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THE SUDAN PEOPLE'S

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PREAMBLE

We, the Delegates to the 1st Extra-Ordinary National Convention of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement;

Grateful to Almighty God for giving the people of South Sudan the wisdom and courage to reach a peace agreement which ended a long and tragic conflict;

Recalling the heroic struggle of many generations of our people for freedom and dignity against a backdrop of long history of conflicts, injustices, dictatorships, poverty, violations of human rights and constitutional instability that was the hallmark of the Sudan;

Recognizing the historic struggles of the oppressed people of South Sudan against forces of repression, injustices, political sectarianism, racial chauvinism,

marginalization and exploitation, religious bigotry and intolerance;

Remembering and inspired by the selfless sacrifices of our martyrs, heroes and heroines;

Further inspired by the vision to build a new nation from which all political, social and economic disparities of South Sudan are removed as enshrined in the SPLM Manifesto;

Guided by the Arusha SPLM Reunification Agreement of 21 January 2015;

Motivated by the need to participate and contribute effectively in nation building; achieve peace, national unity, healing and reconciliation;

Committed to building a better future for the people of South Sudan by establishing a socio-economic and political order based on

the principles of freedom, equality, democracy, justice, respect for human rights, equitable socio-economic development, progress and prosperity;

Do hereby adopt the Constitution of the SPLM 2008, amended 2016 as its fundamental Law.

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Article 1: Title and Commencement

This Constitution may be cited as “The Constitution of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement, 2008 amended 2016” and shall come into force on the date of its signature by the Chairperson.

Article 2: Name and Seat of the Party

- 1) The name of the Party is Sudan People’s Liberation Movement hereinafter referred to as the “Party” or “Movement” and abbreviated as “SPLM”.
- 2) The seat of the SPLM shall be in the national capital of the Republic of South Sudan.
- 3) The seats of the State, County, Payam and Boma Secretariats shall be in the capitals of the respective administrative units.

- 4) In its composition and functioning, the SPLM shall be non-racial, gender sensitive, and against any form of tribalism, exclusionism, or ethnic chauvinism.
- 5) While striving for unity of purpose and functioning, the SPLM respects the linguistic, social, cultural and religious diversity of its members.
- 6) The SPLM affirms the rights of women, and will continue to promote gender equality and ensure that the voice of women is fully heard in the Party and that women are appropriately represented at all levels.
- 7) The SPLM guarantees freedom of speech, expression and free circulation of ideas and information within the Party.
- 8) Combating tribalism, militarism and sectarianism in the political life of the SPLM and the country, and open up space for achieving a healthy political environment that promotes genuine political pluralism.

Article 4: Definitions

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall bear the meanings assigned to each of them accordingly.

Administrative Area: means any administrative area established by law.

Boma: means the basic unit of the Party.

Chairperson: means the Chairperson of the SPLM at any level of the Party structure.

Chapter: means an SPLM office abroad.

Code of Conduct: means rules for guiding the conduct of members in the Party.

Constitution: means the SPLM Constitution, the fundamental law of the Party.

County: means the SPLM level higher than Payam and is comprised of a number of Payams.

Gross misconduct: means a vulgar, repulsive, blatantly wrong or unacceptable conduct or behaviour.

National Convention: means the highest decision-making organ of the Party as established under this Constitution and abbreviated as (NC).

National Liberation Council: means the SPLM National Liberation Council, the second highest decision-making organ of the Party and abbreviated as (NLC).

National Secretariat: means the National Secretariat of the SPLM.

Payam: means the SPLM level higher than the Boma and is comprised of a number of Bomas.

Political Bureau: means the SPLM Political Bureau, the highest executive organ of the Party and abbreviated as (PB).

Popular Organizations: means women, youth and students organizations or leagues;

Rules and Regulations: means the Rules and Regulations of the Party.

Secretary: means an officer heading a department in the National Secretariat or Chapter or in the State, County, Payam or Boma Secretariat.

CHAPTER II

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

Article 5: The Guiding Principles

The SPLM shall be guided by the following principles:

- 1) Democracy, justice, freedom, peace, prosperity, harmony and social cohesion;
- 2) Decentralisation and devolution of powers;
- 3) Unity of the people of South Sudan based on historical experiences, respect of diversity, national and economic interest;
- 4) Supremacy of the rule of Law and separation of powers;
- 5) Human Rights and fundamental freedoms as stipulated in the Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, regional and international instruments;

- 6) Participatory democracy, respect of democratic institutions, and collective leadership;
- 7) Justice and equality for all irrespective of ethnicity, origin, religion, region, social status or gender;
- 8) Accountability, transparency and good governance;
- 9) Respect for the diversity of the people of South Sudan's cultural heritage, values and beliefs;
- 10) Gender equality, socio-economic, cultural and political empowerment of women;
- 11) Safeguard the rights of the child, youth, widows, orphans, wounded heroes, heroines and war veterans;
- 12) Create conducive environment for participation of people with special needs in public and private institutions;
- 13) Self-reliance and economic self-sufficiency;
- 14) Balanced foreign policy, regional and international relations based on national

- interests, respect among nations and preservation of global peace and stability;
- 15) Protection of environment and sustainability of the natural resources;
- 16) Robust mobilisation of resources, ensure transparent and prudent management of such resources and conducting annual independent audits;
- 17) Collective leadership to consolidate democracy in the Party;
- 18) Leadership of the Party at all levels shall be elected democratically in a transparent manner;
- 19) The term limit for the SPLM National and State Chairpersons shall be two terms of five years each only; and
- 20) Members of the SPLA and other organized forces as well as judicial personnel shall not be eligible for membership of the Party while in active service.

Article 6: Aims and Objectives

The principal aims and objectives of the SPLM shall be to:

- 1) Build a nation based on a just, democratic, secular system of governance, and popular participation of all the people of South Sudan;
- 2) Build national consciousness and common purpose through the liberation of the individual and society from all forms of political, economic and social constraints;
- 3) Promote the general wellbeing of the membership and the people of South Sudan;
- 4) Eradicate poverty and strive to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- 5) Promote regional and international peace and security;

- 6) Direct and promote economic and social development for the benefit of all.
- 7) Uphold, protect and promote rights of the child, people with special needs, the elderly, youth and women;
- 8) Defend and advance the democratic rights of the people of South Sudan;
- 9) Ensure that governments are representative and freely elected by the people of South Sudan through universal suffrage;
- 10) Promote and encourage scientific research and adopt appropriate modern technology;
- 11) Ensure implementation of the principle of decentralisation and devolution of powers;
- 12) Promote democratic principles and practices, and social cohesion;
- 13) Uphold the principles of supremacy of the rule of Law and separation of powers;

- 14) Ensure that human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution of South Sudan, regional and international instruments are respected, promoted and protected;
- 15) Enhance participatory democracy and ensure respect of democratic institutions and collective leadership;
- 16) Ensure that justice and equity are for all irrespective of ethnicity, origin, religion, region, social status or gender;
- 17) Enhance accountability, transparency and good governance;
- 18) Encourage and promote respect for the diversity of the people of South Sudan;
- 19) Ensure gender equality and promote socio-economic, cultural and political empowerment of women;
- 20) Realise economic self-sufficiency and self-reliance for the people of South Sudan;

- 21) Develop and pursue an appropriate foreign policy to maintain regional and international cooperation and preserve global peace and stability;
- 22) Protect and preserve the environment, ensure sustainable utilization of natural resources and promote environmental sustainability;
- 23) Ensure delivery of social services;
- 24) Uphold the principle of unity in diversity of the people of South Sudan; and
- 25) Formulate and provide policies and programmes which shall be implemented by an SPLM led government in order to achieve a democratic, peaceful and prosperous developmental State.

CHAPTER III

PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Article 7: Conditions for Membership

- 1) Membership of the SPLM shall be open to all South Sudanese citizens irrespective of gender, origin, race, creed or social status provided that the person satisfies the following conditions:
 - a) believes, subscribes to, and accepts the vision, mission, objectives and programmes of the SPLM;
 - b) abides by this Constitution, rules and regulations and Code of Conduct issued thereunder;
 - c) undertakes to actively participate in the execution of the SPLM decisions and programmes;
 - d) is at least eighteen years of age;

- e) is of sound mind; and
f) is of good conduct and behaviour.

- 2) Application for membership shall be made by an individual in writing to the appropriate office.
- 3) Applications for membership shall be considered by the SPLM Boma or Payam Secretariat or the SPLM Chapter and by the County Secretariat if no Boma or Payam Secretariat exists.
- 4) The organs mentioned in sub-Article(3) above, may accept or reject any application for membership provided that in case of rejection, the applicant shall be entitled to seek review of such rejection by the next higher organ of the SPLM up to the National Secretariat whose decision shall be final.
- 5) Boma, Payam, County Secretariat or the SPLM Chapter shall decide on any

application for membership within four weeks from the date of its receipt.

- 6) Membership cards shall be issued to registered members of the SPLM upon payment of the prescribed fee.
- 7) The National Secretariat may, subject to the approval of the PB, grant:
 - a) provisional membership of three months to any person who wishes to join the Party for the first time;
 - b) provisional membership of six months to any person re-joining the Party after a considerable lapse of time; and
 - c) Provisional membership of one year to any person that joins the Party from another political Party.
- 8) In the absence of any objection from the structures and/or any ruling by the National Secretariat, the applicant shall,

on the expiry of the provisional period, become a full member of the Party.

- 9) At any time before the individual is accepted as a full member of the Party, or in exceptional circumstances after the member has been admitted, the National Secretariat may reject the membership, if it was illegally or fraudulently obtained.
- 10) Rejection of an application for membership shall be communicated in writing to the applicant by the leadership of SPLM Secretariat at that level.
- 11) A member shall pay subscription fee as shall be determined by the Political Bureau on the recommendation of the National Secretariat.
- 12) The Political Bureau may, on its own or on the recommendation of the National Secretariat grant honorary membership to those persons who have demonstrated an unwavering solidarity with the SPLM.

13) Upon joining the SPLM, a member shall take the following oath of allegiance:

"I, ...,do hereby swear by the Almighty God/ solemnly affirm that I shall abide by, respect and uphold the vision, mission, aims and objectives of the SPLM as set out in its Constitution and other basic documents; and that I shall respect the structures of the Party and place my abilities and skills at the disposal of the Party and carry out any task that may be assigned to me and that I shall defend the unity and integrity of the Party and its principles, so help me God."

14) Before assuming office, the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and officers of the relevant levels of the SPLM shall take the following oath of office:

"I.....,do hereby swear by the Almighty God/ solemnly affirm that I shall as -----(title)----- abide by, respect and uphold the vision, mission, aims and objectives of the SPLM, as set out in its Constitution and other basic documents; and that I shall perform my functions and duties honestly, diligently and without fear or favor, respect the structures of the Party and serve the Party to the best of my ability, and that I shall defend the unity and integrity of the Party and its principles, so help me God."

15) The oath mentioned in sub-Article (14) above shall be taken:

- a) in the case of the SPLM Chairperson, Deputies to the Chairperson, and members of NLC, before the NC;
- b) in the case of the Secretary General and his/her Deputies and members of the PB, before the NLC;

- c) in case of appointed national officers, before the Chairperson of the SPLM;
- d) in the case of other Chairpersons and LCs, before the relevant Congresses; and
- e) in case of the other appointed officers, before the Chairpersons of the relevant levels.

16) A member who fails to pay his/her subscription for six consecutive months, and having been duly reminded shall be deprived of some of his/her membership rights, as shall be determined by the rules and regulations and the code of conduct of the Party.

Article 8: Rights of a Member

A member of the Party has the right to:

- 1) Elect, be elected or appointed to any of the various offices and institutions of the SPLM;
- 2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-Article (1) above, a person joining the SPLM in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of this Constitution, shall be subjected to screening and political orientation by the appropriate Party authority prior to nomination for election or appointment to any leadership position in the Party;
- 3) Participate in the appropriate fora and meetings of the Party and its affiliated bodies;
- 4) Freely express his or her views and exercise his or her faith and shall not be victimized for statements made during official meetings of the Party;
- 5) Access information about the policies and activities of the Party;

- 6) Be notified to attend meetings of the Party;
- 7) Be issued a membership card subject to payment of the prescribed fee;
- 8) Suggest proposals, raise questions and submit written petitions to appropriate organs of the SPLM and receive timely answers;
- 9) Vote at meetings in accordance with the rules and regulations and code of conduct of the Party;
- 10) Request, where necessary, the implementation of the provisions of this Constitution, resolutions, decisions, directives and agreements of the Party;
- 11) In case of a provisional member, he or she shall exercise all the rights of membership except the right to vote or be elected to any Party position; and

12) Any member of competence and good standing has the right to contest for any position in the Party at any level.

Article 9: Duties and Obligations of a Member

In exercise of his or her duties and obligations a member of the Party shall carry out the following:

- 1) Uphold this Constitution, abide by the rules and regulations and code of conduct issued thereunder;
- 2) Combat racism, tribalism, sectarianism, gender discrimination, religious intolerance and all other forms of discrimination;
- 3) Respond, when called upon, to serve in national emergencies, development activities and any other national duty;

- 13) Uphold and abide by the ideals of the SPLM Manifesto and other basic documents;
- 14) Refrain from publication or distribution of any material or document of the Party without authorization from the appropriate Party authority;
- 15) Refrain from publication or distribution of any material or document which tends to create division within the Party or advance views which undermine the objectives and programmes of the Party;
- 16) Ensure that he or she is registered as a voter in the constituency where he or she resides;
- 17) When holding a constitutional, executive or legislative position at any level of government he or she shall perform his or her duties honestly and diligently to the best of his or her ability; and

18) When holding a constitutional, executive or legislative position at any level of government, he or she shall be a member of the SPLM caucus at that level.

Article 10: Loss of Membership

1. Membership of the Party shall be lost if a member:

- a) Resigns;
- b) Is expelled by a disciplinary committee for violation of this Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct;
- c) Becomes mentally incapacitated based on medical report;
- d) Joins another political Party;
- e) Contests elections as a candidate against the decision of the Party;

- f) Engages in activities that undermine the objectives and policies of the SPLM, contrary to this Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct; or
 - g) Dies.
2. Any member convicted for a criminal offense and sentenced to imprisonment for a period exceeding two (2) years shall not be eligible for any leadership position at all levels of the Party except after five years from the end of the term of imprisonment, or as shall be determined by rules and regulations and code of conduct.

CHAPTER IV

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Article 11: Rights of Women

- 1) To redress imbalances created by history, harmful customs and traditions and for the purpose of empowerment of women the SPLM shall:
 - a) Accord women full and equal dignity with men;
 - b) Accord and guarantee the right of women to participate equally with men in Party structures and public life;
 - c) Ensure that women are accorded the right to equal pay for equal work and all other related benefits with men;

- d) Ensure that women are protected against violence, harmful customs, practices and traditions which undermine their dignity and status; and
 - e) Ensure formulation of programmes for effective implementation of affirmative action.
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- 2) There shall be established in the SPLM at all levels a voluntary women organ to be known as the SPLM Women League.
 - 3) Membership of the SPLM Women League shall be open to all the women who are members of the SPLM.
 - 4) The Women League representation shall be at least 35% at all levels of the Party structures as an affirmative action; while women shall have the right to compete in

the other sixty-five per cent (65%) with men.

- 5) The functions and duties of the SPLM Women League shall be governed by this Constitution, SPLM Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and SPLM Women League Basic Documents.

Article 12: Rights of Veterans and Persons with Special Needs

- 1) There shall be established in the SPLM at all levels a voluntary veterans organ to be known as the “SPLM Veterans League”.
- 2) Membership of the SPLM Veterans League shall be open to all the members of the SPLM who participated in the wars of liberation.
- 3) The functions and duties of the SPLM Veterans League shall be governed by this

Constitution, SPLM Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct and the Veterans League Basic Documents.

- 4) The SPLM shall formulate policies and programmes to institutionalize the care for elderly Veterans members of the SPLM upon their retirement.
- 5) All persons with special needs shall be:
 - a) Accorded full and equal dignity as other members of the Party;
 - b) Accorded and guaranteed the right to participate equally within the Party structures and public life;
 - c) Accorded the right to equal pay for equal work with all the other related benefits;

- children and to ensure that they develop morally and physically and are protected from moral and physical exploitation, abuse and abandonment;
- c) Promote policies that ensure access to adequate quality, pre-birth, mother and child healthcare (MCH), free primary education; and
 - d) Promote policies for affordable secondary, technical and tertiary education for youth, relevant to the market and scientific research needs.
- 2) There shall be established in the SPLM at all levels a voluntary youth organ to be known as the “SPLM Youth League”.
- 3) Membership of the SPLM Youth League shall be open to all the members of the SPLM who are 18 to 35 years of age.

- 4) The Youth League representation shall be at least 20% at all levels of the Party structure as an affirmative action.
- 5) The functions and duties of the SPLM Youth League shall be governed by this Constitution, SPLM Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and the Youth League Basic Documents.

CHAPTER V

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Article 14: SPLM Structures

1) The organizational structure of the SPLM shall be as follows:

- a) National Organs;
- b) State Organs;
- c) County Organs;
- d) Payam Organs; and
- e) Boma Organs.

2) National Organs

The National Organs shall be composed of:

- a) The National Convention;
- b) National Liberation Council;
- c) The Political Bureau; and
- d) The National Secretariat and Chapters.

3) State and Area Organs

The State Organs shall be composed of:

CHAPTER VI

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Article 15: Establishment, Composition and Meetings

- 1) The National Convention is the supreme political organ of the SPLM, and shall be composed of no more than 1,000 delegates equitably drawn from the States and Abyei Administrative Area as follows:
 - a) Delegates from State and Area Congresses to the National Convention shall not exceed 80%, out of which at least 35% and 20% shall be representatives of women and youth leagues respectively;

- b) Representatives of syndicated organizations, Veterans and persons with special needs;
 - c) Representatives of the SPLM Chapters; and
 - d) Representatives of minorities and disadvantaged groups as shall be advised by Convention Organizing Committee.
- 2) The number of delegates from each State Congress to the National Convention shall be equitably represented as shall be determined by the Convention Organizing Committee (COC) based on guidelines provided by the PB.
- 3) The National Convention shall convene once every five years in an ordinary session; however, the Convention may be convened by the Chairperson or upon a written request by at least one-third (1/3)

of the NLC members, in an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.

- 4) The quorum for convening the National Convention shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first meeting, the quorum for the second meeting shall be simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 5) Resolutions of the National Convention shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 6) Voting in the National Convention shall be by secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 16: Functions and Powers of the National Convention

- 1) The functions of the National Convention shall be to:
 - a) Adopt and amend the Constitution, the Manifesto and endorse policies and programmes of the SPLM;
 - b) Receive and discuss the reports of the National Liberation Council;
 - c) Review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the National Liberation Council;
 - d) Elect the Chairperson of SPLM and his/her two deputies by direct and secret ballot;
 - e) Elect members of the National Liberation Council by direct and secret ballot;

- f) Adopt and form, on the recommendation of the COC, the National Convention Electoral Committee at all levels that shall carry out the election process during the National Convention; and
 - g) The National Electoral Committee shall be formed of SPLM members who are not contesting for any leadership position.
- 2) The Chairperson may be removed by the NC in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of members of the NC for violation of this Constitution or gross misconduct provided that the resolution for the removal of the Chairperson shall be passed by two-third (2/3) majority of all members of the National Convention.

- 3) A Deputy Chairperson may be removed in an extraordinary session convened on the request of the Chairperson or at least one third (1/3) of members of the NC, provided that the resolution for removal of a Deputy Chairperson shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the members of the NC.

CHAPTER VII

THE NATIONAL LIBERATION COUNCIL

Article 17: Establishment and Composition

- 1) There shall be established in the SPLM an organ to be known as "The National Liberation Council" hereinafter referred to as the "NLC".
- 2) The NLC shall comprise of not more than 200 members or one-fifth (1/5) of the total membership of the National Convention; provided that members of women and youth leagues are represented by at least 35% and 20% respectively.
- 3) Membership of the NLC shall be composed of:

- 4) SPLM State Chairpersons shall be members of the NC and NLC from their respective State lists by virtue of their positions.

Article 18: Functions and Duties of the NLC

The National Liberation Council shall:

- 1) Elect the Political Bureau and the Secretary General and his/her Deputies through direct and secret ballot;
- 2) Lead the SPLM between sessions of the National Convention and represent the Movement in its relations with other associations, institutions and political parties;
- 3) Oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the National Convention;
- 4) Oversee the work of the Political Bureau;

- 5) Approve the annual budget of the SPLM as proposed by the PB;
- 6) Be an appellate authority in the loss of membership of the SPLM;
- 7) Report to the National Convention;
- 8) Remove the Secretary General from office by decision of the NLC supported by two thirds (2/3) majority of all the members upon the recommendation of the Chairperson or on the request of at least one third (1/3) of the members of the NLC;
- 9) Establish Specialized Standing or Ad Hoc Committees for carrying out its functions and duties;
- 10) Make rules and regulations and code of conduct in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution; and
- 11) Determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution,

Rules and Regulations, and Code of Conduct.

Article 19: Meetings of the NLC

- 1) The National Liberation Council shall be convened twice a year in regular sessions and may be convened in an extraordinary session whenever deemed necessary by the Chairperson, PB or on the written request by at least one third (1/3) of the NLC members.
- 2) The quorum for the meetings of the NLC shall be simple majority of its membership.
- 3) Resolutions of the NLC shall be passed by simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.

- 4) Voting in the NLC meetings shall be by secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

CHAPTER VIII

THE POLITICAL BUREAU

Article 20: Establishment and Composition of the Political Bureau

- 1) There shall be established at the national level an SPLM organ to be known as the “Political Bureau” hereinafter abbreviated as the (PB).
- 2) The Political Bureau (PB) shall comprise of 35 members as follows:
 - a) Chairperson;
 - b) Two Deputies of the Chairperson; and
 - c) Thirty-two (32) members including the Secretary General and his/her deputies elected from the National Liberation Council,

approval by a full meeting of the Political Bureau.

Article 21: Functions and Duties of the PB

The Political Bureau shall:

- 1) Formulate policies, plans and programmes in accordance with the vision and mission of the SPLM subject to the provisions of this Constitution and may establish Standing or ad hoc Committees to carry out its task;
- 2) Formulate regulations governing procedures for the election and selection of candidates for the position of Chairperson of the SPLM and his/her deputies, members of the NLC, members of the Political Bureau, Secretary General and his/her

Deputy(ies), State, County, Payam and
Boma Chairpersons;

- 3) Formulate policy and guidelines for the representation of minorities or disadvantaged groups in the Convention, Congresses and Liberation Councils;
- 4) Establish a Standing Committee to vet and scrutinize members of the Party vying for positions in the Party institutions and its decisions shall be subject to approval by the whole membership of the PB;
- 5) Establish a Working Committee to vet and scrutinize members of the Party vying for positions of leadership in the Government and its decisions shall be subject to approval by the whole membership of the PB;

- 6) Formulate and provide policies and programmes to be implemented by its Government with the aim of achieving a democratic developmental state;
- 7) Ensure that all electable positions in the government shall be through primaries as shall be regulated by rules and regulations;
- 8) Direct and supervise political, administrative and executive activities of the SPLM;
- 9) Oversee management and control of all the finances and assets of the Party;
- 10) Issue policy directives and instructions to, and receive reports from the National Secretariat;
- 11) Ensure that all the structures of the SPLM function democratically, transparently, effectively and efficiently;

- 12) Delegate such functions to the National Secretariat as it deems appropriate;
- 13) Establish departments and committees as it deems appropriate;
- 14) Formulate policy and guidelines for the representation of minorities or disadvantaged groups in the Convention, Congresses and liberation Councils;
- 15) Recommend to the NLC removal of the Secretary General and his/her deputies from office on grounds of abuse of office, gross misconduct or violation of this Constitution; Rules and Regulations;
- 16) Establish a national candidates selection committee to scrutinize and vet individual members presenting themselves for selection to leadership positions at the Party and general elections; and
- 17) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the NLC.

Article 22: Meetings of the PB

- 1) The Political Bureau shall ordinarily meet quarterly.
- 2) Extra-ordinary meetings of the PB shall be convened by the Chairperson on his or her own initiative or on the recommendation of the Secretary General or upon a written request by at least one third (1/3) of its members.
- 3) Quorum for the meetings of the PB shall be two thirds (2/3) of its members and in case the quorum is not attained in the first meeting, it shall be adjourned and reconvened within two weeks from the date of adjournment and the quorum in the second meeting shall be simple majority.
- 4) Meetings of the PB shall be presided over by the Chairperson and the Secretary General shall be its secretary.

- 5) Resolutions of the PB shall be carried by simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 6) The PB may invite any member of the SPLM, or non-member, with expertise on a particular subject under discussion to attend its meetings as an ex-officio member. He or she may participate in the deliberations and be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the PB.

CHAPTER IX

THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Article 23: Establishment and Structures

- 1) There shall be established in the SPLM an organ to be known as the “National Secretariat”.
- 2) The National Secretariat shall comprise of the following:
 - a) Secretary General;
 - b) Two Deputies to the Secretary General;
 - c) Technical Advisors;
 - d) National Secretaries for; and
 - i) Political Affairs, Mobilisation and Organization;
 - ii) Administration and Finance;

- iii) Security and Defense
- iv) External Relations;
- v) Legal Affairs;
- vi) Caucuses Affairs
- vii) Planning and Economic Affairs;
- viii) Culture, Information and Communication;
- ix) Peace and Reconciliation
- x) States and Membership Affairs
- xi) Training and Research;
- xii) Popular and Syndicated Organizations; and
- xiii) Social Welfare and Services.

e) National Deputy Secretaries.

- 3) Members of the Political Bureau may be assigned duties by the Chairperson to supervise Party work at different levels;

The National Secretariat may establish ad-hoc committees to assist in the performance of its functions and duties.

- 4) The Secretary General and his/her Deputies, National Secretaries and all Secretaries of other levels may be full time officers of the SPLM.

Article 24: Functions and Duties of the National Secretariat

The National Secretariat shall:

- 1) Be responsible for initiation of policies, programmes and plans for approval by the PB;
- 2) Be responsible for implementation of policies, programmes, decisions and resolutions of the higher organs of the Party;

- 3) Be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM;
- 4) Report to and be answerable to the Chairperson and the PB in the discharge of its functions and duties;
- 5) Receive and consider reports from the States and Chapters;
- 6) Prepare basic rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and submit the same to the PB for consideration and approval by the NLC;
- 7) Oversee the participation and involvement of Party members in the standing and ad-hoc committees, working groups, caucuses or discussion fora;
- 8) Formulate procedures and guidelines for cadre identification, recruitment, orientation, training and deployment to

ensure commitment, competence and effective participation;

- 9) Provide guidance to the SPLM caucuses in the Legislature and the Executive;
- 10) Disseminate Party policies;
- 11) Ensure implementation of Party disciplinary Rules and Regulations;
- 12) Manage and control the funds and assets of the Party; and
- 13) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Chairperson, PB or the NLC.

Article 25: Meetings of the National Secretariat

- 1) The National Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided

over by the Secretary General or the Chairperson as the case may be.

- 2) The National Secretariat shall function in a collegial and collective manner to ensure effectiveness, efficiency, coordination and good performance.
- 3) Quorum for the meetings of the National Secretariat shall be by simple majority of the members.
- 4) Decisions of the National Secretariat shall be by simple majority of members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 5) The National Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the National Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

CHAPTER X

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM NATIONAL OFFICERS

Article 26: The Chairperson

- 1) The Chairperson shall:
 - a) Be the SPLM nominee in national elections for the position of President of the Republic;
 - b) Be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the NC, NLC and PB;
 - c) Preside over the meetings of the NC, NLC, PB and the National Secretariat as the case may be;
 - d) Direct, receive reports and supervise organs of the SPLM at all levels and ensure that they perform their

- 2) In case the office of the Chairperson falls vacant, the most senior Deputy Chairperson shall assume office of the Chairperson and shall convene an extraordinary National Convention within sixty (60) days to elect a new Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.
- 3) Notwithstanding sub-article (2) above, one-third (1/3) of the NLC may request the convening of an extra-ordinary National Convention to elect a Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 27: Deputies of the Chairperson

- 1) The Deputies of the Chairperson shall:
 - a) Assist the Chairperson in the discharge of his or her functions and duties;

- b) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to any of them by the Chairperson, consistent with this Constitution; and
 - c) In the absence of the Chairperson, the most senior Deputy Chairperson shall act, and in absence of both, the next Deputy shall act.
- 2) In case the position of a Deputy Chairperson falls vacant, the Chairperson shall within thirty (30) days convene an extra-ordinary NC to elect a successor from amongst the members of the NC to fill the vacancy and complete the remaining term of office.
- 3) Notwithstanding sub-article (2) above, one-third (1/3) of the NLC may request

the convening of an extra-ordinary National Convention to elect a Deputy Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 28: The Secretary General

- 1) The Secretary General shall:
 - a) Be the chief administrative officer of the Party and shall be answerable to the Chairperson and the PB in the performance of his or her functions and duties;
 - b) Be the secretary of the PB, NLC and the NC and keep the minutes and records of the same;
 - c) Preside over the meetings of the National Secretariat;
 - d) Receive reports of all the SPLM departments and committees,

- j) Determine the order of precedence, functions and duties of his or her Deputies;
 - k) Provide guidance to the SPLM Caucuses in the Legislature and the Executive;
 - l) Recommend to the Chairperson for appointment of Technical Advisors, National and Deputy Secretaries; and
 - m) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Chairperson, the PB or the NLC consistent with this constitution.
- 2) The Secretary General may be removed from office by resolution of the NLC supported by two thirds (2/3) majority of all the members upon the recommendation of the Chairperson or

on the request of at least one third (1/3) of the members of the NLC.

- 3) In case the position of the Secretary General falls vacant, the most senior Deputy Secretary General shall act pending election of a successor by the NLC within thirty days (30) to fill the vacancy and to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 29: Deputies of the Secretary General

The Deputies of the Secretary General shall:

- 1) Assist the Secretary General in carrying out his or her functions and duties;
- 2) In the absence of the Secretary General the most senior deputy shall act;

- 3) The Deputy Secretary General may be removed from office by resolution of the NLC supported by two thirds (2/3) majority of all the members upon the recommendation of the Chairperson or on the request of at least one third (1/3) of the members of the NLC; and
- 4) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to any of them by the Secretary General.

Article 30: Technical Advisors, National and Deputy Secretaries

1) Technical Advisors

The Technical Advisors shall:

- a) Provide technical advice to the Secretariat on matters pertaining to their respective areas of expertise;

mission, manifesto and programmes of the SPLM;

- b) Develop plans for recruitment, orientation and retention of members;
- c) Ensure commitment and adherence of cadres and members of the Movement, at all levels, to the vision, mission and programmes, and abide by this Constitution, Rules and Regulations and the SPLM Code of Conduct;
- d) Translate SPLM policy positions into concrete plans and programmes and ensure their implementation;
- e) Compile and disseminate the political messages of the Party as reflected in the public addresses of

the leadership, especially those relating to integrity in public life;

- f) Establish an institute for SPLM Political and Leadership Training;
- g) Initiate, support and participate in self help projects and promote mobilization of human and material resources and technical assistance thereto;
- h) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and
- i) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary General.

3) Secretary for Administration and Finance

The Secretary for Administration and Finance shall:

- f) Be responsible for security services including safety of personnel and assets of the Party;
- g) Prepare and submit the annual budget of the Party, through the SG, to the PB for consideration and presentation to the NLC for approval;
- h) Administer the budget and disburse funds of the Party and ensure strict adherence to all financial rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- i) Keep proper books of accounts in accordance with the SPLM financial regulations and international best practices;
- j) Keep monies of the Party in bank accounts in the manner prescribed

in the financial rules and regulations;

- k) Collect and remit to the bank accounts of the Party subscriptions, donations, and grants in accordance with the financial rules and regulations;
- l) Ensure that SPLM accounts are audited annually by a competent audit firm approved by the PB;
- m) Receive the audit report and submit the same to the SG for presentation to the PB and NLC for consideration;
- n) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and

- o) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary General.

4) Secretary for Security and Defence

The Secretary for Security and Defence shall:

- a) be in charge of all security and defence matters;
- b) formulate and initiate security and defence policies;
- c) be the custodian of security and defence documents and information;
- d) Liaise with national, States, and other relevant institutions on matters related to security and defence; and
- e) Perform any other function or duty that he or she deems appropriate; or as may be assigned to him or her by the PB or the NLC.

5) Secretary for External Relations

The Secretary for External Relations shall:

- a) Develop and maintain cordial relations with political parties and organizations inside and outside the country as the case may be;
- b) Initiate policies and implement programmes relating to inter-Party cooperation and collaboration with national and external political parties and organisations
- c) Organise and coordinate the work of the SPLM Chapters abroad;
- d) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and
- e) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary General.

- f) Represent the SPLM in all legal matters before the courts of law and other institutions and fora;
- g) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and
- h) Perform any other function or duty assigned to him or her by the SG or any Party organ or level.

7) Secretary for Caucuses Affairs

The Secretary for Caucuses Affairs shall:

- a) Liaise with SPLM Caucuses in the Legislature and Executive branches in government to ensure that the Party's policies are carried out in accordance with SPLM strategies and directives;
- b) Coordinate and receive performance reports from the SPLM Caucuses in

The Secretary for Planning and Economic Affairs shall:

- a) Propose suitable economic policies and plans for the Party;
- b) Invest SPLM surplus funds in projects that are studied and assessed to be viable in consultation with the Secretary General and the Secretary of Administration and Finance, and approval by the PB;
- c) Develop investment guide for monitoring and management of all the Party investments;
- d) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and

- e) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary General.

9) Secretary for Culture, Information and Communication

The Secretary for Culture, Information and Communication shall:

- a) Be the official spokesperson for the SPLM and shall in that capacity, issue press releases and organize press conferences;
- b) Develop and disseminate information programmes throughout South Sudan and foreign media and ensure the establishment of sustainable SPLM print, audio, visual and electronic media services;

- c) Prepare information programmes for training of the cadres of the Party;
- d) Develop comprehensive plans and programmes for cultural activities;
- e) Produce publications and or documents reflecting and articulating the vision, mission and programmes of the SPLM;
- f) Establish and manage the SPLM information and communication system, archives and museums;
- g) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and
- h) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary General.

10) Secretary for Peace and Reconciliation

The Secretary for Peace and Reconciliation shall:

- a) Promote peaceful coexistences amongst Party members and the people of South Sudan;
- b) Provide advice on matters related to peace, reconciliation, and healing;
- c) Assist in resolving disputes amongst members or organs of the Party;
- d) Liaise with other relevant institutions on matters related to peace, reconciliation and healing;
- e) Develop programmes for peace building, reconciliation and healing; and
- f) Perform any other functions assign to him or her by the Secretary General.

11) Secretary for States and Members Affairs

The Secretary for States and Members Affairs shall:

- a) Ensure effective coordination between the National and State organs of the SPLM;
- b) Assist in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the SPLM policies and strategies in the States;
- c) Receive performance and progress reports from the States;
- d) Ensure proper registration and maintain database for membership;
- e) Cater for the welfare and interests of members;
- f) Assist in disciplinary matters related to members;
- g) Assist in the vetting and scrutiny of members; and

- h) Perform any other function assign to him or her by the Secretary General.

12) Secretary for Training and Research

The Secretary for Training and Research shall:

- a) Develop and coordinate technical and organizational training programmes for SPLM cadres and support staff;
- b) Be in charge of political, social and cultural research and documentation;
- c) Evaluate and develop policies, programmes, plans, projects and objectives of the Party related to political, social, cultural affairs and any other issue as may be directed by the Political Bureau;
- d) Conduct opinion polls on major issues of the day including the

standing of the Party with the public;

- e) Establish, direct and manage the academy for SPLM political and leadership training;
- f) Evaluate public opinion on policies and programmes of the Party;
- g) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and
- h) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary General.

13) Secretary for Popular and Syndicated Organizations

The Secretary for Popular and Syndicated Organizations shall:

- a) Organize recruitment of members from among workers, professionals, farmers, traders and people with special needs to the ranks of the Party;
- b) Assist workers, professionals, farmers, traders, people with special needs and any other category, to organize into viable, representative and democratic bodies;
- c) Foster the spirit of unity, cooperation and solidarity within the members of the popular and syndicated organisations;
- d) Encourage the development of public awareness programmes on environment, health and HIV/ AIDS;
- e) Support activities of the syndicated organizations, morally and financially; specifically the women and youth leagues;

- f) Maintain a database of all members within the different popular and syndicated organizations, including their particulars;
- g) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and
- h) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary General.

14) Secretary for Social Welfare and Services

The Secretary for Social Welfare and Services shall:

- a) Develop policies and plans for social welfare and services;
- b) Initiate policies and develop programmes on all aspects of social welfare and service delivery;

- c) Develop and implement plans and strategies for persons with special needs, children, youth and women;
- d) Strive for achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,
- e) Initiate plans for protection, rehabilitation and conservation of environment and natural resources;
- f) Liaise with government institutions, national and international organizations on issues related to his or her areas of competence; and
- g) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Secretary General.

15) Deputy National Secretaries

The Deputy National Secretary shall:

- a) Act in the absence of the National Secretary; and
- b) Perform any other functions assigned by the National Secretary or Secretary General.

CHAPTER XI

THE STATE ORGANS

Article 31: The State Congress

- 1) The State Congress is the highest political organ of the SPLM in the State and shall be composed of:
 - a) A number of Delegates from each County Congress which shall be proportional to the percentage of its registered membership as shall be determined by the Congress Organizing Committee (COC) based on guidelines provided by the PB;
 - b) Delegates from County Congresses to the State Congress shall not exceed 80% of the delegates to the State Congress, out of which at

least 35% and 20% shall be representatives of women and youth leagues respectively; and

c) Representatives of syndicated organizations, Veterans and people with special needs.

- 2) The number of delegates to each State Congress shall be determined by the Congress Organizing Committee (COC) with the approval of the PB.
- 3) The quorum for convening the State Congress shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting, the quorum for the second sitting shall be simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 4) Resolutions of the State Congress shall be passed by simple majority of the members present and voting and in case

of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.

- 5) The State Congress shall convene once every five years;
- 6) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article (5) above, the Congress may convene in an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 7) Voting in the State Congresses shall be by direct and secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 32: Functions and Powers of the State Congress

- 1) The functions and powers of the State Congress shall be as follows:
 - a) Ensure implementation of policies and programmes of the SPLM in the State;

- b) Receive and discuss the reports of the State Liberation Council;
 - c) Review, ratify, alter or rescind any policies, programmes or decisions made by the State Liberation Council;
 - d) Elect the SPLM State Chairperson and his/her deputy; and
 - e) Elect members of the State Liberation Council; and
 - f) Elect State delegates to the NC.
- 2) Remove the SPLM State Chairperson by two thirds (2/3) majority of its members in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of its members for violation of the provisions of this Constitution, Rules and Regulations.
- 3) Remove the Deputy Chairperson by simple majority of its members on the

recommendation of the State Chairperson or on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of its membership.

Article 33: State Liberation Council

- 1) The State Liberation Council shall comprise of not more than 51 members elected by the State Congress.
- 2) Membership of the SLC shall comprise of:
 - a) The State Chairperson;
 - b) Members elected by the State Congress representing the Counties, who shall not exceed 80% of all the members of the SLC, out of which at least 35% and 20% shall be representatives of women and youth leagues respectively; and
 - c) Members elected by the State Congress representing syndicated

organizations, Veterans and people with special needs.

Article 34: Functions and Duties of the SLC

The SLC shall:

- 1) Lead the SPLM in the State between sessions of the State Congress and represent the Party in its relations with other associations, institutions and political parties at the State level;
- 2) Elect the State Secretary from among members of SLC;
- 3) Remove the State Secretary or any of his or her assistants by a simple majority on the recommendation of the State Chairperson or on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the SLC;
- 4) Formulate policies, pass resolutions and monitor the implementation of the

- policies and resolutions of the State Congress;
- 5) Oversee the work of the State Secretariat;
 - 6) Approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the State as proposed by the State Secretariat;
 - 7) Oversee the management of finances and assets of the SPLM at the State level;
 - 8) Be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM in the State;
 - 9) Report to the State Congress;
 - 10) Adopt and form the State Congress Electoral Committee on the recommendation of the State Secretariat for the conduct of the election process during the State Congress; and
 - 11) Determine its rules of procedure in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, and the SPLM Rules and Regulations.

Article 35: Meetings of the SLC

- 1) The SLC shall convene in a regular session twice a year, and may be convened in extraordinary sessions whenever deemed necessary by the State Chairperson or on a written request by at least one quarter (1/4) of the members of the SLC.
- 2) The quorum for the meetings of the SLC shall be simple majority of its members.
- 3) Resolutions of the SLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 4) Voting in the SLC shall be by direct and secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 36: State Secretariat

- 1) The State Secretariat shall comprise of the State Secretary and not more than five (5) assistant secretaries as shall be

determined by the SLC on the recommendation of the State Chairperson.

- 2) The SLC shall determine the structure, functions and duties of the State Secretariat and specialized committees in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Article 37: Functions and Duties of the State Secretariat

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 36 (2) above, the State Secretariat shall:

- 1) Initiate policies, programmes and plans to be approved by the SLC;
- 2) Implement policies, programmes, decisions and resolutions of the higher organs of the Party;
- 3) Be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the State;

- 4) Report and be answerable to the State Chairperson and the SLC in the discharge of its functions and duties;
- 5) Manage and control the funds and assets of the Party at the State level;
- 6) Report to the National Secretariat and SLC on the status and the role of the Party, its financial position and any other matters as may be directed by the State Chairperson or the SLC;
- 7) Issue directives and instructions to, and receive and consider reports from the County Secretariats;
- 8) Supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the State including the State and local government caucuses;
- 9) Oversee the work of the SPLM State Veterans, women and youth leagues; and
- 10) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the State Chairperson or the SLC.

Article 38: Meetings of the State Secretariat

- 1) The State Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided over by the State Secretary or the State Chairperson as the case may be.
- 2) Meetings of the State Secretariat shall be convened by the State Secretary.
- 3) Quorum for the meetings of the State Secretariat shall be simple majority.
- 4) Decisions of the State Secretariat shall be taken by simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 5) The State Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the State Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

CHAPTER XII

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM STATE OFFICERS

Article 39: The State Chairperson

- 1) The State Chairperson shall:
 - a) Be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the SC and SLC;
 - b) Be the SPLM nominee in the national elections for the position of the State governor;
 - c) Preside over the meetings of the SC and SLC and the State Secretariat as the case may be;
 - d) Ensure that policies and programmes of the SPLM are correctly disseminated and implemented in the State;
 - e) Supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the State and ensure that

they perform their functions and duties in an effective and efficient manner;

- f) Appoint assistant secretaries from among members of the Party on the recommendation of the State Secretary;
- g) Present policy statement and any other relevant document of the Party to the SC and SLC;
- h) At his or her discretion, provisionally delegate any of his/her functions or duties to any SPLM State organ or officer; and
- i) Perform any other function or duty necessary for the proper implementation of policies and programmes of the Party or as may be directed by the higher organs of the Party.

- 2) In case the office of the State Chairperson falls vacant, the Deputy Chairperson shall act and convene an extra-ordinary meeting of the SC within thirty (30) days to elect a new State Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.
- 3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-article (2) above, one-third (1/3) of the SLC may request for the convening of an extra-ordinary NC meeting within thirty (30) days to elect a successor to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 40: State Deputy Chairperson

- 1) The State Deputy Chairperson shall:
 - a) Assist the State Chairperson in the performance of his or her functions and duties;
 - b) Act in the absence of the State Chairperson; and

- c) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the State Chairperson.
- 2) In case the office of the State Deputy Chairperson falls vacant, the State Chairperson shall convene an extraordinary session of SC within thirty (30) days to elect a new State Deputy Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 41: The State Secretary

- 1) The State Secretary shall:
 - a) Be the chief administrative officer of the Party in the State and shall be answerable to the State Chairperson and the SLC in the performance of his or her functions and duties;

- b) Be the secretary of the SC and the SLC and shall keep the minutes and records of the same;
- c) Preside over the meetings of the State Secretariat;
- d) Receive reports of all the SPLM committees and departments of the State Secretariat, except those falling directly under the State Chairperson;
- e) Act in the absence of the State Chairperson and the State Deputy Chairperson;
- f) Organize meetings of the SC and SLC and notify all the members;
- g) Channel resolutions and directives of the SC, SLC and the National Secretariat to the counties and ensure their implementation;
- h) Recommend to the State Chairperson for appointment of assistant secretaries;

- i) Prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the State Secretariat and the SLC and submit the same to the SPLM National Secretariat through the State Chairperson; and
 - j) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the State Chairperson, the SLC, or the National Secretariat.
- 2) In case the office of the State Secretary falls vacant, the most senior assistant secretary shall act and the State Chairperson shall convene the SLC to elect a new State Secretary within thirty (30) days to complete the remaining term of office.

CHAPTER XIII

COUNTY ORGANS

Article 42: County Congress

- 1) The County Congress is the highest political organ of the SPLM in the County and shall be composed of:
 - a) Delegates from Payam Congresses to County Congress who shall not exceed 80% of all the Delegates, out of which at least 35% and 20% shall be representatives of women and youth leagues respectively; and
 - b) Representatives of syndicated organizations, Veterans and people with special needs.

- 3) The total number of Delegates to the County Congress shall be determined by the Congress Organizing Committee (COC) based on guidelines provided by the PB.
- 4) The quorum for convening the County Congress shall be two thirds (2/3) of its members. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting the quorum for the second sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 5) Resolutions of the County Congress shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 6) The County Congress shall convene once every five years; however the Congress may convene in an extraordinary meeting

with the same membership whenever necessary.

- 5) Voting in the CC shall be by direct and secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 43: Functions and Powers of the County Congress

The functions and powers of the County Congress shall be to:

- 1) Ensure implementation of policies and Programmes of the SPLM in the County;
- 2) Receive and discuss the reports of the County Liberation Council and County Secretariat;
- 3) Review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the CLC;
- 4) Elect and remove the County Chairperson;
- 5) Elect members of the CLC; and

6) Elect delegates to the State Congress.

Article 44: County Liberation Council (CLC)

- 1) The CLC shall comprise of not more than 35 members elected by the County Congress.
- 2) Membership of the CLC shall be composed of:
 - a) The County Chairperson;
 - b) Members elected by the County Congress representing the Payams who shall not exceed 80% of all the members of the CLC, out of which 35% and 20% shall be representatives of women and youth leagues respectively;
 - c) Members elected by the County Congress representing SPLM; and syndicated organizations, Veterans and people with special needs.

Article 45: Functions and Duties of the CLC

The CLC shall have the following functions and duties:

- 1) Lead SPLM in the County between sessions of the County Congress and represent the Party in its relations with other associations, institutions and political parties at the County level;
- 2) Remove the Deputy Chairperson by simple majority of its members on the recommendation of the County Chairperson or on a written request of at least (1/3) of its members;
- 3) Remove the County Secretary or any of his or her assistants by a simple majority on the recommendation of the County Chairperson or on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the CLC;

- 4) Oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the County Congress;
- 5) Oversee the work of the County Secretariat;
- 6) Approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the County as proposed by the County Secretariat;
- 7) Be an appellate authority on the loss of the SPLM membership in the County;
- 8) Report to the County Congress;
- 9) Adopt and form, on the recommendation of the County Secretariat, the County Congress Electoral Committee that shall carry out the election process during the County Congress; and
- 10) Determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Article 46: Meetings of the CLC

- 1) The regular sessions of the CLC shall be convened once every six months.
- 2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article (1) above, the extraordinary sessions of the CLC shall be convened whenever deemed necessary by the County Chairperson or on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the CLC.
- 3) The quorum for the sittings of the CLC shall be simple majority of its membership.
- 4) Resolutions of the CLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 5) Voting in the CLC shall be by direct and secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 47: County Secretariat

- 1) County Secretariat shall be comprised of the County Secretary and four assistants as shall be determined by the CLC on the recommendation of the County Chairperson.
- 2) The CLC shall determine the structure, functions and duties of the County Secretariat and specialized committees in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, SPLM Rules and Regulations.

Article 48: Functions and Duties of the County Secretariat

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 47(2) above, the County Secretariat shall:

- 1) Initiate policies, programmes and plans to be approved by the CLC;

- 2) Implement policies, Programmes, decisions and resolutions of the higher organs of the Party;
- 3) Be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the County;
- 4) In the performance of its functions and duties, report and be answerable to the County Chairperson and the CLC;
- 5) Manage and control the funds and assets of the Party at the County level, and report on the status of the Party, its financial position and any other matters as may be directed by the County Chairperson or the CLC;
- 6) Issue directives and instructions to, receive and consider reports from the Payam Secretariats;
- 7) Supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the County including the Local Government Council Caucuses;

- 8) Oversee and monitor the work of the SPLM County, Veterans, women and youth leagues;
- 9) Co-opt persons with the necessary knowledge and expertise to enable it carry out its work efficiently; and
- 10) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the County Chairperson or the CLC.

Article 49: Meetings of the County Secretariat

- 1) The County Secretariat shall meet at least three times a month, and shall be presided over by the County Secretary or the County Chairperson as the case may be.
- 2) Meetings of the County Secretariat shall be convened by the County Secretary.
- 3) Quorum for the meetings of the County Secretariat shall be simple majority.

- 4) Decisions of the County Secretariat shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 5) The County Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the County Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

CHAPTER XIV

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM COUNTY OFFICERS

Article 50: The County Chairperson

- 1) The County Chairperson shall:
 - a) Be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the CC and CLC;
 - b) Be the SPLM nominee in the national elections for the position of County Commissioner;
 - c) Preside over the meetings of the CC and CLC and the County Secretariat as the case may be;
 - d) Recommend to the CLC the removal of the County Deputy Chairperson or the County Secretary;
 - e) Ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are

correctly disseminated and implemented in the County;

- f) Supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the County and ensure that they perform their functions and duties in an effective and efficient manner;
- g) Present policy statement and any other relevant document of the Party to the CC and CLC;
- h) Appoint assistant secretaries on the recommendation of County Secretary;
- i) At his or her discretion, delegate any of his or her functions or duties to any SPLM County organ or officer; and
- j) Perform any other function or duty necessary for the proper implementation of the Party's policies and Programmes.

- 2) In case the office of the County Chairperson falls vacant, the Deputy County Chairperson shall act and convene an extra-ordinary meeting of the CC within thirty days (30) from the date of vacancy to elect a new County Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 51: County Deputy Chairperson

- 1) The County Deputy Chairperson shall:
 - a) Deputise the County Chairperson and act in his or her absence; and
 - b) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the County Chairperson.
- 2) In case the office of the County Deputy Chairperson falls vacant, the County Chairperson shall recommend a successor

from amongst the members of the CLC for approval by the CLC within thirty (30) days from the date of vacancy to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 52: The County Secretary

The County Secretary shall:

- 1) Be the chief administrative officer of the Party in the County and shall be answerable to the County Chairperson and the CLC;
- 2) Be the secretary of the CC and the CLC and shall keep the minutes and records of the same.
- 3) Preside over the meetings of the County Secretariat;
- 4) Receive reports of all the SPLM departments and committees, except those falling directly under the County Chairperson;

- 5) Act in the absence of the County Chairperson and County Deputy Chairperson;
- 6) Recommend assistant secretaries for appointment by the County Chairperson;
- 7) Organize the meetings of the CC and CLC and notify all the members;
- 8) Communicate the resolutions and directives of the CC and CLC and the National Secretariat to the Payams and ensure their implementation;
- 9) Prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the County Secretariat and the CLC and submit the same to the SPLM State Secretariat through the County Chairperson;
- 10) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the County Chairperson or the CLC.

CHAPTER XV

PAYAM ORGANS

Article 53: Payam Congress

- 1) The Payam Congress is the highest political organ of the SPLM in the Payam and shall be composed of:
 - a) Delegates from Boma Congresses to Payam Congresses shall not exceed 80% of the total Delegates, out of which 35% and 20% shall be representatives of women and youth leagues respectively; and
 - b) Representatives of syndicated organizations, Veterans and people with special needs.
- 2) The total number of Delegates to the Payam Congress shall be determined by the Congress Organizing Committee

(COC) based guidelines provided by the PB.

- 3) The quorum for convening the Payam Congress shall be two thirds (2/3) of its members. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting, the quorum for the second sitting shall be a simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 4) Resolutions of the Payam Congress shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 5) The Payam Congress shall convene once every five years,
- 6) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article (5) above, the Payam Congress may convene in an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.

- 7) Voting in the Payam Congress shall be by direct and secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 54: Functions and Powers of the Payam Congress

The functions and powers of the Payam Congress shall be as follows:

- 1) Elect or remove the SPLM Payam Chairperson;
- 2) Elect members of the Payam Liberation Council and delegates to the County Congress;
- 3) Ensure implementation of policies and Programmes of the SPLM in the Payam;
- 4) Receive, discuss, and adopt the reports of the Payam Liberation Council (PLC) and Payam Secretariat; and
- 5) Review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the PLC.

Article 55: Payam Liberation Council (PLC)

- 1) The PLC shall comprise of not more than 21 members.
- 2) Membership of the PLC shall be composed of:
 - a) The Payam Chairperson;
 - b) Members elected by the Payam Congress representing the Boma as who shall not exceed 80% of the members of the PLC, out of which 35% and 20% shall be representatives of women and youth leagues respectively;
 - c) Members elected by the Payam Congress representing SPLM; and syndicated organizations, Veterans and people with special needs.

Article 56: Functions and Duties of the Payam Liberation Council

The PLC shall:

- 1) Lead the SPLM in the Payam between sessions of the Payam Congress and represent the Party in its relations with other associations, institutions and political parties at the Payam level;
- 2) Remove the Payam Secretary or any of his or her assistants by a simple majority on the recommendation of the Payam Chairperson or on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the PLC;
- 3) Oversee the implementation of policies and resolutions of the Payam Congress;
- 4) Oversee and monitor the work of the Payam Secretariat;
- 5) Approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the Payam as proposed by the Payam Secretariat;

- 6) Be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM in the Payam;
- 7) On the recommendation of the Payam Secretariat, adopt and form the Payam Congress Electoral Committee that shall carry out the election process during the Payam Congress; and
- 8) Determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution, SPLM rules and regulations.

Article 57: Meetings of the PLC

- 1) Regular sessions of the PLC shall be convened once every six months.
- 2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article (1) above, the PLC may be convened in an extraordinary session whenever deemed necessary by the Payam Chairperson or on a written request by at least one quarter (1/4) of the members of the PLC.

- 3) The quorum for the meetings of the PLC shall be simple majority of its members.
- 4) Resolutions of the PLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 5) Voting in the PLC shall be by direct and secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 58: Payam Secretariat

- 1) Payam Secretariat shall comprise of the Payam Secretary and assistant secretaries as shall be determined by the PLC on the recommendation of the Payam Chairperson.
- 2) The PLC shall determine the structure, functions and duties of the Payam Secretariat and specialized committees in accordance with the provisions of this

Constitution, SPLM rules and regulations.

Article 59: Functions and Duties of the Payam Secretariat

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 58 (2) above, the Payam Secretariat shall:

- 1) Initiate policies, Programmes and plans to be approved by the PLC;
- 2) Implement policies, Programmes, decisions and resolutions of the higher organs of the Party;
- 3) Be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the Payam;
- 4) In the discharge of its functions and duties, report and be answerable to the Payam Chairperson and the PLC;
- 5) Manage and control the funds and assets of the Party at the Payam level,

- 6) Report on the status of the Party, its financial position and any other matter as may be directed by the Payam Chairperson or the PLC;
- 7) Issue directives and instructions to and receive and consider reports from the Boma Secretariats;
- 8) Supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the Payam.
- 9) Oversee and monitor the work of the SPLM Payam women and youth leagues;
- 10) Co-opt persons with the necessary knowledge and expertise to enable it carry out its task efficiently; and
- 11) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Payam Chairperson or the PLC.

Article 60: Meetings of the Payam Secretariat

The Payam Secretariat shall meet at least

once a week, and shall be presided over by the Payam Secretary or the Payam Chairperson as the case may be.

- 1) Meetings of the Payam Secretariat shall be convened by the Payam Secretary.
- 2) Quorum for the meetings of the Payam Secretariat shall be simple majority.
- 3) Decisions of the Payam Secretariat shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 4) The Payam Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM with expertise or experience to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the Payam Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

CHAPTER XVI

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM PAYAM OFFICERS

Article 61: The Payam Chairperson:

- 1) The Payam Chairperson shall:
 - a) Be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the PC and PLC;
 - b) Preside over the meetings of the PC and PLC and the Payam Secretariat as the case may be;
 - c) Ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are correctly disseminated and implemented in the Payam;
 - d) Supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the Payam and ensure that they perform their functions

and duties in an effective and efficient manner;

- e) Present policy statement and any other relevant document of the Party to the PC and PLC;
- f) At his or her discretion, delegate any of his or her functions or duties to any SPLM Payam organ or officer;
- g) Recommend to the Payam Liberation Council appointment or removal of the Payam Secretary or any of his or her assistants; and
- h) Perform any other function or duty necessary for the proper implementation of the Party policies and programmes.

- 2) In case the office of the Payam Chairperson falls vacant, the Payam Secretary shall act and convene an extra-

ordinary meeting of the PC within thirty (30) days from the date of vacancy to elect a new Payam Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 62: The Payam Secretary

The Payam Secretary shall:

- 1) Be the chief administrative officer of the Party in the Payam and shall be answerable to the Payam Chairperson and the PLC;
- 2) Be the secretary of the PC and the PLC and shall keep the minutes and records of the same;
- 3) Preside over the meetings of the Payam Secretariat;
- 4) Receive reports from all the SPLM departments and committees, except those falling directly under the Payam Chairperson;

- 5) Act in the absence of the Payam Chairperson;
- 6) Organize meetings of the PC and PLC and notify all the members;
- 7) Channel resolutions and directives of the PC and PLC and the County Secretariat to the Bomas and ensure their implementation;
- 8) Prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the Payam Secretariat and the PLC and submit the same to the SPLM County Secretariat through the Payam Chairperson; and
- 9) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Payam Chairperson or the PLC or the County Secretariat.

CHAPTER XVII

BOMA ORGANS

Article 63: Boma Congress

- 1) The Boma Congress is the basic unit of the SPLM and shall be composed of all the registered members in the Boma.
- 2) The quorum for convening the Boma Congress shall be two thirds (2/3) of its members. In case the quorum is not attained in the first meeting, the quorum for the second meeting shall be simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 3) Resolutions of the Boma Congress shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

- 4) The Boma Congress shall convene once a year.
- 5) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article (4) above, the Boma Congress may convene in an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 6) Voting in the Boma Congress shall be by direct and secret ballot if no consensus is achieved, and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 64: Functions and Powers of the Boma Congress

The functions and powers of the Boma Congress shall be as follows:

- 1) Elect the Boma Chairperson,
- 2) Elect members of the BLC and delegates to the Payam Congress provided that

- women and youth leagues are represented by 35% and 20% respectively;
- 3) Implementation of policies and Programmes of the SPLM in the Boma;
 - 4) Receive, discuss and approve the reports of the Boma Liberation Council (BLC); and
 - 5) Review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the BLC.

Article 65: Boma Liberation Council (BLC)

- 1) The BLC shall comprise of not more than eleven (11) members elected by the Boma congress.
- 2) Membership of the BLC shall be composed of:
 - a) The Boma Chairperson;
 - b) Members elected by the Boma Congress who shall not exceed 80% of the members of the BLC,

out of which 35% and 20% shall be representatives of women and youth leagues respectively;

- c) Members elected by the Boma Congress representing SPLM; and syndicated organizations, Veterans and people with special needs.

Article 66: Functions and Duties of the Boma Liberation Council

The BLC shall:

- a) Lead the SPLM in the Boma between sessions of the Boma Congress and represent the Party in its relations with other associations, institutions and political parties at the Boma level;
- b) Approve the nominee of the Boma Chairperson to the position of Boma Secretary;
- c) Remove the Boma Secretary or any of his or her assistants by a simple majority on

the recommendation of the Boma Chairperson or on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the BLC;

- d) Oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the Boma Congress;
- e) Oversee the work of the Boma Secretariat;
- f) Approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the Boma as proposed by the Boma Secretariat;
- g) Be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM in the Boma;
- h) Report to the Boma Congress;
- i) On the recommendation of the Boma Secretariat, adopt and form the Boma Congress Electoral Committee that shall carry out the election process during the Boma Congress; and

- j) Determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution, rules and regulations.

Article 67: Meetings of the BLC

- 1) The BLC regular sessions shall be convened at least once a year, and may be convened in an extraordinary session whenever deemed necessary by the Boma Chairperson or on a written request by at least one quarter (1/4) of the members of the BLC.
- 2) The quorum for the meetings of the BLC shall be simple majority of its membership.
- 3) Resolutions of the BLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 7) Voting in the BLC shall be by direct and secret ballot if no consensus is achieved,

and by show of hands on non-controversial issues.

Article 68: Boma Secretariat

- 1) Boma Secretariat shall comprise of the Boma Secretary and three assistants, provided that women and youth leagues are represented by 35% and 20% respectively.
- 2) The Boma Secretariat shall be structured as follows:
 - a) Political Mobilization and Organization ;
 - b) Administration and Finance; and
 - c) Culture, Information and Communication.
- 3) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-Article (2) above, the BLC shall determine the structures, functions and

duties of the Boma Secretariat and committees in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, and SPLM Rules and Regulations.

Article 69: Functions and Duties of the Boma Secretariat

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 68 (3) above, the Boma Secretariat shall:

- 1) Initiate policies, programmes and plans to be approved by the BLC;
- 2) Implement policies, programmes, decisions and resolutions of the higher organs of the Party;
- 3) Be responsible for mobilization and recruitment of new members into the Party and shall keep updated registers thereof;

- 4) Be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the Boma;
- 5) In the discharge of its functions and duties, report and be answerable to the Boma Chairperson;
- 6) Receive and consider reports from the Boma Secretariats;
- 7) Manage and control the funds and assets of the Party at the Boma level, and report on the status of the Party, its financial position and any other matter as may be specified by the Boma Chairperson or the BLC;
- 8) Implement directives and instructions from the Payam Secretariat;
- 9) Supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the Boma;
- 10) Oversee the work of the Boma women and youth leagues;

- 11) Co-opt persons with the necessary knowledge and expertise to enable it carry out its work efficiently; and
- 12) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Boma Chairperson or the BLC.

Article 70: Meetings of the Boma Secretariat

The Boma Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided over by the Boma Secretary or the Chairperson as the case may be.

- 1) Meetings of the Boma Secretariat shall be convened by the Boma Secretary.
- 2) Quorum for the meetings of the Boma Secretariat shall be simple majority.
- 3) Decisions of the Boma Secretariat shall be taken by simple majority of the members present and voting; and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

- 4) The Boma Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the Boma Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

CHAPTER XVIII

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM BOMA OFFICERS

Article 71: The Boma Chairperson

1) The Boma Chairperson shall:

- a) Be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the BC and BLC;
- b) Preside over the meetings of the BC and BLC and the Boma Secretariat as the case may be;
- c) Ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are correctly disseminated and implemented ;
- d) Supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the Boma and ensure that they perform their functions and

duties in an effective and efficient manner;

- e) Present policy proposals and any other relevant documents of the Party to the BC and BLC;
- f) At his or her discretion, delegate any of his or her functions or duties to any SPLM Boma organ or officer; and
- g) Perform any other function or duty as necessary for the proper implementation of the Party policies and Programmes.

- 2) In case the office of the Boma Chairperson falls vacant, the Boma Secretary shall act and convene an extraordinary meeting of the BC within fifteen (15) days to elect a new Boma Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 72: The Boma Secretary

The Boma Secretary shall:

- 1) Be the chief administrative officer of the Party in the Boma and shall be answerable to the Boma Chairperson and the BLC;
- 2) Be the secretary of the BC and the BLC and shall keep the minutes and records of the same;
- 3) Preside over the meetings of the Boma Secretariat;
- 4) Receive reports of all departments and committees, except those falling directly under the Boma Chairperson;
- 5) Act in the absence of the Boma Chairperson;
- 6) Organize meetings of the BC and BLC and notify all the members;

- 7) Implement resolutions and directives of the BC and BLC and the Payam Secretariat;
- 8) Prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the Boma Secretariat and the BLC and submit the same to the SPLM Payam Secretariat through the Boma Chairperson; and
- 9) Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Boma Chairperson, the BLC or the Payam Secretariat.

CHAPTER XIX

FINANCES OF THE PARTY

Article 73: Sources of Finance

Finance of the Party shall derive from the following Sources:

- 1) Registration and subscriptions fees of the members;
- 2) Donations, grants, gifts and contributions legally acquired;
- 3) Returns on investments and interest on deposits; and
- 4) Any other legitimate fund-raising activity approved by the PB.

Article 74: Management of the Party Finances

- 1) The SPLM financial year begins on the 1st of June and ends on the 31st of May of the following year.

- 2) All monies of the Party shall be kept in bank accounts approved by the PB.
- 3) Finances of the Party shall be managed in accordance with internationally accepted standards and good practices as prescribed in the SPLM Financial Rules and Regulations.
- 4) The National Secretariat shall compile an overall annual budget of the Party, based on budget proposals prepared by all levels of the Party organs and submit the same to the PB for consideration and presentation to the NLC for approval.
- 5) The SPLM Secretariats at all levels of the Party shall report their revenue collections to the next higher level of the Secretariat and shall not make any expenses except upon approval of the next higher level.

- 6) The National Secretariat may render financial support to any level below it as the situation may require.

Article 75: Audit of Accounts

- 1) Accounts of the SPLM at all levels shall be audited annually, within three months from the end of the financial year, by an independent and certified auditors approved by the PB.
- 2) The National Secretariat and Secretary for Administration and Finance in particular shall accord such auditors access to all the documents they need.
- 3) The auditors shall prepare the audit and management reports and submit the same to the National Secretariat which shall in turn submit the same to the PB for consideration.

CHAPTER XX

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 76: Party Discipline

The National Liberation Council shall make rules and regulations, code of conduct and procedures governing Party discipline.

Article 77: The SPLM Logo

The logo of the SPLM is made up of two concentric circles. Within the inner circle are three arcs of concentric circles the space between which is of the same width as the space between the two outer circles. The outer circles forming these arcs touch each other forming a concave triangle in the middle, the base of which extends both ways to the outer circle separating the space between it and the inner circle into two compartments. In the upper compartment,

constituting about two-thirds (2/3), is



written the words: “Sudan People’s Liberation Movement”, and in the lower are two olive branches crossing at the base signifying peace. In the left, right and bottom spaces of the inner arcs are written, respectively, the words: “Unity, Equality and Progress”. In the inner triangle is written the acronym “SPLM”, just above the base.

Article 78: The SPLM Flag and Party Colour

- 1) The flag of the SPLM is rectangular; its length is twice its width. It is a horizontal band of four colours,

comprising from top to bottom; black, white, red, white and green. The black, red and green colours are equal bands. A blue isosceles triangle with the base at one end has its apex at the middle, a distance of one third of the length. A yellow star occupies the middle of the triangle's height. Black colour represents the identity of South Sudan and Africa. The two white colours represent peace. The red colour represents the blood of the martyrs in the struggle for liberation. The green colour represents the land, agriculture, and its natural resources. The blue triangle represents the Nile waters and its resources that symbolises progress and development. The star represents the vision and guiding principles that constitute hope; whereas its yellow

colour represents the struggle and the nucleus formation of the nation and its renaissance. The logo of the SPLM in the centre of the flag represents progress, equality, and the people of South Sudan's unity in diversity.



- 2) The SPLM official Party colour shall be red with yellow star.

Article 79: National Days

The organs of the Movement, at all levels, shall observe the following national days:

- 1) 1st January – New Year's Day
- 2) 9th January-Peace Day

- 3) 16th May-Revolution Day;
- 4) 9th July-Independence Day;
- 5) 30th July-Dr John Garang De Mabior Memorial Day; and
- 6) 18th August-Martyrs and Veterans Day.

Article 80: Elections

The SPLM shall, before the conduct of elections at any level of government, organise primary elections for all its aspiring candidates for elective legislative positions to determine their nomination by the Party as shall be determined by the SPLM rules and regulations.

Article 81: Rules and Regulations

For proper and effective implementation of this Constitution, the NLC shall make rules and regulations and code of conduct in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Article 82: Interim Provisions

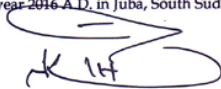
- 1) This Constitution shall be passed by simple majority of the NLC members before presentation to the NC for approval by two-thirds (2/3) majority of its members.
- 2) All orders or directives issued, appointments made or actions taken, and organs established prior to the adoption of this Constitution shall remain in force until they are repealed or amended in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Article 83: Amendment of the Constitution

- 1) This Constitution may be amended by two-third (2/3) majority of all members of the NC.

- 2) A motion for amendment of this Constitution shall be tabled before the NC by the Chairperson or on the written request by at least one third (1/3) of the NLC members.
- 3) A motion to amend this Constitution shall be served on all the members of the NC, by the National Secretariat one month before the NC meeting.

This Constitution is adopted by the SPLM 1st Extra-Ordinary National Convention and signed by the SPLM Chairperson on this 9th Day of the Month of Jan., of the year 2016 A.D. in Juba, South Sudan.



Comrade Gen Salva Kiir Mayardit
Chairperson

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