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PREAMBLE AND VISION OF THE UNITED PARTY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (UPND)

- (a) Realising the critical importance of democratic governance, accountability and transparency as a pre-condition to any meaningful economic and social infrastructure of the Country, the United Party for National Development (UPND) (hereafter referred to as the Party) shall endeavour to strengthen the democratisation of political procedures, including the electoral process and State institutions at all levels.
- (b) The Party shall strive to ensure that the Legislature, the Judiciary, the Executive and Civil Society are strengthened so that the principle of checks and balances which is one of the cardinal tenets of democracy is realised.
- (c) The Party shall ensure that there is meaningful devolution of power to the people and integration of traditional chiefs into the local decision making process.
- (d) Recognising that Zambia is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society with a diversity of cultural heritages, traditions, languages which are sources of our strength and pride, the Party shall relentlessly strive to build a strong and united Zambia in which every person shall not feel discriminated, alienated or oppressed on account of tribe, race, language, sex, religion or political orientation.
- (e) Realising the serious economic decline that our Country has experienced resulting in enormous suffering of our people, the Party mission is to rebuild the economy and be able to exploit the growing globalisation of the world to her full advantage.
- (f) Realising that there is mismanagement of the country's resources, the party's commitment shall be to provide the nation with a leadership and a political and an economic system that inspires respectability and confidence both domestically and internationally in order for Zambia to be a worthwhile participant in the global economy.
- (g) Realising that H.I.V. and A.I.D.S. have become prevalent in society The party shall treat the growing scourge as a national disaster together with other prevalent diseases like malaria, malnutrition and diarrhoea which are exacerbated by high poverty levels.
- (h) Recognising that the physically and mentally challenged face a lot of disadvantages and prejudices in our society the Party shall embark on deliberate policies to get them easier access to public facilities and outlaw all forms of discrimination against them.

CHAPTER 1

THE FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

Article 1:

Name of the Party

The name of the Party shall be the **UNITED PARTY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** herein referred to as **UPND**.

Article 2:

Location of Party Headquarters.

The Headquarters of the Party shall be located in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia.

Article 3:

Moto

The Motto of the Party shall be "**ZAMBIA-FORWARD**"

Article 4:

Emblem

The Emblem of the Party shall be an **OPEN RIGHT PALM WITH RAISED THUMB**.

Article 5:

Objectives Of the party

The following are the objectives of the Party:

- a) to spearhead economic and social development
- b) to harmonise tribal, racial and gender relations in the country.
- c) to enhance democratic practices and values and adhere to good governance.
- d) to ensure that the rule of law is adhered to
- e) to protect every citizen's and resident's fundamental human rights such as;
 - i. Rights of freedom of speech, association and assembly
 - ii. Rights of freedom of worship
 - iii. Rights of the woman and the child
 - iv. Rights to life
 - v. Rights to the due process of the law
- f) to promote and enhance the individual's and society's right to
 - i. freedom of information
 - ii. employment and against discrimination at work and social places for the physically and mentally challenged,

and for H.I.V. Positive people and those living with A.I.D.S.

- iii. entrenchment and promotion of economic, social and cultural rights
 - iv. promotion and introduction of the rights of the physically and mentally challenged
- (f) enact provisions to protect children from exploitation and child labour
 - (g) to preserve the rich, diverse but progressive Zambian culture and to promote the elevation and recognition of the status of our traditional chiefs and rulers
 - (h) to promote good international relations with other countries which will take into account Zambia's vital national interests.
 - (i) to work towards greater participation of women in public life and decision making with a goal of attaining at least thirty percent representation for women in decision making bodies and wherever possible engage in affirmative action in favour of women.
 - (j) To work towards greater participation of the Youth in public life and decision making and wherever possible engage in affirmative action in favour of the Youth.

CHAPTER II

MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Article 6:

Membership

Any person or body who accepts the party's values and objectives shall qualify to be a member of the Party on payment of the necessary admission and subscription fees:

Article 7:

Membership fees

The admission and annual subscription fees shall be determined by the National Management Committee.

Article 8:

Duties and Rights of Members

The following shall be the duties and rights of the Party members:

- a) to respect and follow this constitution;
- b) to uphold and defend the philosophy, vision and objectives of the Party, and its democratically adopted positions on internal and international issues;
- c) to safeguard Party policies and programmes from undue corruption of thought;
- d) to adhere to collective responsibility;
- e) to defend one's ideas and positions through the established Party structures;
- f) to uphold one's right to elect or be elected to any Party position and elect their own leaders in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Party.

Article 9:

Termination of Membership

Membership of the Party shall terminate upon any of the following:

- a) resignation
- b) expulsion
- c) joining another Party
- d) death.
- e) dissolution of the party or body which is a member.

CHAPTER III

STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY

Article 10:

General
Principles

The following democratic principles will govern the structural organisation of the Party:

- a) All political leadership positions shall be elective unless otherwise provided to the contrary by this constitution.
- b) All organs of the Party shall be accountable to the body that elected them.
- c) All decisions of the superior organs of the Party shall be binding on all lower organs.

Article 11:

Local Party
Organs

At the local level there shall be the following Party organs:

- a) The Branch Committee;
- b) The Ward Committee;
- c) The Constituency Committee;
- d) The Constituency Assembly;
- e) The District Committee;
- f) The District Assembly;
- g) The Provincial Committee;
- h) The Provincial Assembly.

Article 12:

Establishment
Of Branches-

There shall be formed as many branches of the Party as may be possible.

Article 13:

Branch
Committees

There shall be formed **Branch Committees** which will be elected by all paid up members of the Party belonging to that branch and will consist of following:

- a) Chairperson;
- b) Two Vice Chairpersons;
- c) Secretary;
- d) (i) Vice Secretary (Admin.)
(ii) Vice Secretary (Politics)
- e) Treasurer;

- f) (i) Vice Treasurer (Accounts)
(ii) Vice Treasurer (Resource Mobilisation)
- g) Publicity Secretary;
- h) (i) Vice Publicity Secretary (Media)
(ii) Vice Publicity Secretary (Propaganda)
- i) Chairperson Women's Affairs;
- j) Three Vice Chairpersons Women's Affairs (To share the branch equally)
- k) Chairperson Youth Affairs;
- l) Three Vice Chairperson Youth Affairs (To share the branch equally).
- m) Twelve Trustees.
- n) Branch Co-ordinator.
- o) Polling Station Co-ordinator (at every Polling Station).

Article 14:

Branch
Executive
Committee

The following shall be the **District Executive Committee**

- a) Chairperson
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) Publicity Secretary
- e) Chairperson Women's Affairs
- f) Chairperson Youth Affairs

Article 15:

Functions
Of the
Branch
Committees

The following shall be the functions of the
Branch Committees:

- a) Undertake continuous recruitment of new members.
- b) Explain, publicise, and implement Party programmes.
- c) Undertake fund raising activities for the Party.
- d) Train Party members in Political Techniques.
- e) Party officials constitute the Electoral College for selecting Party candidates in Local Government elections to be recommended to the National Management Committee for adoption.
- f) Enhance the standing of the Party in the Community by becoming involved in the welfare of the respective communities.

- h) Carry out any other party activities as directed from time to time.

Article 16:

Tenure of Office

Branch Committees shall have a three year tenure of office.

Article 17:

The Establishment Of Ward Committees

There shall be formed **Wards** of the Party whose boundaries shall correspond to those of the Local Government Wards as provided for by the relevant national legislation.

Article 18:

Ward Committees

There shall be formed **Ward Committees** who shall be elected by all Branch Executive members of the Party and will consist the following:

- a) Chairperson;
- b) Two Vice Chairperson;
- c) Secretary;
- d) (i) Vice Secretary (Admin.)
(ii) Vice Secretary (Politics)
- e) Treasurer;
- f) (i) Vice Treasurer (Accounts)
(ii) Vice Treasurer (Resource Mobilisation)
- g) Publicity Secretary;
- h) (i) Vice Publicity Secretary (Media)
(ii) Vice Publicity Secretary (Propaganda (Media))
- i) Chairperson Women`s Affairs;
- j) Three Vice Chairpersons Women`s Affairs (To share the Ward equally)
- k) Chairperson Youth Affairs;
- l) Three Vice Chairpersons Youth Affairs (To share the Ward equally)
- m) Twelve Trustees.
- n) Ward Co-ordinator
- o) All Party Ward Councillors as ex-officio members of the relevant ward.

Article 19:

Ward
Executive
Committees

The following shall be the Ward Executive Committee:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) Publicity Secretary
- e) Chairperson Women's Affairs
- f) Chairperson Youth Affairs

Article 20:

Functions of
The Ward
Committees

The following shall be the functions of the Ward Committees

- a) Undertake continuous recruitment of new members
- b) Explain, publicise and implement Party programmes
- c) Co-ordinate and supervise the activities of the Branch Committees in the Ward
- d) Review reports and disciplinary cases from the Branches within the Ward
- e) Co-ordinate the training of Party members in Political Techniques within the ward
- f) together with the Branch party committees to recommend to the Provincial Committee a candidate for local government elections for adoption.
- g) together with the constituency party committees committees, Councillors and District party officials resident in the constituency constitute the electoral college for electing candidates in Parliamentary elections.
- h) Enhance the standing of the Party in the community by becoming involved in the welfare of the respective communities.
- i) Carry out any other party activities as directed from time to time

Article 21:

Tenure of
Office

Ward committees shall have a three year tenure of office

Article 22:

The Establishment
Of Constituency
Committees

There shall be formed Party **Constituency Committees** of the Party whose boundaries shall correspond to those of the Parliamentary Constituencies as provided for by the relevant national legislation.

Article 23:

Composition
Constituency
Committees

There shall be formed **Constituency Committees** who shall be elected by the Constituency Assembly of the Party in that constituency and will consist of the following:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Two Vice Chairperson
- c) Secretary
- d) (i) Vice Secretary (Admin.)
(ii) Vice Secretary (Politics)
- e) Treasurer
- f) (i) Vice Treasurer (Accounts)
(ii) Vice Treasurer (Resource Mobilisation)
- g) Publicity Secretary
- h) (i) Vice Publicity Secretary (Media)
(ii) Vice Publicity Secretary (Propaganda)
- i) Chairperson Women's Affairs
- j) Three Chairpersons Women's Affairs (To share the Constituency equally).
- k) Chairperson Youth Affairs
- l) Three Chairpersons Youth Affairs (To share the Constituency equally).
- m) Twelve Trustees
- n) Constituency Co-ordinator
- o) The Party Member of Parliament of that Constituency as an ex-officio member.

Article 24:

Constituency
Executive
Committees

The following shall be the **Constituency Executive Committee**

- a) Chairperson
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) Publicity Secretary
- e) Chairperson Women's Affairs
- f) Chairperson Youth Affairs

Article 25:

Functions
Of
Constituency

The following shall be the functions of the **Constituency Committee**:

- a) Undertake continuous recruitment of new members Committee
- b) Explain, and publicise and implement Party programmes
- c) Co-ordinate and supervise the activities of the Ward Committees in the Constituency
- d) Review reports and disciplinary cases from the Wards.
- e) Co-ordinate the training of Party members in Political Techniques. Within the Constituency
- f) Together with the Ward Party committees constitute the electoral college for selecting Party candidates in Parliamentary elections.
- g) Enhance the standing of the Party in the community by becoming involved in the welfare of the respective communities.
- h) Carry out any other party activities as directed from time to time by the District.

Article 26:

Tenure of
Constituency
Committee

The Constituency committee shall have a tenure of three years

Article 27:

Composition
Of the Constituency
Assembly

There shall be a **Constituency Assembly** constituted by the following:

- a) All Party Constituency officials
- b) Delegates drawn from all Ward Committees and Branch executive committees officials ensuring that 30% of gender shall be represented.
- c) All Party Ward Councillors in the Constituency
- d) Party Members of Parliament in the Constituency
- e) All National Management Committee members resident in the constituency.

Article 28:

Functions of
Constituency
Assembly

The functions of the **Constituency Assembly** shall be:

- a) to elect members of the Constituency Committee every three years.
- b) to formulate and plan party programmes at Constituency level

- c) to consider reports from the Ward Committees
- d) to consider any other matters presented before the Conference.

Article 29:

Establishment
Of Party
District

There shall be formed **Districts** of the Party whose boundaries shall correspond to those of the Districts of the country as provided for by the relevant national legislation.

Article 30:

District
Committee

There shall be formed **District Committees** which District shall be elected by the District Assembly and will consist of the following:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Two Vice Chairperson
- c) Secretary
- d) (i) Vice Secretary (Admin.)
(ii) Vice Secretary (Politics)
- e) Treasurer
- f) (i) Vice Treasurer (Accounts)
(ii) Vice Treasurer (Resource Mobilisation)
- g) Publicity Secretary
- h) (i) Vice Publicity Secretary (Media)
(ii) Vice Publicity Secretary (Propaganda)
- i) Chairperson, Women's Affairs
- j) Three Vice Chairpersons Women's Affairs (To share the District equally)
- k) Chairperson Youth Affairs
- l) Three Vice Chairpersons Youth Affairs (To share the District equally)
- m) Twelve Trustees
- n) District Co-ordinator.

Article 31

District
Executive
Committee

The Composition of the District Executive Committee shall be

- a) Chairperson
- b) Treasurer
- c) Secretary
- d) Publicity Secretary

- e) Chairperson Women's Affairs
- f) Chairperson Youth Affairs

Article 32:

Functions
Of District
Committee

The following shall be the functions of the **District Committee**

- a) Undertake continuous recruitment of new Members
- b) Explain, publicize and implement Party Programmes
- c) Co-ordinate and supervise the activities of the Constituency Committees in the District.
- d) Review reports and disciplinary cases from the Constituencies.
- e) Carry out any other Party activities as directed from time to time
- f) Participate with other members specified in article 25 (f) In selection of Parliamentary candidates
- g) to carryout fundraising activities

Article 33:

Tenure of
District
Committees

The District Committees shall be three years

Article 34:

District
Assembly

There shall be a **District Assembly** of the party which shall meet once a year

Article 35:

Composition
Of the District
Assembly

The **District Assembly** shall be constituted by the following:

- a) All Party District officials in the District
- b) Delegates drawn from all Constituency and Ward executive committees ensuring that 30% of Gender shall be represented as agreed upon by NMC
- c) All Party Ward Councillors in the District
- d) All Party Members of Parliament in the District
- e) All National Management Committee members resident in the District.

Article 36:

Functions of
District Assembly

The functions of the **District Assembly** shall be:

- a) to elect members of the District Committee every three years
- b) to formulate and plan party programmes at District level
- c) to consider reports from the Constituency Committees

- d) to consider any other matters presented before the District Assembly including disciplinary appeals.

Article 37:

Extraordinary
District party
Assembly

An **Extraordinary District Assembly** may be called to discuss specific items other than elections by:

- a) The District Committee
- b) Written petition by at least one third of the eligible delegates to the District Assembly handed to the Secretary of the District Committee who shall submit such a petition to the Provincial Secretary to cause an extraordinary meeting to be convened within forty-five days of delivery of such petition

Article 38:

Quorum of
the District
Assembly

The **quorum** for any **District Assembly** shall be two thirds of the eligible District Assembly delegates

Article 39:

Provincial
Committees

There shall be formed **Provincial Committees** which shall be elected by the Provincial Assembly and will consist of the following:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Two Vice Chairpersons
- c) Secretary
- d) (i) Vice Secretary (Admin.)
(ii) Vice Secretary (Politics)
- e) Treasurer
- f) (i) Vice Treasurer (Accounts)
(ii) Vice Treasurer (Resource Mobilisation)
- g) Publicity Secretary
- h) (i) Vice Publicity Secretary (Media)
(ii) Vice Publicity Secretary (Propaganda)
- i) Chairperson Women's Affairs
- j) Three Vice Chairpersons Women's Affairs (To share the Province equally)
- k) Chairperson Youth Affairs
- l) Three Vice Chairpersons Youth Affairs (To share the Province equally)
- m) Twelve Trustees
- n) Provincial Co-ordinator.

Article 40

Establishment of Party provinces

There shall be formed Provinces of the party whose boundaries shall correspond to those of the Provinces of the Country as provided for by the relevant national legislation.

Article 41:

Provincial Executive Committee

The following shall be members of the **Provincial Executive Committee:**

- a) Chairperson
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) Publicity Secretary
- e) Chairperson Women's Affairs
- f) Chairperson Youth Affairs

Article 42

Functions of Provincial committee

The following shall be the functions of the **Provincial Committee:**

- a) Undertake continuous recruitment of new members
- b) Explain, publicise and implement Party programmes.
- c) Co-ordinate and supervise the activities of the District Committees in the province.
- d) Through the Provincial Committee submit monthly Provincial reports to the Secretary General of the Party and undertake fundraising ventures for the Party.
- e) The Province shall be represented at the National Management Committee by the Provincial Chairman
- f) Carry out any other activities as directed from time to time by superior organs of the party

Article 43

Tenure of Provincial Committee

The Provincial Committee shall have a tenure of three years

Article 44

Provincial Party Assembly

There shall be a Provincial Assembly of the party, which shall meet once every three years.

Article 45

Composition of the Provincial Assembly

The **Provincial Assembly** shall be constituted of the following delegates:

- a) All Provincial Party Committee officials
- b) Delegates drawn from all Districts and Constituency officials ensuring that 30% of gender shall be represented.

- c) All Party Members of Parliament in the Province
- d) All National Management Committee members resident in the Province.

Article 46

Functions of Provincial Party Assembly

The **functions** of the Provincial Assembly shall be:

- a) To elect members of the Provincial Committee every 3 years and a Provincial Review meeting every 2 years
- b) To formulate and plan party programs at Provincial level
- c) To consider reports from the District Committees
- d) To consider any other matters presented before the conference
- e) To hear and decide on appeals before the Provincial Assembly

Article 47

Extraordinary Provincial Assembly

An **Extraordinary Provincial Assembly** may be convened to discuss specific items other than elections by:

- a) The Provincial Committee
- b) By written petition by at least one third of the District Committees to be handed to the Secretary of the Provincial Committee who shall submit such petition to the Secretary General of the Party.
- c) The Secretary General shall within 14 days after approval by National Management Committee cause the Provincial Extraordinary Assembly to be held.

Article 48

Quorum of Provincial Assembly

The **Quorum** of any Provincial Assembly shall be two thirds of the eligible delegates to the Provincial Assembly

Article 49

National Organs

At the national level there shall be the following organs

- a) The General Assembly;
- b) The National Management Committee;
- c) The National Executive Committee.

Article 50

The General Assembly

The **General Assembly** shall be the supreme organ of the Party whose decisions shall be binding on all organs of the Party.

Article 51:

Composition of the General Assembly

The **General Assembly** delegates shall be constituted by the following:

- a) All members of the National Management Committee

- b) All officials of the Provincial Committees
- c) An equal number approved by the NMC from each Province made up from District and Constituency officials ensuring that 30% of gender shall be represented.
- d) Any party member validly nominated and supported to stand for any position at the General Assembly shall be an observer.
- e) Party Members of Parliament
- f) Three members from each chapter outside Zambia duly Registered with secretariat.
- g) 30 members drawn from higher institutions of Learning

Article 52:

Functions of the General Assembly

The **functions** of the General Assembly shall be to:

- a) Elect members of the National Management Committee
- b) Formulate Party policies and programmes
- c) Amend, approve and adopt the Party Constitution and Manifesto.
- d) Consider any other matters presented before the General Assembly and appeals against disciplinary decisions of lower organs of the party.

Article 53:

Meetings of the General Assembly

The **General Assembly** shall meet once every five years and notice convening such assembly shall be at least 30 days before the date set for the assembly.

Article 54:

Extraordinary General Assembly

An **Extraordinary General Assembly** may be called to discuss specific items other than elections by:

- a) The National Management Committee;
- b) By written petition of at least two thirds of the Provincial Committees handed over to the Secretary General of the Party who shall cause to be convened such Congress within sixty days of the receipt of the petition.
- c) at least fourteen days notice shall be given before the holding of an extra-ordinary General Assembly

Article 55:

Quorum of the General Assembly

The **quorum** of the General Assembly shall be two thirds of the Provincial Assembly party members of the General Assembly.

Article 56:

The National Management Committee

There shall be a **National Management Committee** which shall consist of the following members and Chairpersons of Specialised Committees;

- a) The President .
 - (i) Deputy President (Admin)
 - (ii) Deputy President (Politics)
 - (iii) Deputy President (Economics) } currently suspended
 - (iv) Deputy President (Gender) } “ “
- b) The National Chairperson
 - (i) Deputy National Chairperson
- c) The Secretary General
 - (i) Deputy Secretary (Admin)
 - (ii) Deputy Secretary (Politics)
- d) The Treasurer General
 - (i) Deputy Treasurer General (Accounts)
 - (ii) Deputy Treasurer General (Fundraising)
- e) Chairperson of Publicity and Information
 - (i) Deputy Chairperson, Publicity & Information (Media)
 - (ii) Deputy Chairperson Publicity & Information(Propaganda)
- f) Chairperson – Elections and Campaign
- g) Chairperson Strategy and Mobilization
- h) Chairperson Women Affairs
 - (i) Deputy Chairperson, Women Affairs (Region 1)
 - (ii) Deputy Chairperson, Women Affairs (Region 2)
 - (iii) Deputy Chairperson, Women Affairs (Region 3)
- i) Chairperson Youth Affairs
 - (i) Deputy Chairperson, Youth Affairs (Region 1)
 - (ii) Deputy Chairperson, Youth Affairs (Region 2)
 - (iii) Deputy Chairperson, Youth Affairs (Region 3)
- j) Chairperson Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- k) Chairperson International Relations
- l) Chairperson Defence
- m) Chairperson Research (nominee)
- n) National Co-ordinator (nominee)
- o) Senior Advisor to the President (nominee)
- p) Nine nominees of the President (to consider region, gender and disability).
- q) Twelve (12) Trustees;
- r) Party Parliamentary Whip (ex officio)
- s) Chairpersons of Specialised Committees
in alphabetical order as follows:
 - i. Agriculture, Food Security and Water Development;
 - ii. Arts and Culture;
 - iii. Commerce and Trade;
 - iv. Communications and Transport;
 - v. Community Development and Social Welfare;
 - vi. Co-operative Development;
 - vii. Education, Science and Technology
 - viii. Energy;
 - ix. Environment and Natural Resources;
 - x. Finance and Economic Development Planning;
 - xi. Fisheries and Livestock;

- xii. Government Contracts and Procurement;
- xiii. Health and Nutrition;
- xiv. Industrial Development;
- xv. Labour and Social Security;
- xvi. Lands;
- xvii. Local Government and Housing;
- xviii. Logistics
- xix. Mines and Mineral Development;
- xx. Religious Affairs;
- xxi. Rural Reconstruction and Development;
- xxii. Sport, Recreation and Child Development;
- xxiii. Technical Education and Vocational Training;
- xxiv. Tourism;
- xxv. Provincial Chairpersons;

Article 57:

National
Management
Committee
Functions

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The **functions** of the National Management Committee shall be to;

- a) To be the Chief Political and Organizational Organ of the Party;
 - b) To be responsible for Policy formulation;
 - c) To implement decisions, resolutions and directives;
 - d) To report to the convention on its work and the work of all other organs of the Party;
 - e) To appoint a Secretariat which shall execute the day to day work of the Party under the charge of the Secretary General;
 - f) To be the highest organ of Authority between conventions;
 - g) To convene the conventions of the Party;
 - h) To consider current issues in so far as they affect the operations of the Party;
 - i) To formulate rules and regulations to enforce norms and to maintain operational standards;
 - j) To have the power to discipline, suspend and expel any member of the Party for serious misconduct or violation of the Constitution subject to other provisions of this constitution;
 - k) To supervise and control the use and maintenance of the Party funds and books of accounts at the Headquarters, the Provincial, District, Constituency, Ward and Branch levels of the Party.
2. Have power to discipline any member in the Province for serious misconduct or violation of the constitution and where applicable refer the matter to the immediate higher organ of the Party.
 3. Committee members nominated by the President subject to ratification by the National Management Committee.

Article 58:

Deputy
Chairpersons of
Specialised
Committees

There shall be **Deputy Chairpersons of Specialised Committees** who shall be elected at the General Assembly.

Article 59:

Functions
Of Deputy
Chairpersons.
Of Specialised
Committees

The **Deputy Chairpersons** shall assist their respective Chairpersons in carrying out the duties of the party and may act in their absence and attend NMC meeting quarterly.

Article 60:

Members of
the National
Management
committee

The members of the **National Management Committee** shall be elected by the General Assembly every five years.

Article 61:

The mode of
electing
members of
the National
Management
Committee

The Members of the **National Management Committee** shall be elected by secret ballot in accordance with the 'electoral rules and regulations' of the party.

Article 62:

Vacancies in
the National
Management
Committee

In the case of any vacancy in the membership of the National Management Committee except that of the President, the National Management Committee shall meet within a period of 90 days to fill the vacancy.

Article 63:

Qualifica-
tions
Of the
National
Management
Committee

A person shall not qualify for election to the membership of the National Management Committee unless they meet the following conditions:

- a) he or she is a fully paid up member of the Party;
- b) he or she has been a continuous member of the Party for at least one year except for the membership of the first National Management Committee;
- g) he or she is a Zambian of 21 years of age and above.
- d) he or she is from alliance political party.

Article 64:

National
Executive
Committee

There shall be **National Executive Committee** of the National Management Committee charged with the responsibility of managing the day to day affairs of the party.

Article 65:

Composition
Of National
Executive
Committee

The **National Executive Committee** shall comprise of 30 members with at least one representative from every Province as follows;

- a) The President
- b) Deputy President (Admin)
- c) Deputy President (Politics)
- d) Deputy President (Economics)
- e) Deputy President (Gender)
- f) National Chairperson
- g) Secretary General
- h) Deputy Secretary (Admin)
- i) Deputy Secretary (Politics)
- j) Treasurer General
- k) Chairperson of Publicity and Information
- l) Chairperson – Elections and Campaign
- m) Chairperson Strategy and Mobilization
- n) Chairperson Women Affairs
- o) Chairperson Youth Affairs
- p) Chairperson Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- q) Chairperson International Relations
- r) Chairperson Defence
- s) Chairperson Research (nominee)
- t) National Co-ordinator (nominee)
- u) Senior Advisor to the President (nominee)
- v) Nine nominees of the President (to consider region, gender and disability).
- w) Party Parliamentary Whip (ex officio).

Article 66:

Functions of
The National
Executive
Committee

The National Executive Committee shall have the following powers and functions:-

1. Shall be the administrative organ of the party and shall supervise the Administration of the Secretariat.
2. Shall have the power to establish administrative organs and offices of the Party subject to ratification by the National Management Committee.
3. Shall perform all the powers and functions conferred on the National Management subject to ratification by the National Management Committee and to this constitution.

Article 67:

Establishment
Of local
Disciplinary
Committee

There shall be established **Disciplinary Committees** at Branch, Ward, Constituency, District and Provincial levels which will be composed of the following:

- a) The Deputy Chairpersons of the Executive Committees as Chairpersons
- b) The Secretary of the respective management Committee shall be Secretaries of the Committees
- c) Four other members of the Executive Committees.

Article 68:

Establishment of the National Disciplinary Committees

There shall be established a National Disciplinary Committee which shall be composed of the following:

- a) The National Chairman of the party as Chairman
- b) The Deputy Secretary General as Vice Chairperson
- c) The Chairperson of Elections and Campaign
- d) The Chairperson of Legal and Constitutional Affairs as Secretary
- e) Three other persons from the National Executive Committee.

Article 69:

Functions of the Disciplinary Committees

The following shall be the functions of the National Disciplinary Committee:

- a) To hear and review all disciplinary cases including appeals from the lower organs of the party.
- b) To formulate disciplinary rules and procedures for the party at all levels.

Article 70:

Disciplinary Sanctions

The following are the possible sanctions that can be meted out against erring party members:

- a) Oral warning;
- b) Written reprimand;
- c) Suspension;
- d) Expulsion which can only be effected by the National Management Committee.

Article 71:

Disciplinary Sanction Against Deputy Presidents National Chairman Secretary General and Treasurers General

The Deputy Presidents, National Chairman, Secretary General and Treasurers General may be disciplined by a two-thirds secret ballot vote of no confidence passed by the National Management Committee who may decide on whatever sanction to impose against the erring official as per UPND disciplinary code of conduct on recommendation from the NEC

Article 72:

Disciplinary Sanctions Against the President

The Party President shall be disciplined by 65% secret ballot vote of no confidence passed by NMC as per UPND disciplinary code of conduct

CHAPTER IV

FUNCTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Article 73:

The President

There shall be a **President** of the Party who shall be the Head of the Party.

Article 74:

Functions
of the
President

The functions of the **President** shall be to:

- a) Serve as the principal spokesman of the Party;
- b) Chair meetings of the National Executive Committee;
- c) Chair meetings of the NMC
- d) Initiate disciplinary proceedings against erring NEC and NMC members;
- e) Initiate policies for consideration by the National Management Committee;
- f) Assign to Party members any functions or duties to carry out from time to time through the party channels

Article 75:

Election of
The Party
President

The **President** of the Party shall be elected by the General Assembly every five years.

Article 76:

The mode of
electing
President

The Party President shall be elected by secret ballot in accordance with electoral rules and regulations of the Party as read with this Constitution.

Article 77:

Vacancies
in the
office of
President

In the case of any vacancy in the office of the President, the NMC shall appoint anyone of the four Deputy Presidents to act for a period not exceeding 90 days.
The extra-ordinary General Assembly shall be called to elect a President within 90 days if the NMC felt the office will be vacant for more than 90 days.

Article 78:

Qualifica-
tions of the
Party
President.

A person shall not qualify to be elected as Party President unless they meet the following conditions:

- a) He or she is a fully paid up member of the Party;
- b) He or she has been a continuous member of the Party for at least one and a half years
- c) He or she is a Zambian of 35 years and above.
- d) He or she meets the requirements to be a Republican Presidential candidate.

Article 79:

Tenure of
Office

A Party President shall be eligible for election for an indefinite period subject to this constitution provided that a Party President who is elected Republican President shall only serve two terms that shall run concurrently with the term of office as Republican President.

Article 80:

The Deputy
Presidency

There shall be four Deputy Presidents of the Party called **Deputy President (Admin.)**, **Deputy President (Political)**, **Deputy President (Gender)** and **Deputy President (Economics)** (D/Pres. Gender & Economics currently suspended)

- a) In his absence, the Party President shall appoint anyone of the two deputy presidents to act in his stead when he is out of the country.
- b) To carry out functions as the President may from time to time assign any other duties to any or both Deputy Presidents as he may deem it fit.

Article 81:

The National
Party
Chairperson

There shall be a **National Chairperson** whose functions shall be:

- a) To chair meetings of the General Assembly;
- b) To chair the National Disciplinary Committee.
- c) Liaise with the SG on the party programmes.
- d) To carry out any functions as may be directed to be performed by either the President or the National Management Committee.

Article 82:

The Deputy
National
Chairperson

There shall be a **Deputy National Chairperson** of the Party whose functions shall be:

- a) To chair meetings of the General Assembly in the absence of the National Chairperson.
- b) To carry out any functions as may be directed to be performed either by the President, the Deputy Presidents, National Chairperson or the National Management Committee.

Article 83:

The Secretary -
General

There shall be a **Secretary - General** of the Party whose functions shall be:

- a) To keep minutes of all National management Meetings and to be in charge of the day to day administrative activities at the National Headquarters;
- b) To keep minutes and records of all NEC meetings
- c) To implement party programmes
- d) To prepare reports on activities and programmes of all Party Organs;

- e) Chief spokesman on party and on any specialised committees.
- f) Liaise with National Chairpersons on party programmes.
- g) To keep records of party minutes and members.
- h) To co-ordinate the activities of the specialised committees work regarding formulations.
- i) Institute disciplinary proceedings of all officials and members other than those under article 71 and 72 as directed by the NEC.
- k) To carry out duties as assigned by the Party President from time to time.
- j) Chief Administrator of the Party.

Article 84:

The Deputy Secretaries - General

There shall be **Deputy Secretaries - General** of the Party whose functions shall be :

- a) To assist the Secretary - General;
- b) To act in the absence of the Secretary - General
- c) To carry out any functions that he or she may be directed to perform by either the Secretary - General or the President.

Article 85:

The Treasurer - General

There shall be a **Treasurer - General** whose functions shall be:

- a) To carry out fund raising activities of the Party;
- b) To supervise the treasury (accounts) and control the expenditure of Party funds.
- c) To keep records of Party property.
- d) To procure Party property after approval of by NEC or by National Management Committee.
- e) To submit annual records of Party property for the National Management Committee through the SG.
- f) To be responsible for the printing and distribution of Party membership cards for sale to Party members.
- g) To prepare annual budgets for the consideration of the National Management Committee through the NEC
- h) The Treasurer General will hold the power of attorney on all party accounts at all levels to safeguard the party property.

- i) To carry out functions as may be directed by the President Deputy Presidents National Chairperson and Secretary General.

Article 86:

The Deputy Treasurers - General

There shall be a **Deputy Treasurer - General** whose functions shall be:

- a) To assist the Treasurer - General.
- b) To act in the absence of the Treasurer - General.
- c) To carry out any other functions as may be directed to be performed by either the President or the Treasurer - General

Article 87:

Chairperson Strategy and Mobilization

There shall be a **Chairperson for Strategy and Mobilization** whose functions shall be :

- a) To formulate overall political strategies of the party.
- b) To organise and co-ordinate the training of senior party members in policy and political strategies.
- c) To carry out any other functions as may be directed to be performed by either the President or the National Management Executive Committee from time to time.

Article 88:

Chairperson for Women Affairs

There shall be a **Chairperson for Women Affairs** whose functions shall be:

- a) To chair the Women Affairs Committee which shall include all Chairpersons of the Provincial Executive Committees for women.
- b) Formulate policies relating to Gender issues.
- c) To mobilise the Women folk in the realisation of the goals of the Party.
- d) To carry out any other duties as may be directed by the President, the Deputy Presidents, SG or National management Committee.

Article 89:

The Deputy Chairpersons for Women Affairs

There shall be **Deputy Chairpersons for Women Affairs** whose functions shall be:

- a) To assist the Chairperson of the Women's Affairs Committee.
- b) To act in the absence of the Chairperson of the Women's Affairs.

- c) To carry out any other functions as may be directed by the President, the SG or the Chairperson of the Women's Affairs Committee or the National Management Committee.

Article 90:
The National
Chairperson
Youth Affairs

There shall be a **Chairperson for Youth Affairs** whose functions shall be:

- a) To chair the Youth Affairs Committee which shall include the Chairpersons of the Youth Affairs Committees at provincial level
- b) Formulate policies relating to Youth matters.
- c) To mobilise the Youth in the realisation of the goals of the Party.
- d) Carry out any other duties as directed by the President, Deputy Presidents, the SG or the National Management Committee

Article 91:
The Deputy
Chairpersons
Youth Affairs

There shall be **Deputy Chairpersons for Youth Affairs** whose functions shall be:

- a) To assist the Chairperson for Youth Affairs.
- b) To act in the absence of the Chairperson for Youth Affairs.
- c) To carry out any functions as may be directed to by the President, Deputy Presidents, SG, Chairperson for Youth Affairs and/or the National Management Committee.

Article 92:
Trustees

There shall be **TWELVE PARTY TRUSTEES** whose functions shall be that of being custodians of all party property as sanctioned by the National Management Committee.

Article 93:
Functions of
Chairpersons
of Specialised
Committees

There shall be **Specialised Committees** whose functions shall be

- a) To chair their respective specialised committees.
- b) To formulate and recommend policies to the National Management Committee in the area of their Specialised Committee.
- c) To carry out any functions as may be directed to them by either the President, Deputy Presidents, national Chairman, SG or the National Management Committee.

Article 94:
Spokespersons
of Specialised
Committees

The Chairpersons of the various Specialised Committees shall be the spokespersons for their respective Committees

CHAPTER V

MISCELLANEOUS

Article 95:

General
Assembly
Electoral
Commission

There shall be an **General Assembly Electoral Commission** of the party which will be appointed by the National Management Committee which shall conduct elections at the General Assembly drawn from independent organisations and eminent persons.

Article 96:

The composition
of the
Electoral
Commission

The composition of the electoral commission shall be;

- a) Chairperson
- b) Deputy Chairperson
- c) Secretary
- d) Two members

Article 97:

Secretary
of the
Commission

The Secretary of the Commission shall be the **Administrative Secretary of the Party**.

Article 98:

Establish-
ment of the
Electoral
Committee

There shall be an **Electoral Committee** of the Party headed by the Chairperson for Elections and Campaign whose composition shall be as follows:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Deputy Chairperson
- c) Secretary
- d) Two members.

Article 99:

The functions
of the
Electoral
Committee

The following shall be the functions of the Electoral Committee of the Party:

- a) To supervise and manage Party elections at all levels of the Party.
- b) To prepare and propose in conjunction with the SG the electoral rules and regulations governing the management of Party elections for consideration of the National Management Committee.
- c) To supervise and manage Party elections at all levels, including both Local Government and Parliamentary Elections.

Article 100:

Expanding
Electoral
College

The National Executive Committee may decide to expand the Electoral College for any election other than for positions on the National Management Committee upon the request of the Elections Committee and if in their opinion it would be in the interests of the party and sufficient resources for the exercise exist provided that at least seven days notice is given to the electorate.

Article 101:

General notice period

Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution the minimum notice period for convening of any Assembly shall be fourteen days.

Article 102:

Meaning of the term "Official"

All reference to the term "**official**" used in this Constitution in terms of qualification to attend an Assembly of the party will be restricted to members holding positions specifically mentioned in this Constitution.

Article 103:

Amendment of the Constitution

The Party Constitution may be amended by two thirds of the Members of the Party's National General Assembly present and voting by secret ballot.

Article 104:

Adoption of the Constitution;

This **Constitution** of THE UNITED PARTY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT was adopted on 27th day of June, 2009.



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PRESIDENT



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SECRETARY GENERAL

