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To: All Executive Committee Members, Advisory Council, and Party Members

Subject: Proposed Amendments to the OUR Party Constitution – Internal Review and Public Discussion

Dear Esteemed Members,

As part of the ongoing commitment to ensure that the OUR Party remains aligned with the evolving needs of our nation and its people, we have undertaken a comprehensive review of the Party's Constitution. After careful consideration and consultation, we have drafted a series of proposed amendments that reflect our Party's vision for **inclusive governance, sustainable development, and ethical leadership**.

Purpose of the Amendments

The proposed amendments seek to modernize and strengthen the Party's guiding framework, ensuring that we are fully equipped to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. Key areas of focus include:

- **Enhanced transparency and accountability** in Party leadership and operations.
- **Commitment to gender equality**, youth empowerment, and the inclusion of marginalized communities.
- **Promotion of sustainable economic growth** and innovation through digital transformation and public-private partnerships.

- **Advocacy for environmental justice** and climate resilience.
- **Strengthening internal democracy** and fostering greater member participation in decision-making.

Table of Amendments

To facilitate a clear understanding of the proposed changes, we have prepared a **side-by-side table** comparing the original clauses with the suggested amendments. This format allows for transparency and encourages active engagement from all members. The table is available for your review, and we encourage you to take the time to carefully examine each amendment.

Internal Review

We are now entering the internal review phase. During this period, we invite all members of the Executive Committee, Advisory Council, and relevant stakeholders to provide their feedback on the proposed amendments. The internal review will run for a period of **two weeks**, after which we will consolidate all input to finalize the draft.

Deadline for Internal Review Feedback: 14 September 2024

Please submit your feedback to the Party Secretariat at (wilson.rano@gmail.com) by the deadline to ensure your views are considered.

Public Discussion

Following the internal review, we will open the proposed amendments for **public discussion** among the broader Party membership. This will include a series of forums, workshops, and online consultations where members can voice their opinions, ask questions, and provide further feedback.

Public Discussion Forums: 29 September 2024

These discussions are critical to ensuring that the final version of the amended Constitution is reflective of the collective will and vision of our Party. Your active participation is key to this process, and we look forward to hearing your insights and perspectives.

Next Steps

1. **Internal Review:** Feedback from Party leadership and stakeholders will be collected and reviewed.
2. **Public Discussion:** After internal feedback is integrated, we will present the amendments for wider member input.
3. **Finalization and Adoption:** Once all feedback has been considered, the final draft will be presented to the General Assembly for a formal vote, with a **two-thirds majority** required for adoption.

Conclusion

The proposed amendments mark a significant step in the OUR Party's evolution, reflecting our shared values of **democracy, justice, and progress**. By engaging in this transparent and participatory process, we are building a stronger foundation for our Party and a brighter future for the nation.

We look forward to your constructive input during this important review process and appreciate your continued dedication to the principles that define the OUR Party.

Yours faithfully,

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Executive Committee Member, OUR Party



PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO THE PARTY CONSTITUTION

Structure of the Table

- **Column 1 (Left):** This will contain the **original version** of each section or clause of the OUR Party's Constitution.
- **Column 2 (Right):** This will contain the **proposed amendments**, reflecting the suggestions made for improvement, modernization, and future-readiness of the Party.

Purpose of the Table

The purpose of this table is twofold:

1. **Transparency:** By providing a clear comparison between the original and amended versions, we ensure that members are fully aware of the changes and can evaluate the rationale behind each proposal.
 2. **Engagement:** Members will be able to see how the proposed amendments align with the Party's goals of inclusivity, innovation, and ethical governance, encouraging more informed and constructive feedback during public discussions.
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Draft Table of Amendments

| Original Version | Proposed Amendments |
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| Article I: Objectives 1. Uphold and promote democratic governance. 2. Advocate for social justice and equality. 3. Ensure equitable national development. 4. Protect the rights of citizens. | Article I: Objectives (Amended) 1. Uphold and promote democratic governance, transparency, and accountability in public life. 2. Advocate for social justice and equality, with specific emphasis on gender equality, marginalized communities, and reducing income inequality. 3. Promote inclusive economic growth that benefits all sectors of society and fosters sustainable development. 4. Ensure the protection of civil liberties, media freedom, and the right to peaceful assembly. |
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| <p>Article II: Membership</p> <p>1. Membership is open to all citizens.</p> <p>2. Members shall adhere to Party principles.</p> <p>3. All members have the right to vote in Party elections.</p> | <p>Article II: Membership (Amended)</p> <p>1. Membership is open to all citizens, regardless of race, gender, religion, or socioeconomic status.</p> <p>2. Members shall adhere to Party principles and actively participate in Party activities.</p> <p>3. Members have the right to propose policies, run for leadership positions, and vote in Party elections.</p> |
| <p>Article III: Party Structure</p> <p>The Party leadership consists of a Party Leader and an Executive Committee, who oversee operations.</p> | <p>Article III: Party Structure (Amended)</p> <p>The Party leadership consists of a Party Leader and an Executive Committee, supported by an Advisory Council that provides strategic guidance on national issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Advisory Council will be composed of senior Party figures and external experts. - Leadership elections will be held transparently every three years, allowing broader participation. |
| <p>Article V: Commitment to Equality</p> <p>The Party promotes equality among citizens.</p> | <p>Article V: Commitment to Inclusion, Gender Equality, and Youth Empowerment (Amended)</p> <p>1. The Party promotes gender equality at all levels of leadership.</p> <p>2. A Youth Wing will be established to represent the voices of young members and empower future leaders.</p> <p>3. The Party commits to policies that address income inequality and advocate for marginalized groups.</p> |

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| <p>Article IV: Party Leadership</p> <p>1. The Party Leader shall oversee all Party operations and represent the Party publicly.</p> <p>2. The Executive Committee shall assist the Party Leader in decision-making.</p> | <p>Article IV: Leadership and Governance (Amended)</p> <p>1. The Party Leader shall oversee Party operations and uphold the principles of transparency and ethical leadership.</p> <p>2. The Executive Committee shall assist the Party Leader and ensure accountability and the inclusion of diverse voices in decision-making.</p> <p>3. The Party shall establish an Ethics and Oversight Committee, tasked with monitoring compliance with the Party’s ethical standards and investigating allegations of misconduct.</p> |
| <p>Article V: Equality</p> <p>The Party supports equal treatment for all citizens.</p> | <p>Article V: Commitment to Equality, Gender Representation, and Social Justice (Amended)</p> <p>1. The Party shall ensure gender representation across all leadership levels by implementing gender quotas where necessary.</p> <p>2. The Party is committed to policies that promote social justice, economic equality, and equal opportunities for all citizens.</p> <p>3. The Party will create pathways for marginalized communities to participate in political processes.</p> |
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| <p>Article VI: Sustainable Development</p> <p>The Party advocates for sustainable development.</p> | <p>Article VI: Sustainability and Environmental Justice (Amended)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Party is committed to sustainable development, focusing on environmental protection and climate resilience.2. The Party shall support policies that promote renewable energy, reduce carbon emissions, and encourage sustainable resource management3. Environmental justice shall be a priority, with policies that protect marginalized communities from environmental harm. |
| <p>Article VII: Economic Growth</p> <p>The Party promotes national economic growth.</p> | <p>Article VII: Economic Growth and Innovation (Amended)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Party shall promote inclusive economic growth, ensuring that the benefits of development reach all sectors of society.2. The Party will support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and local economies, fostering entrepreneurship and job creation.3. The Party commits to fostering innovation and digital transformation, using technology to modernize public services and enhance national competitiveness.4. The Party shall encourage public-private partnerships (PPPs) to drive infrastructure development and economic progress. |
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| <p>Article VIII: National Unity</p> <p>The Party advocates for national unity and social harmony.</p> | <p>Article VIII: National Unity, Reconciliation, and Social Cohesion (Amended)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Party shall prioritize national unity, promoting policies that respect and protect cultural diversity.2. The Party supports national reconciliation efforts, including truth commissions and restorative justice initiatives.3. The Party will work to strengthen social cohesion through inclusive dialogue and the promotion of shared national values. |
| <p>Article IX: International Relations</p> <p>The Party supports diplomatic relations with other nations.</p> | <p>Article IX: International Cooperation and Diplomacy (Amended)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Party shall promote international cooperation and multilateralism, working closely with regional and global partners to address shared challenges.2. The Party supports diplomatic solutions to conflicts and advocates for the promotion of peace, security, and human rights.3. The Party will ensure that the nation remains an active and respected player on the global stage, particularly in areas such as climate change, trade, and security. |
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| <p>Article X: Amendments</p> <p>Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any Party member and must be approved by the General Assembly.</p> | <p>Article X: Amendments to the Constitution (Amended)</p> <p>1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any Party member and shall require a two-thirds majority vote by the General Assembly to be adopted.</p> <p>2. The Constitution shall be reviewed every five years to ensure its relevance and responsiveness to changing national and global circumstances.</p> |
| <p>Article XI: Transition Provisions</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall oversee any transitions.</p> | <p>Article XI: Transition and Implementation (Amended)</p> <p>1. The Executive Committee shall oversee the transition to this amended Constitution, ensuring that all changes are implemented smoothly and efficiently.</p> <p>2. This Constitution shall come into effect immediately upon its adoption by the General Assembly.</p> |

This comprehensive table offers a clear side-by-side comparison between the **original provisions** of the OUR Party’s Constitution and the **proposed amendments**, making it easier for Party members to understand the rationale and necessity of each change.

By adopting this table format, we are ensuring that **transparency** remains at the forefront of this amendment process, allowing for **informed discussions** and **constructive feedback** from all members. This approach reinforces the Party’s commitment to **inclusivity, ethical governance, innovation, and sustainability**, as it moves forward with these vital reforms.

Next Steps

1. **Internal Review:** I recommend circulating this draft table to the Party leadership and relevant committees for an initial review. This will allow key stakeholders to provide feedback and ensure that the amendments align with the Party's broader strategic goals.
2. **Public Discussion:** Once the internal review is complete, the draft should be presented to the wider Party membership for public discussion. This will involve hosting forums, consultations, and workshops where members can voice their opinions, ask questions, and provide constructive feedback. This inclusive process will strengthen the legitimacy of the amendments and ensure that all voices are heard.
3. **Finalization and Adoption:** After gathering feedback and making any necessary adjustments, the final version of the amended Constitution can be presented to the General Assembly for approval. A two-thirds majority vote will be required to formally adopt the amendments, marking a significant step forward in the evolution of the OUR Party.

DRAFT AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF THE OUR PARTY

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the OUR Party, inspired by the principles of democracy, justice, unity, and inclusivity, hereby adopt this Constitution to establish a framework for ethical governance, social equity, and national development. Committed to the long-term prosperity and well-being of our people, we enshrine these values to guide the Party's leadership, policies, and operations. This Constitution reflects our resolve to address the challenges of today while preparing for the opportunities and responsibilities of tomorrow.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

1. Name

The name of the Party shall be the **Ownership, Unity and Responsibility (OUR) Party** (hereinafter referred to as “**OUR Party**”).

2. **Objectives**

The objectives of **OUR Party** shall be to:

- (a) Uphold and promote democratic governance, transparency, and accountability in all aspects of public life.
- (b) Ensure equitable social, economic, and political development, fostering inclusivity and reducing inequality.
- (c) Champion human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law, with a commitment to freedom of speech, media independence, and peaceful assembly.
- (d) Foster national unity, reconciliation, and cohesion, respecting and protecting the diverse cultural and ethnic identities of the nation.
- (e) Promote sustainable development, environmental stewardship, and climate resilience to safeguard the nation for future generations.
- (f) Advocate for innovation and technological advancement to modernize public administration and enhance national competitiveness.
- (g) Uphold international cooperation and diplomacy, promoting peace and stability regionally and globally.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

1. **Eligibility**

Membership of the Party shall be open to all citizens of the nation who subscribe to the Party's principles and objectives, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or socioeconomic status.

2. **Rights of Members**

All members shall have the right to:

- (a) Participate in Party activities, discussions, and decision-making processes.
- (b) Run for leadership positions within the Party, subject to the rules and regulations set forth by the Executive Committee.
- (c) Propose policies and initiatives in alignment with the Party's objectives.

3. **Obligations of Members**

All members shall be obligated to:

- (a) Uphold the principles of the Party and adhere to its Constitution.
- (b) Participate in Party activities in good faith and in the interest of national and Party unity.
- (c) Promote ethical conduct and integrity in both private and public life.

ARTICLE III: PARTY STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP

1. **Executive Committee**

The Party's leadership shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall be responsible for overseeing the administration, policy development, and strategic direction of the Party.

2. Composition

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Party Leader, Deputy Party Leader, President, Vice President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and other officials as appointed by the Party.

3. Term

Executive Committee members shall serve a term of three (3) years, subject to re-election.

4. Elections

The election of Executive Committee members shall be conducted transparently through a democratic voting process by the Party's General Assembly.

5. Advisory Council

The Party shall establish an Advisory Council composed of senior Party members and external experts, who shall provide strategic advice on national and Party matters.

6. Composition:

The Advisory Council shall include former Party leaders, senior officials, and specialists in relevant fields, including economics, law, and international relations.

ARTICLE IV: COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

1. Internal Democracy

The Party shall uphold internal democratic practices, ensuring that all decisions, elections, and appointments are made transparently and through participation by the Party's members.

2. Transparency and Accountability

The Party shall adhere to strict principles of transparency in all aspects of its governance, including financial management, policy formulation, and decision-making.

3. Independent Oversight

An independent ethics committee shall be established to investigate any allegations of corruption, misconduct, or violations of the Party's ethical code.

4. Merit-Based Leadership

The Party shall prioritize merit and competence in the selection of its leaders and officials, ensuring that individuals who hold positions of authority have the necessary skills, experience, and ethical standards to serve the Party and the nation.

ARTICLE V: INCLUSION, GENDER EQUALITY, AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION

1. Inclusion and Social Justice

- 1.1. The Party is committed to fostering a society in which all citizens, particularly marginalized groups, have equal opportunities to participate in social, economic, and political life.
- 1.2. The Party shall promote policies that address income inequality, improve access to quality education and healthcare, and support the rights of underrepresented communities.

2. Gender Equality

- 2.1. The Party shall ensure that women are represented at all levels of leadership and decision-making. Gender quotas may be established to guarantee equal representation.
- 2.2. The Party shall advocate for policies that promote women's economic and social empowerment, including equal pay, access to education, and protection against gender-based violence.

3. Youth Empowerment

- 3.1. The Party recognizes that the youth are the future leaders of the nation and shall create opportunities for their active involvement in Party and national leadership.

- 3.2. A Youth Wing shall be established to represent the interests of young people and develop future leaders through mentorship programs and leadership training.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

1. Sustainability and Climate Action

- 1.1. The Party is committed to promoting sustainable development practices that protect the environment and mitigate the impact of climate change.
- 1.2. The Party shall support policies aimed at reducing carbon emissions, promoting renewable energy, and protecting biodiversity.

2. Environmental Justice

The Party recognizes that marginalized communities are often disproportionately affected by environmental degradation and climate change. The Party shall advocate for policies that prioritize these communities in environmental decision-making and resource allocation.

ARTICLE VII: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

1. Inclusive Economic Growth

1. The Party shall promote policies that drive inclusive economic growth, ensuring that the benefits of economic development are shared equitably across society.
2. The Party shall support small and medium enterprises (SMEs), entrepreneurship, and job creation initiatives, especially in rural and underserved areas.

2. Public-Private Partnerships

The Party shall encourage collaboration between the public and private sectors to advance national development, with a particular focus on infrastructure, healthcare, education, and technology.

3. Fostering Innovation and Digital Transformation

The Party shall champion the use of technology and innovation to modernize public services and promote digital inclusion, ensuring that all citizens have access to the tools needed to thrive in the digital economy.

ARTICLE VIII: NATIONAL UNITY AND SOCIAL COHESION

1. National Unity

The Party shall foster national unity by promoting policies that celebrate the country's cultural diversity while ensuring equal opportunities for all citizens.

2. Reconciliation and Healing

The Party is committed to promoting national reconciliation, healing historical wounds, and fostering understanding among all citizens. The Party shall support truth commissions and restorative justice initiatives to address past conflicts.

ARTICLE IX: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY

1. Multilateralism and Global Cooperation

The Party shall promote international cooperation and actively engage in multilateral organizations to address global challenges such as climate change, trade, and security.

2. Diplomacy and Peacebuilding

The Party shall advocate for diplomatic solutions to conflicts and support international peacebuilding efforts. The Party is committed to contributing to global peace and security through principled diplomacy and adherence to international law.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Amendment Process

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any Party member and shall require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote by the General Assembly to be adopted.

2. **Regular Review**

The Party's Constitution shall be reviewed every five (5) years to ensure that it remains relevant and responsive to the changing political, social, and economic landscape.

ARTICLE XI: TRANSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. **Transition Provisions**

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the transition to this amended Constitution, ensuring that all necessary adjustments to the Party's governance structures and processes are implemented smoothly.

2. **Implementation**

This amended Constitution shall come into effect immediately upon its adoption by the General Assembly of the Party.

CONCLUSION

We, the members of the OUR Party, pledge our commitment to upholding the principles enshrined in this Constitution. Together, we will work toward a future of justice, unity, sustainability, and progress, guided by our shared values and a steadfast dedication to the people of our nation. Through this Constitution, we lay the foundation for a Party that is prepared not only to address the challenges of today but to lead the nation into a brighter, more prosperous future.

End of Draft Amended Constitution for Public Discussions

This draft Constitution sets forth a vision of inclusivity, sustainability, ethical governance, and innovation, laying the groundwork for a Party that is not only responsive to current national

needs but is also forward-thinking and adaptable to the challenges of the future. This document is now open for public discussions, and we encourage feedback and engagement from all citizens to ensure that it reflects the aspirations and values of the people it seeks to serve.