank are to be utilised.
- b. The Bank where such accounts are to be kept shall be decided by the Executive Committee at each level of the party.
- c. Any two of the following three officers of the party shall be the valid signatories to the party bank accounts and other financial transactions:
 - i) The National Chairperson and his counterparts at the State, local government. Ward and branch levels.
 - ii) The National Secretary and his counterparts at other levels of the party.
 - iii)The National Treasurer and his counterparts at other levels of the party.

ARTICLE TEN

Audit of Account

The National Executive Committee shall appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit all the accounts of the party annually and to present the audit reports before the National Convention and the Independent National Electoral Commission.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Party Funds

- a. The funds of the party shall be derived from:
 - i) Fees, subscriptions and other levies payable by members.
 - ii) Donations from lawful sources and public collections.
 - iii) Proceeds from investments

- b. The collection and disbursement of party funds shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the operation of political parties.

ARTICLE TWELVE

Trusts

- a. There shall be seven Trustees of the party who shall be registered members of the party and in whom all moveable and immovable properties of the party shall be vested.
- b. The Trustees shall be appointed by the National Directorate subject to ratification by the National Convention.
- c. The Trustees shall hold office 'or four years and he eligible for re-election.
- d. The Board of Trustees shall be registered under the Companies and Allied Matters Act1990.
- e. The Trustees shall hold all properties of the party subject to the directive of the National Directorate.
- f. The Trustees shall each sign all documents to which the common seal of the party is affixed as required by the law.
- g. A Trustee may be removed from office by the National Directorate on the grounds of' infirmity, insanity, bankruptcy, hand, resignation from the party suspension or expulsion from the party or absence from Nigeria for unreasonably long time or for any other cause.
- h. In the event of death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the National Directorate subject to ratification by the National Convention.
- i. All party officers and employees at any level and those holding executive or legislative office are disqualified from holding the post of Trustee of the party

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Code of Conduct

- a. All members shall at all times advance, uphold and defend the mission, the principles, the programmes and the constitution of the party.
- b. A member shall at all times promptly and courageously, and with initiative and creativity, carry out all party duties assigned to him and remain alert and vigilant in promoting and defending the party's integrity, positions and assets.
- c. A member of the party shall attend all party meetings punctually and pay all dues and other contributions correctly and in time.

- d. A member of the party shall at all times, conduct himself in a democratic, humane and disciplined manner and carry out all duties with a high sense of patriotism.
- e. A member shall, at all times, oppose and expose corruption bribery and all forms of crime and vice, without fear or favour.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Interpretation

- a. Any question as to the interpretation of this Constitution shall be referred to the National Directorate whose ruling shall be final.
- b. Where the computation of any figure in this Constitution results in a fraction, the figure shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- c. In this constitution “the party” means the People’s Redemption Party.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

Amendment

- a. The party shall have the power to amend this Constitution. Provided that no amendment shall be made except at the National Convention.
- b. Notice of proposed amendments shall be given to the National Secretary at least Sixty days before the date of the National Convention of the party. The notice, which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the proposed amendment and reasons for same.
- c. Notices of the proposed amendment shall be served on the members of the National Convention at least thirty days before the date of the Convention, at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
- d. This Constitution shall stand amended if a proposed amendment is supported by at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting and any such amendment shall be registered in the principal office of the Independent National Electoral Commission within thirty (30) days from the making of the amendment.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

Transitional Provisions

Prior to the convening of the first National Convention as provided for in constitution, the party's inaugural National Delegates Conference shall exercise powers and functions of the National Convention.

SCHEDULE ONE

Membership Rules

- a. Persons desiring to join the party shall be registered at branches of the party to which they shall have applied whether formally or by presenting themselves and are subsequently accepted and enrolled as party members.
- b. Members shall receive their membership cards through the branches of the party upon payment of the prescribed fees.
- c. Membership shall automatically lapse if the subscription fee of a member is not received within three months after the due date. Provided that a member whose membership terminates in this manner shall be re-admitted into the party upon the payment of all arrears of the said fees.

SCHEDULE TWO

Employees of the Party

The employees of the party shall, whether party members or not, be governed by the following rules:

- a. All employees of the party are subject to direct control and discipline of the National, State, Local Government, Ward and Branch Secretaries of the party subject to appeal to the party Chairperson at various levels of the party.
- b. All employees of the party shall be bound by the relevant provisions of this Constitution and other rules and regulations of the party, including the decisions of its organs and officers.
- c. Any employee of the party who acts or behaves in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the party or its officers, or who takes part in subversive activities against the party or its officers, shall be immediately relieved of his employment and may, in addition, be disciplined or prosecuted.
- d. The remuneration and other conditions of service of party functionaries shall be decided in accordance with the provision of section 1 5g of Article 5 of this constitution.