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DEMOCRATIC FRONT

Preamble:

The preamble is entirely amended by repealing and replacing the original statement with the following; -

We, the members of DEMOCRATIC FRONT, fully convinced that our country needs further political, economic and cultural emancipation and united in our quest for a sovereign and an inclusive Uganda, pledge to combat the enduring legacies of imperialism, capitalism, deleterious effects of unbridled globalisation and their local authoritarian comprador classes that have historically undermined our national liberation and self-determination. This Constitution is our declaration of commitment to moderate resistance and our blueprint for constructing an inclusive society grounded in the principles of equity and social justice. Inspired by the transformative ideals of socialism and liberalism, we envision a society where the benefits of economic progress are shared equitably, where every citizen is afforded the freedom to pursue their aspirations without fear of oppression or deprivation. We believe that the strength of our nation lies in its diversity, and that true freedom is realized only when all individuals—regardless of gender, ethnicity, or social standing—are empowered to participate fully in our democratic processes.

We stand firm in our call for the decolonization of political institutions, acknowledging that the legacy of colonialism continues to shape power relations and governance structures in ways that limit the full expression of our sovereignty. In pursuit of this goal, we advocate for a federal system of governance that empowers regional communities and respects the autonomy of local institutions toward a more equitable distribution of power and resources, and a mechanism for safeguarding the rights of all communities within our nation. While we embrace robust political discourse and opposition, we reject the extremism of rigid ideologies or divisive strategies through pursuit for a broad and inclusive coalition of progressive forces that respects diversity of thought and strategy within Uganda's political space. Our movement is committed to tolerance, dialogue, and the peaceful pursuit of change, believing that progress comes not through confrontation but through collective action grounded in mutual respect.

Rooted in the rich traditions of our people, we seek to create a harmonious environment that balances the respect for individual freedom and social responsibility, through recognition that the value of both personal autonomy and communal welfare are not diametrically opposed. Accordingly, we recognize the enduring significance of traditional institutions as custodians of cultural values and historical continuity. These institutions, when integrated into our modern democratic framework, offer wisdom and stability that can protect and strengthen our social fabric.

We honor their role in our national life and commit to respecting and protecting their contributions to our society.

Acknowledging the deep-seated inequities propagated by global capitalist structures, we commit to fostering an inclusive national environment where democracy flourishes and governance is marked by transparency, accountability, and the collective good. Our vision is rooted in the belief that true democracy cannot coexist with the exploitation of the many for the profit of a few. We vehemently oppose all forms of neocolonial influence that seek to dictate our culture, economic choices and political alignments. This Constitution enshrines our unyielding resolve to reclaim our political, economic and cultural sovereignty and to prioritize the welfare of all Ugandans over foreign and corporate interests. It is our commitment to dismantle the chains of exploitation by promoting policies that protect our economy from the volatile whims of capitalistic structure and market fundamentalism. Our party is devoted to eradicating the vestiges of oppression, whether manifested through economic inequality, social injustice, or ecological degradation. We recognize the catastrophic impacts of capitalist exploitation on our environment and commit to a sustainable path forward, ensuring that our natural resources are managed responsibly and equitably, benefiting all Ugandans rather than external entities. We pledge to undertake the restoration of our eco system, depleted natural vegetation cover.

In our international dealings, we will challenge the inequities in global power structures and alliances that perpetuate inequality and hinder our path to self-reliance. We strive to forge relationships based on mutual respect and shared goals, particularly with those who support our anti-imperialist stance.

This Constitution is more than a document; it is a call to action for all Ugandans who believe in a future where freedom is truly free from external domination, where equality transcends rhetoric, and where our national integrity is never compromised. As DEMOCRATIC FRONT, we stand firm in our dedication to these principles, striving tirelessly to achieve an equitable, just, and prosperous Uganda for all. We do hereby commit ourselves to honesty and appropriately use the resources of this country and all other means at our disposal, acting in accordance with this constitution, to turn Uganda into one of the best countries to live in.

The original constitution is amended by inserting immediately before Article 1 a definition section to read as follows; -

DEFINITIONS:

In this constitution, unless the context otherwise requires,

‘Member’ as defined by this Constitution.

‘Party’ refers to the Democratic Front.

1. IDENTITY OF THE PARTY

Article 1 is amended in clause 1 by changing the name of the party from “The Green Partisan Party” to “Democratic Front” with the effect of modifying the entire constitution where the words “The Green Partisan Party” or “GPP” are used. For avoidance of doubt the abbreviation “GPP” shall be replaced with the abbreviation “DF”.

Article 1 is further amended by introducing new clauses 2, 3, and 4 as follows; -

- (1) The name of the party is Democratic Front.
- (2) The Party symbol is a Baobab Tree with a canopy or as described in the first schedule to this Constitution.
- (3) The Party colors are Burnt Orange, Castleton Green, and Light Blue.
- (4) The registered office of the party shall be situated in the Republic of Uganda.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

Article 2 of this constitution is amended by repealing it entirely and replacing it with the following; -

- (1) Unity

To foster a cohesive national identity that transcends ethnic, cultural, and economic divisions so as to promote a unified Uganda where every citizen is engaged in and benefits from the collective endeavor of nation-building. The Democratic Front (DF)’s resolute in its pursuit of a

unified Uganda, built upon the principles of inclusivity, solidarity, and mutual respect, will be pursued through the following:

- a) We understand that unity is not achieved through the mere coexistence of diverse groups, but through the active recognition that identity itself is not fixed or biological, but socially constructed through historical, cultural, and political relations. Our objective is to foster a sense of belonging for all Ugandans by transforming the political and social structures that have historically fragmented and marginalized sections of our society.
- b) In this light, our commitment to unity is inseparable from our vision of decolonizing political institutions. The legacies of colonial rule imposed artificial divisions and rigid hierarchies that have shaped how Ugandans relate to each other and the state.
- c) These divisions, built on racial, ethnic, and regional distinctions, were designed to weaken collective national identity and undermine self-determination. We seek to dismantle these colonial legacies by advocating for a federal system of governance that promotes local autonomy and equal representation for all communities, ensuring that no identity is privileged over another.

(2) Democracy

The Democratic Front (DF) is deeply committed to establishing a democracy that transcends the superficial forms of representation inherited from colonial and authoritarian legacies, and instead fosters genuine political empowerment for all Ugandans through establishing

and upholding a social democratic framework that guarantees the equitable distribution of wealth and resources, ensures comprehensive welfare for all citizens, and maintains high standards of transparency and accountability in governance. The foregoing will be achieved through the following:

- a) Recognize that democracy is not simply a matter of periodic elections, not just in the formal sense of voting, but a continuous process of creating conditions where all citizens—regardless of their social, economic, or regional background have the resources, knowledge, and opportunities— so that they can actively participate and engage in shaping the governance decisions that affect their lives.
- b) Recognising that a democratic system is forged through ongoing social relations, shaped by the collective will and the lived experiences of the people, the DF commits to the systematic decolonization of political institutions to dismantle the hierarchical structures and practices that have historically excluded many from the democratic process so as to create pathways for meaningful participation in governance at all levels.
- c) Establishment of a federal system of governance that not only decentralizes power so that decisions are made as close to the people as possible, but ensures that regional voices are heard, respected, and integrated into the national governance structure. Democracy, in our vision, is not confined to the national level, but thrives when local communities are given the autonomy to govern

themselves, reflecting their unique needs and aspirations within the broader national framework.

- d) Rejection of the winner take all and narrow-minded, majoritarian conception of democracy that often leads to the suppression of minority voices and the perpetuation of inequalities through committing to a pluralist democracy that not only centres proportional representation, but values diversity of thought and experience, and actively seeks to engage all Ugandans in the political process. We believe that democracy is not about the domination of the many over the few, but about creating spaces for dialogue, compromise, and consensus-building, where all voices can contribute to shaping our collective future.

(3) Political and Social transformation

To radically transform the political and social structures and practices of Uganda characterised by political instability and lack of peaceful transfer of power, we commit to eliminate the authoritarian and centralized systems of power that were inherited from colonial rule and have been maintained by local elites through establishment of a governance framework and practices that empower local communities, allowing them to take control of their own political and developmental destinies by specifically doing the following:

- a) The party commits to reforming political institutions to make them more inclusive, representative, and transparent, ensuring that governance is conducted with integrity and accountability.

- b) Socially, the objective is to cultivate a society where education, health, and welfare systems are accessible to everyone and designed to uplift the most marginalized communities.
- c) By implementing progressive policies and fostering a culture of civic engagement and social responsibility, the party aims to achieve a sustainable and equitable development that benefits all sectors of the Ugandan population.

(4) Freedom and rights

To vigorously defend and expand the freedoms and rights of all individuals residing in Uganda within the broad framework that understands that freedom and rights in relation to the collective responsibility, the party believes that enhancing the legal and institutional frameworks to guarantee civil liberties, political freedoms, and social rights requires recognition that colonial and neo-colonial systems have systematically denied certain groups—whether based on ethnicity, region, gender, or class—freedom and rights. The DF seeks to rectify this injustice by promoting policies premised on the following understanding.

- a) Rights, as we understand them, are not static or narrowly defined by external forces; they are socially constructed through our shared history and collective struggles for justice. In the context of a decolonized Uganda, rights must be re-imagined and expanded to reflect the needs and aspirations of all citizens, especially those who have been historically marginalized.

- b) Centering the belief that personal autonomy and collective welfare are not mutually exclusive but are deeply interconnected. The protection of individual freedoms must go hand in hand with the promotion of the common good, recognizing that the rights of one person cannot come at the expense of another's dignity or well-being. We reject the false dichotomy between individual liberty and social responsibility, advocating instead for a balanced approach that respects both personal autonomy and the need for social cohesion.
- c) In line with the principles outlined in our preamble, we believe that freedom and rights are inextricably linked to the decolonization of political institutions, the dismantling of oppressive structures, and the creation of a society that empowers all citizens to realize their full potential.
- d) In our vision, freedom is not confined to individual autonomy but is understood as the collective liberation of all Ugandans from the structural inequalities perpetuated by the legacies of imperialism, capitalism, and authoritarianism.
- e) True freedom must go beyond the formal guarantees of civil liberties—it must ensure that every Ugandan has access to the resources, opportunities, and protections necessary to live with dignity, security, and purpose. This includes economic freedom, the right to fair labor practices, and the freedom to participate in governance at all levels without fear of exclusion or repression.

(5) Peace and security

To ensure sustainable peace and robust security for all Ugandans, the Party commits that such undertaking requires addressing the root causes of conflict and injustice within our society. The party commits to addressing such causes by doing the following:

- a) Dismantling systems of oppression and inequality that fuel unrest and insecurity.
- b) Strengthening the capacity of our security institutions to act with integrity, transparency, and respect for human rights, ensuring they serve the interests of the people rather than elite or external powers.
- c) Furthermore, the party will promote justice and reconciliation processes that address historical grievances and foster community resilience.
- d) By prioritizing the protection of individual and communal rights and actively working to eliminate all forms of injustice, torture, and oppression, the party seeks to build a secure, peaceful environment that supports the welfare and prosperity of every Ugandan.

(6) Equality

To actively promote and establish true equality across all dimensions of Ugandan society, ensuring that no individual or group faces discrimination based on ethnicity, gender, religion, physical abilities, economic status, or any other characteristic. The party commits to dismantling existing systemic barriers that perpetuate disparities, advocating for legal and policy reforms that ensure equal opportunities and equitable outcomes for all citizens. This includes enforcing and enhancing legislation that supports gender balance, social equity, and access to resources and services. Furthermore, the party pledges to challenge and counteract any societal norms and practices that undermine equality, striving to create a society

where every Ugandan can achieve their potential free from prejudice and exclusion.

(7) Exploitation of natural resources

To responsibly manage and sustainably utilize Uganda's natural resources, ensuring that their exploitation benefits all citizens equally while preserving the ecological integrity of our environment for future generations. The party commits to implementing rigorous environmental standards and practices that prevent degradation and promote conservation. We aim to advance a green economy that balances economic growth with environmental protection. Additionally, the party will enforce transparency and accountability in the extraction and management of resources, actively combating corruption and ensuring that both local communities and the national economy derive maximum benefit from our natural wealth.

(8) Conflict resolution and regional peace

To promote, establish and uphold good relations between our counter parts in the region and Africa at large.

(9) Children's rights

To ensure that all Ugandan children have the rights to life, security of property and general wealth, health nutrition, safe water, shelter, education, medication, employment, movement, self-expression, peace, joy and protection against racial/ tribal discrimination and protection against exploitation.

3. PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Article 3 is amended generally by repealing and replacing it with the following; -

- (1) Membership of the DF shall be open to all Ugandans above the age of 18 years, irrespective of race, color and creed, who accept its principles, policies and programmes and who are prepared to abide by its Constitution and rules.
- (2) All persons not of Ugandan origin who have manifested a clear identification with the Ugandan people and their struggle and are resident and non-residents in Uganda may apply for membership.
- (3) The National Executive Committee may, acting on its own or on the recommendation of Branch or any local Executive Committees, grant honorary membership to those men and women who do not qualify for membership under (a) and (b), but who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the DF and its policies.
- (4) Applications for membership shall be considered by the Branch Executive Committee (where such exists) in consultation with the Branch General Meeting, and by the Regional Executive Committee, if no Branch Executive Committee exists. The Branch Executive Committee, the Regional Executive Committee, or such interim

structures as the NEC may create from time to time to decide on applications, may accept or refuse any application for membership provided such acceptance or refusal is subject to review by the next higher organ of the DF.

- (5) Membership cards shall be issued to registered members of the DF.
- (6) Persons whose applications for membership have been accepted, subject to review as provided for in K, shall be issued with;
 - a) a temporary membership card; and
 - b) an acknowledgement of provisional membership and the details of the Branch and constituency/area in which the applicant resides and any available information about the local Branch structures.
- (7) Membership and temporary membership cards referred to under paragraph (f) above shall be issued, subject to payment of the prescribed subscription fee.
- (8) Provisional membership shall apply to persons who wish to join the DF for the first time or who wish to rejoin the DF after a considerable lapse of time or circumstances determined by the NEC.
- (9) Provisional membership rights commence from the date of production of acknowledgement following receipt of the application and the appropriate membership subscription. A provisional member may attend Branch meetings only in a non-voting capacity.
- (10) Any objection to any application for membership may be made by any member of the DF to the Branch, Regional or Provincial Secretary within 6 (six) months of the notification.

- (11) At any time before the individual is accepted as a full member of the DF, or in exceptional circumstances even after the member has been admitted, the Secretary General may rule that the application or the membership be rejected if it was obtained invalidly.
- (12) In the absence of any objection from the structures and/or any ruling by the Secretary General, the applicant shall, on the expiry of 6 (six) months from the date of notification of provisional membership, become a full member. The provisional member shall then be transferred to the national membership list as a full member as soon as is practicable.
- (13) The reasons for the rejection of an application for membership by the Secretary General or the objection to the application for membership must be sent to the individual applicant in writing.
- (14) Members shall pay an annual subscription fee as determined by the National Executive Committee.
- (15) Non-earning members or those on reduced incomes shall pay such fees as determined by the NEC.
- (16) On being accepted in the DF, a new member shall, in a language he or she knows well, make the following solemn declaration to the body or person designated to administer such oaths:

"I, [...], solemnly declare that I will abide by the aims and objectives of the DF as set out in the Constitution, and other duly adopted policy positions, that I am joining the DF voluntarily and without motives of material advantage or personal gain, that I agree to respect the Constitution and the structures and to work as a loyal member of the DF, that I will place my energies and skills at the disposal of the DF and carry out tasks given to me, that I will work towards making the DF an even more effective instrument of liberation in the hands of the people, and that

I will defend the unity and integrity of the DF and its principles, and combat any tendency towards disruption and factionalism."

(17) Members who fail to pay their subscriptions for three months and having been reminded of their lapse by instant messaging service (SMS), will not be regarded as members in good standing until they pay their arrears.

(18) Membership to the party shall cease if a member

- a) Resigns
- b) Dies
- c) Crosses to another political party
- d) Supports, finances, or campaigns for a person who is standing for an election when he or she is a rival to the duly nominated Party candidate.
- e) Standing on individual merit in an election and de-campaigning the official candidate of our party.
- f) Resignation from the party shall follow prior notice of the member's intention to do so to the Branch Executive Committee.
- g) Dismissal from the Party shall be executed based on the provided procedure and only after a fair hearing.
- h) Any person seeking to rejoin DF may apply in writing to the Branch Executive.

4. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

(1) Rights

Subject to the provisions of this constitution, a Party member shall have the right to;

- a) freely participate in all the party activities, discussions, formulations and effecting of party policies of DF according to the organ where that member belongs;
- b) take part in meetings of the organ where the member belongs;
- c) receive and disseminate information on all aspects of DF policies and activities;
- d) avail oneself for any elective office and participate in elections or appointment to any committee, structure, commission or delegation of the party; and
- e) make relevant criticism of any member, policy or activity within the Party organs.

(2) Duties

Clause 2 is specifically amended in the numbering by introducing paragraphs a, b & c and changing the numbering of the duties thereunder from alphabetical letters to roman numerals as follows; -

- a) Any Party member shall;
 - i) defend and uphold the solidarity and unity of the Party;
 - ii) create and protect the positive image of the Party in whatever circumstances;
 - iii) fight propaganda and disinformation detrimental to the Party existence, as well as defend its aims, policies and programs;

- iv) denounce and fight any form of abuse of office and corruption from our society;
- v) support and respect people's diverse cultures;
- vi) fight against sectarianism, tribalism, nepotism, gender imbalance, unequal distribution of resources and political intolerance;
- vii) observe discipline and integrity and be loyal to the majority views of the members of the organ where a member belongs;
- viii) pay party fees and dues promptly;
- ix) mobilize members for recruitment into the party;
- x) register as a voter in one's residential constituency; and
- xi) to engage in any Party programme or activity with intent to achieve the DF aims and objectives.

b) All members shall ensure that they are registered as voters in the constituency in which they live.

c) DF members who hold elective office in any sphere of governance at national or local level are required to be members of the appropriate caucus, to function within its rules and to abide by its decisions under the general provisions of this Constitution and the constitutional structures of the DF.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF DF

The article 5 is amended generally by altering the numbering of the provisions thereunder, introducing clauses, paragraphs and roman numerals as follows;

(1) DF shall comprise the following organs:

- a) the Branch
- b) the Parish Conferences;
- c) the sub county / Town Council / Municipal Council Conference;
- d) the Parliamentary Constituency Conference;
- e) the District Conference;
- f) the National Council;
- g) the Delegates Conferences.

2) Executive Committees of the Party

Clause 2 is amended in paragraph b) to create an exception for CEC members as follows;

a) DF shall have the following Executive Committees;

- i) the Branch Executive Committee;
- ii) the Parish Executive Committee;
- iii) the sub-County / Town Council / Municipal Council Executive Committee;
- iv) the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee;
- v) the District Executive Committee;
- vi) the National Executive Committee; and
- vii) the Central Executive Committee;

b) No person shall be allowed to take up dual membership to executive committees of the Party. Immediately a member is elected to a higher Executive committee, he or she shall vacate his or her position on the lower

Committee, then vacancy shall be declared and elections to bridge the gap shall be done within a period as laid down by the Party electoral commission, except for the CEC members.

c) Tenure of office of members of Party organs and Executive Committees

Paragraph c (formerly 5.4) is amended by replacing repealing (former paragraph c) and replacing it with (iii) as follows; -

- i) All chairpersons, Party organs and Executive Committee members shall hold office for two and half (2 1/2) years from the date of election.
- ii) Chairpersons of District, Parliamentary Constituency, Sub-county / Town Council, Parish Conference and Branches may be recalled by resolution of Two-thirds majority of the respective conferences.
- iii) Other members of the executive may be recalled by resolution of Two-thirds majority of the respective conferences.

6. THE PARTY BRANCH STRUCTURE

Article 6 is amended generally by changing the numbering and clause 1 is amended by modifying paragraph c to allow for every member to participate in the election of branch leadership and introducing clause 2 to spell out the executive member of the party brunch as follows; -

1) Party Branches

- a) Every member shall belong to a branch.
- b) A branch shall be the core unit of the Party.

- c) At a general meeting, every member of the branch shall participate in the election of the branch leadership.
- 2) The following are the executive members of the party branch;
 - a) chairperson;
 - b) deputy chairperson;
 - c) secretary and deputy secretary;
 - d) treasurer and deputy treasurer;
 - e) publicity secretary and deputy publicity secretary;
 - f) organizing secretary and deputy organizing secretary;
 - g) women affairs secretary and deputy women affairs secretary;
 - h) youth secretary and deputy youth affairs secretary; and
 - i) secretary of persons with disabilities and the elderly.
- 3) Registration of any branch shall be done by the national secretariat through the executive committee of the parliamentary constituency after the branch's application.

4) Meeting and Quorum; -

Paragraph b is amended to provide for a 2 days' notice and indicating the date, time, venue and agenda of the meeting.

- a) General meetings of the Branch shall be convened at least once a month after a ten (10) days' notice given by the Secretary on the instructions from chairperson.
- b) An extra ordinary Branch General Meeting may be called by secretary on instructions of chairperson by giving a two days' notice indicating date, time, venue and agenda of the meeting.

- c) The branch general meeting shall only sit with two thirds of all members.

5) *Functions of the Branch Executive Committee*

- a) The Branch Executive Committee shall;
 - i) keep and control a register of all members of the branch;
 - ii) disseminate and defend policies of the branch;
 - iii) propagate the DF ideology and Principles;
 - iv) recruit members;
 - v) mobilize and sensitize members on the ideologies of DF;
 - vi) hold meetings of the Branch once a month whereat issues relevant to the party shall be discussed;
 - vii) promote values, aims and objectives of the Party branch;
 - viii) nominate Party members to vie for local council on village elections;
 - ix) prepare and submit reports about the party's functions to the branch general meeting and the parish executive meeting; and
 - x) work towards maintaining peace and security in the village.

7.PARTY PARISH STRUCTURE

1) *Parish conference*

- a) There shall be conference for each parish referred to here as DF parish conference.
- b) The parish conference shall consist of;
 - i) members of the parish executive committee;

- ii) members of the branch executive committee found within the parish;
and
- iii) DF members within the branch executive committee.

2) *Duties of the Parish Conference*

- a) The Parish Conference shall;
 - i) work towards affecting the party policies as stipulated in the party constitution by the delegates conference, the national council, district council, the parliamentary constituency and sub-county / town council / municipal council conference by elaborating policies and programmes for implementation in the Parish;
 - ii) ensure the election of parish chairperson;
 - iii) approve or disapprove nominations by the chairpersons of members to the Parish Executive committee;
 - iv) elect party candidates for local council two and councilors for local council three elections; and
 - v) spear head the promotion of aims, objectives and values of the party in the parish.

3) *Parish conference meetings and Quorum*

- a) Parish executive committee secretary with instructions from chairperson shall convene any meeting within a five (5) days' notice in writing, specifying venue, agenda, date and time of meeting.
- b) There shall be a meeting of the parish conference at least once in a month.

- c) The Parish conference shall meet with a quorum of two thirds of all members.

4) *The Parish Executive Committee*

Clause 4 is amended by repealing and replacing paragraphs c and d with new paragraphs c and d as follows; -

- a) There shall be an executive committee known as the parish executive committee for the parish;
- b) The parish conference shall have the mandate of electing the parish executive committee.
- c) The following shall be the members of the parish conference;
 - i) chairperson;
 - ii) deputy chairperson;
 - iii) secretary and deputy secretary;
 - iv) organizing secretary and deputy organizing secretary;
 - v) publicity secretary and deputy publicity secretary;
 - vi) secretary of women affairs and deputy secretary for women affairs;
 - vii) secretary youth affairs and deputy secretary youth affairs;
 - viii) secretary of the disabled and the elderly;
 - ix) deputy secretary of the disabled and the elderly; and
 - x) workers' secretary and deputy workers' secretary.

5) *Roles of the parish executive committee*

Clause 5 amended by changing the numbering by introducing paragraphs and sub-paragraphs as follows; -

- a) The parish executive committee shall;
 - i) Ensure the policy implementation of the party as stipulated by the delegate's conference, national council, district conference, the sub-county conference and the Parish conference.
 - ii) Organize and disseminate information about the party's values, policies, principles and programs within the parish.
 - iii) Mobilize and recruit new members into the party.
 - iv) Conduct, control and manage all election campaigns of the party in the parish.
 - v) Receive and undertake the review of reports from the branch executive committee, forward reports to the parish conference and to the sub-county executive committee concerning the party's activities and progress in the parish.

8. THE SUB-COUNTY, TOWN COUNCIL / MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Article 8 is amended generally by changing the numbering to introduce paragraphs and sub-paragraphs as follows; -

- 1) There shall be a sub-county, town or municipal council conference which comprise:
 - i) All parish executive committee members of all parishes in the sub-county, town council / municipal council;
 - ii) A sub-county, town council or municipal council chairperson shall be elected by the sub-county/Town Council/ municipal executive

committee which shall constitute office bearers as those specified in the parish executive committee;

2) Duties of the sub-county / Town council / municipal council GOO conference

- a) The sub-county, Town council or municipal council shall;
 - i) Ensure the policy implementation of the party as stated by the delegates conference, the national council, district conference and the parliamentary constituency conference by specifying programs from implementation by the executive committee of the sub-county, town council or municipal council.
 - ii) Organize and disseminate information concerning the party values, policies, principles programs and objectives within the sub-county/town council / municipal council.
 - iii) Elect the executive committee of the sub county, town council or municipal council conference.
 - iv) Elect a candidate to run on the party ticket for the chairperson of the sub-county town council or Municipal council.

3) Meetings and quorum of the sub-county/town council/municipal council conference

Clause 3 (a) is amended by replacing the phrase “once in three months” with “once in a month”

- a) The sub-county / Town council or Municipal council conference shall convene meetings at least once in a month.

- b) The secretary general of the party shall call the first meeting of the sub-county conference, notifying in writing about the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.
- c) Any other meetings shall be called by the chairperson of the sub-county / town council/ municipal council executive with a five – day notification, stating venue, date, time and agenda of the meeting.
- d) The sub-county/town council/municipal council conference shall constitute two quarters of all members.

4) Executive committee of the sub-county Town council / municipal council

Clause 4 is amended by repealing paragraphs (a) and (b) and replacing it with a single new paragraph (a) as follows; -

- a) There shall be the sub-county / Town council/ municipal council executive committee which shall consist of the following; -
 - i) chairperson;
 - ii) the deputy chairperson;
 - iii) secretary and deputy secretary;
 - iv) treasurer and deputy treasurer
 - v) publicity secretary and deputy publicity secretary
 - vi) organizing secretary and deputy organizing secretary.
 - vii) women affairs secretary and deputy;
 - viii) youth affairs secretary and deputy;
 - ix) secretary of persons with disabilities and the elderly; and
 - x) worker's secretary.

5) Functions of sub-county/town council / municipal council Executive committee

- a) Formulate policies and draft other measure for the sub-county/town council/municipal council executive committee;
- b) Advise and guide the sub-county committee on how to function;
- c) Sensitize the sub-county/town council/municipal conference on the policies of DF;
- d) Execute and manage all party elections programmers in the sub county / town council / municipal council;
- e) Ensure policy implementation of the party are resolved and stated by the delegated conference, the national council, district council conference and the parliamentary constituency conference.

6) Executive committee meetings and quorum of the sub-county/town council/municipal council.

Clause 6 is amended by changing the numbering to introduce paragraph (a) and sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) as follows; -

- a) This executive committee shall:
 - i) Convene for meetings at least twice in three months.
 - ii) The chairperson shall call for a meeting after a notice of five days, specifying the date, time place and agenda.

9. THE CONSTITUENCY CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

Article 9 is amended by eliminating from the title, the word “parliamentary”

1) Constituency Conference

Clause 1 is amended by replacing paragraphs a, b, c, & d with new paragraphs (a) and (b) to provide for the composition of the constituency conference as follows; -

a) There shall be a parliamentary constituency conference for each constituency which shall comprise of the following;

- i) the constituency executive;
- ii) the sub county executives;
- iii) sub county elected leaders in local government;
- iv) constituency member of parliament;
- v) local council 5 chairperson;
- vi) woman member of parliament;
- vii) local government district councilors in the constituency; and
- viii) all party flag bearers who lost in the general elections from the sub county level to the constituency level that are still valid members of the party;

b) the party constituency committee shall comprise;

- i) the chairperson
- ii) the deputy chairperson;
- iii) secretary and deputy secretary;
- iv) treasurer and deputy treasurer
- v) publicity secretary and deputy publicity secretary
- vi) organizing secretary and deputy organizing secretary.

- vii) women affairs secretary and deputy;
- viii) youth affairs secretary and deputy;
- ix) secretary of persons with disabilities and the elderly;
- x) worker's secretary.

c) Functions of the parliamentary constituency group

The functions of the parliamentary constituency group shall be;

- i) to work out strategies for implementation of the party policy in the national assembly;
- ii) monitoring the needs and welfare of the people in the constituency;
- iii) elect candidates of the Party to contest for member of parliament during parliamentary elections;
- iv) elect the members of the delegates conference;
- v) monitoring the function of the government of the day and offer relevant advice to the national executive committee;
- vi) reach consensus on key political, economic and social policies of DF in the Constituency;
- vii) work for the smooth running of party election campaigns in the constituency; and
- viii) draft programmes meant for the socio-economic empowerment of all people in the constituency, especially the under privileged.

d) Meetings and Quorum of the Parliamentary Conference

The parliamentary Conference Meetings and Quorum shall adopt similar requirements or procedures of the Sub county / Town Council / Municipal Council.

10. THE DISTRICT PARTY ORGAN / STRUCTURE

Article 10 is amended generally by changing the numbering to introduce sub-paragraphs in the form of roman numerals as follows; -

1) The district conference

- a) There shall be a District organ or structure for each district of Uganda which shall constitute the following party members at district level;
- i) DF members of parliament from the district;
 - ii) the district executive committee;
 - iii) all members of DF district council committee;
 - iv) the women league in the district;
 - v) the youth league in the district;
 - vi) the workers' league in the district; and
 - vii) the elderly league in the district.

b) Functions of the District Conference

The District Conference shall; -

- i) elect an executive committee for every district;
- ii) promote harmony, unity, solidarity and economic empowerment among the people in the district;
- iii) implement the policies and programmes of DF in the district;

- iv) constantly review and assess the activities and progress of the party in the district;
- v) work for the implementation of decisions and resolutions of the district delegates conference in accordance with the core policy of the party; and
- vi) organize for nomination of the candidates for the party presidency by vote of majority.

c) Meetings and Quorum of the District Conference

Paragraph c is amended by replacing the words “once in every month” with the words “twice in five years”

The district conference shall:

- i) Meet at least twice in five years and may meet as often as need arises.
- ii) The quorum shall constitute one third (1/3) of all members.

2) The District Executive Committee

a) The District Executive Committee shall consist of; -

- i) chairperson
- ii) general secretary and deputy general secretary
- iii) organizing secretary and deputy organizing secretary;
- iv) publicity secretary and deputy publicity secretary
- v) finance secretary and deputy finance secretary;
- vi) women affairs secretary and deputy women affairs secretary;
- vii) youth affairs secretary and deputy youth affairs secretary;
- viii) district legal advisor and deputy;

- ix) all DF members of parliament in the district;
- x) all DF parliamentary candidates in the district for the previous parliamentary elections; and
- xi) secretary of persons with disabilities and the elderly.

b) Functions of the District Executive Committee

The functions of the District Executive Committee shall be;

- i) to manage, control, coordinate and supervise all party programmes and activities in the district;
- ii) to initiate and formulate policy to be considered or followed by the district conference;
- iii) to offer necessary advice to the district conference on the execution of its functions;
- iv) to carry out effective mobilization of people in the district for the political, economic and social implementation of DF policies;
- v) to execute and manage all Party election campaigns in the district;
- vi) to guide and supervise for the smooth running of all party branches in the district in accordance with DF constitution; and
- vii) to implement the policies, programmes and resolutions of the delegates conference, national council and district conference in the district.

c) Meetings and Quorum of the District Executive Committee

The district Executive Committee shall:

- i) Meet at least once a month, and in the case of an emergency, they may meet as often as necessary.
- ii) One third (1/3) of all members of the district executive committee shall form the quorum.

11. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PARTY

Article 11 is amended by inserting a new article 11 and changing the numbering of subsequent articles as follows; -

- 1) There shall be a National Council of Party, comprising the following;
 - i) all members of the national executive committee;
 - ii) all party members of parliament;
 - iii) all chairpersons and general secretaries of the district executive committee;
 - iv) all party district youth leaders;
 - v) all party district women leaders;
 - vi) all party district workers' leaders; and
 - vii) all party district leaders of persons with disabilities and the elderly.

3) Functions of the national council

Under the powers and mandate of the secretary general, the national council shall;

- a) cater for and enhance political leadership of the party;
- b) prepare rules, regulations and procedures for approval by the respective party organs;

- c) implement the DF policies, resolutions and directives from time to time;
- d) supervise and direct the national executive committee and other national party organs in the expedition of their respective mandate.
- e) prepare relevant papers and documents, which shall stream line decision-making in the DF organs.
- f) consider and approve the party budget submitted to it by the national executive committee;
- g) raise and control the DF finances and examine reports and audited accounts submitted by the national executive committee;
- h) implement the decisions made by the national delegates conference;
- i) manage and safeguarding party assets;
- j) establish relevant departments and staff at the party national headquarters;
- k) make guidelines concerning any other programmes of the party from time to time;
- l) initiate any such activities with intent to enhance the aims, objectives and values of the party; and
- m) to put in place disciplinary committees and procedure for streamlining and governing members and staff;

3) Meetings and quorum of the national council

- a) The national council shall meet at least twice in five years.
- b) The quorum for the meeting for the national council shall be 1/3 of all members.

12. THE NATIONAL ORGANS

1) The National Delegates Conference

a) There shall be the national delegates conference, which shall be the supreme policy making organ of the party.

b) Composition of the national delegates conference

Clause b is amended by changing the composition of the National Delegates Conference to include the National chairperson and the National Deputy Chairperson and others.

The national delegates conference shall consist of;

- i. the National chairperson;
- ii. the National Deputy Chairperson;
- iii. all members of the National Council;
- iv. all members of the National Executive Committee;
- v. four representatives from each of the special interest groups;
- vi. the chairperson, general secretary, secretary for workers, secretary for women and secretary for youths from each district;
- vii. all members of parliament;
- viii. two representatives from each parliamentary constituency being the chairman and the general secretary one of whom shall be female;
- ix. ten eminent members of the party nominated by the National Executive Committee and approved by the National Council; and
- x. ten representatives of the diaspora.

c) Functions of the national delegates conference

Paragraph c is amended by repealing all the functions and replacing them with the following; -

The National Delegates Conference shall be charged with the following functions;

- a) elect the National Executive Committee (NEC);
- b) determine the program and policies of the party and take policy positions on any matter;
- c) receive, discuss and make decisions on reports from any organ of the party;
- d) consider the reports of the National Council;
- e) set up a national campaign task force in an election year; and
- f) to receive reports of the party president, the secretary general and the treasurer general.

d) The national delegates conferences shall meet once every three years on such date and at such place as the chairman may determine provided that a special delegates conference may be convened at any time to consider urgent matters.

e) An extra ordinary meeting shall be convened by the chairperson in any of the following circumstances;

- i) when the chairperson so decides;
- ii) on receipt of a petition from one half of the district executive committees;
- iii) on receipt of a petition from 30% of the delegates from at least 50% of all districts in the country; and

iv) where the National Executive Committee requests.

13. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The article 13 is amended by repealing and replacing it with the following; -

1) There shall be a national executive committee comprising the following who shall be elected at the national Delegates Conference:

- i) The party president
- ii) The four regional deputy presidents
- iii) The party chairperson
- iv) The secretary general
- v) Deputy secretary general (policy & research)
- vi) Deputy secretary general (Administration)
- vii) Treasurer general
- viii) Deputy treasurer general (budget)
- ix) Deputy treasurer general (fundraising)
- x) Secretaries for mobilization
- xi) Secretary for information and publicity
- xii) Secretary for women affairs
- xiii) Secretary for youth affairs
- xiv) Secretary for persons with disabilities
- xv) Secretary for international and regional affairs
- xvi) Secretary for legal affairs
- xvii) Secretary for environment and natural resources
- xviii) Secretary for labour and pensions

- xix) Secretary for presidency
 - xx) Secretary for culture, ethics and religious affairs
 - xxi) Secretary for education, sports and Arts
 - xxii) Secretary for trade, industry, economy and investment
 - xxiii) Secretary for defense, security and internal affairs
 - xxiv) Secretary for agriculture
 - xxv) Secretary for health
 - xxvi) Secretary for transport and communications.
 - xxvii) Secretary for Elders
 - xxviii) Secretary for workers
 - xxix) Secretary for local government
 - xxx) Secretary for post conflict and reconstruction.
 - xxxi) Secretary for diaspora affairs
 - xxxii) All deputy secretaries for the various ministries mentioned above.
 - xxxiii) Ten district local government chairpersons elected by district chairpersons caucus.
 - xxxiv) Twenty members of parliament.
- 3) Members of the National Executive Committee shall be elected by the national delegates conference.
 - 4) Deputy secretaries shall be appointed by the president and approved by the national executive committee.
 - 5) The offices of the deputy secretaries shall be proposed by the president and approved by national council.
 - 6) Each secretary shall present a quarterly report to the national executive committee.

- 7) The functions and powers of the National Executive Committee shall include;
- a) originate policy for consideration by the National Council;
 - b) supervise the national secretariat;
 - c) implement decisions of the National Conference and National council;
 - d) prepare reports for the National Council;
 - e) levy such fee on a member holding an elective office by reason of the party ticket and refer the matter to the disciplinary committee where there is noncompliance;
 - f) give guidance to the district executive committees;
 - g) supervise the district executive committees;
 - h) issue and send directives and instructions to and receive reports from districts;
 - i) suspend or dissolve any district committee where necessary and call for a new election where there has been a breach of this constitution or disregard of democratic principles and the district conference has failed to act; and
 - j) manage and control all national and international property and other assets of the party.
- 8) The National Executive Committee may establish such committees as it may deem necessary for the efficient discharge of the party functions
- 9) The National Executive Committee may through a two thirds majority of all its members make rules and regulations.

10) *Meetings and Quorum of the National Executive Committee; -*

- a) The national executive committee shall meet at least twice a year;
- b) The chairperson or deputy chairperson of the National Executive Committee shall call the meeting giving a one-month notice;
- c) Two thirds of all members shall form the national executive committee meeting quorum.

14. THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1) There shall be a central executive committee of the National Executive Committee of the party which shall be composed of;

- a) the National chairperson;
- b) vice chairperson;
- c) the president;
- d) secretary general;
- e) national treasurer;
- f) deputy secretary general;
- g) organizing secretary; and
- h) any other members as NEC shall deem necessary.

2) *Duties of the central executive committee; -*

- a) the duties of the central executive committee shall be as follows;
 - i) to operate as the party's working committee;
 - ii) cater for and enhance political leadership of the party;
 - iii) draft policy and other programmes to be considered by NFC;

- iv) to ensure that the party policies and programmes are thoroughly implemented as laid down by the national delegates conference;
- v) to raise and manage the party funds and consider reports and audited accounts submitted by NEC;
- vi) implement the decisions and resolutions of the national conference and NEC;
- vii) to manage and care for all assets, property and funds of the party;
- viii) to debate and approve or reject the budget of the party as submitted to it by NEC;
- ix) to ensure that all party organs function appropriately; and
- x) to put in place disciplinary committees and procedure for streamlining and governing members and staff.

3) Meeting and quorum;

- a) The meetings and quorum of the central executive committee shall be convened from time to time.
- b) The quorum of the Committee shall be one third (1/3) of all members of the central executive committee.
- c) The secretary general shall be secretary to the committee;

15. OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON

Article 15 is amended by changing the title from “functions and powers of the national executives” to “office of the national chairperson” and providing for the duties of the national chairperson and deputy chairperson.

1) Duties of the national chairperson / chairman

- a) The national chairperson shall officiate on all meetings of the national executive committee, national council, central executive committee and national finance committee.

2) Duties of the deputy national chairperson

The deputy national chairperson shall deputize for the national chairperson during his / her absence.

3) The president

The party president shall be concerned with;

- a) enforcing and motivating the rest of the executive officers to promptly perform and play their respective roles as empowered by the DF constitution;
- b) ensuring that policies of the party are prioritized for the day-to day smooth running of the party;
- c) preparing and issuing statements on behalf of the party informing the national executive about the same at its next meeting;
- d) he / she shall be the chief executive of the party as well as being the chief spokesperson;
- e) attend to all matters of the party administration;
- f) giving instructions, making decisions and resolutions of the national executive committee, central executive committee and finance committee; and

- g) acting as a signatory to the party's bank accounts, promissory notes and other documents.

4) The deputy president

The deputy president shall;

- a) deputize for the president during his / her absence;
- b) executing any duties assigned to him / her from time to time; and
- c) Assume office of the party president in case of the party president's evacuation of office due to dismissal, resignation, mental disorder, physical inability or death.

5) The secretary general

The secretary general shall;

- a) attend to the day – to –day matters of the party's administration;
- b) initiate and keep all official records / documents of the party;
- c) cause and call meeting for all party organs;
- d) endorse all the official party documents;
- e) prepare and compile the national register of the party's membership;
- f) issue out party cards to members;
- g) be the vision bearer / founder member; and
- h) be a signatory to the party account.

6) The deputy secretary general

a) The deputy secretary shall deputize for secretary general during his / her absence and play roles of the secretary general or as assigned by the secretary general.

7) The national treasurer /economy secretary

The national treasurer shall;

- a) take control of the party finances;
- b) devise diverse means of raising funds for the party;
- c) initiate development projects for the party;
- d) ensure that all members of the party effect / fulfill their financial obligations to the party.
- e) promptly deposit all funds received for the party on the party's bank accounts;
- f) issue out receipts for all funds obtained and retain receipts for money spent;
- g) keep proper books of accounts and all other relevant documents indicating the way the party receives and spends funds; and
- h) be signatory to the party's bank accounts, promissory notes and other documents.

8) Deputy national treasure;

a) The deputy national treasurer shall deputize for the national treasurer / economy secretary during his / her absence and perform any duties as shall be assigned to him / her by the national treasurer from time to time.

9) The National Publicity Secretary

The National Publicity Secretary shall;

- a) create a positive and good image of the party as well as correcting any devastating news against the party and its executives;
- b) be in charge of all publicity and propaganda work of the party;
- c) be responsible for the party's press conferences, party mass media and publications;
- d) be charged with initiating research work and collecting of information about the party activities from the party branches and organs and ensure thorough disseminations; and
- e) be a regular spokesperson of the party.

11) *The Deputy National Publicity Secretary*

The Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall;

- a) deputize for the national publicity secretary which he / she is absent; and
- b) execute any publicity work as assigned by the national publicity secretary.

12) National Organizing Secretary shall; -

- a) Take responsibility of party organizational work including the establishment of the party branches countrywide.
- b) Ensure that the Party support country wide is sustainably strong
- c) Ensure the compilation and safety of all members' registers and voters' rolls in all the party branches and organs.

- d) Organize all rallies at national level.

13) Deputy National Organizing Secretary

- a) The Deputy National Organizing secretary shall deputize for national organizing secretary during his / her absence and shall carry out any other duties assigned to him / her by the national organizing secretary.

14) *The National Legal Advisor*

The National Legal Advisor shall be the chief advisor on legal matters to the national delegates conference, the central executive committee, the national executive committee and the entire party fabric.

15) *Deputy National Legal Advisor*

- a) The deputy national legal advisor shall deputize for the national legal advisor in his / her absence and shall execute any other duties assigned to him / her by the National Legal Advisor.

16. PARTY COMMITTEES

Article 16 is amended by changing the numbering to introduce paragraphs and sub-paragraphs as follows; -

1) *The Party Committee of Parliament:*

- a) There shall be the party committee of Parliament;
 - i) The chairperson and the chief whip of the parliament shall be appointed by the party president from among the party members of

Parliament of other senior members of the national executive committee.

b) Composition of the Party committee of Parliament

The party committee of parliament shall be composed of the following; -

- i) Chairperson
- ii) Chief whip (who shall be the deputy chairperson)
- iii) All party members of parliament.

c) Duties of the Party Committee of Parliament

- i) To consider and undertake a common position on any government or parliamentary business before such matters are tabled in the house for debate.
- ii) To work for the policy implementation of the party in the national assembly.
- iii) To disseminate information on party policy resolutions.

e) Meetings of the Party Parliamentary committee

The party parliamentary committee shall meet as often as need arises.

2) The Party Committee of the District Council

a) There shall be a party committee of the district council which shall consist of;

- i) chairperson and deputy chairperson;
- ii) secretary and deputy secretary;
- iii) treasurer and deputy treasurer;

- iv) publicity secretary and deputy publicity secretary;
- v) organizing secretary and deputy organizing secretary
- vi) the secretary of women affairs and deputy secretary of women affairs;
- vii) secretary of youth affairs and deputy secretary of youth affairs;
- viii) Secretary of persons with disabilities and the elderly and deputy secretary of persons with disabilities and the elderly.

b) Functions of the Party Committee of the District

The DF District Committee shall; -

- i) Consider and undertake a common position on any district council matters in order to reach consensus before such matters are tabled for deliberation or debate;
- ii) On such common issues, the members of the party district committee shall be obliged to support, vote for and approve such matters in the house.

3) The party committee of the sub county / Town council / Municipal Council

- a) There shall be a party committee of the sub county / town council or municipal council.
- b) The party committee of the sub county / town council / municipal council shall consist of positions as those mentioned in the district committee.

c) Duties of the Party Committee of the sub county / Town council / Municipal Council

The party committee of the sub county Town council / Municipal Council shall; -

- i) Consider and undertake a common position on any matters of sub county / town council/ municipal council in order to enhance a consensus before such matters are tabled for deliberation or debate; and
- ii) on the adoption of such a common position, the members of the party committee of sub county/town council/municipal council shall be obliged to support, vote for and approve such matters in the national assembly.

18. PARTY FUNDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

Article 18 is amended by changing the title from “functions of the National Finance Committee” to “party funding and finance committees”

1) National Finance Committee

- a) There shall be a National Finance Committee which shall be a subcommittee to the central executive committee;
- a) The national finance committee shall consist of; -
 - i) the national chairman as the chairman;
 - ii) the national treasurer as the secretary;
 - iii) the president;
 - iv) the secretary general;
 - v) the assistant secretary genera;

- vi) the assistant national treasurer;
- vii) the publicity secretary; and
- viii) the assistant publicity secretary.

2) DF sources of funds shall be;

- a) Membership and subscription fees which shall be determined by NEC.
- b) Grants, loans, investments, games, sports and music galas and any such other activities as shall be endorsed and authorized by the national executive committee from time to time.
- c) Government contributions in accordance with the national constitution.
- d) The national treasurer shall prepare and present annual financial statements and account of DF.

3) The National Finance Committee shall; -

- a) be responsible for devising means and laying strategies for raising party funds from various sources from time to time;
- b) manage and control the funds, assets and property of the party; AND
- c) ensure transparency and proper accountability of the party funds; and
- d) be responsible for drafting budgets.

4) Branch Finance Committee

a) Similar finance committees as the national finance committee shall exist at every district and constituency (referred to as the constituency party branch and district party branch).

5) Bank Accounts of the Party

a) All funds belonging to the Party shall be routinely deposited on the Party's Bank Accounts.

19. CODE OF CONDUCT

A new article 19 is inserted to provide for a code of conduct set out in schedule 2

a) All party members shall comply with the code of conduct set out in *Schedule 2* to this constitution.

b) Any member who violates the code of conduct shall be liable for disciplinary action by the party's disciplinary committee.

20. AMENDMENTS

A new article 20 is inserted to provide for avenues for amendment of this constitution.

a) Interim executive committee may make some few constitutional amendments before the first delegates' conference.

b) Any organ or member of the party may in writing submit to the secretary general at least one month prior to the national delegates conference meeting proposing an amendment of the DF constitution.

- c) The secretary general shall circulate to all members of the delegates conference the agenda.

21. ELECTIONS OF DF CANDIDATES

A new article 21 is inserted to provide for election of DF candidates.

1) Eligibility for one to become DF candidate at any level favors all members of DF who fulfill the national legal requirements.

2) For every elective national and local government office, there shall be preliminaries held within DF to decide DF candidate as follows.

a) *Village chairperson:*

i) A college consisting of members of the branch in the village shall elect the DF candidates for the chairperson of the village.

b) **Sub – County Councilor**

A college composed of members of the parish conferences in the sub county council shall elect the DF candidates for the sub county council.

c) *Sub county Local Government*

The DF candidates for the sub county local government chairperson shall be elected by the college consisting of members of the Sub county parish conferences in the sub country;

d) *District councilor*

A college composed of members of the sub county and parish conferences in the sub county shall elect the DF candidates for the district council.

e) *District Local Government Chairperson*

DF candidates for the district local government chairperson shall be elected by the college consisting of district conference and the sub county conference members in the district.

f) *Workers members of parliament*

The DF candidates for workers' members of parliament shall be elected by members of workers' national conference.

g) *District woman member of parliament*

A college comprising members of the district conference and the sub county conference in the district shall elect the DF candidate for the district woman representative.

h) *Youth Members of Parliament*

A college composed of members of the youth national conference shall elect the DF candidate for the youth members of Parliament.

i) *People with Disabilities Members of Parliament*

A college comprising of members of the national conference of people with disabilities shall elect the DF candidate for people with disabilities.

j) *Parliamentary*

A college consisting of members of the sub county / town council, municipal council and parish conferences within the constituency shall elect the DF parliamentary candidate for the constituency.

k) *Presidential*

The national delegates conference shall elect the DF presidential candidate.

22. MANIFESTOS, PUBLICATIONS AND REGULATIONS.

A new article 22 is inserted to provide for manifestos, publications and regulations.

- 1) Issuance of the party manifestos shall be a responsibility of the national executive committee at a parliamentary general election and the district general committee and the executive committee shall be charged with the issuing of the manifestos at the local election.
- 2) The national executive committee shall have the mandate of making rules, regulations, by-laws and standing orders regarding;
 - a) staff employment
 - b) membership dues and other party funds;
 - c) discipline of the party members; and
 - d) any other necessary matters about the party.
- 3) The National Executive Committee may directly use publication houses, companies, foundations or individuals to publish its literature, newspapers, periodicals, magazines, books and pamphlets whenever need arises.

23. ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

A new article 23 is inserted to provide for assumption of office by party officers.

- 1) Prior to assumption of responsibility and duties, any DF office bearer shall in writing as prescribed by the National Executive Committee promise to execute his / her work according to this constitution.

Schedule 2

CODE OF CONDUCT

RULE 1

This code of conduct shall be indiscriminatory and applicable to all DF members.

RULE 2

RULES OF CONDUCT

For the purpose of adhering to the political, ethical and moral principles, every DF member shall observe the following code of conduct for all times;

- a) exhibit and uphold high moral standards;
- b) pay allegiance and loyalty to the entire DF;
- c) be faithful, honest and trustworthy;
- d) explain, defend and effect DF policies and programmes;
- e) be ready to serve DF selflessly and voluntarily;
- f) be in position to sacrifice personal interests in favour of DF, where circumstances require;
- g) embrace and encourage the spirit of oneness and solidarity in every activity;
- h) be well versed with the policies and objectives of DF as broken down in this constitution;
- i) listen to criticism in the execution of their work;
- j) avoid tribalism, nepotism and any other form of sectarianism and discriminatory tendencies;
- k) discharge the responsibilities entrusted to him; and
- l) shun intrigue and hypocrisy within the DF.

RULES 3

UNACCEPTED CONDUCT

A member of DF shall not;

- a) engage in rumor mongering and character assassination of fellow party members;
- b) take part in abusive and disrespectful language;
- c) sponsor or campaign for the rival official candidate of another party;
- d) campaign against the official candidate of DF;
- e) misuse resources, property and public funds under his / her control e.g. vehicles, buildings and any other assets;
- f) disseminate falsehood and malicious allegations;
- g) participate in forming cliques that promote any form of intrigue within in DF;
- h) use wrong forums in addressing important matters of the party;
- i) publicize or distribute any information unless authorized by the DF organ to which the member belongs;
- j) sit back during the campaign period for any party candidate without directly or indirectly participating; and
- k) be allowed to execute any party programme in an arrogant manner, instead apply a friendly persuasive approach.

RULE 4

PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF CONDUCT

In general terms a member or leader of DF who breaches this code shall undergo the following after a fair hearing, one at a time;

- a) warning;

- b) suspension not exceeding five months; and
- c) dismissal.

RULE 5

ACCEPTABLE WORK METHODS BY DF LEADERSHIP

These shall include;

- a) *Transparency*

DF leaders shall exhibit openness and transparency, as long as they do so in the right forum.

- b) *Unifying approach*

DF leaders shall unite instead of dividing the people.

- c) *Organizing regular meetings*

DF leaders shall organize, encourage and attend regular meetings for prompt information flow and decision making.

Rule 6

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

- a) The District Executive Committee shall exercise disciplinary powers over party members in the district, whom it may expel after consultation with national executive committee;
- b) Any party member who is not satisfied with a decision of the district executive committee may appeal to the national executive committee;
- c) The National Executive Committee shall exercise disciplinary powers over the party members, but members of the party not satisfied with the national executive committee's decision may appeal to the

national delegates conference and its decision on such matter shall be final;

- d) In case of any appeal lodged with the secretary general against the verdict of the national executive committee in its original jurisdiction, the National Executive Committee in its original jurisdiction, the national executive committee shall set up a disciplinary appeal board of eight members from among members of National Executive Committee.