



CONGRESS OF THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE

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PREAMBLE

The Congress of the Liberian People (COLP) embodies a transformative political approach rooted in centrist, Pan-Africanist, and social-democratic ideals. It is driven by the spirit of national renewal, unity, and social justice, in pursuit of an inclusive, progressive, and prosperous Liberia.

Committed to these values, we, the founding members of COLP and representatives of the Liberian people, do hereby adopt this Constitution to govern the affairs of the Party, define its organizational structure, articulate its founding principles, and guide its operations in service of a progressive Liberia.

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DEFINITIONS

The words, terms, and acronyms used in this Constitution and any Appendices hereto bear the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

Accountable means to answer for, or explain, one's conduct, decisions, or acts.

Appeal means to resort to, or apply to, a higher authority within COLP's structures for a review of a decision.

Appendix means an attachment or annexure to this Constitution.

Branch means a basic organizational unit of COLP, typically constituted at the district level, that is recognized by COLP as being in full compliance with its obligations under this Constitution and whose members are registered voters in the Republic of Liberia.

Bribe means any promise, offer, or provision of something of value, including money, made to procure services or to gain influence in an improper or unlawful manner.

Candidate means a person nominated and elected democratically by the constitutional structures of COLP at the appropriate level and endorsed by the NCA, the NCWG, the CCS, or the Branch, as applicable.

Cell Leader means a member of COLP in good standing elected to serve and lead a cell.

CCS means the County Congressional Structure, which constitutes the county-level executive organ of COLP.

Chaplain means a priest, imam, pastor, or other recognized religious or spiritual leader.

Complainant means a person who, in the context of disciplinary proceedings, initiates a complaint before the Grievance and Ethics Committee.

Consistent with means agreeing with, compatible with, and not contradictory to.

Constitution means this Constitution of COLP, as amended from time to time.

Coordinator means a member of COLP in good standing who is elected to head a Branch.

County Chairperson means a member of COLP in good standing who is elected to lead a County Congressional Structure.

Defendant means a person, structure, or organ against whom a legal action or complaint is brought before the Grievance and Ethics Committee.

Department means any operational division of COLP at the international, national, or local level, excluding structures and committees established under this Constitution.

Good financial standing means the status of a member who has fully honored all financial obligations to COLP as prescribed in this Constitution and the By-Laws.

Member means a person who holds valid membership of COLP in accordance with this Constitution.

Member in good standing means a member who has fully discharged all duties under the membership provisions of this Constitution and who is not subject to any active disciplinary sanction.

NCA means the National Congressional Assembly, the supreme governing body of COLP.

NCWG means the National Congressional Working Group, the highest organ of COLP between sessions of the NCA.

NEC means the National Elections Commission of Liberia.

NVC means the National Veteran Congress, the advisory and moral authority of COLP.

YPP means the Young Progressive Party, the student command of COLP.

ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the Political Party shall be the **CONGRESS OF THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE**, hereinafter referred to as “**COLP**.”

Section I: Meaning of COLP’s Logo

The map of Liberia forms the central structure of COLP’s logo. It symbolizes the national unity and territorial integrity of the Republic of Liberia, as well as the Party’s commitment to representing all fifteen counties and every Liberian, regardless of ethnicity, religion, or region. The map is depicted as being formed from fertile soil, emphasizing that Liberia’s true wealth lies in its land and natural resources, particularly agriculture. The centrality of the national map also represents a deliberate shift from elite-centered governance to people-centered development, grounded in the country’s natural potential and the collective strength of its citizens.

Emerging from the soil are small green seedlings, symbolizing growth, renewal, and the promise of the future. These seedlings represent the empowerment of youth and the potential of future generations to drive economic transformation and national progress. Given Liberia’s large youth population, the seedlings embody hope for a new generation of leadership, innovation, and opportunity.

Behind the map appears a bright rising sun with rays spreading outward, symbolizing a new dawn for Liberia. The sun represents hope, enlightenment, progress, and the emergence of a renewed political vision dedicated to national development and good governance.

Also visible in the background is a palm tree, a powerful symbol of sustainability and indigenous economic strength. In Liberian culture, the palm tree is closely connected to rural life, traditional livelihoods, and local production, particularly in the palm oil industry. It therefore represents self-reliance, economic resilience, and the potential for indigenous wealth creation.

The white star within the map echoes the single star on the national flag of Liberia. This star symbolizes freedom and independence, reflecting Liberia's historical identity as Africa's first independent republic. It also represents the unity of the Liberian people and the nation's enduring role as a beacon of liberty on the continent, reinforcing patriotism and national pride.

Taken together, the logo of COLP represents a vision of national renewal rooted in Liberia's land, people, and natural resources. It conveys a political philosophy centered on sustainable governance, inclusive development, youth empowerment, and national unity, communicating that Liberia's future prosperity shall grow from the fertile soil of the nation, powered by the strength and creativity of its people.

Section II: Colours

The official colors of COLP are red and white. Red represents the sacrifices that Compatriots are willing to make to achieve a progressive Liberia, while white represents peace, integrity, and democratic governance.

Section III: Headquarters

The headquarters of COLP shall be located in Monrovia, Liberia. The precise location thereof shall be determined by the National Congressional Assembly from time to time.

ARTICLE II: PHILOSOPHY OF COLP

COLP is a social-democratic, Pan-African political movement committed to popular sovereignty, ethical governance, economic justice, social equality, and national unity. Through democratic means, mass mobilization, and institutional discipline, COLP seeks to acquire state power in order to transform the material conditions of the Liberian people and to build a progressive, inclusive, and prosperous Liberia. The Party shall be guided in its vision by the following philosophical pillars:

- (1) Social Democracy.** At its core, COLP is a social-democratic political movement grounded in the socioeconomic realities of the Liberian masses. COLP holds that the state bears a

fundamental responsibility to intervene in the economy to ensure social justice, reduce inequality, and protect the welfare of all citizens. This includes prioritizing public investment in education, healthcare, youth empowerment, employment creation, and social-protection systems, while maintaining democratic governance and respect for civil liberties.

- (2) Centrist Progressivism.** COLP embraces centrist progressivism, rejecting political extremism while advancing bold, reform-oriented policies aimed at national renewal. COLP therefore seeks pragmatic solutions that balance market activity with strong public regulation, ensuring that economic growth benefits the many rather than the few. This ideology positions COLP as a reformist force capable of uniting diverse social groups around a shared national vision.
- (3) Pan-Africanism.** COLP is firmly rooted in Pan-African ideology, drawing inspiration from African liberation and progressive thinkers including Edward Wilmot Blyden, Thomas Sankara, Julius Nyerere, Pixley ka Isaka Seme, Amílcar Cabral, Frantz Fanon, and Patrice Lumumba. COLP holds that Liberia’s destiny is inseparable from Africa’s collective progress, and unequivocally supports African unity, South-South cooperation, and resistance to neo-colonial domination in political, economic, and cultural forms.
- (4) Popular Sovereignty and Participatory Democracy.** COLP holds that political power belongs to the people and must be exercised in their interest. As such, COLP promotes participatory democracy through collective leadership, institutional accountability, internal debate, and grassroots mobilization. Leadership is viewed as a mandate from the people rather than a personal entitlement, and must at all times remain accountable to the membership and the wider citizenry.
- (5) Anti-Corruption and Ethical Governance.** COLP is unequivocally opposed to corruption in all its forms, viewing it as a fundamental obstacle to national development, social justice, and public trust. COLP’s ideology emphasizes integrity, transparency, accountability, and strict institutional discipline. Within COLP, public office is conceived as a public trust, and abuse of power, bribery, nepotism, and waste are categorically prohibited.
- (6) Social Equality and Feminist Progressivism.** COLP adopts a socially progressive ideology, rejecting sexism and institutional discrimination. It actively promotes women’s political participation, leadership by persons living with disabilities, and broad demographic representation, mandating compulsory female representation in elected Party bodies as well as

representation from other social groups. Social equality is viewed as essential to democracy, justice, and sustainable development.

- (7) Decentralization and Local Empowerment.** COLP supports political and administrative decentralization as a means of empowering local communities, strengthening grassroots democracy, and promoting balanced development across all counties. The Party believes that local governance structures should be adequately resourced and politically empowered to respond to the needs of local populations.
- (8) National Unity and Civic Nationalism.** COLP subscribes to civic nationalism, emphasizing the founding principle of “One Nation, One Destiny.” COLP rejects tribalism, religious intolerance, and ethnic exclusion, advocating instead for a united Liberian identity based on shared citizenship, constitutionalism, and mutual respect. National unity is considered a prerequisite for peace, development, and sovereignty.
- (9) Democratic Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law.** COLP is committed to constitutional democracy and the rule of law. It operates strictly within Liberia’s constitutional framework and electoral laws, emphasizing due process, internal democracy, lawful political competition, and the peaceful transfer of power. The Party views constitutionalism as the paramount safeguard against authoritarianism and political decay.

Section I: Institutional Principles of COLP

In addition to its philosophical pillars, COLP shall be guided in its internal operations and governance by the following institutional principles:

- (1) Institutional Discipline.** COLP holds that the capacity for principled, consistent, and accountable conduct in both public and private life is an indispensable qualification for any person seeking to hold leadership office within COLP or to represent it in any elective or appointive capacity. Accordingly, every candidate for Party office and every member exercising a leadership function within COLP shall be held to the highest standard of personal and institutional discipline, integrity, and conduct befitting the public trust reposed in the Party by the citizens of the Republic of Liberia.

- (2) **Collective Leadership.** All policies of COLP shall be formulated, adopted, and amended exclusively by and through the membership, acting in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Constitution and the By-Laws of the Party. The leadership of COLP shall at all times remain accountable to, and shall exercise its authority solely on behalf of, the membership pursuant to the governance procedures and institutional frameworks established herein. No officer, member, committee, or organ of COLP shall undertake, authorize, or participate in any action, decision, negotiation, commitment, or public pronouncement that carries or may carry organizational, legal, financial, reputational, or political implications for the Party, except in strict conformity with the established decision-making frameworks, consultation requirements, and authorization procedures of COLP as provided in this Constitution and the By-Laws. Any action taken in contravention of this provision shall be ultra vires, shall not bind the Party, and shall subject the responsible official to disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Constitution.
- (3) **Collective Accountability.** Every member of COLP to whom a task, responsibility, or function is assigned shall execute such assignment diligently, competently, and in good faith, to the fullest extent of his or her abilities, in the best interest of the Party and the citizens of the Republic of Liberia. In discharging any such assignment, every member shall remain personally and fully accountable to COLP, to its membership, and to the Liberian people for the manner and outcome of his or her performance. No member shall, in the discharge of assigned duties or in the exercise of any authority conferred by or through COLP, engage in any act, omission, arrangement, or conduct that has the purpose or effect of concealing, obscuring, deflecting, or otherwise evading accountability for his or her actions or decisions. Any member found to have violated this provision shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Constitution and the By-Laws.
- (4) **Inclusivity.** No member of COLP shall be denied, restricted, or otherwise deprived of the right to fully participate in Party activities, hold Party office, or exercise any right or privilege of membership on the grounds of gender, disability, physical condition, or membership in any social, ethnic, religious, or demographic group. Any act, policy, rule, or decision that has the purpose or effect of excluding or marginalizing any member on such grounds shall be deemed null and void and of no legal effect. COLP affirmatively commits to ensuring the meaningful and equitable participation and representation of historically underrepresented and

marginalized groups within its structures, organs, candidate slates, and decision-making bodies. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, COLP shall adopt and implement deliberate measures including, where appropriate, reserved positions, quotas, capacity-building programs, and targeted outreach to promote and guarantee the active involvement of: (i) women; (ii) persons living with disabilities; (iii) persons with albinism; and (iv) all other social, ethnic, and demographic groups that are or may be underrepresented within the Party's structures.

ARTICLE III: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Congress of the Liberian People is established to pursue the following aims and objectives, which shall guide and inform all policies, programs, decisions, and activities of the Party and its organs at every level:

- (1) Pursuit of Democratic State Power and Transformative Governance.** To contest and attain state power exclusively through free, fair, and democratic means as guaranteed under the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia and the New Elections Law, and upon attaining such power, to deploy it purposefully and accountably to fundamentally transform the political, social, and economic conditions of the Liberian people, with particular and deliberate focus on youth empowerment, social justice, gender equity, and inclusive national development that leaves no Liberian behind.
- (2) Mobilization and Development of Human Capital.** To identify, harness, and systematically develop the creative, intellectual, entrepreneurial, and productive potential of all Liberians, with deliberate emphasis on the youth both within the Republic and in the diaspora, as the primary and indispensable drivers of national economic growth, technological innovation, industrialization, and sustainable development; and to advocate for policies, institutions, and investments that unlock and reward Liberian talent at every level of society.
- (3) Promotion of Good Governance, Integrity, and Ethical Leadership.** To champion and institutionalize a culture of good governance founded upon integrity, transparency, accountability, institutional discipline, and ethical conduct in public life; to advance the principle that public office is a public trust, the exercise of which must at all times be oriented

exclusively toward the welfare of the Liberian people and never toward the personal enrichment, aggrandizement, or factional advantage of the officeholder; and to advocate for the strengthening of independent institutions, the rule of law, and constitutional governance at all levels of the Liberian state.

- (4) Combating Corruption and Abuse of Power.** To actively identify, expose, resist, and combat corruption, wasteful and unlawful public expenditure, abuse of office and public trust, and all forms of economic and political malpractice, whether occurring within government institutions, state-owned enterprises, political bodies, or private-sector entities; and to advocate for the enactment and rigorous enforcement of robust anti-corruption legislation, financial accountability frameworks, and whistleblower-protection mechanisms in the Republic of Liberia.
- (5) Economic Industrialization and Productive Transformation.** To promote and advance the industrialization of the Liberian economy through deliberate investment in skills development, technical and vocational education, value-addition industries, agro-processing, manufacturing, and the strategic, sovereign, and sustainable utilization of Liberia’s natural resources and human capital for the primary and direct benefit of the Liberian people; and to advocate for economic policies that reduce dependency, diversify national revenue, and build a self-sustaining productive economy owned and driven by Liberians.
- (6) Social and Economic Justice.** To identify, challenge, and dismantle structural systems, policies, and practices, whether embedded in law, custom, institutional design, or economic arrangement, that perpetuate economic exploitation, entrenched class inequality, social exclusion, or the degradation of human dignity; and to advocate for an equitable socioeconomic order grounded in the constitutional rights of every Liberian citizen, the inherent dignity of the human person, and the principle that the natural wealth and resources of Liberia must be made to serve the broad Liberian population rather than the narrow interests of any privileged class or external actor.
- (7) National Unity, Civic Identity, and Social Cohesion.** To foster and strengthen national unity and social cohesion among all Liberians, irrespective of ethnicity, religion, gender, region, class, or political affiliation, by promoting a shared, inclusive, and forward-looking Liberian civic identity anchored in constitutional equality, mutual respect, the rule of law, and the collective aspiration encapsulated in the founding principle of “One Nation, One Destiny”;

and to oppose all forms of tribalism, sectarianism, and divisive political mobilization that undermine the unity and stability of the Republic.

- (8) Pan-African Consciousness, Solidarity, and Regional Cooperation.** To affirm, promote, and advance Pan-African consciousness, solidarity, and cooperation as both a historical obligation and a strategic imperative; to recognize and honor Liberia’s unique historical role and continuing responsibility in Africa’s collective pursuit of dignity, political self-determination, economic sovereignty, and continental development; and to pursue constructive engagement with African regional bodies, the African Union, and fellow African states in advancing the shared interests and aspirations of the African people, consistent with Liberia’s international obligations and foreign policy commitments.
- (9) Building a Strong, Democratic, and Nationally Representative Party.** To build, consolidate, and sustain the Congress of the Liberian People as a strong, democratic, ideologically grounded, and genuinely nationwide political party with active, functional, and accountable structures at the branch, county, national, and diaspora levels; to ensure that the Party is capable of sustained long-term political engagement, democratic competition, and effective governance; and to maintain within the Party’s structures the highest standards of internal democracy, member participation, financial accountability, and organizational discipline, consistent with the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, the New Elections Law, and the regulations of the NEC.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Eligibility for Membership

Membership of COLP shall be open to every Liberian citizen who:

- (a)** has attained the age of eighteen (18) years at the time of application;
- (b)** is not disqualified from membership by reason of any provision of this Constitution, the By-Laws, or any applicable law of the Republic of Liberia;
- (c)** subscribes to and accepts the principles, objectives, and Constitution of COLP; and
- (d)** has complied with the membership admission procedures prescribed in the By-Laws of COLP.

No eligible person shall be denied membership on the grounds of religion, ethnicity, gender, or any other protected characteristic recognized under the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

(a) Membership of Liberians in the Diaspora

Liberian citizens who are ordinarily resident outside the Republic of Liberia shall be equally entitled to apply for and hold membership of COLP on the same terms and conditions as Liberians resident within the Republic, subject to any additional procedures or modalities prescribed in the By-Laws to account for residency, verification, and participation requirements applicable to diaspora members.

(b) Proof of Citizenship and Age

An applicant for membership shall, upon request, provide such documentary evidence of Liberian citizenship and age as may be prescribed by the By-Laws or determined by the appropriate organ of the Party. COLP shall treat all such documentation in accordance with applicable data-protection and privacy standards.

(c) Register of Members

COLP shall maintain an accurate, current, and secure register of all members of the Party. The register shall be maintained and made accessible in such manner as is prescribed in the By-Laws and as may be required by the NEC or any other competent authority under applicable law.

Section II: Rights of Members

Every member of COLP in good standing shall have the right to:

- (a)** actively participate in all discussions, activities, and the implementation of COLP's policies and programs;
- (b)** take part in Party elections and to be elected or appointed to any committee, structure, organ, or delegation of COLP, subject to the eligibility requirements of this Constitution; and
- (c)** submit policy proposals and statements to all structures of COLP.

Section III: Duties and Obligations of Members

Every member of COLP shall be obligated to:

- (a) actively work through the existing structures of COLP to advance its policies, programs, and decisions;
- (b) observe this Constitution, the By-Laws, and the Code of Discipline of COLP;
- (c) refrain from publicly undermining the interests, programs, or reputation of COLP; and
- (d) pay their dues and maintain good financial standing with the Party at all times.

Section IV: Loss of Membership

A member shall lose membership of COLP in the following circumstances:

- (1) **Voluntary Resignation.** Any member may voluntarily resign from COLP by submitting a written notice of resignation to the appropriate Party authority at the branch, county, or national level. Such resignation shall take effect upon receipt and formal acknowledgment by the Party.
- (2) **Expulsion.** A member may be expelled from the Party for conduct that is inconsistent with the principles, objectives, and Constitution of COLP. Grounds for expulsion shall include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) engaging in activities that undermine the unity, integrity, or reputation of the Party;
 - (b) publicly supporting or campaigning for another political party or candidate against an officially endorsed candidate of the Party;
 - (c) gross misconduct, corruption, or behavior deemed detrimental to the interests of the Party;
 - (d) persistent violation of the Party's Constitution, rules, regulations, or decisions of authorized Party organs; and
 - (e) acts of indiscipline, factionalism, or sabotage against the Party.

Expulsion shall only be carried out after the member has been given due notice of the allegations against him or her and a fair opportunity to be heard before the Grievance and Ethics Committee of COLP.

- (3) **Failure to Meet Membership Obligations.** A member may lose membership status upon failure to fulfill membership obligations, including the payment of dues or participation requirements as may be prescribed by COLP, after due and proper notice has been given.

- (4) Automatic Termination.** Membership shall automatically terminate where a member joins or registers with another political party or is declared legally incapacitated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

COLP shall consist of the following organs and structures, organized hierarchically from the national to the community level:

Section I: The National Congressional Assembly (NCA)

The NCA is the supreme governing body of COLP. It shall:

- (a)** be endowed with supreme authority over all organs, structures, and affairs of the Party;
- (b)** be convened once every four (4) years by delegates from the CCS, the YPP, the NCA, COLP Global, and all Branches of COLP;
- (c)** establish and review the general policies of COLP;
- (d)** elect the principal officers of COLP, including nominating the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates of the Party for the Republic of Liberia;
- (e)** act upon reports and proposals submitted to it by the membership and structures;
- (f)** adopt and amend this Constitution and other rules and procedures of COLP;
- (g)** be organized by a Steering Committee, which shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the Assembly;
- (h)** be convened on the second Saturday of September in the year in which it is due;
- (i)** adopt rules and procedures governing the conduct of the Assembly; and
- (j)** adopt the People's Manifesto.

Section II: The National Congressional Working Group (NCWG)

The NCWG is the highest organ of COLP between sessions of the NCA and has the sole authority to lead and administer the Party, subject to this Constitution. The NCWG shall:

- (a)** implement all decisions of the NCA;
- (b)** demand regular reports and accountability from all structures of COLP;

- (c) direct and administer the work of COLP and its organs, including branches, county structures, and international structures;
- (d) establish departments and set up committees for the effective operations of COLP;
- (e) ensure that all frameworks of COLP operate efficiently and in a democratic manner in accordance with the principles of this Constitution. Should any structure operate in opposition to those principles, the NCWG shall have the authority to suspend or dissolve that structure, provided that elections for the reconstitution of such structure shall be held within a period not exceeding three (3) months thereafter;
- (f) manage the assets of COLP within Liberia and in the diaspora;
- (g) institute disciplinary proceedings against any member and, where warranted, temporarily or permanently suspend the membership of any member, consistent with this Constitution;
- (h) have the power to institute and defend legal proceedings on behalf of COLP;
- (i) have the power to issue directives as it deems fit; and
- (j) take all steps necessary for the due fulfillment of the aims and objectives of COLP and the proper performance of its duties.

Section III: Young Progressive Party (YPP)

The YPP is the student command of COLP. It shall be governed by the following provisions:

- (1) The YPP shall mobilize all students across Liberia in support of the People's Manifesto and the objectives of COLP.
- (2) The YPP shall be open to all persons between the ages of thirteen (13) and seventeen (17) years and shall operate at both the local and national levels.
- (3) The primary objective of the YPP is to unite all Liberian students around progressive ideals, encouraging them to place their education at the service of the Liberian people.
- (4) Members of the YPP shall not be eligible for positions within the NCA, unless specially designated by the NCWG.

Section IV: County Congressional Structure (CCS)

The fifteen (15) political subdivisions of Liberia shall each constitute a County Congressional Structure of COLP. The County Congressional Structures are as follows:

- (a) Montserrado County Congressional Structure;
- (b) Margibi County Congressional Structure;
- (c) Grand Bassa County Congressional Structure;
- (d) Grand Cape Mount County Congressional Structure;
- (e) Bomi County Congressional Structure;
- (f) Bong County Congressional Structure;
- (g) Grand Gedeh County Congressional Structure;
- (h) Lofa County Congressional Structure;
- (i) Nimba County Congressional Structure;
- (j) Sinoe County Congressional Structure;
- (k) Rivercess County Congressional Structure;
- (l) River Gee County Congressional Structure;
- (m) Grand Kru County Congressional Structure;
- (n) Gbarpolu County Congressional Structure; and
- (o) Maryland County Congressional Structure.

The following provisions shall govern each County Congressional Structure:

- (1) To constitute a CCS, a county must have a minimum membership of five thousand (5,000) registered voters.
- (2) The headquarters of each CCS shall be determined by the NCWG in consultation with the branches and cells of COLP within that county.
- (3) Each CCS shall hold an Assembly once every year in a format communicated by the NCWG.
- (4) Each CCS shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and such other officials as the NCWG may prescribe.

- (5) Elected members of the CCS shall only be removed at the CCS Assembly or by the NCWG for cause.
- (6) Each CCS shall adopt a political plan of action, operationalizing the decisions of the NCA and the NCWG.
- (7) No decision of the CCS Assembly shall override or contradict those taken by the NCA or the NCWG.
- (8) Each CCS Assembly shall be constituted by representatives of official Branches within the county.

Section V: National Veteran Congress (NVC)

There is hereby established within COLP a body to be known as the National Veteran Congress, which shall serve as the advisory and moral authority of the Party. The NVC shall provide strategic guidance, institutional memory, and mediation on matters affecting the unity, stability, and long-term direction of COLP. The following provisions shall govern the NVC:

- (1) The NVC shall consist of distinguished members of COLP who possess demonstrable experience, integrity, and commitment to the principles and objectives of the Party. It shall be composed of not fewer than seven (7) and not more than fifteen (15) members.
- (2) Members of the NVC shall be persons of high moral standing who have rendered notable service to COLP, the nation, or their communities. The NVC shall reflect regional, gender, and generational diversity within the Party.
- (3) The NVC shall provide strategic advice and guidance to the NCWG and other organs of the Party on matters of policy, governance, and long-term political strategy.
- (4) The NVC shall serve as custodians of COLP's values, principles, and ideological direction.
- (5) Nominations for membership of the NVC may be submitted by the NCWG and the CCS, and nominated candidates shall be elected by the NCA.

Section VI: Branches

Branches are the basic organizational units of COLP. The following provisions shall govern all Branches:

- (1) Branches shall be the primary unit of COLP, constituted by four (4) blocs, within each of which there shall be as many cells as are necessary.
- (2) A Branch shall be made up of not fewer than one thousand (1,000) members who are registered voters.
- (3) A Branch of COLP shall be district-based and shall be re-demarcated from time to time as prescribed in the By-Laws.
- (4) A Branch must meet at least once every month and shall engage in continuous recruitment of new members.
- (5) A Branch shall be headed by a Branch Convener, a Co-Convener, Branch Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Branch Organizer.
- (6) Each candidate nominated for a seat in the Legislature shall be nominated through a Branch.
- (7) A Branch that loses fifty percent (50%) or more of its membership shall cease to be a recognized Branch of COLP.
- (8) Each Branch shall establish an Election Coordinating Committee in consultation with the CCS.
- (9) A Branch shall adopt a program of action consistent with the programs of the CCS, the NCWG, and the NCA.

Section VII: Auxiliaries

COLP shall establish auxiliary bodies to advance its vision of inclusive participation, leadership development, and socioeconomic transformation. These auxiliaries shall function as specialized structures designed to mobilize, organize, and empower key demographic and professional groups within COLP. The recognized auxiliaries under this Constitution shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Queens of COLP, the COLP Solutionpreneurship Initiative, and the COLP Cadets.

All auxiliaries shall be governed by the following principles:

- (1) All auxiliaries shall operate in alignment with this Constitution, the values, and the policy direction of COLP. Auxiliaries shall not function as independent political entities but as integral components of COLP's organizational structure.
- (2) Each auxiliary shall promote the ideals of participatory democracy, accountability, and national development; maintain internal discipline, transparency, and accountability; submit

periodic reports to the appropriate Party organ; and actively support Party programs, mobilization, and policy advocacy.

ARTICLE VI: PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

There are hereby established, as the principal offices of the Congress of the Liberian People, such offices as are enumerated and defined in this Article, together with such additional offices as may be created from time to time by the NCA or the NCWG in accordance with this Constitution and the By-Laws. The principal offices established under this Article shall collectively constitute the senior leadership structure of COLP and shall be responsible for the political direction, administrative management, institutional representation, and operational governance of the Party at the national level.

Section I: Standard Bearer

The Standard Bearer shall be the highest-ranking officer of COLP. The Standard Bearer shall:

- (1) be a Liberian citizen who is eligible, under the laws of Liberia, to contest for the office of President of the Republic, and a registered, dues-paying member of COLP;
- (2) have been an active member in good standing for at least five (5) consecutive years, with a demonstrated record of commitment to COLP's principles;
- (3) not have been convicted of any offence involving corruption, abuse of public trust, or gross violations of human rights, and must subscribe in writing to the Party's Code of Discipline and its principle of collective leadership;
- (4) serve at all times as the Party's nominee for the office of President of the Republic of Liberia;
- (5) provide strategic leadership at all levels of COLP, actively promoting the Party's programs and activities; and

Section II: National Chairperson

The National Chairperson shall be the chief administrative and organizational head of the Party and shall be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day political and administrative operations of the Party in accordance with this Constitution and the policies adopted by competent Party organs. The National Chairperson shall:

- (1) be a Liberian citizen, a registered voter, and a member in good financial standing, with at least three (3) consecutive years of active service in any COLP structure at the branch, county, national, or diaspora level;
- (2) demonstrate organizational leadership experience, sound knowledge of this Constitution, and a proven record of respect for institutional discipline and collective decision-making;
- (3) perform such other functions and responsibilities as may attach to the office or as may be required by this Constitution, the By-Laws, or decisions of the competent Party organs.
- (4) serve as the official spokesperson of the Party.

Section III: National Vice Chairperson for Administration

The National Vice Chairperson for Administration shall:

- (1) meet all eligibility criteria applicable to the National Chairperson and have at least two (2) years' experience in Party administration, coordination, or internal governance roles;
- (2) demonstrate the capacity to preside over and act in place of the Chairperson, including familiarity with the functions of Party organs and decision-making procedures;
- (3) handle all inter-Party administrative duties; and
- (4) in the event of the absence, resignation, death, or incapacity of the National Chairperson, act in his or her stead pending the holding of elections where necessary. Where the National Vice Chairperson for Administration is, for any reason, unable to so act, the National Vice Chairperson for Operations, and thereafter the National Vice Chairperson for Legal Affairs, shall perform the functions of the National Chairperson in that order of precedence.

Section IV: National Vice Chairperson for Operations

The National Vice Chairperson for Operations shall:

- (1) meet all eligibility criteria applicable to the National Chairperson and have at least two (2) years' experience in Party operations, logistics, campaign management, organizing, or operational planning within the Party or allied movements;

- (2) demonstrate the ability to manage resources prudently and to uphold anti-corruption and accountability standards in all operational matters;
- (3) oversee the operational functions of the Party at the national level, including the coordination of logistics, resource allocation, and implementation of Party programs and initiatives;
- (4) ensure the efficient functioning of Party operations and support the National Chairperson in executing strategic directives; and
- (5) oversee the implementation of COLP's programs, strategies, and activities across national, county, and branch structures.

Section V: National Vice Chairperson for Legal Affairs

The National Vice Chairperson for Legal Affairs shall:

- (1) be a Liberian lawyer admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Liberia or otherwise duly licensed to practice law in Liberia, and shall be in good standing with the Bar;
- (2) be responsible for providing legal advice and opinions to the NCA, the NCWG, and other organs of COLP when requested;
- (3) have at least five (5) years' relevant legal experience, including familiarity with election laws, Party regulations, and constitutional and administrative law;
- (4) be a member of COLP in good standing and affirm willingness to advise and represent the Party and its organs impartially and professionally;
- (5) represent and protect the legal interests of COLP whenever necessary; and
- (6) be assisted by other legally qualified members as the Party may deem appropriate.

Section VI: National Vice Chairperson for Diaspora Affairs

The National Vice Chairperson for Diaspora Affairs shall:

- (1) be a Liberian citizen ordinarily resident in the diaspora and a registered member of a recognized COLP diaspora structure;

- (2) have at least two (2) years of active organizing or coordination work within diaspora communities and demonstrate the capacity to mobilize resources and build linkages with domestic Party structures;
- (3) be responsible for engaging and mobilizing Party members and supporters in the Liberian diaspora;
- (4) foster communication and collaboration between Liberian diaspora communities and the domestic structures of COLP;
- (5) promote COLP's policies and activities abroad;
- (6) coordinate diaspora contributions to COLP's objectives;
- (7) organize outreach programs and report regularly to the NCWG on diaspora-related matters;
- (8) advise on policies affecting Liberians in the diaspora; and
- (9) perform such additional duties as may be required by the Standard Bearer or the NCWG.

Section VII: Secretary-General

The Secretary-General shall be the head of COLP's Secretariat. The Secretary-General shall:

- (1) be a literate Liberian citizen with strong writing, record-keeping, and administrative skills, and at least three (3) years' experience in organizational or secretarial work, whether within or outside the Party;
- (2) be a member in good financial standing with a record of reliability, confidentiality, and compliance with institutional discipline;
- (3) be responsible for maintaining the records and archives of COLP;
- (4) issue circulars and official communications to Compatriots;
- (5) prepare and issue payment instruments on the Treasurer;
- (6) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Standard Bearer, the National Chairperson, or the competent organs of the Party; and
- (7) be assisted by two (2) Deputy Secretaries, namely the Deputy Secretary for Press and Public Affairs and the Deputy Secretary for Research, Policy, and Political Education, who shall be elected by COLP.

Section VIII: Deputy Secretaries

The Deputy Secretaries shall:

- (1) assist the Secretary-General in maintaining Party records;
- (2) satisfy the general membership requirements and have at least two (2) years' active participation in COLP activities or structures;
- (3) demonstrate basic competence in documentation, communication, or the specific portfolio assigned;
- (4) prepare official correspondence and circulars, manage administrative documentation, and support the execution of secretarial functions;
- (5) act in the place of the Secretary-General during his or her absence or incapacity;
- (6) ensure compliance with record-keeping protocols; and
- (7) undertake such specific tasks as are delegated by the Secretary-General or directed by the NCA.

Section IX: Treasurer General

The Treasurer General shall:

- (1) be the custodian of all funds and financial instruments of COLP;
- (2) be a member in good standing with no record of financial misconduct and shall disclose any prior adverse findings relating to corruption or fraud;
- (3) preferably hold formal training or demonstrable experience in public finance, accounting, or financial management, and shall agree to be bound by internal audit and reporting requirements;
- (4) perform all duties normally incidental to the office of treasurer;
- (5) hold all financial records of the Party, and disburse funds only upon vouchers originating from the Standard Bearer, the Secretary-General, and the National Chairperson acting jointly;
- (6) maintain all financial assets of COLP;
- (7) jointly submit an annual financial report to a meeting of the NCWG; and
- (8) be responsible for ensuring compliance with the financial laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Section X: Chaplain General

The Chaplain General shall:

- (1) provide spiritual guidance, moral support, and religious care to COLP, its leaders, and its Compatriots at all levels;
- (2) be a member in good standing, of reputable moral character, and a recognized religious or spiritual leader within his or her community;
- (3) demonstrate respect for the Party's secular and inclusive character, and agree not to discriminate on grounds of religion, gender, or ethnicity, and to uphold COLP's progressive values;
- (4) promote ethical conduct, unity, and values aligned with the moral principles of COLP;
- (5) lead or coordinate religious observances, prayers, and inspirational activities at Party events, meetings, and programs;
- (6) serve as a counsellor on matters of faith and conscience;
- (7) be assisted by other Chaplains as needed; and
- (8) report to the National Chairperson on spiritual and ethical initiatives within the Party.

Section XI: Auditor General

The Auditor General shall:

- (1) provide an annual audit report on the financial workings of COLP;
- (2) be a member of the Party in good standing and be professionally qualified or experienced in auditing, accounting, or financial oversight;
- (3) not simultaneously hold any position responsible for authorizing or executing Party expenditures, and shall be independent from the Treasurer's operational chain;
- (4) receive and audit the financial reports submitted by the Secretary-General and the Treasurer General; and
- (5) present an independent audit report to the NCWG.

Section XII: National Organizer

The National Organizer shall be a principal officer of the Party responsible for the coordination, expansion, and consolidation of COLP's grassroots structures nationwide. The Office of the National Organizer shall serve as the operational hub for mobilization, membership development, and structural organization of the Party. The National Organizer shall:

- (1) recommend the establishment, suspension, or restructuring of Party branches, subject to approval by the NCWG;
- (2) issue directives and guidelines to sub-national organizers for the effective operations of the Party;
- (3) convene meetings of organizers at national and sub-national levels;
- (4) recommend the appointment or removal of County and District Organizers based on performance and conduct;
- (5) access necessary COLP information and resources required for the effective discharge of the duties of the office; and
- (6) meet the same qualification requirements as a Deputy Secretary.

ARTICLE VII: GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COLP

Section I: Integrity and Transparency

Every officer and member of COLP shall, in the discharge of any function, responsibility, or authority within the Party, act honestly, in good faith, and with undivided loyalty to the best interests of COLP and the Liberian people. No officer or member shall, in the exercise of any Party function or authority, subordinate the interests of the Party or its membership to personal, familial, factional, commercial, or any other private interest.

Section II: Respect and Non-Discrimination

All interactions, activities, and engagements within COLP shall be guided by the principles of mutual respect, dignity, inclusiveness, and fairness. Every member shall be treated with courtesy and afforded equal opportunity to participate in the affairs of the Party. Discrimination, harassment, or prejudicial treatment on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, age, political opinion, social status, regional origin, or any other constitutionally protected characteristic is strictly

prohibited. COLP is committed to fostering a culture of unity, tolerance, and equal respect for the rights and dignity of all members.

Section III: Confidentiality

(a) Classification of Confidential Information

The following categories of information shall be deemed confidential and proprietary to COLP and shall be subject to the obligations and restrictions set forth in this Section:

- (i) strategic plans, policy positions under development, electoral strategies, and operational plans of the Party;
- (ii) records of internal deliberations, debates, votes, and proceedings of any organ, committee, caucus, or body of COLP, except where disclosure is expressly authorized under this Constitution or the By-Laws;
- (iii) personal data of members, including but not limited to names, contact information, identification details, financial records, and any other information provided in connection with membership registration or Party activities;
- (iv) financial accounts, budgets, donor information, and records of Party expenditure, except to the extent disclosure is required by law or by order of a competent authority; and
- (v) any other information designated as confidential by the appropriate organ of COLP in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the By-Laws.

(b) Obligation of Confidentiality

Every member, officer, employee, agent, volunteer, and contractor of COLP, whether current or former, shall, during the period of their membership, engagement, or service and at all times thereafter, be bound by a duty of confidentiality with respect to all information falling within the categories set forth in sub-section (a) above. No such person shall, directly or indirectly, disclose, communicate, publish, reproduce, or otherwise make available any confidential information of the Party to any unauthorized person, entity, or organ, without the prior written authorization of the appropriate organ of COLP as prescribed in the By-Laws.

(c) Authorized Disclosure

Disclosure of confidential information shall be permissible only in the following circumstances:

- (i) where expressly authorized in writing by the appropriate organ of COLP designated in the By-Laws;
- (ii) where disclosure is required by the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, an order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or any applicable law or regulation, including any lawful directive of the NEC; or
- (iii) where disclosure is made internally to an officer or organ of COLP who has a legitimate need to access the information in the discharge of official functions within the Party.

(d) Protection of Member Data

COLP shall implement and maintain appropriate technical, administrative, and organizational measures to protect the personal data of its members against unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, loss, or destruction. The collection, storage, use, and processing of member data shall be conducted in accordance with applicable data-protection laws and standards of the Republic of Liberia and shall be limited to purposes that are necessary and directly related to the legitimate functions of the Party.

(e) Breach of Confidentiality

Any member, officer, or other person bound by the obligations of this Section who discloses, misuses, or knowingly facilitates the unauthorized disclosure of confidential Party information shall be deemed to have committed a serious breach of this Constitution and shall be subject to:

- (i) disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Constitution and the By-Laws, which may result in suspension or expulsion from the Party; and
- (ii) such civil or criminal liability as may arise under the applicable laws of the Republic of Liberia.

(f) Survival of Obligation

The confidentiality obligations imposed by this Section shall survive the resignation, expulsion, or cessation of membership or service of any person and shall remain binding and enforceable indefinitely with respect to information acquired during the period of membership or service.

Section IV: Professionalism

All representatives and officers of COLP shall conduct themselves in a manner that enhances the Party's reputation, avoiding public conduct that brings the Party into disrepute, including criminal activity, moral turpitude, or inflammatory rhetoric. Officers shall:

- (1) prioritize COLP's interests over personal or external affiliations and disclose any potential conflicts of interest promptly;
- (2) make public statements on behalf of COLP only upon approval by the competent Party authorities; and
- (3) use COLP's assets, including funds, facilities, and communications platforms, solely for Party purposes and subject to appropriate oversight.

ARTICLE VIII: GRIEVANCES AND ETHICS

COLP recognizes that a strong, democratic, and accountable organization must provide its members with fair mechanisms to address concerns and to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct. Accordingly, all members, officers, and representatives of the Party shall be entitled to raise grievances regarding actions, decisions, or conduct that they believe violate Party rules, principles, or their rights as members.

At the same time, every member bears a personal responsibility to conduct themselves with integrity, honesty, respect, and loyalty to the values and objectives of the Party. The provisions of this Article are intended to promote transparency, accountability, fairness, and mutual trust by establishing clear standards of ethical behavior and procedures for the resolution of disputes, complaints, and allegations of misconduct within the Party.

Section I: Enforcement

Breaches of this Constitution shall be reported to the Grievance and Ethics Committee (GEC). The GEC shall investigate all allegations impartially, ensuring due process throughout, and shall recommend sanctions proportionate to the severity of the violation. The following provisions shall govern the enforcement framework:

- (1) This Article establishes a comprehensive framework for addressing grievances, ethical complaints, and disciplinary matters within COLP.
- (2) The provisions of this Article apply to all members and officers of the Party and are designed to promote fairness, accountability, and the swift resolution of disputes.
- (3) The NCA shall oversee the implementation of this Article, delegating authority to a standing Grievance and Ethics Committee comprising five (5) impartial members appointed by the NCWG.

Section II: Procedures

- (1) **Filing a Grievance or Complaint.** Any member or officer may submit a written grievance or ethical complaint to the GEC within thirty (30) days of the alleged incident. The complaint shall detail the relevant facts, evidence, and remedy sought. Anonymous complaints may be considered where the GEC determines them to be credible; however, complaints submitted by named complainants are preferred for the purposes of thorough investigation.
- (2) **Preliminary Review.** The GEC Chairperson shall acknowledge receipt of a complaint within seven (7) days and shall conduct a preliminary assessment within fourteen (14) days to determine jurisdiction and merit. Frivolous or untimely complaints may be dismissed, and written reasons shall be provided to the complainant.
- (3) **Investigation.** Upon acceptance of a complaint, the GEC shall appoint an impartial investigator or panel of investigators to gather evidence and interview parties and witnesses in confidence. The respondent shall receive written notice of the allegations, an opportunity to respond in writing within ten (10) days, and access to relevant evidence, subject to confidentiality requirements. Investigations shall be concluded within thirty (30) days, extendable only with adequate written justification.
- (4) **Hearing.** Where the evidence warrants, the GEC shall convene a hearing within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the investigation report, affording both parties the right to present

arguments, witnesses, and representations. Proceedings shall be conducted fairly, recorded in full, and held in camera unless all parties consent otherwise.

- (5) **Interim Measures.** The GEC may impose temporary suspensions or other restrictions pending the resolution of a matter, where necessary to prevent further harm or interference with the integrity of the proceedings.

Section III: Decisions

- (1) **Deliberation and Ruling.** Following the hearing, the GEC shall deliberate in private and shall issue a written decision within fourteen (14) business days, setting out its findings of fact, conclusions on any violations, and recommended sanctions. Decisions shall be communicated simultaneously to all parties.
- (2) **Sanctions.** Sanctions imposed by the GEC shall be proportionate to the nature and gravity of the violation and may include:
 - (a) a verbal or written reprimand;
 - (b) a fine or order for restitution;
 - (c) suspension from membership or office for a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) months;
 - (d) expulsion from the Party or permanent disqualification from holding Party office; and
 - (e) referral to external authorities for the purpose of criminal investigation or prosecution.
- (3) **Implementation.** Decisions shall take effect immediately unless stayed on appeal. The NCWG or its designee shall be responsible for enforcing sanctions, and the GEC shall monitor compliance.
- (4) **Record-Keeping.** All proceedings and decisions shall be confidentially archived. Anonymized summaries shall be reported annually to the NCWG for purposes of transparency and institutional precedent.

Section IV: Appeals

- (1) **Right to Appeal.** Any party aggrieved by a decision of the GEC may appeal to the NCWG or a designated Appeals Panel within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the decision, on grounds of

procedural irregularity, new evidence, or manifest error. All appeals must be submitted in writing and must state the specific grounds and evidence relied upon.

- (2) **Appeal Process.** The Appeals Panel shall review the record of the proceedings. Where procedural grounds are raised, the Panel shall conduct a hearing; in all other cases, the appeal may be determined on the papers. Oral hearings may be granted at the Panel's discretion. All proceedings shall be concluded within thirty (30) days.
- (3) **Finality.** The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final and binding, subject only to judicial review by a court of competent jurisdiction on grounds of constitutional violation. No further internal appeal shall be permitted.
- (4) **Costs and Representation.** Each party shall bear its own costs. Legal representation is permitted but shall not be required.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCES OF COLP

The finances of COLP shall be managed in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, the provisions and regulations of the NEC, and all applicable electoral, financial, and anti-corruption laws of Liberia. The funds of COLP shall be derived from lawful sources only, including the following:

- (1) **Membership dues and registration fees.** COLP shall generate revenue, in whole or in part, from dues and other fees paid by its members. The annual membership due shall not be less than Three United States Dollars (USD 3.00) per member per annum.
- (2) **Voluntary contributions and donations** from members and supporters.
- (3) **Fundraising activities** duly approved by the Party.
- (4) **Grants or subventions** permitted under Liberian law.
- (5) **Income derived** from lawful investments and Party-owned ventures.
- (6) **Any other lawful source** consistent with the regulations of the NEC.

Every member of the Party who is nominated as a candidate for an elected position in the Government of the Republic of Liberia shall, within five (5) business days of receiving the

nomination, pay into the Treasury of the Party the nomination fees set out in the following schedule:

Nominee for the office of President of Liberia: Seven Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars (USD 750.00)

Nominee for the office of Vice President of Liberia: Five Hundred United States Dollars (USD 500.00)

Senatorial nominee: Three Hundred United States Dollars (USD 300.00)

Nominee for the House of Representatives: Two Hundred United States Dollars (USD 200.00)

All other nominees: Not more than One Hundred United States Dollars (USD 100.00)

ARTICLE X: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section I: Compliance with National Elections Laws

- (1) COLP shall incorporate and register with the NEC pursuant to the applicable laws of the Republic of Liberia, meeting all requisite conditions to obtain and sustain its legal status as a registered political party.
- (2) The New Elections Law of Liberia and any associated guidelines issued by the NEC are expressly incorporated herein by reference and shall form an integral component of this Constitution and the By-Laws of the Party.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

- (1) Any provision of this Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended, added to, altered, repealed, or replaced by resolution of the NCA, subject to the requirements set out in this Article.
- (2) An amendment shall be valid only upon the affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of delegates present and voting at a duly convened session of the NCA.
- (3) A written notice of the proposed amendment, specifying its purpose and the text of the proposed change, must be submitted to the NCWG not less than three (3) months before the

NCA session at which the amendment is to be considered. The NCWG shall forthwith circulate the proposed amendment to all delegates and structures of the Party.

- (4) All amendments adopted by the NCA shall be registered with the NEC within fifteen (15) days of adoption.

ARTICLE XII: TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Purpose and Scope

This Article establishes the transitional arrangements necessary to govern COLP during the period commencing from the date of the Party's provisional registration by the NEC and ending upon the conclusion of the Party's first NCA at which a fully elected leadership is constituted in accordance with this Constitution and the By-Laws (hereinafter referred to as the "Transitional Period"). The provisions of this Article shall prevail over any other provision of this Constitution to the extent of any inconsistency during the Transitional Period.

(b) Transitional Leadership

Pending the election of substantive Party officers at the first NCA of COLP, the governance and administration of the Party shall be vested in a National Organizing Committee (the "NOC"), composed of the founding members of the Party as may be determined and recorded in the founding instruments submitted to the NEC at the time of registration.

The composition of the NOC shall, to the greatest extent practicable, reflect the diversity of the Liberian people in terms of gender, regional representation, and social background, consistent with the Party's declared commitment to inclusive participation. The NOC shall, at minimum, include a Chairperson, a Secretary-General, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the founding membership may determine to be necessary for the effective administration of the Party during the Transitional Period.

During the Transitional Period, the NOC shall be empowered and shall be responsible for:

- (i) representing COLP in all dealings with the NEC, government institutions, civil society organizations, and the general public;

- (ii) coordinating and overseeing the organizational development of the Party, including the establishment of county, district, and community-level Party structures throughout the Republic of Liberia;
- (iii) facilitating the recruitment, registration, and enrollment of members in compliance with the membership eligibility provisions of this Constitution;
- (iv) convening and conducting the Party's first NCA in accordance with sub-article (e) of this Article;
- (v) preparing and adopting such internal rules, standing orders, and operational procedures as are necessary for the administration of COLP, provided that such instruments are consistent with this Constitution and the By-Laws;
- (vi) managing, accounting for, and reporting on all financial resources and assets of the Party during the Transitional Period in accordance with Article IX of this Constitution and applicable financial regulations; and
- (vii) undertaking such other acts and functions as are incidental to and necessary for the effective establishment and operation of the Party.

The NOC shall at all times remain collectively and individually accountable to the membership of COLP. The NOC shall render a full account of its stewardship, including a financial report, a membership report, and an organizational development report, to the first NCA of the Party. Such reports shall be tabled for adoption by the NCA before the substantive leadership elections are conducted.

(c) Existing Instruments and Decisions

All decisions, resolutions, commitments, and instruments made or entered into by or on behalf of COLP prior to the date of formal registration, including the founding declaration, membership applications, and any agreements entered into for the purposes of establishing the Party, shall, to the extent they are consistent with this Constitution and applicable law, be deemed to have been validly made and shall remain binding on the Party unless and until they are varied or revoked by a competent organ of COLP in accordance with this Constitution.

(d) Interim Financial Management

During the Transitional Period, all funds received by or on behalf of COLP shall be held in a dedicated Party bank account opened in the name of the Party and operated jointly by the NOC Chairperson and the NOC Treasurer, requiring the co-signatures of both officers for any disbursement.

The NOC shall cause proper books of account to be maintained in respect of all income, expenditure, assets, and liabilities of the Party during the Transitional Period, and shall cause such accounts to be independently audited prior to the first NCA.

No financial commitment, expenditure, or encumbrance exceeding the threshold prescribed in the By-Laws shall be authorized by the NOC without the written approval of a majority of its members, duly recorded in the minutes of the NOC.

(e) First National Congressional Assembly

The NOC shall convene the first NCA of COLP within such period as is prescribed by the New Elections Law of Liberia and the Regulations of the NEC, and in any event no later than twelve (12) months from the date of the Party's final registration by the NEC, unless an extension is granted by the NEC in accordance with applicable law.

The first NCA shall:

- (i) receive, consider, and adopt or amend this Constitution and the By-Laws of COLP;
- (ii) receive and consider the accountability reports of the NOC as required under sub-article (b) above;
- (iii) elect the substantive national officers and executive body of COLP in accordance with this Constitution; and
- (iv) transact such other business as may be properly brought before the Assembly in accordance with the rules of procedure adopted for that purpose.

All elections conducted at the first NCA shall be free, fair, transparent, and conducted by secret ballot where applicable, under the supervision of such electoral body or returning officer as the NCA may appoint, consistent with the democratic principles affirmed in this Constitution.

(f) Cessation of Transitional Arrangements

The Transitional Period shall cease and the transitional arrangements established under this Article shall stand dissolved upon the formal declaration of results of the leadership elections conducted at the first NCA. Upon such cessation, all powers, functions, and responsibilities vested in the NOC shall vest in the duly elected substantive leadership of the Party. The NOC shall deliver to the incoming leadership all assets, records, accounts, and instruments of the Party within fourteen (14) days of the declaration of results.

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or prejudice the authority of the NEC or any court of competent jurisdiction to order the involuntary dissolution, deregistration, or proscription of the Party in accordance with the New Elections Law of Liberia, the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, or any other applicable law.

(b) Grounds for Voluntary Dissolution

COLP may be voluntarily dissolved only upon the occurrence of one or more of the following circumstances:

- (i) a determination by a Special NCA of the Party, convened exclusively for that purpose, that the continued existence of the Party is no longer in the best interest of its membership or the people of the Republic of Liberia;
- (ii) a determination that the Party is unable, by reason of sustained insolvency, loss of registration, or any other material incapacity, to fulfill its constitutional mandate and electoral objectives; or
- (iii) a determination that the merger, amalgamation, or absorption of the Party into another registered political party, approved in accordance with applicable law and the provisions of this Constitution, renders the independent existence of COLP unnecessary.

(c) Initiation of Dissolution Proceedings

A proposal for the voluntary dissolution of COLP may be initiated by:

- (i) a resolution of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the National Executive Committee of the Party; or
- (ii) a petition signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the registered members of the Party in good standing, submitted to the Secretary-General in such form as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

Upon receipt of a valid proposal or petition for dissolution, the Secretary-General shall, within fourteen (14) days, cause written notice of the proposed dissolution to be served upon every registered member of the Party at their last known address or contact details as recorded in the Party's register of members; the NEC; and such other authorities as may be required under applicable law. The notice shall set out the grounds for the proposed dissolution, the date, time, and venue of the Special NCA convened to consider the proposal, and the rights of members to attend, participate in, and vote upon the resolution.

No Special NCA convened to consider a resolution for the dissolution of the Party shall be held less than sixty (60) days from the date of service of such notice, so as to afford all members a reasonable and meaningful opportunity to be informed of, participate in, and vote upon the proposed dissolution.

(d) Special NCA for Dissolution

- (1) **Quorum.** The Special NCA convened to consider a dissolution resolution shall not be quorate unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total registered membership of the Party in good standing are present in person or, where provided for in the By-Laws, represented by proxy.
- (2) **Resolution.** A dissolution resolution shall not be deemed to have been passed unless it is approved by an affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters (3/4) of the members present and voting at a duly quorate Special NCA convened for that purpose.
- (3) **Secret Ballot.** The vote on any dissolution resolution shall be conducted by secret ballot. No dissolution resolution shall be passed by acclamation, voice vote, or show of hands.
- (4) **Independent Oversight.** The proceedings of the Special NCA, including the conduct of the vote, shall be independently observed and verified by a representative of the NEC and, where practicable, by representatives of recognized civil society organizations, to ensure the integrity, transparency, and regularity of the process.

(e) Notification of the National Elections Commission

Within seven (7) days of the passing of a dissolution resolution at a duly convened Special NCA, the Chairperson and the Secretary-General shall jointly notify the NEC in writing of the dissolution resolution, furnishing the Commission with:

- (i) a certified copy of the minutes of the Special NCA recording the dissolution resolution and the result of the vote thereon;
- (ii) a certified copy of the notice served upon members pursuant to sub-article (c) above;
- (iii) a declaration signed by the Chairperson and Secretary-General attesting to the regularity of the dissolution proceedings; and
- (iv) such other documents or information as the NEC may require under applicable law or regulation.

(f) Liquidation Committee

Upon the passing of a dissolution resolution in accordance with this Article, the Special NCA shall, before its adjournment, appoint a Liquidation Committee of not fewer than three (3) and not more than five (5) persons, at least one of whom shall be a qualified legal practitioner and at least one of whom shall be a qualified accountant or auditor, to oversee and conduct the winding up of the Party's affairs.

The Liquidation Committee shall be responsible for:

- (i) taking custody of all assets, records, accounts, correspondence, and instruments of the Party from the date of its appointment;
- (ii) causing a full audit of the Party's financial accounts to be conducted and completed prior to the distribution of any assets;
- (iii) settling all lawfully incurred debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Party from the Party's assets in order of legal priority;
- (iv) distributing any assets remaining after the settlement of all debts and liabilities in accordance with sub-article (g) of this Article;
- (v) filing all statutory returns, reports, and notifications required by the NEC, the Ministry of Finance, Development and Planning, and any other competent authority; and

- (vi) taking all such other steps as are necessary and incidental to the orderly winding up of the Party's affairs.

The Liquidation Committee shall render a final liquidation report to the members of the Party and to the NEC upon the completion of the winding-up process. The report shall include a full account of all assets realized, all liabilities settled, and the final disposition of all remaining assets.

(g) Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution, the assets of the Party shall first be applied to the settlement of all lawfully incurred debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Party, including any outstanding obligations to the NEC or any government authority.

Any assets remaining after the full settlement of all debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among the members or officers of COLP. Such surplus assets shall be transferred to one or more of the following, as determined by resolution of the Special NCA at the time of dissolution:

- (i) one or more registered charitable, educational, or civic organizations operating in the Republic of Liberia whose objects are consistent with the advancement of democracy, civic participation, or the welfare of the Liberian people;
- (ii) the National Elections Commission of Liberia, for application to electoral democracy development programs; or
- (iii) such other not-for-profit purpose as is consistent with the objects of the Party and approved by the NEC in accordance with applicable law.

No part of the assets of the Party, upon dissolution or at any other time, shall inure to the personal benefit of any member, officer, founder, or associate of the Party. Any distribution made in contravention of this provision shall be void and recoverable by the Liquidation Committee or, following the completion of winding-up, by any competent authority under applicable law.

(h) Involuntary Dissolution

Where the Party is dissolved, deregistered, or proscribed by order of the NEC, a court of competent jurisdiction, or any other authority acting under applicable law, the provisions of sub-articles (f) and (g) of this Article shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the winding up of the Party's affairs and the distribution of its assets, to the extent they are not inconsistent with the terms of the

order or judgment effecting the dissolution. The persons last serving as Chairperson, Secretary-General, and Treasurer of the Party shall, unless otherwise directed by the order or judgment, assume the responsibilities of the Liquidation Committee pending the appointment of a formal liquidator by the competent authority.

(i) Moratorium on Reconstitution

No person who served as an officer of COLP at the time of its voluntary dissolution shall, within a period of three (3) years from the date of dissolution, establish, co-found, or serve in a leadership capacity of any successor political party that adopts, substantially reproduces, or is evidently modelled upon the name, symbols, constitution, policies, or organizational structure of COLP, without the prior approval of the NEC, unless such reconstitution is effected through a merger or re-registration process conducted in full compliance with applicable law.

(j) Survival of Obligations

The dissolution of COLP shall not affect or extinguish any right, claim, or cause of action vested in or against the Party prior to the date of dissolution; any obligation of confidentiality, non-disclosure, or fiduciary duty binding upon any current or former member or officer of the Party; or any disciplinary, civil, or criminal liability of any member or officer of the Party arising from acts or omissions committed prior to the date of dissolution.

ARTICLE XIV: ADOPTION AND COMMENCEMENT

This Constitution of the Congress of the Liberian People, having been deliberated upon, approved, and duly adopted by the constituted National Organizing Committee of the Party, shall be the supreme governing instrument of the Congress of the Liberian People and shall bind all organs, structures, officers, members, and affiliates of the Party.

Upon its adoption, this Constitution shall supersede all previous constitutions, charters, bylaws, regulations, directives, and other governing instruments of the Party to the extent of any inconsistency therewith.

This Constitution shall come into full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by the National Organizing Committee and shall remain in force until amended or repealed in accordance with its own provisions.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the **National Organizing Committee of the Congress of the Liberian People (COLP)**, sitting in _____, Republic of Liberia, on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned officers of the National Organizing Committee hereby affix their signatures on behalf of the delegates and membership of the Congress of the Liberian People.

Standard Bearer

National Chairperson

National Vice Chairperson for Administration

Secretary-General

Chairperson, Constitutional Review Committee