



**PROFILE,
GENERAL PROGRAMMES
AND
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PEOPLES REDEMPTION PARTY**

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PROFILE OF THE PEOPLES REDEMPTION PARTY (PRP)

Origin of the Peoples Redemption Party

The origin of the Peoples Redemption Party goes directly back to the establishment of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (NCNC) on 26th August, 1944. The NCNC was the first national political party in Nigeria. It was the first political party to consciously shift party politics and party political agitation out of Lagos and Calabar. It was also the first party to attempt to mobilize ordinary people in all parts of Nigeria, and to organize and channel their grievances against British colonial domination. The NCNC's appointment of Mallam Sa'ad Zungur in 1948, as its Federal Secretary, to succeed Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe and its conscious effort to form a nationally representative executive council, were revolutionary in the context of Nigerian politics.

The party quickly consolidated itself as a genuine national political party, and above all challenged the colonial strategy of divide and rule, which insisted on the so-called irreconcilable differences between northerners and southerners in Nigerian politics.

First nation-wide Strike

The establishment of the NCNC in 1944 was followed by the General Strike of 1945, which lasted for 44 days and was the first nation-wide strike in Nigerian history. The strike, apart from shaking the very foundation of the colonial economy, exposed the vulnerability of colonialism

in the face of a united front by the people of Nigeria. This strike was led by Michael Imodu who was a member of the NCNC's executive council, and who later became the Deputy National President of the Peoples Redemption Party from 1978-1983.

The NCNC led a nation-wide campaign tour in 1946 to mobilize and obtain the mandate of ordinary Nigerians to lead a delegation to London to protest against certain provisions of the Richard's Constitution considered to be obnoxious. The Richard's Constitution had been promulgated without due regard to the opinions of the people of Nigeria. The rallies organized by the NCNC in the course of this campaign were the first of their kind in most parts of Nigeria. During these rallies, Nigerians were seen and heard denouncing the white man, in public, and getting away with it.

Out of these developments emerged the Northern Elements Progressive Association, the NEPA, in Kano, on 1st December, 1946 as the first political party from Northern Nigeria. The party's political outlook was clearly radical. The emergence of a political party with such a radical outlook in Kano whose leaders, like Habib Raji Abddallah, Abubakar Zukogi and Abdurrahman Bida, were openly associated with the Zikist Movement shocked the British.

The British responded to these developments by promulgating the Richards Constitution, with dispatch, in 1947. The most important objective of that constitution was to divide the ranks of Nigeria

nationalists, not just along the north-south line, but now into three regions, which were made the new centers of power, under the new dispensation. This was clearly aimed at breaking the ranks of those struggling to consolidate the pan-Nigerian anti-colonial movement.

Banning of the Northern People Progressive Association (NEPA) The British moved swiftly to disband the Northern Elements Progressive Association by dismissing those of its leaders and members who were government workers. But even those of them who were Native Authority employees, and were not therefore affected by General Order 40B, such as Abdurrahman Bida, the President of NEPA, were dismissed. But when most of the NEPA leadership moved to Lagos and joined the ranks of the Zikist Movement, and intensified their nationalist activities, the British moved swiftly to also ban the Zikist Movement in 1950.

The reshaping of the Richards Constitution into the Macpherson Constitution at the Ibadan General Conference in January 1950, was used to launch a vicious attack on the unity of Nigeria. The Northern Region's delegates at the conference, made up almost entirely of members of the emirate aristocracies, including a powerful presence of the emirs, threatened secession on the grounds of religion, tradition and cultural differences between the Northern Region and the rest of Nigeria

Northern Element Progressive Union It was in this context that the Northern Elements Progressive Union, the NEPU, emerged, when eight young Nigerians, with Mallam Sa'ad Zungur,

the NCNC Federal Secretary, and Mallam Aminu Kano, Headmaster of Maru Teachers College, acting in the background, launched the party, on Tuesday, 8th August, 1950. These historic eight were: Bello Ijumu, Abba Maikwaru, Mudi Sipikin, Magaji Danbatta, Babaliya Manaja, Musa Kaula, Abdulkadir Danjaji and Garba Bida. The party therefore took off as a Northern-based political party, with a deeply Nigerian nationalist outlook. The NEPU's profound commitment to democracy and social progress found its most articulate expression in the **Sawaba Declaration** of 1950, which heralded its birth. The **Sawaba Declaration** asserted that:

*"...at present, the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exist only to conserve the privilege of this selfish minority group. The **talakawa** must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government both nationally and locally in order that this machinery of government, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and the overthrow of bureaucracy and autocratic privilege... all political parties are but the expression of class interest and as the interest of the **talakawa** is diametrically opposed to the interest of all sections of the master class, both white and black, therefore the party seeking the emancipation of the **talakawa** must naturally be hostile to the party of the oppressors. The Northern Elements Progressive Union, therefore, being the only*

**The
Sawaba
Declaration
of 1950**

*political party of the **talakawa** enters the field of political action determined to reduce to nonentity any party of hypocrites and traitors to our mother country..."*

Strength and Sacrifices of NEPU leaders This ringing declaration announced the birth of one of the most dedicated movements for national and social liberation in our history, which also planted deep roots within the oppressed masses of this country, wherever it was active. From 1950 to 1966, the leaders, militants and cadres of the NEPU, alongside other patriots and revolutionaries, sacrificed all they had, including their lives, to ensure that our national independence was complete, our unity as Nigerians defended, and our democratic rights asserted.

Major setbacks The onset of the civil war and the attempt to balkanize Nigeria in 1966 - 1970 was a major setback to these efforts. But in various organizations and positions members of the NEPU played a key role in uniting the patriotic forces that came together to save Nigeria from disintegration and continued in the years after the war to struggle to chart an alternative path of genuine national independence and socialism for Nigeria.

Peoples Redemption Part (PRP) 28th October, 1978 The sacrifices of these leaders, militants and cadres of the NEPU have not been in vain, for directly out of the NEPU emerged the Peoples Redemption Party, which was launched on 28th October, 1978. The twenty one who attended the inaugural meeting of the PRP included S.G. Ikoku. Una Akpan, Dr Kolagbode, Balarabe Musa, A.D.

Yahaya and others. In its General Programme the PRP declared that:

"...in the last analysis, the people are the motive power of history. The people are the salt of the earth", and that: "In order to build an independent, balanced, self-sustained and people-oriented national economy, there is the need to eliminate foreign dominance in the economy; there is the need to get rid of productive relations based on exploitation: there is the need to vest the commanding heights of the national economy in the State".

***The
General
Declaration
of the
Peoples
Redemption
Party
(PRP)***

The struggles of the PRP and its two state governments of Kaduna and Kano over democracy, national unity, taxation, land reform, industrialization, mass literacy, and dependence on the World Bank, which example, continued what started with the early NCNC, the NEPA and the NEPU.

The military coup of December, 1983 did not terminate this political movement which by then had almost four decades of struggle for independence, unity and democracy, and which had got deep roots in the country. In 1986, the PRP group launched the *Analyst* and *Fitila* monthly magazines, with the declared intention of continuing with the struggle of the NEPU and the PRP by other means under new conditions.

When the ban on politics was lifted in 1989, a party

known as the People's Liberation Party was launched on 5th May, 1989, with an explicit commitment to continue with the work of the NEPU and the PRP. Alongside the PLP were other groupings also committed to the continuation of the PRP. This included the NEPU History Committee, under the chairmanship of Alhaji Mudi Sipikin.

All these came together at the launching of the book *The Politics of Mallam Aminu Kano*, on 8th August, 1994, held on that day to mark, the 44th anniversary of the founding of the NEPU. During that occasion it was proposed and resolved with acclamation that whenever the ban on politics is lifted the People's Redemption Party should come out again and continue with the struggle it has inherited from the early NCNC, the NEPA and the NEPU

With the partial lifting of the ban on political activity, the People's Redemption Party emerged again, under the name NEPU-PRP, and its structures all over the country were revived. A National Organizing Committee with state, local government and ward coordinating committees were established to bring together all those committed to continuing with the ideals of the NEPU and the PRP. The meeting of the National Sub-Committee on Organization at Kaduna, on Monday 24th June, 1996, authorized the decision to seek for the registration of the People's Redemption Party with the National Electoral Commission.

Presently, the PRP is the oldest existing registered political party in Nigeria. There had been attempts to deregister it in the recent past, but these attempts have been resisted, fought and defeated legally. The Party, and its leadership and membership, are determined to continue the struggle until its mission – the socialist reconstruction of the Nigerian Society and State – is attained.

**GENERAL PROGRAMMES
OF THE
PEOPLES REDEMPTION PARTY (PRP)**

The Principles of the Peoples Redemption Party

We, the members of the PEOPLES Redemption Party of Nigeria, believe in five fundamental principles. These five principles constitute the foundations on which our party exists; the pillars upon which our party firmly stands, deeply rooted in the history of our country; the cement which binds us together in our struggle for the redemption of our people and our country; as the ideals which give us a sense of common purpose; and the beam of light illuminating our path towards our vision of the future of our great country. These five fundamental principles of the PEOPLES Redemption Party are:

*Principles
of the
Peoples
Redemption
Party*

I. Value and the Equality of Human Beings

We believe in the human being as the most precious thing in the world, above all wealth and material objects; in the sacrosanct nature of human life; in the collective nature of human existence, in which every human being is unique and has equal rights and duties. And as an individual, he and she are primarily social beings who are members of families, members of communities, and citizens of nations, and links in the chain of succeeding generations of the dead, the living and the unborn, with the fundamental human right to the conditions necessary for the creative development of his and her human potential to the fullest, free from all

*The
Value
and
Equality
of
Human
Beings*

forms of discrimination, degradation, oppression and exploitation.

II. The Power of the People

We believe in the inalienable democratic rights and duties of the people to fully, and purposefully, participate in exercising their sovereign rights to decide how they are governed and to elect, hold to public account and remove those who govern them, and to actively participate in determining the direction and content of the political, economic, social, and cultural structures, policies and practices shaping their lives and destiny; and to resist (by legitimate means) any attempt at the violation of these rights. We believe that it is only by the exercise of this right, through the power of a conscious, organized and vigilant people, that any form of human development can be achieved and sustained.

*The
Power
of the
People*

III. State Control of the Economy

We believe that the building of a prosperous and self-reliant national economy has to be on the basis of just social relations of production and exchange, with the democratic state playing the leading role in ensuring that our domestic productive capacity, and the national currency, are developed, modernized and strengthened; and all the human and natural resources of the nation are identified, cherished, utilized and renewed, within the framework of long-term national planning; and that everyone receives fair and adequate returns for their mental and manual labor and legitimate

*State
Control
of the
Economy*

private enterprise, with the aim of constructing a new social order on the basis of the principle of 'from each according to his ability to each according to his work.' We believe also in the mainstreaming of the Working People, Worker's Organizations, Popular Groups, Women, the Youth, and Persons Living with Disabilities in Nigeria's political and economic process.

IV. Genuine Federalism

We believe in the forging of Nigerian national unity on the basis of justice and equitable political, social and economic opportunities for all citizens, within a genuinely federal system of government in which our diversity is recognized and cherished and which promotes a national sense of belonging and of a common destiny, through the elimination of all unequal and unjust relations of hegemony and monopoly of office and assets between and within ethnic groups, whenever they exist. We are equally committed to the prevention of religious and ethnic strife, through sustained democratic community action and a strong purposeful defense of the fundamental human rights of all citizens, wherever they are.

*Genuine
Fedralism*

V. Total Liberation from Imperialism

We believe that the defense and promotion of our national independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, economic survival and development, requires the total liberation of our country, and the rest of Africa, and the world from the chains of old and new forms of imperialist domination, including

*Total
Liberation
from
Imperialism*

those being imposed through the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and such other international capitalists organizations. This in turn requires the forging of the unity of all patriotic political organizations across the continent, and the world in order to renew and revitalize the pan-African vision, commitment and action, and to use this to contain and end civil wars and other violent conflicts, and to institutionalize peace and democracy and accelerate regional and continental economic and political integration. We are committed to solidarity with the peoples and governments of Asia, the Pacific, South and Central America, Western Europe and the Caribbean, in order to bring about a new and just international economic order, based on mutual respect and cooperation among nations and which promotes the sustainable use of the natural environment and world peace.



General Programmes of the Peoples Redemption Party (PRP)

We, the members of the PEOPLES REDEMPTION PARTY of Nigeria, believing in the five fundamental principles on which our party exists, which are:

- i. The Value and the Equality of Human Beings;
- ii. The Power of the People;
- iii. State Control of the Economy;
- iv. Genuine Federalism;
- v. Total Liberation from Imperialism;

Solemnly commit ourselves to the following, as the general programmes of our party, derived from the five fundamental principles, and formulated in the light of the conditions, circumstances, aspirations and needs of our country and our people today, as we face the enormous domestic, regional, continental, and global challenges of the twenty-first century.

1. Building Durable Democratic Institutions and Forging National Reconciliation

We are committed to the building of durable democratic institutions, which shall be capable of permanently subordinating the military to legitimate, democratic civilian authority, and bringing to an end clannish, feudal, bureaucratic and all other forms of autocratic political and administrative practices, because we shall ensure that these democratic institutions gain for themselves, the respect and the vigilant support the majority of the people of this country, for the people will see that, in practice, these institutions can ensure the security of their lives and property, their fundamental human rights, the rule of law, probity and full public accountability, at all levels and at all times; and

also because the democratic state plays the leading role in ensuring that everybody gets, fair and adequate returns, and a minimum living income, from their labor and legitimate private enterprise, so that the mass impoverishment and elite enrichment which breeds and sustains money politics, election rigging and election conflicts, and military dictatorships can be systematically, reduced and eliminated in this country. We shall organize proper programmes of national reconciliation for the purpose of ensuring that every Nigerian has a sense of belonging to the country.

2. Restoring Public Service and Public Accountability

We are committed to restoring the public services and public accountability, by ensuring that all those employed in the public services in all categories, are adequately paid salaries, allowances and other benefits regularly in order to enhance their diligence and productivity, by assuring them of adequate living standards, even after retirement, and which are rationally related to prices and the remuneration in the private sector. We are also committed to restoring discipline; established administrative, financial, and accounting procedures, and orderly conduct at all levels of the public services – strictly separating public office from private enterprise, by entrenching public accountability and by the leadership setting a clear and unambiguous example of probity and sacrifice, and by developing public scrutiny and the public monitoring of the conduct of public officers and by ensuring prompt investigation, trial and punishment of all those found guilty of abuse of Office and the betrayal of public trust.

3. Guaranteeing Public Safety and the Rule of Law

We are committed to guaranteeing the safety and security of life, and of private and public property, in every nook and corner of Nigeria, at every hour of the day and night, with an irrevocable

determination to assert and sustain the rule of law, through the revitalization, reorientation and enhancement of the moral, material and physical capacities of the security agencies and the judiciary, supported by democratic grassroots community organizations, to ensure the prevention and combating of crime, the elimination of drug abuse, child abuse, human trafficking, prostitution, alcoholism, gambling, domestic violence and other vices; and through the systematic rehabilitation of the victims of crime, ex-convicts and drug addicts, and by strengthening the fabric and bonds of family and community life.

4. Forging National Unity Based on Genuine Federalism

We are committed to forging Nigerian national unity, based on a genuinely federal system of government, by squarely addressing the problems of marginalization, monopoly of office and assets and uneven development; vigorously correcting all injustices and inequities and ensuring that the constitutional separation of powers and functions, and the revenue allocation formula, are rigorously adhered to, for each of the three tiers of the Nigerian federal system. We are also committed to the constitutional provisions for zoning and rotation and a multi-party democratic system, made up of genuinely national political parties, in vigorous democratic competition with one another, at all three tiers or government. We are determined to oppose, expose, and eliminate, all internal and external forces manipulating communal, ethnic, regional and religious differences.

5. The Advancement of the Role of Women, Youth and Persons Living with Disability

We are committed to advancing and enhancing the role of women, youth and persons living with disability in all spheres of the political social, economic and cultural life of the nation, and

ensuring and entrenching their active participation in the control and functioning of all organs of government, at all levels: and mobilizing them to empower and emancipate themselves from the bondage of retrograde customs and traditions and modern forms of manipulations, degradation and exploitation by providing the means necessary for their organization, creative recreation and the learning of productive skills. We shall advocate a constitutional amendment to ensure the take-off of active women and youth participation in political activity through a form of gender-based zoning by which one quarter of all seats in all legislatures of the three tiers of government are reserved exclusively for women, and are not contested for in the elections, but are filled with women nominated by political parties on a ratio based on the seats won by each party in the legislature after the election so that at least one quarter of all legislators in the country are women, thus starting the process of equality between women and men.

6. Promoting and Defending Fundamental Human Rights

We are committed to ensuring for all citizens the fundamental human freedoms and rights guaranteed by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the African Charter of Human and Peoples Rights, and other human rights commitments entered into by Nigeria; and are committed to promoting and defending the fundamental human rights of freedom of speech, and of association of all individual citizens, groups, associations, and trade unions, and political parties, to enable them to lawfully take part in political activities provided that the political parties and trade unions are open to all Nigerians without any linguistic, ethnic, regional, state, religious and gender discrimination. We shall extend our fraternal cooperation to all those among them participating in the struggle for democracy, national unity, liberation, and all round social progress and national liberation.

7. Combating Corruption and Indiscipline

We are committed to a total war against the cancer of corruption, indiscipline and unpatriotism and shall ensure that patriotism, probity, principles, integrity and public accountability are entrenched, in practice, in all spheres of national life. We shall take measures to ensure that all those acquiring ill-gotten wealth and sabotaging the national economy, and the national morale, receive exemplary punishment, whoever they maybe. The Party shall advocate and deploy the most sophisticated technology that will enable the blockage of all areas of leakages, waste or pilferage and stealing through the use of Information Technology (IT). The same technology will be developed to support a biometric-based solution that enables conduct of elections through the use of a High Integrity Electronic Voting Solution that will give credibility to our elections, that is, a situation in which the electorate decides the fate of political parties and election candidates.

8. A New System of National Defense by and for All Citizens

We are committed to the defense of the national independence, the national sovereignty, and the territorial integrity of Nigeria, and shall awaken, organize and actively involve all citizens in this sacred duty at all times and all levels. We shall take measures to ensure that the armed forces, and all the security services, are re-organized, revitalized and modernized for their effective integration as the professional arm of this new system of national security and national defense by, and for, all citizens.

9. The Total Liberation of all Oppressed and Exploited Peoples of the World

We are committed to continue with the struggle for the total liberation of Africa from imperialist domination, in its old,

bilateral and neo-colonial forms, and also in the new multilateral form, through the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, by forging the unity of thought and action of all patriotic and democratic forces across the continent and by the revitalization of the Pan-African vision, commitment and action, to deal directly with the problem of civil wars and other violent conflicts and dictatorships and foreign intervention, which weaken and entrench divisions and facilitate the subjugation of Africa; and which can only be overcome by regional and continental integration. The sub-regional Economic Community shall receive special attention in our collective effort to further integrate our economies and peoples through an enhanced freedom of movement, trade and investment facilitation and a common currency.

10. Foreign Policy for Self Reliance

We are committed to a foreign policy whose basic objective is self-reliance by diversifying the range of our external relations and by building mutually beneficial relations of equality and mutual respect with other countries of Asia, the Pacific, South and Central America, Europe, and the Caribbean, in order to defend our common interests to bring about a just international economic order, ensure complete nuclear disarmament, reduce and eliminate the arms race and the proliferation of wars, and bring about genuine world peace.

11. Public Control of Strategic Economic Sectors

We are committed to ensuring that the commanding heights of our national economy are owned and controlled by the people of Nigeria through their governments. This leading role of the state in the economy to ensure that we build the infrastructure, the industries and the other essential economic, scientific and technological assets needed for our own and for African self-

reliance, social justice, and even development, shall be without prejudice to the encouragement and support of legitimate and non-speculative private enterprise, which contributes to the productive capacity and development of the national economy.

12. A Just Land Policy

We are committed to ensuring that all land in Nigeria remains the property of all the people of Nigeria and is utilized by those who live and work on it. We shall resolve the problem of wasteful, speculative, parasitical and destructive land ownership in the interest of the peasant farmers, the pastoralists, fishermen, craftsmen and residents in order to promote just and integrated national development.

13. A Just System of Taxation

We are committed to the reform of the whole system of taxation in this country and shall categorically abolish the all taxes unjustly imposed on peasant farmers, workers, pastoralist, fishermen, craftsmen, artisans, mechanics and petty traders for the purpose of subjugating them and controlling them and which deprive them of the freedom and the capital resources they need to develop and sustain their productive activity. Instead of these unjust taxes and levies, we shall establish a new, just and efficient taxation system based on level of income and type of activity, so that the producer is encouraged and supported and taxation becomes a positive means of developing real production, and all tax evasion by the rich and powerful is minimized.

14. Supporting the Rural Producer

We are committed to supporting the rural producer through the provision of seasonal credit, agricultural inputs on reasonable

terms, guaranteed prices, and the active encouragement of all forms of mutual aid and cooperative and community organizations. We believe that thrift, credit, cooperative societies and groups are fundamental to the material and socio-economic advancement of our country and the creation and expansion of a reliant investible stock that is necessary for the self-reliant leap frogging of Nigeria's industrial growth.

15. Micro, Small and Medium Scale industrialization

We are committed to a nation-wide medium-scale industrialization through the systematic utilization of existing capital resources in the banks and credit institutions to establish one commercially viable medium scale industry in every local government area within four years. Each of these industries would be built with machinery and spare-parts designed and fabricated in Nigeria, using raw materials produced in Nigeria, using local labour and operating as a joint partnership between the federal, state and local government agencies, cooperatives, as well as community banks and local entrepreneurs.

16. Large-Scale industrialization

We are committed to giving the highest priority to the revival, reconstruction and maximum utilization of all our iron and steel projects; the aluminum project; the petrochemical projects; the machine tool industry and the pulp, paper, cement, chemical and other basic industries in order to establish the foundations for a self-sustaining large-scale industrialization process. The thrust of this strategy is that the three sub-sectors of the manufacturing sector, namely, capital goods industries, basic materials industries, and consumer goods industries, are going to be developed in an integrated fashion. The capital goods industries are primary, for they produce the tools for the making of the tools

and machines for making other machines. Central to these are the machine tools presses, drills and lathes which we need to produce all other machines. Secondly, there are the basic materials industries which transform raw materials into usable intermediate input for subsequent use by other industries, like steel, aluminum, acids, caustic sodas, dyes, chlorine, sodium carbonate and the petrol-chemical substances used in the pharmaceutical, textiles, metallurgy and other industries. As these two groups of industrializing industries are completed, reconstructed revived and expanded, the consumer goods industries shall develop with them, providing a solid home base for growth, free from the crippling fetters of import dependence. The objective is to start and sustain an industrialization process geared to produce for the home market, and the West, Central and East African markets, and for other parts of the world, not just processed raw material and consumer goods but also agricultural machinery, fertilizer, pharmaceuticals, bicycles, cars, trucks ships and the basic construction material needed for the national energy, water, transport, communications and engineering infrastructure which we require for effective economic take-off and entry into the world of the 21st century.

17. The Rational Use of Petroleum and other Sources of Energy

We are committed to the planned and systematic utilization of the petroleum, coal, hydroelectric and other energy resources of the country, for the purpose of earning foreign exchange for self-sustaining industrialization; providing the domestic manufacturing and transport sectors with adequate energy and feed stock supplies to expand them and strengthen them against foreign competition and to promote their export capacity as well as to rehabilitate, restore, promote and protect the livelihood and ensure healthy environmental conditions for all citizens living in

the areas from where these natural resources are extracted. This would systematically provide electricity, natural gas and petroleum products to every nook and corner of the country for establishing the broad home base for our industrial take-off and for the protection of our natural environment from desertification and erosion.

18. An Efficient Transport and Communications Infrastructure

We are committed to the rehabilitation and expansion of the whole of the transport and communications infrastructure of the country, with special priority given to the revitalization, expansion, and dualization of the railway using domestic iron and steel production; the restoration of the importance of the waterways; the rationalization of road and air transport; and the development of a well-equipped and reliable modern telecommunication system, sustained through the rapid development of a supporting electronics industry and Information Communications and Technology (ICT), all geared to serve in forging the integration of the Economic Community of West African States and the African Economic Community.

19. Medium Term National Economic Recovery Plan

We are committed to the systematic expansion of productive employment and the gradual elimination of unproductive employment, together with the stabilization of real incomes and prices as part of a medium-term Emergency National Economic Recovery Plan necessary for the revival of the economy. This will involve the imposition of firm limits on the proportion of our capital resources going into debt servicing, administration and private bank accounts abroad. This would boost investment of most of the capital generated in the country into productive

projects for real production and for education and health; it would also boost national collective wages and salaries bargaining and nationally agreed indexation of wages to prices, and fix a value for the naira consistent with our essential domestic needs for economic survival, recovery and self-sustained growth. The plan shall aim at the revival and restoration of production in agriculture, manufacturing, mining and other sectors of real production in the economy, and it shall be worked out and formally enacted into law with the full involvement of the private sector, the trade unions, the senior staff, professional and market associations, and shall provide for all productive sectors effective protection from unfair foreign competition. It shall also provide for special credit, foreign exchange, tax incentives and subsidies for the purpose of raising output, productivity and forward and backward linkages.

20. Ensuring Healthy and Productive citizens

We are committed to the provision, as a matter of the highest priority, of clean potable water for all Nigerians wherever they live in the country, and the rehabilitation of the primary health care and medical services to all citizens, to provide free health care for all citizens. We shall commit to the pursuit of a food policy aimed at using our varied food resources to enable everybody to be able to afford a reasonably balanced diet as a minimum necessary to ensure that the country's greatest assets, its people, are made healthy, creative and productive.

21. Education for Enlightenment and Production

We are committed to the rehabilitation and restoration of our education system from the primary to the university level for this is a matter of the highest priority for the forging of national unity, the institutionalization of democracy, the entrenchment of public accountability, the rule of law and the revival of the economy –

all of which are only possible with an enlightened and educated citizenry. The process of learning shall be reoriented and revitalized with greater participation in its administration by parents and teachers in order to produce disciplined, democratic and productive citizens. We are committed to the provision of free and compulsory education for all children up to senior secondary level, free tuition at all tertiary institutions, and mass and functional literacy and continuing education for all adults leading to the complete elimination of illiteracy within the shortest possible time among those aged between six and sixty years.

22. Science, Technology and Self-Reliance

We are committed to vigorously implementing the existing national science and technology policy and completing all projects under it, with the objective of getting the country on the road of significantly reducing its scientific and technological dependence on foreign countries: and all major agricultural, manufacturing, construction and service enterprises will be required to establish and adequately fund research and development division and show evidence that they are pursuing a clearly set out plan of reducing their dependence on imported technology. Special credit facilities and tax concessions shall be given to encourage this. The scientific and technological content of education at all level shall be raised and a national programme for computer education from the primary level shall be worked out and implemented, alongside the policy of the computerization of the operations in the public service. We would invest in research development in science and technology and make these an integral component of support to every sector within the framework of our National Economic Development Plan.

23. Housing Development

We are committed to ensuring that at the local government, state government and federal government level, comprehensive plans are made for the development of houses and of residential areas which involve both the public and private sector and which encourage owner-occupation and owner-responsibility for maintenance and sanitation. This would require a reorientation of the construction industry to bring down the cost of building materials and to enable as many people as possible build their own houses with durable materials, adequate ventilation and sanitation. This would also require the development and supervision of building societies and other financial institution in the housing sector.

24. Comprehensive Urban Development

We are committed to reversing the disastrous decline in infrastructure, administration and sanitation in all our cities and urban centers, where increasingly more and more of our people live and where our industries and major service enterprises are located. We are committed to the comprehensive planning of urban development from the grassroots level of the street and the quarter to ensure the active involvement of the residents and others who through their organizations shall be empowered to play a significant role in urban administration. We shall establish a Ministry for Urban Development, whose first task is to coordinate all government policy to see that we work out and reverse the decline and decay in our urban centers and start our cities on the road to renewal and revival.

25. Rural Empowerment and Development

We are committed to formulating and implementing a national rural development policy involving the active empowerment of the organized groups in the rural communities so that in each of

the rural wards of this country a minimum level of infrastructure is provided within four years, including clean potable water, electricity, and motorable roads, or water transport facilities and markets to enable the rural communities to have a basic level for economic recovery and revival. We shall do everything to support the empowerment of organizations or farmers, rural artisan, fishermen, pastoralists, traders, youth women and traders to work together to contain and eliminate the increasing incidences of violent rural conflicts and also to supervise and monitor government projects in the rural areas. The rehabilitation of oil-producing areas devastated by oil pollution caused by oil production will get the highest priority as well as a sustained programme for reversing erosion and desertification.

26. Cultural Development

We are committed to the promotion and sustained development of our rich and diverse cultural heritage, particularly our languages and the arts, that convey our distinctly humane African values, including the literary arts, the performing arts and all facets of our culture as a living part of the daily productive and recreational life of the people, in order to develop deep cultural roots for the present and future generations and to forge unity, patriotism and mutual respect among all our people, to the extent that every Nigerian has a sense of belonging and commitment to the national pride.

27. Information for National Development and Self-reliance

We are committed to formulating and implementing a national policy on information which will take into account the powerful influence the new information technology has given to mass communication, with the objective of ensuring that we reconstruct and upgrade our information infrastructure and stay

abreast of current developments in information science and technology which are changing the ways people communicate and interact globally, in order to stay in control of these developments so that they enhance national development and self-reliance and protect our cultural identity and national sovereignty. The role of the mass media both electronic, print and social media, in enlightenment for popular democratic participation and public accountability will be supported and incentives will be given to encourage the mass media to play the useful role in education, particularly in promoting scientific knowledge and attitudes, patriotism, humane values and a Pan-African vision and commitment.

28. Youth Development

We are committed to the building of youth programmes with youth centres which conduct recreational, sporting, cultural, educational and other activities to promote individual and collective creativity, a sense of worth, social responsibility and patriotism among the youth and the harnessing of their energy for productive projects and for building communal harmony, strengthening the fabric of our society and nation and developing in them a Pan-African vision and commitment, with the objectives of preparing the youth as worthy leaders of tomorrow.

29. Constructive Roles for Retired Public Servants and Ex-Servicemen

We are committed to the provision of guaranteed and adequate pension, paid promptly, regularly and indexed to prices, for senior citizens who have served the country honourably in the public service, the armed forces and the security services. We would ensure that the provision of social amenities is made to make their retirement decent and dignified and we shall support them in playing a constructive role in strengthening the fabric of the

community in inculcating patriotism and communal and national harmony.

30. Job Creation

Under a PRP Administration, the State shall in partnership with private investors, facilitate the identification and expansion of potential areas of Job Creation in Agriculture and other industrial sectors and source funds to inject into the process. To this end, there shall be a determined effort to coordinate and promote all institutions dedicated to the promotion of skills acquisition and development.

31. Mining Development

The PRP shall explore all strategies to promote and facilitate a comprehensive survey and documentation of Nigeria's mineral wealth with a view to their systematic and sustainable exploitation for the economic development, material advancement and rapid expansion for the infrastructural stockpile of the country.

32. Opposition to Mindless and Unpatriotic Political Opposition

We shall support any political party that wins power in a free, fair, and transparent election leading to a legitimate governance, to succeed in performance in the interest of Nigeria.

33. Relative Advantage of Nigeria

After taking in to account all the advantages Nigeria has, we shall aim at making Nigeria one of the five most developed and democratic countries in the world within 20 years from the date the PRP gains the presidency of Nigeria.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PEOPLES REDEMPTION PARTY (PRP)

PREAMBLE

We, members of the Peoples Redemption Party, **Believing** deeply in the five cardinal principles that form the foundations of our Party, **Committed** to advancing the struggle of the Peoples of Nigeria for national liberation, national unity, democracy and social progress, **Hereby** adopt this constitution for our Party.

ARTICLE ONE

Name and Slogan

The Party shall be known as, The Peoples Redemption Party and the Party's slogan shall be “**VICTORY**” or its approved equivalent in any other language.

ARTICLE TWO

Party Flag

The Party's flag shall be in three colours:
Red, depicting struggle and work
White, depicting love and peace
Black, depicting liberation

Imposed on the white section shall be a **golden key**, symbolising the opening of a golden future.

ARTICLE THREE

Aims and Objectives

a) The aims and objectives of the Peoples Redemption Party are enshrined in The

PREAMBLE

*Commitment
of
Members*

ARTICLE ONE

*Name and
Slogan*

ARTICLE TWO

*Party Flag
and
Interpretation*

ARTICLE THREE

*Aims and
Objectives*

Principles and General Programmes of the Peoples Redemption Party, which together with this constitution establish and enact the moral, political and legal foundations of the Party.

b) For the purpose of contesting elections to public office, in order to implement the Party's policies at the various levels, the Branch Convention, the Ward Convention, the Local Government Convention, the State Convention and the National Convention, shall approve election manifestoes made up of specific policies and programmes addressed to the specific conditions of the constituency of the election, and the specific circumstances of the election, based on, and consistent with, **The Principles and General Programmes of the Party**.

c) In the event of an election victory, the Branch Executive Committee, the Ward Executive Committee, the Local Government Executive Committee, the State Working Committee and the National Working Committee, shall, as the case may be, distil this election manifesto into a programme of action for the Party's successful candidate or candidates to implement while in office.

*Duties
of Party
Members
elected to
Public Office*

d) It shall be the duty of all Party members elected to public offices on the Party's platform to

purposefully and conscientiously implement this programme of action, and to submit regular reports on its implementation, to the Party executive at the relevant level.

- e) The Party shall uphold, and abide by, all the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, including those providing for the zoning and rotation of public office, at all levels of government.

Supremacy of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

ARTICLE FOUR

Membership

- a) Membership of the Party shall be open to every citizen of Nigeria, provided he or she has attained the age of 18 years.
- b) A person seeking to become a member of the Party shall apply to the branch where he or she resides, or works, and pay the prescribed membership fee, and shall, on admission to the Party, be entitled to all the rights, and be expected to perform all the duties, due to and expected of every other member.
- c) No person shall be entitled to participate in any election in the Party unless such a person has been a fully paid-up member of the Party, continuously, for a period of twelve calendar months.
- d) No person shall hold, or be entitled to contest,

ARTICLE FOUR

Membership

Right of election to Party office

for any Party office unless such a person has been a fully paid-up, continuous, member of the Party for a period of twelve calendar months.

- e) The first election in the Party and to all Party offices shall not be subject to the provisions of sections (c) and (d) of this article.

Members in diaspora

- f) Nigerians domiciled outside the country shall be entitled to form branches of the Party in accordance with this constitution and they shall enjoy all the rights and privileges conferred by this constitution on members of the Party.

Payments binding on Members

- g) The payments binding on all members of the Party are:
- i. Membership fee
 - ii. Monthly subscription.

Sharing of Membership fees among Party Levels

- h) All membership fees and monthly subscriptions collected shall be shared equally between the five levels of the Party, with each level receiving twenty percent of the total amount collected, to be used solely for financing the activities of the Party, provided that Party members outside Nigeria may utilize all of such fees to fund their activities.

Register of Members

- I) A register of members shall be maintained at all five levels of the Party.

ARTICLE FIVE

1. Party Structure

There shall be five levels of Party organization, as follows:

- a) The Branch
- b) The Ward
- c) The Local Government
- d) The State
- e) The National

2. Party Organs

There shall be twelve Party organs, as follows:

- a) The Branch Convention
- b) The Branch Executive Committee
- c) The Ward Convention
- d) The Ward Executive Committee
- e) The Local Government Convention
- f) The Local Government Executive Committee
- g) The State Convention
- h) The State Working Committee
- i) The State Executive Committee
- j) The National Convention
- k) The National Working Committee
- l) The National Executive

3. The Branch Convention

- a. The basic unit in the Party's structure shall be the Party branch. This shall be the grassroots organization of members at their places of residence or of work in cities, towns, villages and hamlets.

ARTICLE FIVE

*Party
Structure*

*Party
Organs*

*Branch
Convention*

Composition b. The Branch Convention shall consist of all registered members of the Party in the place, or area, where the branch is established.

*Quorum
of
Branch
Meeting* c. Meetings of the Branch Convention shall be held from time to time and the quorum at such meetings shall be one-quarter of the registered members of the branch.

*Branch
Annual
Convention* d. The Annual Convention of the branch shall be summoned not later than ten weeks before the Annual National Convention of the Party.

e. The funds and other assets of a branch shall be the common property of the Party, and shall be used solely for financing and facilitating Party activities.

*Establishment
of a New
Branch.* f. Permission to establish a new branch of the Party shall be sought from the Ward Executive Committee, which shall approve and register the branch.

g. The Ward Executive Committee shall inform the Local Government Executive Committee, of the registration of any new branch of the Party.

*Suspension
or dissolution
of a
Branch.* h. The Local Government Executive Committee may, on the advice of the Ward Executive Committee, recommend to the State Executive Committee, the suspension or dissolution of any branch, the existence of which it may consider inimical to the interest of the Party.

Provided that the branch can appeal to the State Convention for a review of such suspension or dissolution.

- i. The powers and functions of the Branch Convention shall be:
- To deliberate upon, all matters affecting the Party, including Party policies and programs and the implementation of these by those elected or appointed to hold public office on the Party's platform.
 - To elect members of the Branch Executive Committee.
 - To elect five delegates, to the Ward Convention.
 - To summon any member of the Party, including those holding public office, at all levels, to give account of their conduct, and recommend appropriate action to the relevant Party organ.

Powers and functions of the Branch Convention

4. The Branch Executive Committee

- a) The Branch Executive Committee shall consist of eight members, as follows:
1. Chairperson,
 2. Vice-Chairperson
 3. Secretary,
 4. Treasurer,
 5. Financial Secretary,
 6. Auditor
 7. Publicity Secretary,
 8. Organizing Secretary.

The Branch Executive Committee

Duties of Branch Executive Committee b) The Branch Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day to day running of the affairs of the Party at the level of the branch and shall meet from time to time for that purpose.

- c) It shall receive reports and monitor the implementation of the programme of action of the Party as provided for in Sections (c) and (d) Article 3 of this constitution.

5. The Ward Convention

The Ward Convention a) The Ward Convention shall consist of all the members of the Ward Executive Committee and five delegates elected annually by each Party branch in the ward; provided that a member of the Party elected into the Local Government Council from that ward shall have the right to attend and participate fully in the deliberations of the Ward Convention.

Emergency Ward Convention b) An Emergency Ward Convention may be held as and when necessary.

- c) The Annual Ward Convention shall be held not later than eight weeks before the Annual National Convention.

Powers and functions of the Ward Convention d) The Ward Convention shall have the power to:

- Deliberate upon all matters affecting the Party, including Party policies and programmes and the implementation of

these by those elected or appointed to hold public office on the Party's platform.

- Elect five delegates to the Local Government Convention and five delegates to the State Convention.
- Elect the Ward Executive Committee.
- Ratify the nomination of the Party candidates to contest local government councillorship elections from that ward.
- Establish a special committee to summon any member of the Party, including those holding public office at all levels, to give account of their conduct and recommend appropriate action to the relevant Party organs.

6. The Ward Executive Committee

- a) The Ward Executive Committee shall consist of twelve members, as follows:
1. Chairperson,
 2. Vice-Chairperson,
 3. Secretary,
 4. Treasurer,
 5. Financial Secretary,
 6. Auditor,
 7. Public Secretary,
 8. Organizing Secretary,
 9. Woman Leader,
 10. Youth Leader,
 11. Two ex-officio members elected by simple majority at the Ward Convention.

*The
Ward
Executive
Committee*

*Duties
of Ward
Executive
Committee*

b) The Ward Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Party at the ward level.

c) The Ward Executive Committee shall be responsible for nominating Party candidates to contest Local Government councillorship elections, from that ward.

*Meetings
and
Quorum*

d) The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month and the quorum for such meetings shall be one third of the members.

e) The Ward Executive Committee shall receive reports from, and monitor, the implementation of the programme of action as provided for in sections (c) and (d) of Article 3 of this constitution.

The 7. The Local Government Convention

*The
Local
Government
Convention*

a) The Local Government Convention shall consist of:

- All members of the Local Government Executive Committee.
- All members of the Ward Executive Committees, in that local government.
- Five delegates elected at the Ward Convention.
- Chairpersons and Councillors of the local government who are members of the Party.

Composition

- All members of the Senate, the House of Representatives and the House of Assembly who are members of the Party, from that local government.

- b) The Local Government Convention shall have the power to:
1. Deliberate upon all matters affecting the Party.
 2. Elect members of the Local Government Executive Committee.
 3. Elect five delegates to the State Convention of the Party.
 4. Elect one local government delegate to the National Convention of the Party.
 5. Confirm the nomination of all Party candidates to contest local government council elections in that local government area.
 6. Receive and consider the reports of the activities of the Local Government Executive Committee.
 7. Establish a special committee to summon any member of the Party, including those holding public office at any levels, to give account of their conduct and recommend appropriate action to the relevant Party organs.
 8. Deal with all matters relating to discipline of members brought before it by the Local Government Executive.

Powers and functions of the Local Government Convention

- Emergency LG Convention* c) An Emergency Local Government Convention may be held as and when necessary.

Local Government Executive Committee

- a) The Local Government Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:
1. Chairperson,
 2. Vice-Chairperson,
 3. Secretary,
 4. Assistant Secretary,
 5. Financial Secretary,
 6. Treasurer,
 7. Auditor,
 8. Publicity Secretary,
 9. Organizing Secretary,
 10. Assistant organizing Secretary,
 11. Woman Leader,
 12. Youth Leader,
 13. Three ex-officio members elected at the Local Government Convention.

- Duties of the Local Government Executive Committee* b) The Local Government Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the Party at the local government level.

- c) The Local Government Executive Committee shall nominate Party candidates to local government council chairperson elections and House of Assembly elections subject to ratification by the Local Government

Convention and confirmation by the State Convention.

- d) The Local Government Executive Committee shall receive reports from wards on membership drive, fund raising activities, strategies for political campaigns and mobilization of voters for elections.
- e) The Local Government Executive Committee shall receive reports from, and monitor the implementation of the programme of action of the Party as provided for in sections (c) and (d) of Articles 3 of this constitution.
- f) The local Government Executive Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of decisions of the Local Government Convention.
- g) The local government executive committee shall meet at least once every two months and quorum at such meetings shall be one third of the members.

9. The State Convention

- a) The state convention shall consist of the following members:
 - 1. The Chairperson and all other members of the State Executive Committee.
 - 2. The Governor and the Deputy Governor of

*The
State
Convention*

Composition.

the state if they are members of the Party

- 3. The Chairperson and Secretary of the Party from each Ward in the state
- 4. The Chairperson and Secretary of the Party from each Local Government Executive Committee.
- 5. The Chairperson of the Local Government Council and Councillors in the state who are members of the Party.
- 6. All legislators in the State House of Assembly, and the National assembly who are members of the Party.
- 7. Five delegates elected for the purpose at the Local Government convention.
- 8. All members of the Federal and State Executive Councils and Special Advisers From the state who are members of the Party.
- 9. Members of the National Executive Committee of the Party who are from the State.

*Emergency
State
Convention*

- b). An Emergency State Convention may be held as and when necessary.

*Powers and
functions
of State
Convention*

- c) The State Convention shall have the powers to:
 - Deliberate upon all matters affecting the Party including Party policies and programmes and the implementation of these by those elected or appointed to public office on the Party's platform.

- Elect all officers of the State Executive Committee.
- Confirm the nomination of Party candidates to contest the post of Chairperson of Local Government Council and House of Assembly elections.
- Nominate Party candidates to contest Gubernatorial, House of Representatives and Senatorial elections in the State.
- Elect one delegate to the National Convention of the Party.

10. The State Working Committee

a) The State Working Committee of the Party shall consist of the following:

- The Chairperson and all the members of the State Executive Committee.
- The Chairpersons and Secretaries of the Party from each Local Government Area.
- The Chairpersons of Local Government Councils and Councillors of the state, who are members of the Party.
- The Governor and Deputy Governor of the state, if they are members of the Party.
- Members of Federal and State Executive Councils and Special Advisers, from the state, who are members of the Party.
- The members of the National Executive Committee of the Party who are from the state.

The State Working Committee

Composition

- Members of the House of Assembly and the National Assembly who are members of the Party and who are from the state.

Powers of the State Working Committee

b) The State Working Committee of the Party shall have the powers to:

- Approve the annual budget of the Party submitted by the State Executive Committee.
- Monitor the implementation of the programme of action of the Party as provided for in sections (c) and (d) of Article 3 of this constitution.
- Receive report from the State Executive Committee.
- Receive reports of the External Auditors of the Party on the accounts of the Party at the State Receive reports from members of the Party elected or appointed to public offices level.
- Ensure regular meeting of the State Executive Committee.

Meetings of the State Working Committee

c) The dates, and venue, for such meetings shall be decided by the State Executive Committee.

d) A special meeting of the State Working Committee may be held at any time at the request of the State Executive Committee or at the request of one quarter of the members of the

State Working Committee.

- e) The quorum of the State Working Committee shall be one third of its membership. *Meeting and Quorum*

11. The State Executive Committee

- a) The State Executive Committee of the Party shall consist of fifteen members: *State Executive Committee*

1. Chairperson
2. Vice Chairperson
3. Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Financial Secretary
7. Assistant Financial Secretary
8. Auditor
9. Legal Adviser
10. Assistant Legal Adviser
11. Publicity Secretary
12. Assistant Publicity Secretary,
13. Organizing Secretary
14. Assistant Organizing Secretary
15. Woman Leader,
16. Youth Leader

- b) The State Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month. *Meeting of the State Executive Committee*
- c) The State Executive Committee shall meet at any time at the request of the Chairperson or at the request of one third of its members.

- Meeting and Quorum* d) The quorum of such meetings shall be one-third of the membership of the committee.

- e) The State Executive Committee of the Party shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Party at the state level.

- f) The State Executive Committee shall prepare the annual budget of the Party.

- g) The State Executive Committee shall receive reports from Local Government Executive Committees of the Party in the States.

Federal Capital Territory **12. Federal Capital Territory**
The provisions made in sections 10 and 11 of this Article shall apply to the Federal Capital Territory.

The National Convention **13. The National Convention**
a) The National Convention of the Party shall consist of the following:
Composition

- All members of the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- The President, Vice President, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, who are members of the Party.
- All Governors and Deputy Governors, who are members of the Party.
- All members of the National Assembly who are members of the Party
- All Ministers and special advisers of the

president who are members of the Party.

- All State Commissioners and Special Advisers to the Governor who are members of the Party.
- All members of State Executive Committees.
- One delegate elected by each Local Government Convention.
- One delegate elected at the State Convention.

b) The National Convention is the highest decision-making body of the Party and has powers to enact, review and amend the principles and programmes and the Constitution of the Party.

Powers and functions of the National Convention

c) The National Convention shall elect National Officers of the Party.

d) The National Convention shall ratify decisions of the National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee on all matters referred to it.

e) The National Convention shall confirm the nomination of the Party's candidate to contest Presidential elections, and other elections to posts in the Federal Executive and the National Assembly.

f) The National Convention shall confirm the nomination of the Party's candidates to contest Gubernatorial, House of Representatives and Senatorial elections.

g) The National Convention shall have power to establish a special committee to summon any member of the Party, including those holding public office at all levels, to give account of their conduct and recommend action to the relevant Party organ.

Emergency National Convention h) An Emergency National Convention may be held as and when necessary.

The National Working Committee 14. **The National Working Committee**

Composition

a) The National Working Committee shall consist of the following:

- The President, Vice-President. Prime Minister,
- Deputy Prime Minister, who are members of the Party;
- Members of the National Executive Committee
- Members of the Federal Executive Council who are members of the Party.
- Governors and Deputy Governors who are members of the Party.
- Members of the National Assembly who are members of the Party;

- Chairpersons of Local Government Councils who are members of the Party.

b) The National Working Committee shall have the powers to:

- Approve the annual budget of the Party submitted by the National Executive Committee.
- Receive reports from members of the Party elected to public offices at the federal level and monitor the implementation of the programme of action of the Party as provided for by sections (c) and (d) of Article 3 this constitution.
- Receive reports from State Executive Committee.
- Receive reports from the National Executive Committee.
- Receive reports of the external Auditors of the Party.
- Ensure regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Party.

c) The National Working Committee shall meet at least once every three months.

d) The dates and venue of such meetings shall be decided by the National Executive Committee.

e) A special meeting of the National Working Committee may be held at any time at the request of the National Executive Committee or

Powers and functions of the National Working Committee

Meeting of the National Working Committee

at the request of one third of the members of the National Working Committee.

Meeting and Quorum

f) The quorum of the National Working Committee shall be one third of its membership.

15. The National Executive Committee

a) The National Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. The National Chairperson
2. Deputy National Chairperson
3. Six Vice National Chairpersons, one from each of the Six Zones provided in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
4. The National Secretary
5. The Assistant National Secretary
6. Director, (Research, Planning and Documentation)
7. The National Treasurer
8. The National Financial Secretary
9. The Assistant National Financial Secretary
10. The National Publicity Secretary
11. The Assistant National Publicity Secretary
12. The National Organizing Secretary
13. The National Legal Adviser
14. The Assistant National Legal Adviser
15. The National Auditor
16. National Woman Leader
17. National Youth Leader

The National Executive Committee

b) The National Executive Committee shall be

responsible for running the day to day affairs of the Party at the national level.

*Duties
of the
National
Executive
Committee*

c) The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for the National Convention and the meetings of the National Working Committee.

d) The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing and submitting reports and budgets for consideration by the National Working Committee.

e) The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for dealing with appeals and other problem referred to it from other levels of the Party.

f) The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for making rules for Party discipline which shall be binding on all organs and members of the Party, subject to their ratification by the National Working Committee.

*Making
of rules
for
Party
discipline*

g) The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for making Party electoral regulations subject to ratification by the National Convention to govern the conduct of the election to all Party offices at every level and to govern the procedure of selecting

*Making
of
Electoral
Regulations*

candidates for elective offices.

h) The National Executive Committee shall determine the conditions of service for all employees of the Party, subject to ratification by the National Convention.

*Meeting
of the
National
Executive
Committee*

i) The National Executive Committee of the Party shall meet at least once every two months.

j) The National Executive Committee shall meet at any other time at the request of the National Chairperson of the Party, or at the request of at least one-third of the members of the committee.

*Meeting
and
Quorum*

k) The quorum for the meeting of the National Executive Committee shall be one-third of the membership of the Committee.

*Duties
of the
National
Officers.*

16. Duties of the National Officers

i. The National Chairperson

- The National Chairperson shall preside over the meetings of the National Convention, the National Working Committee and the National Executive Committee, and ensure the implementation of all their decisions.
- The National Chairperson shall monitor the conduct of all National Officers and ensure the effective performance of their duties.

*National
Chairperson*

- ii. The Deputy National Chairperson** *Duties of the Deputy National Chairperson*
- The Deputy National Chairperson of the Party shall preside at meetings in the absence of the National Chairperson.
 - The Deputy National Chairperson shall act for the National Chairperson during his absence.

- iii. The Vice National Chairperson** *Duties of the National Vice Chairperson*
- The National Vice Chairperson, in the absence of the National and the Deputy National Chairperson, shall preside over the NEC meetings.
 - The National Vice Chairperson shall monitor and report periodically on the activities of the party in the States within their zones.
 - The National Vice Chairperson shall carry out any other responsibilities assigned to them by the NEC.

- iv. The National Secretary** *Duties of the National Secretary*
- The National Secretary of the Party shall keep proper records of all meetings of the National Convention, National Working Committee and the National Executive Committee of the Party.
 - The National Secretary shall conduct such correspondence as may be necessary on behalf of the Party.
 - Prepare the order of the business for the

meetings of all national organs of the Party with the approval of National Chairperson.

- Supervise the day to day activities of the National Secretariat under the general direction of the National Chairperson.

- Duties of the National Director, Research, Planning and Documentation*
- v. The National Director; Research, Planning and Documentation**
- The Director Research, Planning and Documentation shall be responsible for conducting research into all matters in which the Party has an Interest.
 - The Director, Research, Planning, and Documentation shall be responsible for preparing economic, social and political blueprint on Party policies periodically for the consideration of the National Executive Committee.

- Duties of the National Treasurer*
- vi. The National Treasurer**
- The National Treasurer shall receive and promptly pay into the Party's accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the Party.
 - The National Treasurer shall keep an imprest account, as and when authorized by the National Executive committee.
 - The National Treasurer shall ensure that proper books of account and records are kept.

vii. The National Financial Secretary

Duties of the National Financial Secretary

- The National Financial Secretary shall collect all monies due to the Party and pay such monies to the National Treasurer within three days after collection.
- The National Financial Secretary shall prepare and submit proposals for raising Party funds for consideration by the National Executive Committee.
- The National Financial Secretary shall ensure that proper books of accounts and records are kept.

viii. The National Publicity Secretary

Duties of the National Publicity Secretary

- The National Publicity Secretary shall be responsible for Party propaganda, information and public relations.
- The National Publicity Secretary shall keep up to date record of the coverage of the Party's activities in print, electronic and social media in Nigeria and other countries.

ix. The National Organizing Secretary

Duties of the National Organizing Secretary

- The National Organizing Secretary of the Party shall plan and coordinate the membership registration drive of the Party and the maintenance of properly kept register of Party members by the appropriate organs of the Party.
- The National Organizing Secretary shall plan and coordinate the Party's national

electoral campaigns.

- The National Organizing Secretary shall be responsible for planning, coordinating and managing the Party's Programmes of political education and human capital development.
- The National Organizing Secretary shall, in consultation with the National Secretary, coordinate the Party's nomination processes for determining the Party's electoral candidates for national elections and shall accordingly liaise with the electoral management bodies in that regard.
- The National Organizing Secretary shall supervise the processes leading to the election of Executive Committee at the State level.

Duties of the National Legal Adviser

x. The National Legal Adviser

- The National Legal Adviser shall advise the Party on all legal matters and arrange for the legal defence of the Party and its members, and all other legal action(s) at the national level.
- The National Legal Adviser shall deal effectively with all correspondence pertaining to legal matters affecting the Party.

Duties of the National Auditor

xi. The National Auditor

- The National Auditor of the Party shall

audit the books of account of the Party and report to the National Working Committee and the National Convention.

- The National Auditor may be required to audit Party accounts by the National Executive Committee pertaining to special matters.

xii. Assistant National Officers

The Assistant National officers of the Party shall assist their principal officers in the performance of their duties.

*Duties
of Assist.
National
Officers*

xiii. National Woman Leader

The National Woman Leader shall be responsible for:

- Coordinating all matters regarding the active involvement of women throughout the country in the activities of the Party.
- Driving the Party's programmes aimed at promoting gender equity and mainstreaming of gender-sensitive programmes in the political process and the economy and society.
- Liaising on behalf of the Party with other political parties, civil society organisations, development partners and other multi-lateral organisations in discharging the responsibilities enshrined in (i) and (ii) above.

*Duties
of the
National
Woman
Leader*

*Duties
of the
National
Youth
Leader*

xiv. National Youth Leader

The National Youth leader of the Party shall be responsible for:

- Coordinating all matters regarding the mobilisation of the Youth throughout the country to participate actively in Party activities.
- Driving the Party's programmes specifically directed at sensitizing the Youth and positively harnessing and channelling their energies towards the rapid advancement of the Party goals and objectives.
- Liaising between the Party, youth organisations and other external bodies.

*Equal
represent-
ation
in the
composition
of
Executive
Committees*

17. Composition of Executive Committees of the Party

The composition of the Executive Committees of the Party, at both the National, State, Local Government, Ward and Branch Levels shall reflect the Ethnic, National and Geographical Diversities of the respective areas consistent with the provisions of the Constitution, of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

ARTICLE SIX

Discipline of Members

- a) Discipline of Party members shall be exercised through respective disciplinary committees of the Party at the five levels and shall be governed by due process and principles of fair hearing.
- b) Any member found guilty of the following offences shall be liable to punishment:
 - A breach of any provisions of this constitution including the Code of conduct, anti-Party activities and conduct likely to embarrass the Party or bring the Party into hatred, contempt, ridicule or disrepute in whatever manner.
 - Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the Party.
 - Flaunting the decisions of the Party, engaging in dishonest practices, defrauding the Party, continuously being absent at Party meetings, carrying out anti-Party propaganda or any other activity which would tend to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient organization of the Party or which are inconsistent with the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Party.
 - Assuming titles not recognized by the constitution of the Party, giving wrong information on any organ of the Party or

ARTICLE SIX

Discipline of Members

Punishable offences

- c) The punishment to be imposed by the Party may take the form of:
 - Expulsion from the Party by the National Working Committee, which shall report such expulsion to the next National Convention, for ratification.
 - Suspension for a specified period.
 - Removal from office.
- d) Subject to the provision of clause c(i) of this Article, the Executive Committee at any of the Five Levels of the Party shall have the power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures against any Party member.
- e) The National Working Committee of the Party shall be notified of all disciplinary actions taken against any member of the Party, together with the observation and recommendations of the other levels of the Party.
- f) Any member aggrieved by a decision of any organ of the Party taken in pursuance of the provisions of this article shall have right of appeal within 30 days of the decision to the immediate higher organ of the Party.
- g) The National Working Committee of the Party may suspend the implementation of any

decision pending the hearing of appeal against such a decision.

tation of disciplinary action.

- h) Any member placed under suspension shall not take part in the activities of the Party.
- i) The decision of the National Working Committee with regard to any such disciplinary measures shall be final.

Right to final decision on appeal.

ARTICLE SEVEN

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Tenure of office

Tenure of office

- a) All State and National officers of the Party shall hold office until the next annual convention.
- b) Any elected officer of the Party may be removed during his tenure through a vote of no confidence passed by a two-third majority of the membership of the body that elected him, or her, to office.
- c) An elected officer of the Party shall be deemed to have resigned his Party office if he submits a letter of resignation to the Executive Committee of the appropriate level of the Party.

ARTICLE EIGHT

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Administrative Organization

The administrative organizations at the National, State and Local Government Levels shall have the following specific division:

Administrative Organization

- a) Administration and General Service.

- b) Membership.
- c) Finance and budget.
- d) Audit.
- e) Propaganda and Publicity.
- f) Legal Services.
- g) Research, Planning, and Documentation

ARTICLE NINE

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Bank Account

Bank Account

- a) The Party shall maintain bank accounts in the capital or headquarters at the various levels of the Party. Provided that where banking facilities are not available the services of the nearest bank shall be utilized.
- b) The Bank where such accounts are to be kept shall be decided by the Executive Committee at each level of the Party.
- c) Any two of the following three officers of the Party shall be the valid signatories to the Party bank account and other financial transaction:

Signatories to Bank Account

- The National Chairperson and his counterpart at the State, Local Government, Ward and Branch levels of the Party.
- The National Secretary and his counterparts at other levels of the Party
- The National Treasurer and his counterparts at other levels of the Party.

ARTICLE TEN

Audit of Account

The National Executive Committee shall appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit all the accounts of the Party annually and to present the audit reports before the National Convention and the National Electoral Commission of Nigeria.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Party Funds

- a) The funds of the Party shall be derived from:
- Fees, subscriptions and other levies payable by members,
 - Donations from lawful sources and public collections, and
 - Proceeds from investments.
- b) The collection and disbursement of Party funds shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the operation of political parties.

ARTICLE TWELVE

Trustees

- a) There shall be nineteen trustees of the Party, three from each of the existing geopolitical zones and a Chairman who shall be registered members of the Party and in whom the custody of all movable and immovable properties of the

ARTICLE TEN

Audit of Account

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Party funds and Sources

Collection and disbursement

ARTICLE TWELVE

Board of Trustees

Party shall be vested and in whom the sanctity of the basic programmes and the principles and strategic objectives of the Party shall be entrusted.

Appointment of Trustees

- b) The Trustees shall be appointed by the National Working Committee subject to ratification by the National Convention.

Tenure of Trustees

- c) The Trustees shall hold office for four years and be eligible for re-election

Registration of Trustees

- d) The Board of The Trustees shall be registered under the Companies and Allied Matters ACT 2004 CAP C20 LFN 1990.

- e) The Trustees shall hold all properties of the Party subject to the directive of the National Working Committee.

Trustee & Common Seal

- f) The Trustees shall each sign all documents to which the common seal of the Party is affixed as required by the law.

Removal or Suspension of Trustees

- g) A Trustee may be removed or suspended from office by the National Working Committee on the grounds of infirmity, insanity, bankruptcy, fraud, resignation from the Party, suspension or expulsion from the Party or absence from Nigeria for unreasonably long time or for any other cause, provided that such removal or

suspension remains as suspension until is approved by the National Convention.

- h) In the event of death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the National Working Committee subject to ratification by the National Convention. *Filling of Vacancy in the Trustees*
- I) All Party officers and employees at any level and those holding executive or legislative office are disqualified from the post of trustee of the Party. *Disqualification from the Trustees*

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Code of Conduct

- a) All members shall at all times advance, uphold, and defend the mission, principles, the programmes and the constitution of the Party. *Code of Conduct for Party Members*
- b) A member shall at all times promptly and courageously, and with initiative and creativity carry out all Party duties assigned to him and remain alert and vigilant in promoting and defending the Party's integrity, positions and assets. *Party Members*
- c) A member of the Party shall attend all Party meetings punctually and pay all dues and other contributions correctly and in time. *Attendance to Meetings*

d) A member of the Party shall at all times, conduct himself in a democratic, humane and disciplined manner and carry out all duties with a high sense of patriotism.

e) A member shall, at all times, oppose and expose corruption, bribery and all forms of crime and-vice, without fear or favour.

Right of Official Communication f) No member or official of the Party shall communicate in writing with any other Party, Person(s), Organization(s), or Government(s) at any level of the Party without the authorisation of the Chairperson of the Party at that level.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Interpretation and Right of Interpretation

Computation of whole number

The Party

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Interpretation

a) Any question as to the interpretation of this Constitution shall be referred to the National Working Committee whose ruling shall be final.

b) Where the computation of any figure in this Constitution results in a fraction, the figure shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

c) In this constitution “the Party” means the **Peoples Redemption Party**.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

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Amendment

Amendment

- a) The Party shall have the power to amend this Constitution. Provided that no amendment shall be made except at the National Convention.
- b) Notice of proposed amendments shall be given to the National Secretary at least two months before the date of the National Convention of the Party. The notice, which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the proposed amendment and reasons for same.
- c) Notices of the proposed amendment shall be served on the members of the National Convention at least thirty days before the date of the Convention, at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
- d) This Constitution shall stand amended if a proposed amendment is supported by at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

*Notice
to
Amendment*

*Service
of
notice
of
amendment*

*Approval
of
amendment*

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

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Transitional Provisions

Transitional Provisions

Prior to the convening of the first National Convention as provided for in this constitution, the Party's inaugural National Delegates Conference shall exercise the powers and functions of the

National Convention.

SCHEDULE ONE

Membership Rules

Membership Rules

- a) Persons desiring to join the Party shall register online at the Party's official website or present themselves for physical registration at the branches of the Party to which they shall have applied for enrolment as Party members.

Receipt of Membership Cards

- b) Members shall receive their membership cards through the branches of the Party upon payment of the prescribed fees

Lapse of Membership and re- admittance

- c) Membership shall automatically lapse if the subscription fee of a member is not received within Three months after the due date. Provided that a member whose membership terminates in this manner shall be re-admitted into the Party upon the payment of all arrears of the said fees.

SCHEDULE TWO

Party Employees

Employees of the Party

The employees of the Party shall, whether a Party member or not, be governed by the following rules:

- a. All employees of the Party are subject to direct control and discipline of the National, State, Local Government, Ward

Admini- strative control

and Branch Secretaries of the Party subject to appeal to the Party Chairperson at various levels of the Party.

- b. All employees of the Party shall be bound by the relevant provisions of this Constitution and other rules and regulations of the Party, including the decisions of its organs and officers.
- c. Any employee of the Party who acts or behaves in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the Party or its officers, or who takes part in subversive activities against the Party or its officers shall, be immediately relieved of his employment and may in addition, be disciplined or prosecuted. *Summary termination of employee's appointment.*
- d. The remuneration and other conditions of service of Party functionaries shall be decided in accordance with the provision of the Section 15(h) of Article 5 of this constitution. *Remuneration of Party's functionaries*