

**The Constitution of the
Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM), 2015**

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PREAMBLE

We, the Delegates to the National Leadership Conference of the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM);

Grateful to Almighty God for giving the people the wisdom and courage to endure and overcome centuries of colonialism and long tragic and protracted conflicts including civil wars;

Indebted and obligated to guide the people to protect their hard won freedom, unity in diversity and dignified peace;

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

Recognizing the historic struggle of the oppressed people against forces of repression, all forms of injustice, political sectarianism, regionalism, tribalism, ethnic chauvinism, marginalization and exploitation, religious bigotry, intolerance, harmful customs and gender discrimination against women and girl child;

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

Cognizant of the Arusha Agreement of 21 January 2015, which calls for institutionalization and democratization of the party, exercise of collective leadership, formulation of clear ideological direction and transformation of the Party into a vibrant democratic political force;

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

Motivated by the need to lead and contribute effectively in State and Nation building; and

Committed to building a better future for the people by establishing a federal democratic and developmental State with an equitable socio-economic and political order based on the principles of freedom, equality, democracy, justice, respect for human rights, progress and prosperity;

Do hereby adopt the Constitution of the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement, 2008, amended 2015 as its fundamental law.

CHAPTER I: PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Article 1: Title and Commencement

This Constitution may be cited as "The Constitution of the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement, 2008 and amended in 2015" and shall come into force on the date of its signature by the Chairperson.

Article 2: Name and Seat of the Movement

- 2.1 The Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement is a mass political organisation to be known as "The Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement" hereinafter referred to as "Movement" and abbreviated as "SPLM".
- 2.2 The seat of the SPLM shall be in the capital of the Country.
- 2.3 The seat of the State, County, Payam and Boma Secretariats shall be in the capitals of the respective government administrative units.
- 2.4 Meetings of the SPLM national organs shall be held at the SPLM national head office.
- 2.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article 2.4 above, a national organ may convene in any other place inside South Sudan, as shall be determined by the Leadership of the Movement.

Article 3: The Character of the Movement

- 3.1 The SPLM is a democratic, mass political movement; its membership is open to all the people without discrimination based on race, gender, religion, social status, origin, or ethnicity.
- 3.2 SPLM policies can be initiated by an individual or any level of the Movement starting from Boma, Chapter, Payam, County, State and up to the National level.
- 3.3 Any SPLM policy proposal, before presentation to the National Liberation Council, must be presented and discussed at the Boma, Payam, County and State levels.
- 3.4 The SPLM policies shall be passed by the National Liberation Council and presented to the National Convention for final deliberations and resolution.
- 3.5 The SPLM, in its composition and function, shall ensure inclusiveness, gender equity and devoid of tribalism and ethnic chauvinism.
- 3.6 In pursuit for unity of purpose and functioning, the SPLM duly respects the linguistic, social, cultural and religious diversity of its members.
- 3.7 The SPLM is committed to the advancement of women and protection of their rights.
- 3.8 The SPLM guarantees freedom of expression, circulation of useful ideas and information sharing within the Movement.

Article 4: Definitions

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall bear the meanings assigned to them:

Boma: means the basic unit of the Movement larger than a cell.

Cell: means the smallest unit of the Movement formed of at least two members organized into an active body and who willingly engage in the definition, development and advocate policies and priorities of the Movement; as well as being enthusiastically involved in successful implementation and popularization of SPLM programs and plans in their neighborhood and/or work places.

Chairperson: means the Chairperson of the SPLM.

Chapter: means the SPLM office abroad.

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

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

General Secretariat: means the General Secretariat of the SPLM.

Movement: means Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement.

National Convention: means the highest organ of the Movement as established under this Constitution and abbreviated as (NC).

National Liberation Council: means the SPLM National Liberation Council, the second highest organ of the Movement and abbreviated as (NLC).

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

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

Popular Organizations: include Women, Veterans, Youth and Students Leagues, and Persons with special needs.

Rules and Regulations: mean the Rules and Regulations of the Movement.

Secretary: means an executive officer heading a secretariat in the General Secretariat, State, County, Payam and Boma Secretariat as the case may be.

Secretary General: means the Chief Executive Officer of the SPLM, abbreviated as SG.

SPLM: means the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement.

State: means the SPLM level above the County and comprised of a number of Counties.

Syndicated Organizations: include professionals and business organizations, farmers and trade unions;

CHAPTER II: GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SPLM

Article 5: The Guiding Principles

The SPLM shall be guided by the following principles:

- 5.1 Democracy, justice, freedom, equality, religious tolerance, social cohesion, peace, prosperity, harmony and inclusivity;
- 5.2 Federalism and devolution of powers;
- 5.3 Unity of the people, shared historical experiences and respect for diversity;
- 5.4 Supremacy of the rule of Law and respect of separation of powers and roles;
- 5.5 Human Rights and fundamental freedoms as stipulated in the Constitution of the Country and in regional and international instruments;
- 5.6 Respect of democratic institutions and collective leadership;
- 5.7 Accountability, transparency and good governance;
- 5.8 Respect for diversity of South Sudanese cultural values, heritage and beliefs;
- 5.9 Gender equality, socio-economic, cultural and political empowerment of women;
- 5.10 Safeguard the rights of the child, youth, widows, orphans, people with disabilities, wounded heroes and heroines, and war veterans;
- 5.11 Protection of environment and sustainable development of natural resources;
- 5.12 Create conducive environment for participation of persons with special needs in all aspects of life;
- 5.13 Self-reliance and economic self-sufficiency and balanced urban-rural development; and
- 5.14 Pursue Foreign policy and International relations based on national interests, respect among nations and preservation of regional and global peace and stability.

Article 6: Aims and Objectives

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

- 6.1 Build a Country, based on a just, democratic, secular system of governance, and popular participation of its entire people;
- 6.2 Create national consciousness and common purpose through the liberation of the individual and society from all forms of political, economic and social constraints;
- 6.3 Promote the general wellbeing of the people;
- 6.4 Eradicate poverty and strive to attain Sustainable Development;
- 6.5 Advance the cause of national liberation and freedom for all marginalized people;
- 6.6 Plan, promote and direct economic and social development for the benefit of all.
- 6.7 Uphold, protect and promote rights of the child, persons with special needs, the elderly and woman;
- 6.8 Defend and advance the democratic values in the Country;
- 6.9 Ensure that governments at all levels are representative and freely elected by the people through universal suffrage;
- 6.10 Promote and encourage scientific research and adopt appropriate modern technologies;
- 6.11 Ensure implementation of the principle of Federalism and devolution of powers;
- 6.12 Promote democratic principles and practices, and social cohesion;
- 6.13 Uphold the principles of supremacy of the rule of Law and separation of powers;
- 6.14 Ensure that human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution of the Country, regional and international instruments are promoted, respected, and protected;
- 6.15 Enhance participatory democracy and ensure respect of democratic processes and institutions;
- 6.16 Ensure practices of collective leadership;
- 6.17 Ensure justice and equality for all irrespective of ethnicity, origin, religion, region, social status or gender;
- 6.18 Enhance accountability, transparency and good governance;
- 6.19 Encourage and promote respect for the diversity of the people;
- 6.20 Ensure gender equality and promote socio-economic, cultural and political empowerment of women;
- 6.21 Realise and ensure economic self-sufficiency and self-reliance for the people;
- 6.22 Protect and preserve the environment, ensure sustainable utilization of natural resources and promote environmental sustainability;
- 6.23 Protect, uphold and promote the unity of the people of the Country;

- 6.24 Uphold and promote national, regional and global peace and security; and
- 6.25 Develop and pursue an appropriate foreign policy to maintain regional and international cooperation and preserve global peace and stability.

CHAPTER III: SPLM MEMBERSHIP

Article 7: Conditions for Membership

- 7.1 Membership of the SPLM shall be open to all South Sudanese citizens irrespective of gender, origin, ethnicity, race, creed or social status provided that the person satisfies the following conditions:
 - 7.1.1 believes in, subscribes to and accepts the vision, mission, values, objectives, and programs of the SPLM;
 - 7.1.2 abides by this Constitution, Code of Conduct and any rules and regulations to be issued hereunder;
 - 7.1.3 undertakes to actively participate in the execution of its decisions and programs;
 - 7.1.4 is at least eighteen years of age;
 - 7.1.5 is of sound mind; and
 - 7.1.6 is of good conduct and behaviour.
- 7.2 Application for membership shall be made in writing to the appropriate office.
- 7.3 Applications for membership shall be considered by the SPLM Cell, Boma, Payam Secretariat or the SPLM Chapter, and by the County Secretariat, if no Cell, Boma or Payam Secretariat exists.
- 7.4 The organs mentioned in sub-Article 7.3 above, may accept or reject any application for membership provided that in case of rejection, the applicant shall be entitled to seek review of such rejection by the Secretariat of the next higher organ of the SPLM up to the General Secretariat whose decision shall be final.
- 7.5 In case of rejection by the General Secretariat in sub-article 7.4, the individual has a right to appeal the decision to the National Liberation Council (NLC) and National Convention (NC), whose decision shall be final.
- 7.6 Cell, Boma, Payam, County Secretariat or SPLM Chapter shall decide on any application for membership within four weeks from the date of its receipt.
- 7.7 Membership cards shall be issued to registered members of the SPLM upon payment of the prescribed fees.
- 7.8 The General Secretariat may grant:
 - 7.8.1 provisional membership of three months to any person who wishes to join the Movement for the first time; and
 - 7.8.2 provisional membership of six months to any person re-joining the Movement.
- 7.9 At the end of the three months provisional period, the applicant shall become a full member and exercise membership rights and obligations.
- 7.10 Rejection of an application for membership shall be communicated in writing to the applicant by the SPLM Secretariat at that level within two weeks.
- 7.11 A member shall pay subscription as shall be determined by the Political Bureau on the recommendation of the General Secretariat.
- 7.12 The SPLM National Convention may, on its own or on the recommendation of the Political Bureau grant honorary membership to those persons who have demonstrated an unwavering solidarity with the SPLM.
- 7.13 Upon joining the SPLM, a member shall take the following oath of allegiance:
- 7.14 "I,,do hereby swear by the Almighty God/ solemnly affirm that I shall abide by, respect and uphold the vision, mission, values, and objectives of the SPLM as set out in its Constitution and other basic documents; and that I shall respect the structures of the Movement and place my energies and skills at the disposal of the Movement and carry out any task that may be assigned to me and that I shall defend the unity and integrity of the Movement and its principles, so help me God ."
- 7.15 Before assuming office, the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and officers of the relevant levels of the SPLM shall take the following oath of office:

- 7.16 "I.....,do hereby swear by the Almighty God/ solemnly affirm that I shall as -----(title)----- abide by, respect and uphold the vision, mission, values and objectives of the SPLM, as set out in its Constitution and other basic documents; and that I shall perform my functions and duties honestly, diligently and without fear or favor, respect the structures of the Movement and serve the Movement to the best of my ability, and that I shall defend the unity and integrity of the Movement and its principles, so help me God."
- 7.17 The above mentioned oath under Article 7.16 above shall be taken:
- 7.17.1 before the NC in the case of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - 7.17.2 before the NLC in the case of Secretary General, the Chairpersons of Standing Committees, and members of the political Bureau;
 - 7.17.3 before the relevant Congresses, in the case of other Chairpersons; and
 - 7.17.4 before the Standing Committee, in case of Secretary of the said Committee; and
 - 7.17.5 before the Political Bureau, in case of Secretaries for Mobilization and Organisation, Finance and Administration, Training and Research and Secretary for Syndicated Organization; and
 - 7.17.6 before the State/County/Payam/Boma Liberation Council in case of State/County/Payam/Boma Standing Committees.
- 7.18 A member, who fails to pay his/her subscription for six consecutive months, and having been duly reminded, shall be deprived of some of his/her membership rights, as shall be determined by the rules and regulations of the Movement.

Article 8: Rights of a Member

A member of the Movement has the right to:

- 8.1 elect and be elected to any of the various offices and institutions of the SPLM;
- 8.2 participate in the appropriate forums and the meetings of the organs of the Movement and its affiliated bodies;
- 8.3 freely express his or her views and exercise his or her faith and shall not be victimized for statements made during official meetings;
- 8.4 access information about the policies and activities of the Movement;
- 8.5 be notified to attend meetings and functions of the Movement;
- 8.6 be issued with a membership card subject to payment of the prescribed fee;
- 8.7 suggest proposals, raise questions and submit petitions either orally or written to appropriate organs of the SPLM and receive timely answers;
- 8.8 vote at meetings in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Movement;
- 8.9 request where necessary the implementation of the provisions of this Constitution, resolutions, decisions, directives and agreements of the Movement;
- 8.10 in case of a provisional member, he or she shall exercise all the rights of membership except the right to vote or be elected to any SPLM position; and
- 8.11 the Chairperson, in consultation with the PB, may grant a free honorary membership to any person in appreciation of his/her contribution to the SPLM.

Article 9: Duties and Obligations of a Member

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

- 9.1 uphold this Constitution and abide by the rules and regulations and code of conduct issued thereunder;
- 9.2 combat racism, tribalism, political sectarianism, gender insensitivity, religious intolerance and all other forms of discrimination in the country;
- 9.3 respond, when called upon, to serve in national emergencies, development activities and any other national duties;
- 9.4 pay membership and subscription fees;
- 9.5 act in the spirit of self-sacrifice, dedication and selfless commitment to the SPLM;
- 9.6 take appropriate action in case of abuse of office, misconduct and misuse of SPLM or public funds or assets;

- 9.7 respect, and protect properties of the SPLM and of the public in general;
- 9.8 abide and comply with the decisions of the majority and respect the opinion of minority;
- 9.9 strive to disseminate and explain the vision, mission, objectives, policies and programs of the Movement to the people;
- 9.10 maintain objectivity and constructive criticism in official and public debates and exercise self-criticism;
- 9.11 observe and keep the confidentiality of classified information in respect to matters of the Movement;
- 9.12 attend regular meetings as shall be called for;
- 9.13 uphold the ideals of the SPLM Manifesto and abide by all the provisions of this Constitution;
- 9.14 refrain from publication and distribution of any material or documents of the Movement without authorization;
- 9.15 refrain from publication and distribution of any material or documents which tend to create division within the Movement or advance views which undermine the objectives and programs of the Movement;
- 9.16 ensure that he or she is registered as a voter in the constituency where he or she resides; and
- 9.17 when holding a constitutional, executive or legislative position at any level of government, he or she shall be a member of the SPLM caucus at that level.

Article 10: Loss of Membership

Membership of the Movement shall be lost if a member:

- 10.1 resigns;
- 10.2 is expelled by a disciplinary committee for violation of this Constitution, rules and regulations;
- 10.3 becomes mentally incapacitated based on medical reports;
- 10.4 joins another political party or Movement;
- 10.5 engages in activities that undermine the objectives and policies of the Movement, contrary to this Constitution, Code of Conduct, Rules and Regulations; or
- 10.6 Dies.

CHAPTER IV: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Article 11: Rights of Women

To redress imbalances created by history, harmful customs and traditions, and for the purposes of empowerment of women, the Movement shall:

- 11.1 accord women full and equal dignity of a person and of a citizen including in decision making at all levels of governance;
- 11.2 accord and guarantee the right of women to participate equally with men in the Movement's structures and public life;
- 11.3 ensure that women are accorded the right to equal pay for equal work and all other related benefits with men;
- 11.4 ensure that women representation is at least 30% at all levels of the Movement and government organs as an affirmative action when it is the ruling party;
- 11.5 ensure that women are protected against violence, harmful customs and traditions which undermine their dignity and status; and
- 11.6 pursue positive development of women at all levels.

Article 12: Rights of persons with special needs

All persons with special needs shall be:

- 12.1 accorded full and equal dignity as other members of the Movement;
- 12.2 accorded and guaranteed the right to participate equally within the Movement structures and public life;
- 12.3 accorded the right to equal pay for equal work including all the other related benefits;

- 12.4 fully represented at all levels of the Movement and government organs as an affirmative action when the Movement is the ruling party;
- 12.5 protected against violence, harmful customs and traditions which undermine their dignity and status; and
- 12.6 accorded positive development.

Article 13: Rights of Children and Youth

All levels of the Movement shall:

- 13.1 adopt policies that mandate promotion of recreation facilities, music, theatre and sports for children and youth, in rural and urban areas, to develop their innovations and potentials;
- 13.2 promote policies that mandate provision and access to welfare of children and youth and to ensure that they develop morally and physically and are protected from moral and physical abuse and abandonment;
- 13.3 promote policies that ensure access to adequate quality pre-birth, mother and child health care (MCH), free primary education and affordable secondary, technical and tertiary education relevant to the market and scientifically researched needs;

CHAPTER V: SPLM CAUCUSES, POPULAR AND SYNDICATED ORGANIZATIONS

Article 14: Establishment

- 14.1 The following Organizations shall be established in the SPLM:
 - 14.1.1 Parliamentary and Executive Caucuses;
 - 14.1.2 Popular Organizations; and
 - 14.1.3 Syndicated Organizations.
- 14.2 Caucuses, Popular and Syndicated Organizations shall function as autonomous bodies within the overall structure of the SPLM, of which they are integral part, with their own constitutions, rules and regulations, provided that they are not in conflict with the SPLM Constitution and policies.
- 14.3 Caucuses
 - 14.3.1 SPLM members at the National Legislative Assembly, Senate and States Legislative Assemblies shall form Caucuses at their levels;
 - 14.3.2 SPLM members serving in the executive arm of the National, States and Counties governments shall form Caucuses at those levels; and
 - 14.3.3 Municipal and Local government Councillors who are members of the SPLM shall form their caucuses at their levels and localities.
- 14.4 Popular Organizations

The following shall constitute SPLM Popular Organizations: Women League, Youth League, Veterans League, and Students League.

 - 14.4.1 Women League:
 - 14.4.1.1 of the leadership positions in the Women League, 30% shall be given to Women Youth; and
 - 14.4.1.2 of the 30% women representation at all levels of the Movement (and government) organs, at least 10% shall be given to Women Youth.
 - 14.4.2 Youth League:
 - 14.4.2.1 the age limit for eligibility in the Youth League shall be age 18 to 35;
 - 14.4.2.2 Student's League representation shall be 10% at all levels of the Movement (and government) organs; equally divided between male and women youth; and
 - 14.4.2.3 At least 30% of the leadership position in the Youth League shall be given to Women Youth.
 - 14.4.3 Veterans League:
 - 14.4.3.1 any person who has had long service or experience in a particular occupation or field shall be eligible for membership in the Veterans League.
 - 14.4.4 Students League:

- 14.4.4.1 students who attend secondary, technical and tertiary (colleges, universities, etc.) education, and have not obtained the first Diploma or Degree at the tertiary level, are eligible for membership in the Students League; and
- 14.4.4.2 Students League representation shall be 5% (except where specified otherwise in this Constitution) at all levels of the Movement as an affirmative action.
- 14.5 Syndicated Organizations:
 - 14.5.1 Syndicated Organizations shall comprise but not limited to organized groups of: individuals, workers, professionals, farmers, traders, persons with special needs.
 - 14.5.2 any group specified as per sub-Article 14.1.2 shall be registered in the country under applicable law.
 - 14.5.3 coordination between any syndicated organization and the SPLM shall be carried out by the Movement's secretariat in charge of Syndicated Organizations.

CHAPTER VI: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

Article 15: SPLM Structures

- 15.1 The organizational structures of the SPLM shall be as follows:
 - 15.1.1 National Organs;
 - 15.1.2 State Organs;
 - 15.1.3 County Organs;
 - 15.1.4 Payam Organs;
 - 15.1.5 Boma Organs;
 - 15.1.6 Chapters; and
 - 15.1.7 Cells.
- 15.2 National Organs
The National Organs shall be composed of:
 - 15.2.1 National Convention;
 - 15.2.2 National Liberation Council;
 - 15.2.3 Political Bureau; and
 - 15.2.4 General Secretariat;
- 15.3 State Organs
The State Organs shall be composed of:
 - 15.3.1 State Congress;
 - 15.3.2 State Liberation Council; and
 - 15.3.3 State Secretariat.
- 15.4 County Organs
The County Organs shall be composed of:
 - 15.4.1 County Congress;
 - 15.4.2 County Liberation Council; and
 - 15.4.3 County Secretariat.
- 15.5 Payam Organs
The Payam Organs shall be composed of:
 - 15.5.1 Payam Congress;
 - 15.5.2 Payam Liberation Council; and
 - 15.5.3 Payam Secretariat.
- 15.6 Boma Organs
The Boma Organs shall be composed of:
 - 15.6.1 Boma Congress;
 - 15.6.2 Boma Liberation Council; and
 - 15.6.3 Boma Secretariat.
- 15.7 Chapter Organs
The Chapter Organs shall be composed of:
 - 15.7.1 Country Conference;
 - 15.7.2 Country Coordination Office;
 - 15.7.3 Chapter Assembly;

- 15.7.4 Chapter Executive Committee; and
- 15.7.5 Chapter Secretariat.
- 15.8 Cell
- The Cell shall be composed of:
- 15.8.1 Cell Secretariat.

CHAPTER VII: THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Article 16: Establishment and Composition

- 16.1 The National Convention is the supreme political organ of the Movement, and shall be composed of no more than 3,260 delegates from the following:
 - 16.1.1 delegates from State Congresses, including State Chairpersons and State Secretaries, to the National Convention shall not exceed 80%, out of which 30% shall be Women, 10% shall be Youth, 3% shall Students, 3% shall Veterans, 3% Syndicated Organizations and 1% Persons with special needs;
 - 16.1.2 the number of delegates from each State Congress and Country Conference shall be proportional to the number of registered members in that state or Country Conference; example: total delegate to the convention is Z; total national registry is y; state or Country Conference registry is x: state or Country Conference representation = $(x/y)z$;
 - 16.1.3 20% of the delegates to the NC shall comprised of the following categories:
 - 16.1.3.1 NLC;
 - 16.1.3.2 PB;
 - 16.1.3.3 Leagues (Deputy Chairs, Secretaries);
 - 16.1.3.4 Syndicated Organizations;
 - 16.1.3.5 Chapters (through Country Conference); and
 - 16.1.3.6 Persons with special needs.
- 16.2 The quorum for convening the National Convention shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first meeting, the quorum for the subsequent meeting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding, provided that the leagues, syndicated organizations, Chapters and persons with special needs are represented by at least half of their respective allocated delegates.
- 16.3 Resolutions of the National Convention shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in the case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 16.4 The National Convention shall convene once every four years on Tuesday of the first week of March; however the Convention may convene an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 16.5 Voting in the National Convention shall be by secret ballot.

Article 17: Functions and Powers of the National Convention

- 17.1 The functions and Powers of the National Convention shall be as follows:
 - 17.1.1 elect the Chairperson of the NC;
 - 17.1.2 adopt and form the National Convention Electoral Committee, presided over by the Chairperson of the NC, that shall carry out the election process during the National Convention;
 - 17.1.3 adopt the Constitution and the Manifesto;
 - 17.1.4 approve policies and programs of the Movement;
 - 17.1.5 receive and discuss the reports of the National Liberation Council;
 - 17.1.6 review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the National Liberation Council; and
 - 17.1.7 elect the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and members of the National Liberation Council.
- 17.2 The Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson may be removed by the National Convention (NC) in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of members of the NLC for violation of this Constitution or gross misconduct provided that the resolution for the removal

of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson shall be carried by two third (2/3) majority of all members of the NC.

CHAPTER VIII: THE NATIONAL LIBERATION COUNCIL

Article 18: Establishment and Composition

- 18.1 There shall be established in the SPLM an organ to be known as "The National Liberation Council" hereinafter referred to as the NLC.
- 18.2 The NLC shall comprise of not more than 326 members as follows: Women (30%, Youth (10%), Veterans (2%), Students (2%), Syndicated Organizations (2%) and Persons with special needs (2%).
- 18.3 Membership of the NLC shall be composed of:
 - 18.3.1 The Chairperson;
 - 18.3.2 Deputy Chairperson;
 - 18.3.3 Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General;
 - 18.3.4 Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons of National Standing Committees;
 - 18.3.5 Chairperson, Deputy Chairpersons and Secretary Generals of the Leagues;
 - 18.3.6 Members elected by the National Convention representing the States; and
 - 18.3.7 Members elected by the National Convention representing syndicated organizations, Persons with special needs, Chapters and other categories.
- 18.4 SPLM State Chairpersons shall be members of the NC and NLC from their respective State lists by virtue of their positions.

Article 19: Functions and Duties of the NLC

The National Liberation Council shall:

- 19.1 lead the SPLM between sessions of the National Convention and represent the Movement in its relations with other associations, institutions and political parties;
- 19.2 oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the National Convention;
- 19.3 oversee the work of the Political Bureau;
- 19.4 approve the annual budget of the SPLM as proposed by the PB;
- 19.5 be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM;
- 19.6 the National Liberation Council shall elect from its membership 22 members of PB;
- 19.7 elect the Secretary General from amongst its members;
- 19.8 report to the National Convention;
- 19.9 establish Standing and/or Ad hoc Committees for carrying out its functions and duties;
- 19.10 adopt Code of Conduct and Regulations;
- 19.11 remove the Secretary General in and extraordinary session convened on the written request by at least one-third of the NLC provided that the resolution for removal of the Secretary General shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority of its membership as stated in Article 20.2; and
- 19.12 determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Code of Conduct and Regulations.

Article 20: Meetings of the NLC

- 20.1 The National Liberation Council shall be convened three times in a year in regular sessions and may be convened in extraordinary sessions whenever deemed necessary by the Chairperson, PB or on the written request by at least one third (1/3) of its members.
- 20.2 The quorum for the meetings of the NLC shall be two thirds (2/3) majority of its membership.
- 20.3 In case the quorum is not achieved in the first meeting, the subsequent meeting shall convene within two weeks and the quorum shall be simple majority of its membership;
- 20.4 Except where otherwise stated, resolutions of the NLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 20.5 Voting in the NLC shall be by secret ballot.

CHAPTER IX: NLC STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 21: Establishment of NLC Standing Committees

21.1 There shall be established at the Federal level SPLM National NLC Committees as follows:

- 21.1.1 The Political Bureau (PB);
- 21.1.2 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 21.1.3 Committee for Foreign Relations;
- 21.1.4 Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights;
- 21.1.5 Committee for Security and Defense;
- 21.1.6 Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry;
- 21.1.7 Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources;
- 21.1.8 Committee for Land, Housing and Environment;
- 21.1.9 Committee for Transport Systems;
- 21.1.10 Committee for Education, Science and Technology;
- 21.1.11 Committee for Health;
- 21.1.12 Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;
- 21.1.13 Committee for Gender and Social Welfare;
- 21.1.14 Committee for Humanitarian Affairs;
- 21.1.15 Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development;
- 21.1.16 Committee for Energy and Mining;
- 21.1.17 Committee for Information and Communication;
- 21.1.18 Committee for Governance Affairs;
- 21.1.19 Committee for Mobilization and Organization;
- 21.1.20 Committee for Training and Research; and
- 21.1.21 Committee for Syndicated Organizations

21.2 SPLM NLC Clusters

NLC Standing Committees shall be formed into clusters as follows:

21.2.1 Governance Cluster

- 21.2.1.1 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 21.2.1.2 Committee for Foreign Relations;
- 21.2.1.3 Committee of Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights;
- 21.2.1.4 Committee for Security and Defense;
- 21.2.1.5 Committee for Culture, Information and Communication;
- 21.2.1.6 Committee for Governance Affairs; and
- 21.2.1.7 Committee for Mobilization and Organization.

21.2.2 Economic Cluster

- 21.2.2.1 Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry;
- 21.2.2.2 Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources;
- 21.2.2.3 Committee for Land, Housing and Environment;
- 21.2.2.4 Committee for Transport Systems;
- 21.2.2.5 Committee for Energy and Mining; and
- 21.2.2.6 Committee for Syndicated Organizations

21.2.3 Service Delivery Cluster

- 21.2.3.1 Committee for Education, Science and Technology;
- 21.2.3.2 Committee for Health;
- 21.2.3.3 Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;
- 21.2.3.4 Committee for Gender and Social Welfare;
- 21.2.3.5 Humanitarian Affairs;
- 21.2.3.6 Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development; and
- 21.2.3.7 Committee for Training and Research.

21.3 Each cluster shall elect the Chairpersons of the respective Standing Committees in the cluster;

21.4 A cluster may remove a Chairperson of a Committee in the cluster on the written request by at least one-third of the total membership of the cluster provided that the resolution for removal of the Chairperson shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Article 22: Composition of Standing Committees

22.1 Political Bureau (PB)

PB shall be composed of 28 members as follows:

- 22.1.1 Chairperson of the Movement who shall be elected by the NC;
- 22.1.2 Deputy Chairperson of the movement who shall be elected by the NC;
- 22.1.3 The Secretary General of the Movement, elected by the NLC, shall be the Secretary of the PB;
- 22.1.4 Chairpersons of Women League, Youth League, Veterans League and Students League (4 in number);
- 22.1.5 Chairperson of National Parliamentary Caucus;
- 22.1.6 Twenty (20) Chairpersons of Standing Committees; and

22.2 Members of the Political Bureau shall serve for a term of five (5) years.

22.3 Other Standing Committees;

Other than the PB, the National Standing Committees shall be composed as follows:

- 22.3.1 Chairperson of the Committee, who shall be a Political Bureau member;
- 22.3.2 Secretary, who shall be the secretary of the corresponding secretariat of the said Committee
- 22.3.3 No more than 15 other NLC members.

22.4 A Standing Committee

- 22.4.1 shall elect from its membership a Deputy Chairperson.; and
- 22.4.2 may remove its the Deputy Chairperson on the written request by at least one-third of the total membership of the Standing Committee provided that the resolution for removal of the Deputy Chairperson shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Article 23: Functions and Duties of Standing Committees

23.1 The Political Bureau

The PB is the highest executive political organ of the Movement. It shall

- 23.1.1 formulate policies, plans and programs in accordance with the vision and mission of the SPLM subject to the provisions of this Constitution and may establish adhoc Committees to carry out assigned tasks
- 23.1.2 direct and supervise political, administrative and executive activities of the SPLM;
- 23.1.3 manage and control all the finances and assets of the Movement;
- 23.1.4 issue policy directives and instructions to, and receive reports from the General Secretariat;
- 23.1.5 ensure that all the structures of the SPLM function democratically, transparently, effectively and efficiently;
- 23.1.6 ensure that the lower organs of the movement participate through their structures in development of any national policy; and
- 23.1.7 perform any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC.
- 23.1.8 Meetings of the PB
 - 23.1.8.1 The PB shall meet once every two weeks. Extraordinary meetings may be called by the Chairperson on his or her own initiative or on the recommendation of the SG to the Chairperson or upon a written request to the Chairperson by at least one third (1/3) of its members.
 - 23.1.8.2 The meeting shall be on the first Tuesday of the fortnight.
 - 23.1.8.3 The Agenda shall be formulated by the SG on the recommendation of the Chairperson and/or other members of the PB.
 - 23.1.8.4 The SG shall receive all recommendations for formulating the Agenda for discussion one week prior to the PB meeting.
 - 23.1.8.5 The Agenda shall be circulated to all members of the PB one week prior to the meeting.

- 23.1.8.6 Quorum for the meetings of the PB shall be two third (2/3) of its members and in case quorum is not attained in the first meeting, it shall be adjourned and reconvened within one week from the date of adjournment and the quorum in the second meeting shall be simple majority.
- 23.1.8.7 Meetings of the PB shall be presided over by the Chairperson and the SG shall be its secretary.
- 23.1.8.8 Resolutions of the PB shall be carried by simple majority of members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 23.1.8.9 The PB may invite any member of the SPLM with expertise on a particular subject under discussion to attend its meetings. Such member may participate in the deliberations and be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the PB, but shall have no right to vote.

23.2 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing

Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.2.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.2.2 scrutinizing policies, bills, acts, programmes and procedures emanating from institutions responsible for peace building, reconciliation and healing;
- 23.2.3 ending culture of use of force in settling differences and misunderstanding and promoting culture of peace and dialogue;
- 23.2.4 promotion, protection and respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms as stipulated in the international and regional conventions and covenants;
- 23.2.5 encouragement of dialogue for the fostering and building a culture of peaceful coexistence, and policy making that ensures nation and peace building;
- 23.2.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.2.7 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.3 Committee for Foreign Relations

Committee for Foreign Relations shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.3.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.3.2 scrutinizing policies, bills, acts, programmes and procedures emanating from institutions responsible for foreign relations and international cooperation;
- 23.3.3 inter-organizational cooperation and collaboration with national and external political parties, organisations and governments;
- 23.3.4 scrutinizing regional and International Conventions/Treaties being ratified by the Federal National Legislature;
- 23.3.5 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.3.6 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.4 Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights

Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.4.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.4.2 scrutinizing policies, bills, acts, programmes and procedures emanating from institutions responsible for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights;
- 23.4.3 respecting, promotion and fostering to all international conventions on human rights and other civil rights;
- 23.4.4 promoting peaceful rotation of power;
- 23.4.5 Human Rights and fundamental freedoms as stipulated in the Constitution and in regional and international instruments;

- 23.4.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB;
and
- 23.4.7 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.5 Committee for Security and Defense;

Committee for Security and Defense shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.5.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.5.2 scrutinizing policies, bills, acts, programmes and procedures emanating from institutions responsible for security, defense and public order;
- 23.5.3 preservation and promotion of security, defense and public order;
- 23.5.4 matters emanating from public figures responsible for security, defense and public order;
- 23.5.5 devolution of the following security organs to the states and local governments: National Police Service, State Police, Correctional Services (Prisons), Wild Life forces and Civil Defense;
- 23.5.6 promotion of local administration and especially the traditional institutions in order to stamp out insecurity;
- 23.5.7 provision of credible and sustainable public and personal security for every citizen;
- 23.5.8 ensuring that arms are in the hands of the Government only without prejudice to licensed private small arms;
- 23.5.9 transforming the SPLA into a modern national army for the defense of the country;
- 23.5.10 paying attention to the national army and training it as the professional army of the country and ensuring that the soldiers are adequately provided for;
- 23.5.11 ensuring the security system be representative of the people;
- 23.5.12 imposing neutrality of the national army from any political bias;
- 23.5.13 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB;
and
- 23.5.14 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.6 Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry

Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.6.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.6.2 scrutinizing bills related to economic, commercial and industrial issues;
- 23.6.3 scrutinizing all financial bills, acts, policies and programmes tabled before the Federal Legislative Assembly/Senate;
- 23.6.4 scrutinizing the Federal Budget bill, including budgets of public corporations and institutions;
- 23.6.5 examining economic, commercial and industrial policies and plans of the Federal Government;
- 23.6.6 scrutinizing the report of the Audit Chamber, Anti-corruption Commission and all related institutions;
- 23.6.7 mixed economy based on a composite of freely competitive private, cooperative and public sectors;
- 23.6.8 diversification of economy;
- 23.6.9 economic collaboration with neighbouring countries and regional networks of economic cooperation and international trade;
- 23.6.10 investment promotion and attraction of capital financing from internal and external sources, including joint ventures;
- 23.6.11 scrutinizing banking, taxation and customs policies;
- 23.6.12 job creation opportunities and combating unemployment;
- 23.6.13 foreign Trade, investments and development of industries;
- 23.6.14 revival and rehabilitation of defunct industries: textile, brewing, sugar, vegetable oils etc.;
- 23.6.15 incentives to local and foreign investors;
- 23.6.16 protection of and support for local industries;

- 23.6.17 environmental and social impact assessments before project implementation such as petroleum and mineral exploration, development and extraction, and development of any industry;
- 23.6.18 development of micro and small enterprises (MSEs): crops, dairy, poultry, supply of products and goods, general trade, construction, and others;
- 23.6.19 credit facilities for rural populations to encourage production and commerce;
- 23.6.20 empowerment of States and local governments in exercise of concurrent powers in developing natural resources such as mining, energy, oil and gas;
- 23.6.21 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.6.22 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.7 Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources

Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.7.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.7.2 scrutinizing bills, acts, plans, policies and programmes originating from the institutions responsible for Agriculture and Natural Resources;
- 23.7.3 human resource capacity building of institutions responsible for agriculture, forestry, animal resources, fisheries, tourism, water resources and irrigation;
- 23.7.4 strategies and programs for the management and development of livestock and harnessing of its enormous economic potential;
- 23.7.5 mitigation of cattle rustling and minimization of environmental degradation due to grazing;
- 23.7.6 strategies and programs for the management and development of agriculture, wildlife, fisheries and tourism;
- 23.7.7 establishment of cooperative societies, farmers associations/unions and guarantee to them credit/loans through commercial banks and other lending institutions;
- 23.7.8 scrutinizing legislations on agricultural and Cooperative Banks for credit facilitations to farmers;
- 23.7.9 enabling environment for agribusiness and provision of modern and appropriate farming machinery and technology;
- 23.7.10 conducive environment and encouragement of private sector investment in agriculture sector;
- 23.7.11 advocacy of ten percent (10%) of national budget allocation to agricultural sector in line with the Maputo declaration, 2003;
- 23.7.12 empowerment of States and local governments in exercise of concurrent powers in developing natural resources such as agriculture, forestry, animal resources and fisheries;
- 23.7.13 strategies and programs for food security, protecting and conservation of forests, and tourism development and sustainability;
- 23.7.14 preservation, conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems and biodiversity;
- 23.7.15 conservation, rehabilitation and protection of wildlife, wetlands, national parks and game reserves, and promote tourism;
- 23.7.16 protection and conservation of natural resources;
- 23.7.17 comprehensive seed policy and soil mapping;
- 23.7.18 usage of waters of the Nile by the countries of the Nile Basin;
- 23.7.19 rendering of hafirs and artesian wells in arid areas for agriculture, livestock and wildlife;
- 23.7.20 forestation programs in rural and urban areas;
- 23.7.21 expansion of local, regional and international markets for agricultural products;
- 23.7.22 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.7.23 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.8 Committee for Land, Housing and Environment

The Committee for Land, Housing and Environment shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.8.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.8.2 scrutinizing bills, acts, plans, policies and programmes originating from the institutions responsible for land use, housing and environment;
- 23.8.3 formulating policies, standards and regulations on urban planning and land management;
- 23.8.4 scrutiny of regional and international protocols and agreements on preservation and protection of the environment;
- 23.8.5 environmental and social impact assessments before implementation of development projects (infrastructure, hydropower, oil, mining, industrial, irrigation, etc.);
- 23.8.6 measures against degradation of land, water, vegetation and air;
- 23.8.7 formulating national policy and statutes on land tenure, optimal rational land use and management;
- 23.8.8 regulations and procedures, transparency and accountability in land administration;
- 23.8.9 reforms addressing land grabbing and malpractices involving land;
- 23.8.10 land mapping and maximizing its economic utilization;
- 23.8.11 registration of land titles and deeds;
- 23.8.12 land issues reflecting customary laws and practices, local heritage and institutional trends;
- 23.8.13 reviewing of land concessions awarded to individuals and foreign companies for large scale agriculture activities;
- 23.8.14 mitigation of unplanned settlements and promotion of physical planning;
- 23.8.15 national housing policy addressing and improving overall living conditions;
- 23.8.16 empowerment of States and local governments in exercise of concurrent powers in developing public utilities;
- 23.8.17 favourable access to credit facilities by individuals, cooperative movements, private and public enterprises for affordable decent houses;
- 23.8.18 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.8.19 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.9 Committee for Transport Systems

The Committee for Transport Systems shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.9.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.9.2 scrutinizing bills, acts, plans, policies and programmes originating from the institutions responsible for transport Systems;
- 23.9.3 standards and specifications and maintenance of roads, railways and rivers;
- 23.9.4 construction of new airports, rivers ports and railways;
- 23.9.5 development of integrated transport service sector including railways and river transport;
- 23.9.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.9.7 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.10 Committee for Education, Science and Technology

The Committee for Education, Science and Technology shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.10.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.10.2 scrutinizing bills, acts, plans, policies and programmes originating from institutions responsible for education, science and technology;
- 23.10.3 advocacy for 10% allocation of the national budget for general education;
- 23.10.4 enhancing education, development and management;
- 23.10.5 policies on compulsory and free primary education for all;
- 23.10.6 accessible vocational, technical, secondary and tertiary education;

- 23.10.7 syllabus development reflecting the various cultures;
- 23.10.8 ensuring national languages policy and planning;
- 23.10.9 education policies strategies and programmes for the girl child, adult literacy and pastoralists;
- 23.10.10 promotion of developmental scientific research and adoption of appropriate technologies;
- 23.10.11 promotion of related skills and technology transfer;
- 23.10.12 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.10.13 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.11 Committee for Health;

The Committee for Health shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.11.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.11.2 scrutiny of policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for health;
- 23.11.3 formulation of federal health management and disease control policy, strategies and plans;
- 23.11.4 development of human resource capacity in the health sector;
- 23.11.5 development and management of comprehensive, equitable and integrated National Health Service (NHS);
- 23.11.6 federal drug authority regulations on the manufacturing, importation and use of medicines;
- 23.11.7 mitigation and control of environmental and industrial hygiene;
- 23.11.8 HIV/AIDS control programmes;
- 23.11.9 recognition and regulations for herbal and alternative medicine practitioners;
- 23.11.10 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.11.11 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.12 Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports

The Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.12.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.12.2 scrutiny of policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for Culture, Youth and Sports;
- 23.12.3 promotion of traditions and cultures;
- 23.12.4 engagement of youth in public life;
- 23.12.5 creation of national consciousness and patriotism among the youth;
- 23.12.6 programmes for socio-economic development of the youth;
- 23.12.7 autonomous, broad and representative structures of youth movements for coordination and development of youth activities;
- 23.12.8 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.12.9 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.13 Committee for Gender and Social Welfare

The Committee for Gender and Social Welfare shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.13.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.13.2 scrutiny of policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for gender, child, social welfare and humanitarian affairs;
- 23.13.3 gender equality and mainstreaming;

- 23.13.4 non-discrimination in employment on the basis of sex and full opportunity to qualified women;
- 23.13.5 emancipation, development and empowerment of women and persons with disability;
- 23.13.6 empowerment of women socially, economically, and politically;
- 23.13.7 gender consciousness, participation of women in public life, access to education of girls and skills training for women;
- 23.13.8 protection of the family, elderly, persons with disabilities, widows, orphans and other vulnerable groups;
- 23.13.9 role of social welfare through qualified cadres, scientifically-based administration and provision of the necessary budgets for that purpose;
- 23.13.10 rejection and nonpractice of harmful customs and gender discrimination against women and girl child;
- 23.13.11 access to civilian populations in need of emergency humanitarian assistance and protection;
- 23.13.12 free primary health care for pregnant women and improved conditions of holidays for birth and care;
- 23.13.13 rights of the child as contained in international treaties and conventions;
- 23.13.14 provision of special courts and correctional institutions that offer reforms for minors;
- 23.13.15 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.13.16 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.14 Committee for Humanitarian Affairs

The Committee for Humanitarian Affairs shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.14.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.14.2 scrutiny of policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for humanitarian affairs;
- 23.14.3 access to civilian populations in need of emergency humanitarian assistance and protection;
- 23.14.4 protect the right of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) to live in safety and dignity;
- 23.14.5 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.14.6 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.15 Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development

The Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.15.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.15.2 scrutiny of policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for Labour and Human Resources Development;
- 23.15.3 employment, training, wage systems, social insurance and pension schemes in both public and private sector;
- 23.15.4 payroll purging under public service reform;
- 23.15.5 institutional and human resource capacity building;
- 23.15.6 improving functional bureaucratic structures of the civil service based on a federal system of governance;
- 23.15.7 civil service programs linking federal, state and local governments;
- 23.15.8 civil service Regulations and Rules;
- 23.15.9 criteria for scholarships and training;
- 23.15.10 code of ethics and integrity for public officials based on values of honesty and integrity;
- 23.15.11 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.15.12 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.16 Committee for Energy and Mining;

The Committee for Energy and Mining shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.16.1 drawing up the Committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.16.2 scrutiny of policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for Energy and Mining;
- 23.16.3 electric power generation, including new and renewable energies, their sources and means of extraction and distribution;
- 23.16.4 petroleum and mineral exploration, development and extraction;
- 23.16.5 transparent management of oil and mining industries, and membership in Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI);
- 23.16.6 management of environmental programmes and standards in petroleum and mining areas;
- 23.16.7 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.16.8 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.17 Committee for Information and Communication

The Committee for Information and Communication shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.17.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.17.2 scrutiny of policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for information and communication;
- 23.17.3 matters relating to National Flag, Emblem and Anthem;
- 23.17.4 citizens right of access to information held or collected by state or other institutions on the individual/community/institution, subject to any limitations provided for in statutes;
- 23.17.5 development and promotion of traditions and cultures;
- 23.17.6 guarantees of freedom of expression, circulation of useful ideas and information;
- 23.17.7 scrutiny of federal policies for telecommunications, development of telecommunications technology, technical standards and specifications of equipment and their quality control;
- 23.17.8 scrutiny of technologies of information processing and exchange and national electronic projects;
- 23.17.9 national coverage of viable telecommunications and postal services;
- 23.17.10 radio and TV transmission role in information dissemination, education and development;
- 23.17.11 involvement of private sector in telecommunications and postal services except in the regulatory;
- 23.17.12 development of both print and electronic media for civic education, sensitisation of the people on peace, health, education, gender issues, agriculture and development in general;
- 23.17.13 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.17.14 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.18 Committee for Governance Affairs.

The Committee for Governance Affairs shall be concerned with federal plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.18.1 drawing up the Committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.18.2 scrutiny of policies, Bills, Acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for governance;
- 23.18.3 implementation of the principle of federalism and devolution of powers and resources;
- 23.18.4 empower the federal, state and local levels of government to have own:
 - 23.18.4.1 executive, legislature and judicial organs;

- 23.18.4.2 organized forces including Police, Correctional Service, Wildlife and Civil Defense and deliver basic services in education, health, communication, infrastructure services, etc.;
- 23.18.5 empower the states and local governments, through devolution of powers and resources, to exercise powers in developing natural resources such as mining, energy, oil and gas, agriculture, forestry, animal resources, fisheries and public utilities;
- 23.18.6 legal reforms reflecting federal character and judicial levels of government: federal, state and local government levels;
- 23.18.7 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.18.8 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.19 Committee for Mobilization and Organization

Committee for Mobilization and Organization shall be concerned with plans, programmes, policies, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.19.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.19.2 organization proficiency of the SPLM;
- 23.19.3 mobilization of citizens to support of the SPLM;
- 23.19.4 recruitment, orientation and retention of members;
- 23.19.5 developing SPLM political messages;
- 23.19.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.19.7 Reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.20 Committee for Training and Research

The Committee for Training and Research shall be concerned with plans, policies, programmes, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.20.1 drawing up the Committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.20.2 development and coordination of technical and organizational training programs for SPLM cadres and support staff;
- 23.20.3 research political, economic, social issues affecting the nation and its people;
- 23.20.4 evaluation of response of the public to policies and programmes of the Movement;:
- 23.20.5 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.20.6 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

23.21 Committee for Syndicated Organizations

The Committee for Syndicated Organization shall be concerned with plans, policies, programmes, and measures related to the following matters:

- 23.21.1 drawing up the Committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 23.21.2 mobilizing Syndicated Organization to support the Movement;
- 23.21.3 facilitating and supporting SPLM members within the Syndicated Organization;
- 23.21.4 developing relations with Syndicated Organization;
- 23.21.5 supporting and encourage activities of Syndicated Organization;
- 23.21.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the NLC or PB; and
- 23.21.7 reporting to the NLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

CHAPTER X: THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 24: Establishment and Structures

- 24.1 There shall be established in the SPLM an organ to be known as the General Secretariat.
- 24.2 The General Secretariat shall be structured as follows
 - 24.2.1 Secretary General;
 - 24.2.2 Deputy Secretary General; and
 - 24.2.3 National Secretaries for:
 - 24.2.3.1 Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
 - 24.2.3.2 Secretariat for Foreign Relations;
 - 24.2.3.3 Secretariat for Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
 - 24.2.3.4 Secretariat for Security and Defense;
 - 24.2.3.5 Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry;
 - 24.2.3.6 Secretariat for Agriculture and Natural Resources;
 - 24.2.3.7 Secretariat for Land, Housing and Environment;
 - 24.2.3.8 Secretariat for Transport Systems
 - 24.2.3.9 Secretariat for Education, Science and Technology;
 - 24.2.3.10 Secretariat for Health;
 - 24.2.3.11 Secretariat for Culture, Youth and Sports;
 - 24.2.3.12 Secretariat for Gender and Social Welfare;
 - 24.2.3.13 Secretariat for Humanitarian Affairs
 - 24.2.3.14 Secretariat for Labour and Human Resources Development;
 - 24.2.3.15 Secretariat for Energy and Mining;
 - 24.2.3.16 Secretariat for Information and Communication;
 - 24.2.3.17 Secretariat for Governance Affairs;
 - 24.2.3.18 Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation;
 - 24.2.3.19 Secretariat for Administration and Finance; and
 - 24.2.3.20 Secretariat for Training and Research;
 - 24.2.3.21 Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations
- 24.3 The General Secretariat may establish specialized or adhoc committees to assist in the performance of its functions.
- 24.4 The Secretary General, Deputy to Secretary General, the Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries at the relevant levels of the Movement shall as well be appointed as Political Advisors to the executives in any SPLM led Government.
- 24.5 SPLM Parliamentary and Executive Caucuses and Popular Organizations at all levels shall, on the last Saturday of the month, meet in order to consult, coordinate, report and account to the General Secretariat and all relevant Secretariats for political guidance, directives and program coordination.

Article 25: Functions and Duties of the General Secretariat

The General Secretariat shall:

- 25.1 be responsible for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of SPLM policies, programs plans and decisions passed by the NC, NLC and the PB;
- 25.2 carry out the day to day activities of the SPLM;
- 25.3 report and be accountable to the PB and NLC in discharging its functions and duties;
- 25.4 receive and act upon reports from the States and Chapters;
- 25.5 prepare basic Regulations and Rules in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and submit the same to the PB for approval and ratification by the NLC;
- 25.6 facilitate the participation and involvement of SPLM members in the standing committees, working groups, caucuses, popular organizations or discussion forums;
- 25.7 manage, control and monitor the funds and assets of the Movement;
- 25.8 approve guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the various secretariats based on the general guiding principles of the Movement;
- 25.9 guide, supervise and support activities of the popular and syndicated organizations, institutionally, morally and financially; and
- 25.10 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the PB or the NLC.

Article 26: Meetings of the General Secretariat

- 26.1 The General Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided over by the Secretary General, or in his absence the Deputy SG shall preside.
- 26.2 The General Secretariat shall function in a collegial and collective manner to ensure effectiveness, efficiency, coordination and good performance.
- 26.3 The meetings of the General Secretariat shall be attended by the Secretaries of the Women, Veterans, Youth and Students Leagues and who shall exercise voting rights.
- 26.4 Quorum for the meetings of the General Secretariat shall be simple majority.
- 26.5 Decisions of the General Secretariat shall be taken by simple majority of members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 26.6 The General Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM with the necessary knowledge to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the General Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

Article 27: National Secretariats

27.1 Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing

The Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing shall:

- 27.1.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.1.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 23.1.1 monitor and evaluate activities of institutions responsible for peace, reconciliation and healing;
- 27.1.3 mobilize population to support peace, reconciliation and healing;
- 27.1.4 spread culture of peace, preserve the country's cultural heritage and provide necessary environment for peace;
- 27.1.5 be involved in observing Peace Day – 17th August;
- 27.1.6 ensure prudent repatriation, resettlement, rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees and internally displaced persons;
- 27.1.7 be involved/participate in settlement of any internal or civil dispute;
- 27.1.8 be the secretariat for NLC Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 27.1.9 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 27.1.10 perform any other function or duties that may be assigned to it by the Secretary General or Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing.

27.2 Secretariat for Foreign Relations

The Secretariat for Foreign Relations shall:

- 27.2.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.2.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Foreign Relations;
- 23.1.2 monitor and evaluate the activities of institutions charge with foreign relations and international cooperation;
- 27.2.3 develop and maintain cordial relations with ideologically similar political parties and organizations inside and outside the country;
- 27.2.4 promote foreign policy based on mutual respect and interests, friendly relations among nations and preservation of global peace, solidarity and stability;
- 27.2.5 promote cooperation with neighbouring States and other friendly nations;

- 27.2.6 encourage cooperation amongst peoples to promote regional and international peace and solidarity;
- 27.2.7 organise, guide and coordinate the work of the SPLM Chapters abroad;
- 27.2.8 be the secretariat for NLC Standing Committee for Foreign Relations;
- 27.2.9 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Foreign Relations; and
- 27.2.10 perform any other function or duties that may be assigned to it by the Secretary General or Committee for Foreign Relations.

27.3 Secretariat for Legal Affairs and Human Rights

The Secretariat for Legal Affairs and Human Rights shall:

- 27.3.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.3.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights;
- 27.3.3 monitor and evaluate the performance of institutions charged with responsibilities over justice, human rights and issues related to the Constitution and legislation;
- 27.3.4 monitor and evaluate respect for Human Rights and fundamental freedoms;
- 27.3.5 monitor human rights violation;
- 27.3.6 provide legal advice and assistance to the SPLM at the national level and, on request, to the lower levels of the Movement;
- 27.3.7 conduct legal research and studies in the areas of concerns in accordance with the priorities and programs of the Movement;
- 27.3.8 prepare legal documents for the Movement, which shall include but not limited to the multi-party agreements, memorandum of understanding with national and foreign political parties and or business agreements that may be adopted by the SPLM;
- 27.3.9 be responsible for the depository functions of SPLM legal documents, as well as the registration of agreements and documents;
- 27.3.10 provide legal advice and guidance to SPLM led government;
- 27.3.11 cooperate and coordinate with national and international organizations on legal issues of mutual interest;
- 27.3.12 represent SPLM in any legal matter in which it is a party;
- 27.3.13 educate citizens on Human Rights;
- 27.3.14 coordinate contacts with organizations working in the field of Human Rights inside and outside the country;
- 27.3.15 ensure that human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution and ratified regional and international instruments are promoted, respected, and protected;
- 27.3.16 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human rights and or Governance Cluster;
- 27.3.17 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights; and
- 27.3.18 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the Secretary General or Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights.

27.4 Secretariat for Security and Defense

The Secretariat for Security and Defense shall:

- 27.4.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.4.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Security and Defense;
- 27.4.3 monitor and evaluate performance of institutions charged with responsibilities over public order, security and defense;

- 27.4.4 monitor neutrality of the national army from any political bias;
- 27.4.5 ensure implementation is carried out of devolution of the following security organs to the states and local governments: National Police Service, State Police, Correctional Services (Prisons), Wild Life forces and Civil Defense;
- 27.4.6 oversee and monitor matters which may be detrimental to national security;
- 27.4.7 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Security and Defense;
- 27.4.8 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or Committee for Security and Defense; and
- 27.4.9 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the Secretary general or Committee for Security and Defense.

27.5 Secretariat for Economic Affairs

The Secretariat for Economic Affairs and Investment shall:

- 27.5.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.5.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry;
- 27.5.3 monitor and evaluate:
 - 27.5.3.1 performance of institutions charged with responsibilities over the economy and financial matters;
 - 27.5.3.2 all financial aid, protocols and agreements;
 - 27.5.3.3 public expenditure
 - 27.5.3.4 performance of the various sectors of the economy.
 - 27.5.3.5 impediments to industrialization;
 - 27.5.3.6 public disclosure requirements, and reporting channels amongst the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the Ministry of Petroleum, the Ministry of Mining and Bank of South Sudan, the line Ministries, and Transitional National Assembly in accordance with the law; and
 - 27.5.3.7 recommendations and implementation of Private Sector Development Strategy (PSDS) of the South Sudan Business Forum and institutions responsible for commerce and trade.
- 27.5.4 liaise with the various government organs to create a mechanism for cooperation and coordination between the SPLM and economic sectors of government and private sector in the implementation of economic policies of the SPLM;
- 27.5.5 develop programmes that encourage entrepreneurship initiatives among citizens in line with the “SPLM Prosperity for all” programme;
- 27.5.6 formulate, plan, organize, encourage and develop cottage and rural industries;
- 27.5.7 commission economic researchers or experts in the various fields of the economy to conduct research on key issues and problems to provide relevant information needed to inform leadership decisions on economic matters;
- 27.5.8 oversee the implementation of all SPLM investment ventures and ensure that timely reports, remittances of funds into SPLM accounts and auditing of those firms are effected;
- 27.5.9 conduct studies or commission feasibility studies into all prospective investments as directed by the NLC Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry;
- 27.5.10 follow-up the implementation of all SPLM resolutions on the economy and investment;
- 27.5.11 identify opportunities for investments for the Movement;
- 27.5.12 propose to the Investment Bureau viable areas of investment;
- 27.5.13 oversee the activities of the SPLM Investment Bureau;
- 27.5.14 develop draft SPLM Investment Guide for monitoring and managing all issues to do with investment of the Movement’s funds;
- 27.5.15 be the secretariat for the NLC Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry and/or Economic cluster;

- 27.5.16 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry; and
- 27.5.17 perform any other functions and duties as may be assigned by the SPLM Secretary General and the Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry.

27.6 Secretariat for Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Secretariat for Agriculture and Natural Resources shall:

- 27.6.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.6.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources;
- 27.6.3 monitor and evaluate the activities of institutions responsible for agriculture, forestry, animal resources, fisheries, tourism, water resources, irrigation;
- 27.6.4 monitor management and implementing protocols dealing with usage of waters of the Nile by the countries of the Nile Basin;
- 27.6.5 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources;
- 27.6.6 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources; and
- 27.6.7 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

27.7 Secretariat for Land, Housing and Environment

The Secretariat for Land, Housing and Environment shall:

- 27.7.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.7.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Land, Housing and Environment;
- 27.7.3 monitor and evaluate the activities of institutions responsible for land use, housing and the environment;
- 27.7.4 facilitate and assist mediation of conflicts arising from land;
- 27.7.5 promote resources mobilization and develop innovative strategies for provision of affordable housing;
- 27.7.6 promote regional and international cooperation on preservation and protection of the environment;
- 27.7.7 raise awareness and understanding on environment and development, and promote individual and community participation in protection of the environment;
- 27.7.8 monitor surveys of wetlands and biodiversity resources, environmental profiling and information and research on the environment;
- 27.7.9 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Land, Housing and Environment;
- 27.7.10 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Land, Housing and Environment; and
- 27.7.11 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Land, Housing and Environment.

27.8 Secretariat for Transport Systems

The Secretariat for Transport Systems shall:

- 27.8.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;

- 27.8.2 monitor and evaluate the activities of institutions responsible for Transport Systems;
- 27.8.3 monitor ease of use and conditions of roads, railways, rivers, air space and associated transport infrastructure;
- 27.8.4 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Transport Systems;
- 27.8.5 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Transport Systems; and
- 27.8.6 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Transport Systems.

27.9 Secretariat for Education, Science and Technology

The Secretariat for Education, Science and Technology shall:

- 27.9.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.9.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Education, Science and Technology;
- 27.9.3 monitor and evaluate the activities of institutions responsible for education, science and technology;
- 27.9.4 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Education, Science and Technology;
- 27.9.5 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Education, Science and Technology; and
- 27.9.6 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Education, Science and Technology.

27.10 Secretariat for Health

The Secretariat for Health shall:

- 27.10.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.10.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Health;
- 27.10.3 monitor and evaluate
 - 27.10.3.1 the activities of institutions responsible for Health and HIV and AIDs
 - 27.10.3.2 programmes of World Health Organization (WHO) for implementation in the country; and
 - 27.10.3.3 priorities, standards, regulations and guidelines for the operation of the health sector.
- 27.10.4 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Health;
- 27.10.5 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Health; and
- 27.10.6 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Health.

27.11 Secretariat for Culture, Youth and Sports

The Secretariat for Culture, Youth and Sports shall:

- 27.11.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.11.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;
- 27.11.3 monitor and evaluate the activities of institution in charge of culture, youth and sports;
- 27.11.4 encourage establishment of colleges for music and theatre in universities and higher institutes of learning and encouraging universities to pay attention to art studies;

- 27.11.5 facilitate and participate in setting autonomous, broad and representative structures of youth movements and coordinating and developing youth activities;
- 27.11.6 encourage establishment of cultural and sports clubs;
- 27.11.7 develop programs to protect youth from negative alien cultural influences;
- 27.11.8 involve young people in international and regional festivals to reflect South Sudan's image abroad;
- 27.11.9 respect ethnic and regional diversity and communal rights, including the right of communities to preserve their history, develop their language, promote their culture and expression of their identities;
- 27.11.10 facilitate allocation of public squares for youth activities;
- 27.11.11 encourage participation in regional and international festivals displaying the South Sudanese art and cultures;
- 27.11.12 encourage awarding annual prizes to writers, literary persons, artists and singers through institutions in charge of culture and information;
- 27.11.13 promote establishment of theatres, cinema houses and show rooms;
- 27.11.14 discover and develop human resources in the various fields of sports;
- 27.11.15 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;
- 27.11.16 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports; and
- 27.11.17 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports.

27.12 Secretariat for Gender and Social Welfare

The Secretariat for Gender and Social Welfare shall:

- 27.12.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.12.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Gender **and** Social Welfare;
- 27.12.3 monitoring and evaluating the activities of institutions in charge of gender, child and social welfare and related institutions;
- 27.12.4 implement policies and programmes on all aspects of social welfare and service delivery;
- 27.12.5 ensure that women are protected against violence, harmful customs and traditions which undermine their dignity and status; and pursue positive development of women at all levels;
- 27.12.6 ensure gender equality and promote socio-economic, cultural and political empowerment of women;
- 27.12.7 encourage and promote respect for the diversity of the people;
- 27.12.8 develop and implement plans and strategies for persons with special needs, children and women;
- 27.12.9 monitor and discourage acts and forms of sexual and gender-based violence, including sexual exploitation and harassment;
- 27.12.10 eradicate the root causes of delinquency and targeting street children, unaccompanied minors and children under difficult circumstances for social care and rehabilitation;
- 27.12.11 implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
- 27.12.12 observe and adhere to UN Convention on the Rights of the child;
- 27.12.13 assist women to take the necessary initiatives at all levels from the grassroots to the highest national level to organise themselves and establish women organisations to ensure their effective participation in society;
- 27.12.14 support women to network internationally and actively participate in international women organisations;
- 27.12.15 support establishment of Women Enterprise Development Fund (WEDF) for provision of subsidized credit for women-based enterprise development; capacity building of women entrepreneurs, women oriented enterprises and others;

- 27.12.16 ensure representation of women in the constitutional structures at all levels of the Movement and government by 35 %;
- 27.12.17 engage with government institutions, national and international organizations so as to advance the SPLM vision on social welfare and services;
- 27.12.18 work to find homes for integrated care for delinquent children;
- 27.12.19 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Gender and Social Welfare;
- 27.12.20 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Gender and Social Welfare; and
- 27.12.21 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Gender and Social Welfare.

27.13 Secretariat for Humanitarian Affairs

The Secretariat for Humanitarian Affairs shall:

- 27.13.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.13.2 monitor and evaluate the activities of institutions in charge of Humanitarian Affairs and related institutions;
- 27.13.3 monitor provision of emergency humanitarian assistance and protection to civilian populations;
- 27.13.4 advocate for and monitor the right of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) live in safety and dignity;
- 27.13.5 coordinate contacts with organizations working in the field of Humanitarian Affairs inside and outside the country;
- 27.13.6 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Humanitarian Affairs;
- 27.13.7 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Humanitarian affairs; and
- 27.13.8 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Humanitarian Affairs.

27.14 Secretariat for Labour and Human Resources Development

The Secretariat for Labour and Human Resources Development shall:

- 27.14.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.14.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development;
- 27.14.3 monitor and evaluate the performance of responsible for labour, public service and human resource development;
- 27.14.4 place emphasis on and support vocational training, specifying the priorities and quality of the training required;
- 27.14.5 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development and of service deliver cluster;
- 27.14.6 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development; and
- 27.14.7 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development.

27.15 Secretariat for Energy and Mining

The Secretariat for Energy and Mining shall:

- 27.15.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.15.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Energy and Mining;
- 27.15.3 monitor and evaluate performance of institutions responsible for Energy and Mining;
- 27.15.4 promotion of agro-industry use of local raw materials;
- 27.15.5 review all land concessions awarded to individuals and foreign companies for mining, exploration and extraction;
- 27.15.6 review of all concessions awarded for exploration and mining;
- 27.15.7 review social and environmental audit of all exploration and mining activities
- 27.15.8 be the Secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Energy and Mining;
- 27.15.9 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after reviewing, monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Energy and Mining; and
- 27.15.10 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General or Standing Committee for Energy and Mining.

27.16 Secretariat for Information and Communication

The Secretariat for Information and Communication shall:

- 27.16.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.16.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Information and Communication;
- 27.16.3 monitor and evaluate:
 - 27.16.3.1 activities of institutions responsible for information and broadcasting, telecommunications and postal services, culture, and any other related institutions;
 - 27.16.3.2 freedom of expression and media and right of access to information;
 - 27.16.3.3 institutional or legislative measures restricting the free flow of information or imposing censorship over the media and other information agencies; and
 - 27.16.3.4 right to freely publish, broadcast, disseminate information and opinion on the one hand and the right of free access to information and opinion on the other.
- 27.16.4 be responsible for the issuance of press releases and organize press conferences, and the Secretary of the Secretariat shall be the official spokesperson of the General Secretariat;
- 27.16.5 develop and disseminate information programs through South Sudanese and foreign media and ensure the establishment of sustainable SPLM print, audio, visual and electronic media services;
- 27.16.6 prepare training plans for the information cadres of the Movement;
- 27.16.7 develop comprehensive plans and programs for cultural activities such as symposia, lectures, art exhibitions, folklore shows, cultural troupes and any other cultural activities;
- 27.16.8 research and create awareness programs on cultural issues that negatively impact society;
- 27.16.9 produce publications and or documents reflecting and articulating the vision, policies, mission, objectives and programs of the SPLM;
- 27.16.10 establish and manage the SPLM information and communication system, archives and museums;
- 27.16.11 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Information and Communication;
- 27.16.12 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after reviewing, monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Information and Communication; and
- 27.16.13 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Information and Communication.

27.17 Secretariat for Governance Affairs

The Secretariat for Governance Affairs shall:

- 27.17.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.17.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the Technical Advisory Team of the NLC Standing Committee for Governance affairs;
- 27.17.3 monitor adherence to federal, state and local government powers, concurrent powers and residual powers;
- 27.17.4 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Governance Affairs;
- 27.17.5 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after reviewing, monitoring and evaluation to the Secretary General or the Standing Committee for Governance affairs; and
- 27.17.6 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Governance Affairs.

27.18 Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation

The Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation shall:

- 27.18.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.18.2 develop plans for recruitment, orientation and retention of members;
- 27.18.3 ensure commitment and adherence of cadres and members of the Movement, at all levels, to the vision, mission and programs;
- 27.18.4 ensure cadres and members internalize the SPLM Manifesto, and abide by this Constitution, Regulations and Rules and the SPLM Code of Conduct;
- 27.18.5 mobilize South Sudanese people to support the manifesto, mission, and programs of the SPLM;
- 27.18.6 keep records of members of the Organization and their particulars;
- 27.18.7 translate SPLM policy positions into concrete plans and programs and ensure their implementation;
- 27.18.8 develop the organization's political messages as reflected in the manifesto and policies for discussion at the Secretariat level before dissemination to the public;
- 27.18.9 organize public rallies, conferences, meetings and workshops and prepare, in consultation with the Secretary General, the agenda thereof;
- 27.18.10 compile and disseminate the organization's political messages as reflected in the public addresses of the leadership, especially those relating to integrity in public life;
- 27.18.11 oversee the election of members to Movement structures from the grassroots upwards in the preparation for the congresses and to the National Convention;
- 27.18.12 initiate, support and participate in self-help projects and promote mobilization of human and material resources and technical assistance thereto;
- 27.18.13 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Mobilization and Organization; and
- 27.18.14 perform any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the Secretary General.

27.19 Secretariat for Administration and Finance

The Secretariat for Administration and Finance shall:

- 27.19.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.19.2 be the custodian of the finances and other assets of the Movement;
- 27.19.3 be responsible for the administration and prudent management of moveable and immovable assets of the Movement and keep up-to-date inventory of all assets;
- 27.19.4 provide administrative support and services to the SPLM organs;

- 27.19.5 provide protocol services for the senior cadres of the Movement during SPLM public functions;
- 27.19.6 be responsible for financial security services including safety of assets of the Movement;
- 27.19.7 prepare and submit the annual budget of the Movement to the PB for consideration and presentation to the NLC for approval;
- 27.19.8 administer the budget and disburse funds of the Movement and ensure strict adherence to all Financial Regulations and Rules as established in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- 27.19.9 prepare proper books of accounts in accordance with the SPLM financial regulations and internationally recognized best practices;
- 27.19.10 keep monies of the Movement in bank accounts in the manner prescribed by the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 27.19.11 collect and remit to the bank accounts of the Movement, subscriptions, donations and grants in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 27.19.12 invest, with the approval of the PB, SPLM surplus funds in projects that are studied and assessed to be viable;
- 27.19.13 ensure that the SPLM accounts are audited annually by a certified audit firm;
- 27.19.14 receive the audit report and submit the same to the Secretary General for presentation to the PB and NLC for consideration;
- 27.19.15 responsible for HR, including for recruitment and employment in staffing the party organs at the National level; and
- 27.19.16 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Secretary General.

27.20 Secretariat for Training and Research

The Secretariat for Training and Research shall:

- 27.20.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.20.2 implement and coordinate technical and organizational training programs for SPLM cadres and support staff;
- 27.20.3 be in charge of political, economic, social and cultural documentation;
- 27.20.4 evaluate programs, plans and projects based on political, economic, social, security and cultural objectives of the Movement;
- 27.20.5 conduct opinion polls, in collaboration with the Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization, on issues of the day including the Movement's stand with the public;
- 27.20.6 direct and manage the institute for SPLM political and leadership training;
- 27.20.7 evaluate response of the public to policies and programmes of the Movement;
- 27.20.8 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Training and Research; and
- 27.20.9 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Secretary General.

27.21 Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations

The Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations shall:

- 27.21.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 27.21.2 liaise, coordinate and collaborate with the syndicated organizations such as workers, professionals, farmers, traders and persons with special needs;
- 27.21.3 facilitate the spirit of unity, cooperation and solidarity within these groups;
- 27.21.4 encourage and support the Syndicated Organizations in developing and popularizing awareness programs on the environment, health, HIV/AIDS and other issues;
- 27.21.5 maintain a database of all members within the different syndicated organizations, including their particulars;
- 27.21.6 be the secretariat of NLC Standing Committee for Syndicated Organizations; and
- 27.21.7 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Secretary General.

CHAPTER XI: FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM NATIONAL OFFICERS

Article 28: The Chairperson

- 28.1 The Chairperson of the SPLM shall:
- 28.1.1 be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the NC, NLC and PB;
 - 28.1.2 preside over the meetings of the NC, NLC, PB and the General Secretariat as the situation may require;
 - 28.1.3 frequently meet with the General Secretariat and the NLC Standing Committees to ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are correctly disseminated and implemented;
 - 28.1.4 direct, receive reports and supervise all the organs of the SPLM and ensure that they perform their functions and duties in an effective and efficient manner;
 - 28.1.5 present policy statements and any other relevant documents of the Movement to the NC, NLC or the PB;
 - 28.1.6 at his or her discretion, provisionally delegate any of his/her functions or duties to any SPLM organ or national officer;
 - 28.1.7 determine the order of precedence, functions and duties of his/her Deputy;
 - 28.1.8 be the SPLM candidate for Presidency of the Republic in the Presidential elections if he/she wins in the primaries;
 - 28.1.9 in case he/she does not win the primaries for Presidency of the Republic, he/she shall resign from position of SPLM Chairperson in favour of the winner of the primaries;
 - 28.1.10 have a maximum limit of two (2) terms; and
 - 28.1.11 perform any other function as he/she deems necessary for the proper implementation of the Movement's policies and programs.
- 28.2 In case the office of the Chairperson falls vacant, the Deputy Chairperson shall assume the office of Chairperson and convene an extraordinary meeting of the NC within sixty (60) days to elect a new Chairperson.

Article 29: Deputy Chairperson

- 29.1 Deputy Chairperson shall:
- 29.1.1 assist the Chairperson in the discharge of his/her functions and duties;
 - 29.1.2 perform any other function and duty that may be assigned by the Chairperson; and
 - 29.1.3 in the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson shall act.
- 29.2 In case the position of the Deputy Chairperson falls vacant, the NC shall convene an extra-ordinary meeting and elect a successor from amongst its members within sixty (60) days to fill the vacancy.

Article 30: The Secretary General

- 30.1 The Secretary General shall:
- 30.1.1 be the chief political advisor in an SPLM led government;
 - 30.1.2 be the chief executive officer of the Movement and shall be accountable to the PB in the performance of his or her functions and duties;
 - 30.1.3 be the secretary of the PB, NLC and the NC and keep the minutes and records of the same;
 - 30.1.4 nominate a Deputy Secretary General for approval by the PB;
 - 30.1.5 nominate a cadre, not NLC member, for National Secretary for Finance and Administration for approval by the Chairperson of the Movement;
 - 30.1.6 nominate cadres, not NLC members, for the positions of Secretaries for National Committees for approval by the Chairpersons of the respective National Committees;
 - 30.1.7 preside over the meetings of the General Secretariat;
 - 30.1.8 receive reports of all organs of the Movement and committees;
 - 30.1.9 organize the meetings of the PB, NLC and the NC, and notify all the members;
 - 30.1.10 channel and disseminate the resolutions and directives of the PB, NLC, NC and the General Secretariat and ensure their implementation; and

- 30.1.11 prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the General Secretariat, the PB and the NLC.
- 30.2 The Secretary General may be removed from office by decision of the NLC by two thirds (2/3) majority in an ordinary or extra-ordinary meeting on the request of at least one third (1/3) of the total membership of the NLC.
- 30.3 In case the position of the Secretary General falls vacant, the Deputy Secretary General shall act and the NLC shall carry out an election for the position within thirty (30) days. The new Secretary General shall complete the remaining term of office.

Article 31: Deputy to the Secretary General

- 31.1 The Deputy Secretary General shall:
 - 31.1.1 assist the Secretary General in discharging his or her functions and duties;
 - 31.1.2 in the absence of the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General shall act;
 - 31.1.3 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the General Secretariat and/or the Secretary General; and
 - 31.1.4 the Deputy Secretary General may be removed by the NLC by two thirds (2/3) majority in an ordinary or extra-ordinary meeting of the NLC.

Article 32: National Secretaries

- 32.1 Each of the National Secretariats, specified in Article 24.2.3, shall be headed by a Secretary nominated by the Secretary General and approved by the Chairman of the Movement.

CHAPTER XII: THE STATE ORGANS

Article 33: The State Congress

- 33.1 The State Congress is the highest political organ of the SPLM in the State and shall be composed of 1630 delegates as follows:
 - 33.1.1 outgoing NLC and SLC; and
 - 33.1.2 delegates (1630 minus outgoing NLC and SLC) comprised of the following categories: Women 30%, Youth 10%, Students 3%, Veterans 3%, Syndicated Organizations 3%, and Persons with Special Needs 1%.
- 33.2 County Chairpersons and Secretaries shall attend as Ex-Officio.
- 33.3 The number of delegates from each County Congress shall be proportional to the number of registered members in that state; example: total delegate to the Congress is Z; total State registry is y; County registry is x: County rep = $(x/y)z$.
- 33.4 The quorum for convening the State Congress shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting, the quorum for the subsequent sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding, provided that Women, Veterans, Youth, Students, Syndicated Organizations and Persons with special need are represented by at least half of their respective allocated delegates.
- 33.5 Resolutions of the State Congress shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 33.6 The State Congress shall convene once every four years on Tuesday of the last week of January.
- 33.7 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article 33.6 above, the Congress may convene an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 33.8 Voting in the State Congress shall be by secret ballot.

Article 34: Functions and Powers of the State Congress (SC)

- 34.1 The functions of the State Congress shall be the following:
 - 34.1.1 elect the Chairperson of the State Congress;

- 34.1.2 form and adopt the State Congress Electoral Committee, to be presided over by Chairperson of the State Congress, that shall carry out the election process during the State Congress in accordance with the elections regulations of the Movement;
- 34.1.3 receive and discuss the reports of the State Liberation Council and State Secretariat;
- 34.1.4 approve policies and programs of the SPLM in the State;
- 34.1.5 review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the State Liberation Council; and
- 34.1.6 elect the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, members of the State Liberation Council and delegates to the NC;
- 34.2 the Chairperson or the Deputy to the Chairperson may be removed by the SC in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of members of the SC for violation of this Constitution or gross misconduct provided that the resolution for the removal of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson shall be carried by two third (2/3) majority of the quorum stated in Article 33.4.

CHAPTER XIII: THE STATE LIBERATION COUNCIL

Article 35: State Liberation Council (SLC)

- 35.1 The SLC shall comprise of not more than 81 members elected by the State Congress.
- 35.2 The quorum for convening the SLC shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting, the quorum for the subsequent sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding, provided that Women, Veterans, Youth, Students, Syndicated Organizations and Persons with special needs are represented by at least half of their respective allocated delegates.
- 35.3 Membership of the SLC shall be composed of:
 - 35.1.1 The State Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - 35.1.2 State Secretary elected by the SLC;
 - 35.1.3 State Standing Committees,
 - 35.1.4 Chairpersons and secretaries of State Leagues; and
 - 35.1.5 Members elected by the State Congress as follows: 30% Women, 10% Youth, 3% Veterans, 3% Students, 3% Syndicated Organizations and 1% Persons with special needs.

Article 36: Functions and Duties of the SLC

- 36.1 The SLC shall:
 - 36.1.1 lead the SPLM in the State between sessions of the State Congresses and represent the Movement in its relations with other associations, institutions and political parties at the State level;
 - 36.1.2 legislate, monitor and oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the State Congress;
 - 36.1.3 oversee the work of the State Secretariat;
 - 36.1.4 approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the State as proposed by the State Secretariat;
 - 36.1.5 be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM in the State;
 - 36.1.6 remove the Secretary or Chairpersons of SLC Standing Committees in an extraordinary session convened on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the SLC provided that the resolution for removal of the Secretary or Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be passed by two third (2/3) majority of quorum as stated in Article 35.2;
 - 36.1.7 report to the State Congress; and
 - 36.1.8 determine its rules of procedure subject to Regulations and Rules and the provisions of this Constitution.

Article 37: Meetings of the SLC

- 37.1 The SLC shall be convened in regular sessions every three month, and may be convened in extraordinary sessions whenever deemed necessary by a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the SLC.

- 37.2 The quorum for the meetings of the SLC shall be as stipulated in Article 35.2.
- 37.3 Resolutions of the SLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 37.4 Voting in the SLC shall be by secret ballot.

CHAPTER XIV: STATE STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 38: Establishment of SLC Standing Committees

- 38.1 There shall be established at the State level SPLM Standing Committees as follows:
 - 38.1.1 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
 - 38.1.2 Justice and Human Rights;
 - 38.1.3 Committee for Economic Affairs;
 - 38.1.4 Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
 - 38.1.5 Committee for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure;
 - 38.1.6 Committee for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports;
 - 38.1.7 Committee for Health, Gender and Social Welfare;
 - 38.1.8 Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development;
 - 38.1.9 Committee for Information and Communication;
 - 38.1.10 Committee for Mobilization and Organization; and
 - 38.1.11 Committee for Syndicated Organization.
- 38.2 SPLM SLC Clusters

SLC Standing Committees shall be formed into clusters as follows:

 - 38.2.1 SLC Governance Cluster
 - 38.2.1.1 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
 - 38.2.1.2 Justice and Human Rights; and
 - 38.2.1.3 Committee for Culture, Information and Communication;
 - 38.2.2 SLC Economic Cluster
 - 38.2.2.1 Committee for Economic Affairs;
 - 38.2.2.2 Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation of Environment;
 - 38.2.2.3 Committee for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure; and
 - 38.2.2.4 Committee for Syndicated Organization.
 - 38.2.3 SLC Service Delivery Cluster
 - 38.2.3.1 Committee for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports;
 - 38.2.3.2 Committee for Health, Gender and Social Welfare;
 - 38.2.3.3 Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development; and
 - 38.2.3.4 Committee for Mobilization and Organization.
- 38.3 Each cluster shall elect the Chairpersons of the respective Standing Committees.
- 38.4 A cluster may remove a Chairperson on the written request by at least one-third of the total membership of the cluster provided that the resolution for removal of the Chairperson shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Article 39: Composition of SLC Standing Committees

- SLC Standing Committee shall be composed as follows:
 - 39.1 Chairperson of the Committee ;
 - 39.2 an Assistant Secretary of the corresponding SLC Secretariat of the said Committee;
 - 39.3 No more than Nine (7) SLC members.
- 39.4 SLC Standing Committee
 - 39.4.1 Chairperson shall nominate, not a State Liberation Council member, an Assistant Secretary who shall be the assistant secretary of the corresponding Secretariat of the said Committee;

- 39.4.2 vet the nominee by simple majority of that Committee; and
- 39.4.3 may remove its Assistant Secretary on the written request by at least one-third of the total membership of the Standing Committee provided that the resolution for removal of the Assistant Secretary shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Article 40: Functions and Duties of SLC Standing Committees

40.1 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing

SLC Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing shall be concerned with State plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.1.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.1.2 scrutinizing of State policies, bills, acts, programmes and procedures emanating from institutions responsible for peace building, reconciliation and healing;
- 40.1.3 ending culture of use of force in settling differences and misunderstanding and promoting culture of peace and dialogue;
- 40.1.4 promotion, protection and respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms as stipulated in the international and regional conventions and covenants;
- 40.1.5 encouragement of dialogue for the fostering and building a culture of peaceful coexistence, and policy making that ensures nation and peace building;
- 40.1.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.1.7 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.2 Committee for Justice and Human Rights

SLC Committee for Justice and Human Rights shall be concerned with State plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.2.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.2.2 scrutinizing State policies, bills, acts, programmes and procedures emanating from institutions responsible for Justice and Human Rights;
- 40.2.3 respecting, promotion and fostering to national statutes and international conventions on human rights and other civil rights;
- 40.2.4 Human Rights and fundamental freedoms as stipulated in the State, federal and in regional and international instruments;
- 40.2.5 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.2.6 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.3 Committee for Economic Affairs

SLC Committee for Economic Affairs shall be concerned with state plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.3.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.3.2 scrutinizing bills related to State economy, energy, mining, commercial and industrial issues;
- 40.3.3 scrutinizing all financial plans, policies and programmes tabled before the State Legislative Assembly;
- 40.3.4 scrutinizing the State budget bill, including budgets of public corporations and institutions owned by the State;
- 40.3.5 scrutinizing the report of the Audit Chamber, Anti-corruption Commission and related institutions;
- 40.3.6 mixed economy based on a composite of freely competitive private, cooperative and public sectors;
- 40.3.7 diversification of economy;
- 40.3.8 investment promotion and attraction of capital financing from internal and external sources, including joint ventures;
- 40.3.9 job creation opportunities and combating unemployment;
- 40.3.10 incentives to local and foreign investors;

- 40.3.11 protection of and support for local industries;
- 40.3.12 environmental and social impact assessments before project implementation such as mineral exploration, development and extraction, and development of any industry;
- 40.3.13 development of micro and small enterprises (MSEs): crops, dairy, poultry, supply of products and goods, general trade, construction, and others;
- 40.3.14 credit facilities for rural populations to encourage production and commerce;
- 40.3.15 empowerment of local governments in exercise of concurrent powers in developing natural resources such as mining and quarrying;
- 40.3.16 electric power generation, including new and renewable energies, their sources and means of extraction and distribution;
- 40.3.17 mineral exploration, development and extraction;
- 40.3.18 management of environmental programmes and standards in mining areas;
- 40.3.19 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.3.20 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.4 Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment

SLC Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment shall be concerned with State plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.4.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.4.2 scrutinizing State bills, acts, plans, policies and programmes originating from State institutions responsible for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
- 40.4.3 human resource capacity building of institutions responsible for agriculture, forestry, animal resources, fisheries, tourism, water resources, irrigation and the environment;
- 40.4.4 strategies and programs for the management of livestock and harnessing of its enormous economic potential;
- 40.4.5 mitigation of cattle rustling and minimization of environmental degradation due to grazing;
- 40.4.6 strategies and programs for the management and development of agriculture, wildlife, tourism and fisheries;
- 40.4.7 establishment of cooperative societies, farmers associations/unions and guarantee to them credit/loans through commercial banks and other lending institutions;
- 40.4.8 scrutinizing legislations on agricultural and Cooperative Banks for credit facilitations to farmers;
- 40.4.9 enabling environment for agribusiness and provision of modern and appropriate farming machinery and technology;
- 40.4.10 conducive environment and encouragement of private sector investment in agriculture sector;
- 40.4.11 advocacy of ten percent (10%) of national budget allocation to agricultural sector;
- 40.4.12 empowerment of States and local governments in exercise of concurrent powers in developing natural resources such agriculture, forestry, animal resources and fisheries;
- 40.4.13 strategies and programs for food security, protecting and conservation of forests, and tourism development and sustainability;
- 40.4.14 preservation, conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems and biodiversity;
- 40.4.15 conservation, rehabilitation and protection of wildlife, wetlands, national parks and game reserves, and promote tourism;
- 40.4.16 protection and conservation of natural resources;
- 40.4.17 comprehensive seed policy and soil mapping;
- 40.4.18 usage of waters for irrigation and animal consumption;
- 40.4.19 rendering of hafirs and artesian wells in arid areas for agriculture, livestock and wildlife;
- 40.4.20 environmental and social impact assessments before implementation of development projects such as infrastructure, hydropower, mining, industrial, irrigation, etc.; measures against degradation of land, water, vegetation and air;
- 40.4.21 forestation programs in rural and urban areas;
- 40.4.22 expansion of local, regional and international markets for agricultural product;
- 40.4.23 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.4.24 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.5 Committee for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure;

SLC Committee for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure shall be concerned with state plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.5.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.5.2 scrutinizing State bills, acts, plans, policies and programmes originating from State institutions responsible for land use, housing and infrastructure;
- 40.5.3 formulating policies, standards and regulations on urban planning and land management;
- 40.5.4 building and maintenance of roads and river transport;
- 40.5.5 land tenure;
- 40.5.6 optimal rational land use and management;
- 40.5.7 regulations and procedures, transparency and accountability in land administration;
- 40.5.8 reforms addressing land grabbing and malpractices involving land;
- 40.5.9 land mapping and maximizing its economic utilization;
- 40.5.10 registration of land titles and deeds;
- 40.5.11 land issues reflecting customary laws and practices, local heritage and institutional trends;
- 40.5.12 reviewing of land concessions awarded to individuals and foreign companies for large scale agriculture activities;
- 40.5.13 state housing policy addressing and improving overall living conditions;
- 40.5.14 empowerment of States and local governments in exercise of concurrent powers in developing public utilities;
- 40.5.15 favourable access to credit facilities by individuals, cooperative movements, private and public enterprises for affordable decent houses;
- 40.5.16 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.5.17 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.6 Committee for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports

SLC Committee for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports shall be concerned with State plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.6.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.6.2 scrutinizing State bills, acts, plans, policies and programmes originating from institutions responsible for education, culture, youth and sports;
- 40.6.3 advocacy for 10% allocation of the State budget for general education;
- 40.6.4 enhancing education development and management;
- 40.6.5 policies on compulsory and free primary education for all;
- 40.6.6 accessible vocational, technical, secondary;
- 40.6.7 syllabus development reflecting the various cultures;
- 40.6.8 ensuring state languages policy and planning;
- 40.6.9 education policies strategies and programmes for the girl child, adult literacy and pastoralists;
- 40.6.10 promotion of traditions and cultures;
- 40.6.11 engagement of youth in public life;
- 40.6.12 creation of national consciousness and patriotism among the youth;
- 40.6.13 programmes for socio-economic development of the youth;
- 40.6.14 autonomous, broad and representative structures of youth movements for coordination and development of youth activities;
- 40.6.15 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.6.16 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.7 Committee for Health, Gender and Social Welfare

SLC Committee for Health, Gender and Social Welfare shall be concerned with state plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.7.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;

- 40.7.2 scrutiny of policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for health, gender, child, social welfare and humanitarian issues;
- 40.7.3 formulation of state health management and disease control policy, strategies and plans;
- 40.7.4 development of human resource capacity in the health sector;
- 40.7.5 State participation and support in management of National Health Service (NHS);
- 40.7.6 mitigation and control of environmental and industrial hygiene;
- 40.7.7 HIV/AIDS control programmes;
- 40.7.8 recognition and regulations for herbal and alternative medicine practitioners;
- 40.7.9 gender equality and mainstreaming;
- 40.7.10 non-discrimination in employment on the basis of sex and full opportunity to qualified women;
- 40.7.11 emancipation, development and empowerment of women and persons with disability;
- 40.7.12 empowerment of women socially, economically, and politically;
- 40.7.13 gender consciousness, participation of women in public life, access to education of girls and skills training for women;
- 40.7.14 protection of the family, elderly, persons with disabilities, widows, orphans and other vulnerable groups;
- 40.7.15 role of social welfare through qualified cadres, scientifically-based administration and provision of the necessary budgets for that purpose;
- 40.7.16 mitigation of unplanned settlements and promotion of physical planning;
- 40.7.17 rejection and nonpractice of harmful customs and gender discrimination against women and girl child;
- 40.7.18 access to civilian populations in need of emergency humanitarian assistance and protection;
- 40.7.19 free primary health care for pregnant women and improved conditions of holidays for birth and care;
- 40.7.20 rights of the child as contained in international treaties and conventions;
- 40.7.21 provision of special courts and correctional institutions that offer reforms for minors;
- 40.7.22 emergency humanitarian assistance and protection to civilian populations;
- 40.7.23 of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) live in safety and dignity;
- 40.7.24 contacts with organizations working in the field of Humanitarian Affairs inside and outside the country;
- 40.7.25 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to SLC; and
- 40.7.26 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.8 Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development;

SLC Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development shall be concerned with state plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.8.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.8.2 scrutiny of State policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for labour and human resources development;
- 40.8.3 employment, training, wage systems, social insurance and pension schemes in both public and private sector;
- 40.8.4 payroll purging under public service reform;
- 40.8.5 institutional and human resource capacity building;
- 40.8.6 improving functional bureaucratic structures of the civil service based on a federal system of governance;
- 40.8.7 civil service programs linking federal, state and local governments;
- 40.8.8 civil service Regulations and Rules;
- 40.8.9 criteria for scholarships and training;
- 40.8.10 code of ethics and integrity for public officials based on values of honesty and integrity;
- 40.8.11 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.8.12 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.9 Committee for Culture, Information and Communication

SLC Committee for Culture, Information and Communication shall be concerned with state plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.9.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.9.2 scrutiny of State policies, bills, acts, and programmes emanating from institutions responsible for culture, information and communication;
- 40.9.3 citizens right of access to information held or collected by state or other institutions on the individual/community/institution, subject to any limitations provided for in statutes;
- 40.9.4 development and promotion of traditions and cultures;
- 40.9.5 guarantees of freedom of expression, circulation of useful ideas and information;
- 40.9.6 radio and TV transmission role in information dissemination, education and development;
- 40.9.7 development of both print and electronic media for civic education, sensitisation of the people on peace, health, education, gender issues, agriculture and development in general;
- 40.9.8 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.9.9 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.10 Committee for Mobilization and Organization

SLC Committee for Mobilization and Organization shall be concerned with plans, programmes, policies, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.10.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.10.2 organization proficiency of the SPLM;
- 40.10.3 mobilization of citizens to support of the SPLM;
- 40.10.4 recruitment, orientation and retention of members;
- 40.10.5 developing SPLM political messages;
- 40.10.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.10.7 Reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

40.11 Committee for Syndicated Organizations

The Committee for Syndicated Organization shall be concerned with plans, policies, programmes, and measures related to the following matters:

- 40.11.1 drawing up the Committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 40.11.2 developing relations with syndicated organizations;
- 40.11.3 supporting syndicated organizations;
- 40.11.4 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the SLC; and
- 40.11.5 reporting to the SLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

CHAPTER XV: STATE SECRETARIAT

Article 41: State Secretariat

41.1 There shall be established an SPLM organ at the State level to be known as the State Secretariat.

41.2 The State Secretariat shall be structured as follows:

- 41.2.1 State Secretary; and
- 41.2.2 State Secretariat for:
 - 41.2.2.1 Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing
 - 41.2.2.2 Secretariat for Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
 - 41.2.2.3 Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Energy, Mining Commerce and Industry;
 - 41.2.2.4 Secretariat for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
 - 41.2.2.5 Secretariat for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure;
 - 41.2.2.6 Secretariat for Education, Youth and Sports;
 - 41.2.2.7 Secretariat for Health, Gender, Social Welfare and Humanitarian Affairs;
 - 41.2.2.8 Secretariat for Labour and Human Resources Development;
 - 41.2.2.9 Secretariat for Culture, Information and Communication;

- 41.2.2.10 Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation;
 - 41.2.2.11 Secretariat for Administration and Finance; and
 - 41.2.2.12 Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations.
- 41.3 The State Secretariat may establish specialized or adhoc committees to assist in the performance of its functions.

Article 42: Functions and Duties of the State Secretariat

- 42.1 The State Secretariat shall:
- 42.1.1 be responsible for initiation of policies, programs and plans to be approved by the SLC;
 - 42.1.2 receive, through the State Secretary, directives on policies, programs, decisions and resolutions of the higher and or the lower organs of the Movement;
 - 42.1.3 ensure that the state participates through their structures in development of any national policy;
 - 42.1.4 be responsible, at the State level, for implementation of policies, programs, decisions and resolutions of the higher organs of the Movement, SC and SLC;
 - 42.1.5 be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the State;
 - 42.1.6 report and be answerable to the SLC in the discharge of its functions and duties;
 - 42.1.7 issue directives and instructions to, and receive and consider reports from the County Secretariats;
 - 42.1.8 manage and control the funds and assets of the Movement at the State level;
 - 42.1.9 report to the General Secretariat, through the Secretary, and SLC on the status and the role of the Movement, its financial position and any other matters as may be specified by the State Chairperson or the SLC;
 - 42.1.10 supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the State including the State, County, Payam and Boma caucuses;
 - 42.1.11 liaise and coordinate with the State's popular and syndicated organizations; and
 - 42.1.12 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the SLC.

Article 43: Meetings of the State Secretariat

- 43.1 The State Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided over by the State Secretary.
- 43.2 Meetings of the State Secretariat shall be convened by the State Secretary.
- 43.3 Quorum for the meetings of the State Secretariat shall be two-thirds (2/3) majority of its membership.
- 43.4 Decisions of the State Secretariat shall be taken by simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 43.5 The State Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM with appropriate knowledge to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the State Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

Article 44: State Secretariats

44.1 Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing

SLC Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing shall:

- 44.1.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State Secretariat for approval;
- 44.1.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the SLC Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 44.1.3 monitor and evaluate activities of State institutions responsible for peace, reconciliation and healing;
- 44.1.4 mobilize population to support peace, reconciliation and healing;
- 44.1.5 spread culture of peace, preserve the State's cultural heritage and provide necessary environment for peace;
- 44.1.6 be involved in observing Peace Day – 17th August;

- 44.1.7 ensure prudent repatriation, resettlement, rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees and internally displaced persons;
- 44.1.8 be involved/participate in settlement of any internal or civil dispute;
- 44.1.9 be the secretariat for SLC Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 44.1.10 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or the SLC Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 44.1.11 perform any other function or duties that may be assigned to it by State Secretary or the SLC Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing.

44.2 Secretariat for Legal Affairs and Human Rights

SLC Secretariat for Legal Affairs and Human Rights shall:

- 44.2.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State Secretariat for approval;
- 44.2.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the State Standing Committee for Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights;
- 44.2.3 monitor and evaluate the performance of State institutions charged with responsibilities over justice, human rights and issues related to the Constitution and legislation;
- 44.2.4 monitor and evaluate respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- 44.2.5 monitor human rights violation;
- 44.2.6 provide legal advice and assistance to the SPLM at the State level and, on request, to the lower levels of the Movement;
- 44.2.7 conduct legal research and studies in the areas of concerns in accordance with the priorities and programs of the Movement;
- 44.2.8 prepare legal documents for the Movement at the State level, which shall include but not limited to memorandum of understanding with national parties and or business agreements that may be adopted by the SPLM State authorities;
- 44.2.9 be responsible for the depository functions of SPLM legal documents, as well as the registration of agreements and documents;
- 44.2.10 provide legal advice and guidance to SPLM led State government;
- 44.2.11 represent SPLM in any legal matter in which it is a party;
- 44.2.12 educate citizens on Human Rights;
- 44.2.13 coordinate contacts with organizations working in the field of Human Rights inside and outside the country;
- 44.2.14 ensure that human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution and ratified regional and international instruments are promoted, respected, and protected;
- 44.2.15 be the secretariat of SLC Standing Committee Justice and Human rights and or Governance Cluster;
- 44.2.16 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or the SLC Standing Committee for Justice and Human Rights; and
- 44.2.17 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the State Secretary or SLC Standing Committee for Justice and Human Rights.

44.3 Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Energy, Mining, Commerce and Industry

SLC Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Energy, Mining Commerce and Industry and Investment shall:

- 44.3.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State Secretariat for approval;
- 44.3.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the SLC Standing Committee for Economic Affairs, Energy, Mining, Commerce and Industry;
- 44.3.3 monitor and evaluate:
 - 44.3.3.1 performance of State institutions charged with responsibilities over the economy and financial matters;

- 44.3.3.2 all financial aid, protocols and agreements;
- 44.3.3.3 public expenditure in the State;
- 44.3.3.4 performance of the various sectors of the State economy.
- 44.3.3.5 impediments to industrialization;
- 44.3.3.6 public disclosure requirements; and
- 44.3.3.7 private sector development.
- 44.3.4 liaise with the various State government organs to create a mechanism for cooperation and coordination between the SPLM and economic sectors of government and private sector in the implementation of economic policies of the SPLM;
- 44.3.5 develop programmes that encourage entrepreneurship initiatives among citizens;
- 44.3.6 formulate, plan, organize, encourage and develop cottage and rural industries;
- 44.3.7 commission economic researchers or experts in the various fields of the economy to conduct research on key issues and problems to provide relevant information needed to inform leadership decisions on economic matters;
- 44.3.8 oversee the implementation of all SPLM investment ventures at the State level and ensure that timely reports, remittances of funds into SPLM accounts and auditing of those firms are effected;
- 44.3.9 conduct studies or commission feasibility studies into all prospective investments as directed by the NLC Committee for Economic Affairs, Energy, Mining, Commerce and Industry;
- 44.3.10 follow-up the implementation of all SPLM resolutions on the State economy and investment;
- 44.3.11 promotion of agro-industry use of local raw materials;
review all land concessions awarded to individuals and foreign companies for mining, exploration and extraction;
- 44.3.12 review social and environmental audit of all exploration and mining activities;
- 44.3.13 propose economic and investment policies and policy direction for deliberation and approval by the SLC through the SLC Standing Committee on Economy and Food Security;
- 44.3.14 identify opportunities for investments for the Movement at the State level;
- 44.3.15 Establish, among others, the Directorate of Investment and propose to it viable areas of investment;
- 44.3.16 oversee the activities of the Directorate of Investment;
- 44.3.17 develop Investment Guide for monitoring and managing all issues to do with Investment at the State level;
- 44.3.18 be the secretariat for the SLC Standing Committee for Economic Affairs, Energy, Mining, Commerce and Industry and or and or Governance Cluster;
- 44.3.19 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or the SLC Standing Committee for Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry; and
- 44.3.20 perform any other functions and duties as may be assigned by the SPLM State Secretary and the SLC Standing Committee for Economic Affairs, Energy, mining, Commerce and Industry.

44.4 Secretariat for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment

SLC Secretariat for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment shall:

- 44.4.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State Secretariat for approval;
- 44.4.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the SLC Standing Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
- 44.4.3 monitor and evaluate the activities of State institutions responsible for agriculture, forestry, animal resources, fisheries, tourism, water resources, irrigation and the environment;
- 44.4.4 promote preservation and protection of the environment;

- 44.4.5 raise awareness and understanding on environment and development, and promote individual and community participation in protection of the environment;
- 44.4.6 monitor surveys of wetlands and biodiversity resources, environmental profiling and information and research on the environment;
- 44.4.7 be the secretariat of SLC Standing Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
- 44.4.8 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or the SLC Standing Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources and Environment; and
- 44.4.9 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM State Secretary and the SLC Standing Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources and Environment.

44.5 Secretariat for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure

SLC Secretariat for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure shall:

- 44.5.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State Secretariat for approval;
- 44.5.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the SLC Standing Committee for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure;
- 44.5.3 monitor and evaluate the activities of State institutions responsible for land use, housing and infrastructure;
- 44.5.4 facilitate and assist mediation of conflicts arising from land;
- 44.5.5 promote resources mobilization and develop innovative strategies for provision of affordable housing;
- 44.5.6 be the secretariat of SLC Standing Committee for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure;
- 44.5.7 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or SLC Standing Committee for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure; and
- 44.5.8 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM State Secretary and SLC Standing Committee Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure.

44.6 Secretariat for Education, Youth and Sports

SLC Secretariat for Education, Youth and Sports shall:

- 44.6.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State Secretariat for approval;
- 44.6.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the SLC Standing Committee for Education, Youth and Sports;
- 44.6.3 monitor and evaluate the activities of State institutions responsible for education, youth and sports;
- 44.6.4 facilitate and participate in setting autonomous, broad and representative structures of youth movements and coordinating and developing youth activities;
- 44.6.5 encourage establishment of sports clubs;
- 44.6.6 facilitate allocation of public squares for youth activities;
- 44.6.7 discover and develop human resources in the various fields of sports;
- 44.6.8 be the secretariat of SLC Standing Committee for Education, Youth and Sports;
- 44.6.9 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or SLC Standing Committee for Education, Youth and Sports; and
- 44.6.10 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM State Secretary and SLC Standing Committee for Education, Youth and Sports.

44.7 Secretariat for Health, Gender, Social Welfare and Humanitarian Affairs

SLC Secretariat for Health, Gender, Social Welfare and Humanitarian Affairs shall:

- 44.7.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State General Secretariat for approval;
- 44.7.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the SLC Standing Committee for Health, Gender, Social Welfare and Humanitarian Affairs;
- 44.7.3 monitor and evaluate
 - 44.7.3.1 the activities of State institutions responsible for health, gender issues, children, social welfare, humanitarian affairs and HIV/AIDs;
 - 44.7.3.2 programmes of World Health Organization (WHO) for implementation in the country; and
 - 44.7.3.3 priorities, standards, regulations and guidelines for the operation of the health sector.
- 44.7.4 ensure that women are protected against violence, harmful customs and traditions which undermine their dignity and status; and pursue positive development of women at all levels;
- 44.7.5 ensure gender equality and promote socio-economic, cultural and political empowerment of women;
- 44.7.6 encourage and promote respect for the diversity of the people;
- 44.7.7 monitor and discourage acts and forms of sexual and gender-based violence, including sexual exploitation and harassment;
- 44.7.8 eradicate the root causes of delinquency and targeting street children, unaccompanied minors and children under difficult circumstances for social care and rehabilitation;
- 44.7.9 implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
- 44.7.10 observe and adhere to UN Convention on the Rights of the child;
- 44.7.11 assist women to take the necessary initiatives at all levels from the grassroots to the highest state level to organise themselves and establish women organisations to ensure their effective participation in society;
- 44.7.12 support establishment of Women Enterprise Development Fund (WEDF) for provision of subsidized credit for women-based enterprise development; capacity building of women entrepreneurs, women oriented enterprises and others;
- 44.7.13 ensure representation of women in the constitutional structures at all levels of the Movement and government by 35 %;
- 44.7.14 work to find homes for integrated care for delinquent children;
- 44.7.15 monitor provision of emergency humanitarian assistance and protection to civilian populations;
- 44.7.16 advocate for and monitor the right of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) live in safety and dignity;
- 44.7.17 coordinating contacts with organizations working in the field of Humanitarian Affairs;
- 44.7.18 be the secretariat of SLC Standing Committee for Health, Gender, Social Welfare and Humanitarian Affairs;
- 44.7.19 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or SLC Standing Committee Health, Gender, and Social Welfare and or service delivery cluster; and
- 44.7.20 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM State Secretary and SLC Standing Committee for Health, Gender and Social Welfare.

44.8 Secretariat for Labour and Human Resources Development

SLC Secretariat for Labour and Human Resources Development shall:

- 44.8.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State General for approval;
- 44.8.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the SLC Standing Committee for Labour and Human Resources Development;
- 44.8.3 monitor and evaluate the performance of responsible for labour, public service and human resource development;

- 44.8.4 place emphasis on and support vocational training, specifying the priorities and quality of the training required;
- 44.8.5 be the State secretariat of SLC Standing Committee for Labour and Human Resources;
- 44.8.6 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or SLC Standing Committee Labour and Human Resources Development; and
- 44.8.7 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM State Secretary and SLC Standing Committee Labour and Human Resources Development.

44.9 Secretariat for Culture, Information and Communication

SLC Secretariat for Culture, Information and Communication shall:

- 44.9.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State General for approval;
- 44.9.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the SLC Standing Committee for Culture, Information and Communication;
- 44.9.3 monitor and evaluate:
 - 44.9.3.1 activities of the State institutions responsible for information and broadcasting, telecommunications and postal services, culture, and any other related institutions;
 - 44.9.3.2 freedom of expression and media and right of access to information;
 - 44.9.3.3 institutional or legislative measures restricting the free flow of information or imposing censorship over the media and other information agencies; and
 - 44.9.3.4 right to freely publish, broadcast, disseminate information and opinion on the one hand and the right of free access to information and opinion on the other.
- 44.9.4 establishment of cultural clubs;
- 44.9.5 develop programs to protect youth from negative alien cultural influences;
- 44.9.6 involve young people in local and regional festivals to reflect State's image;
- 44.9.7 respect ethnic and local and regional diversity and communal rights, including the right of communities to preserve their history, develop their language, promote their culture and expression of their identities;
- 44.9.8 encourage participation in local and regional festivals displaying the State's art and cultures;
- 44.9.9 encourage awarding annual prizes to writers, literary persons, artists and singers through institutions in charge of culture and information;
- 44.9.10 promote establishment of theatres, cinema houses and show rooms;
- 44.9.11 be the State secretariat of SLC Standing Committee for Culture, Information and Communication;
- 44.9.12 report and recommend measures to address issues raised after reviewing, monitoring and evaluation to the State Secretary or SLC Standing Committee for Culture, Information and Communication; and
- 44.9.13 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM State Secretary and SLC Standing Committee for Culture, Information and Communication.

44.10 State Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation

SLC Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation shall:

- 44.10.1 liaise, through the Secretary, with the National Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization;
- 44.10.2 develop plans for mobilization, recruitment, orientation and retention of members in conformity with the national plans on the same;
- 44.10.3 ensure commitment and adherence of cadres and members in the State to the vision, mission and programs of the Movement;
- 44.10.4 ensure cadres and members internalize the SPLM Manifesto, and abide by this Constitution, Regulations and Rules and the SPLM Code of Conduct;
- 44.10.5 keep records of members of the Movement and their particulars in the State;

- 44.10.6 translate SPLM policy positions into concrete plans and programs and ensure their implementation;
- 44.10.7 disseminate to the public the organization's political messages as reflected in the manifesto and policies for discussion at the State Secretariat;
- 44.10.8 organize public rallies, conferences, meetings and workshops and prepare, in consultation with the State Secretary, the agenda thereof;
- 44.10.9 compile and disseminate the organization's political messages as reflected in the public addresses of the leadership, especially those relating to integrity in public life;
- 44.10.10 organize and oversee the election of members to Movement's structures in the State in the preparation for the Congresses;
- 44.10.11 be the State secretariat of SLC Standing Committee for Mobilization and Organisation;
- 44.10.12 initiate, support and participate in self-help projects and promote mobilization of human and material resources and technical assistance thereto; and
- 44.10.13 perform any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the State Secretary.

44.11 State Secretariat for Administration and Finance

SLC Secretariat for Administration and Finance shall:

- 44.11.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the State Secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the State Secretariat for approval;
- 44.11.2 be the custodian of the finances and other assets of the Movement in the State;
- 44.11.3 be responsible for the administration and prudent management of moveable and immovable assets of the Movement in the State and keep up-to-date inventory of all assets;
- 44.11.4 provide administrative support and services to the SPLM organs in the State;
- 44.11.5 provide protocol services for the senior cadres of the Movement in the State during SPLM public functions;
- 44.11.6 be responsible for security services including safety of personnel and assets of the Movement in the State;
- 44.11.7 prepare and submit the annual budget of the Movement to the SLC for consideration;
- 44.11.8 administer the budget and disburse funds of the Movement in the State and ensure strict adherence to all Financial Regulations and Rules as established in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- 44.11.9 keep proper books of accounts in accordance with the SPLM financial regulations;
- 44.11.10 keep monies of the Movement in bank accounts in the manner prescribed by the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 44.11.11 collect and remit to the bank accounts of the Movement in the State, subscriptions, donations and grants in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 44.11.12 invest, with the approval of the SLC, SPLM State's surplus funds in projects that have been studied and assessed to be viable;
- 44.11.13 ensure that the SPLM State accounts are audited annually by a certified audit firm;
- 44.11.14 receive the audit report and submit the same to the State Secretary for presentation to the SLC for consideration;
- 44.11.15 be responsible for HR, including for recruitment and employment in staffing the party organs at the State level; and
- 44.11.16 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the State Secretary.

44.12 State Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations

The State Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations shall:

- 44.12.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 44.12.2 liaise, coordinate and collaborate with the syndicated organizations such as workers, professionals, farmers, traders and persons with special needs;
- 44.12.3 facilitate the spirit of unity, cooperation and solidarity within these groups;

- 44.12.4 encourage and support the Syndicated Organizations in developing and popularizing awareness programs on the environment, health, HIV/AIDS and other issues;
- 44.12.5 be the State secretariat of SLC Standing Committee for Syndicated Organizations;
- 44.12.6 maintain a database of all members within the different syndicated organizations, including their particulars; and
- 44.12.7 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Secretary General.

CHAPTER XVI: FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM STATE OFFICERS

Article 45: The State Chairperson

- 45.1 The State Chairperson shall:
 - 45.1.1 be the head of the SPLM at the State level and the Chairperson of the SC and SLC;
 - 45.1.2 be answerable to the SC and SLC on performance of his/her functions and duties and performance of the Movement in the State;
 - 45.1.3 preside over the meetings of the SC and SLC;
 - 45.1.4 ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are correctly disseminated and implemented in the State;
 - 45.1.5 supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the State and ensure that they perform their functions and duties in an effective and efficient manner;
 - 45.1.6 present policy statements and any other relevant documents of the Movement at the State level to the SC and SLC for approval;
 - 45.1.7 at his or her discretion, provisionally delegate any of his/her functions or duties to any SPLM State organ or officer;
 - 45.1.8 be the SPLM candidate for Governorship in the State elections if she or he wins in the primaries;
 - 45.1.9 in case he/she did not win Primaries for Governorship, he/she shall resign from position of SPLM State Chairperson to the interest of the winner of the Primaries; and
 - 45.1.10 perform any other function or duties necessary for the proper implementation of the Movement's policies and programs and/or as may be directed by SC, SLC or the national organs of the Movement.
- 45.2 In case the office of the State Chairperson falls vacant, the Deputy Chairperson shall act and convene an extra-ordinary State Congress within thirty (30) days to elect a new State Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 46: State Deputy Chairperson

- 46.1 The State Deputy Chairperson shall:
 - 46.1.1 deputise the State Chairperson and act in his or her absence; and
 - 46.1.2 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the State Chairperson.
- 46.2 In case the office of the State Deputy Chairperson falls vacant, the State Chairperson shall convene an extra-ordinary meeting of the SC within thirty (30) days to elect a new State Deputy Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 47: The State Secretary

- 47.1 The State Secretary shall:
 - 47.1.1 be the chief administrative officer of the Movement in the State and shall be answerable to the State Chairperson and SLC in the performance of his or her functions and duties;
 - 47.1.2 be the secretary of the SC and the SLC and shall keep the minutes and records of the same;
 - 47.1.3 be the chief political advisor to an SPLM led State Government;
 - 47.1.4 nominate a cadre for the position of State Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration and shall be approved by the State Chairperson;
 - 47.1.5 preside over the meetings of the State Secretariat;

- 47.1.6 receive reports of all the departments and committees;
 - 47.1.7 organize the meetings of the SC and SLC and notify all the members;
 - 47.1.8 channel the resolutions and directives of the SC and SLC and the General Secretariat to the counties and ensure their implementation;
 - 47.1.9 prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the State Secretariat and the SLC and submit the same to the SPLM Secretariat for State affairs through the State Chairperson and the relevant Sector; and
 - 47.1.10 perform any other functions and duties that may be assigned to him or her by the State Chairperson, the SLC, Sector or the General Secretariat.
- 47.2 In case the office of the State Secretary falls vacant, the State Assistant Secretary for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing shall act and elections of a State Assistant Secretary by the SLC shall be carried out within thirty (30) days.

Article 48: State Assistant Secretaries

- 48.1 A State Assistant Secretary shall head each of the State Secretariats stipulated in Article 41.2.2:

CHAPTER XVII: COUNTY ORGANS

Article 49: County Congress

- 49.1 The County Congress is the highest political organ of the SPLM in the County and shall be composed of 815 delegates as follows:
- 49.1.1 outgoing NLC, SLC and CLC;
 - 49.1.2 delegates (815 minus outgoing NLC, SLC and CLC) comprised of the following categories: Women 30%, Youth 10%, Students 3%, Veterans 3%, Syndicated Organizations 3%, and Persons with Special Needs 1%.
- 49.2 Payam Chairpersons and Secretaries shall attend as Ex-Officio.
- 49.3 The number of delegates from each Payam Congress shall be proportional to the number of registered members in that County; example: total delegate to the County Congress is Z; total County registry is y; Payam registry is x: $\text{Payam rep} = (x/y)z$.
- 49.4 The quorum for convening the County Congress shall be two thirds (2/3) of its members. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting the quorum for the subsequent sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding, provided that Women, Veterans, Youth, Students, Syndicated Organizations and Persons with special need are represented by at least half of their respective allocated delegates.
- 49.5 Resolutions of the County Congress shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 49.6 The County Congress shall convene once every five (5) years on Tuesday of the last week of November; however the Congress may convene in an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 49.7 Voting in the County Congress shall be by secret ballot.

Article 50: Functions and Powers of the County Congress

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

- 50.1 elect the Chairperson of the County Congress;
- 50.2 form and adopt the County Congress Electoral Committee, presided over by the Chairperson of the County Congress, that shall carry out the election process during the County Congress in accordance with the elections regulations of the Movement;
- 50.3 elect the County SPLM Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
- 50.4 receive and discuss the reports of the County Liberation Council and State Secretariat;
- 50.5 approve policies and programs of the SPLM in the County;
- 50.6 ensure implementation of policies and programs of the SPLM in the County;
- 50.7 receive and discuss the reports of the County Liberation Council and County Secretariat;
- 50.8 review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the CLC;

- 50.9 elect the County Chairperson and County Deputy Chairperson who shall be residents in the County concerned;
- 50.10 elect members of the CLC;
- 50.11 elect delegates to the State Congress; and
- 50.12 the Chairperson or the Deputy to the Chairperson may be removed by the CC in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of members of the CC for violation of this Constitution or gross misconduct provided that the resolution for the removal of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson shall be carried by two third (2/3) majority of the quorum stated in Article 49.4.

CHAPTER XVIII: COUNTY LIBERATION COUNCIL

Article 51: County Liberation Council (CLC)

- 51.1 The CLC shall comprise of not more than 57 members elected by the County Congress.
- 51.2 The quorum for convening the CLC shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting, the quorum for the subsequent sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding, provided that Women, Veterans, Youth, Students, Syndicated Organizations and Persons with special need are represented by at least half of their respective allocated delegates.
- 51.3 Membership of the CLC shall be composed of:
 - 51.3.1 the County Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - 51.3.2 the County Secretary; and
 - 51.3.3 members elected by the County Congress representing the Payams as follows: 30% Women, 10% Youth, 3% Veterans, 3% Students, 3% Syndicated and 1% Persons with special needs.

Article 52: Functions and Duties of the CLC

The CLC shall have the following functions and duties:

- 52.1 elect the County Secretary;
- 52.2 lead the SPLM in the County between sessions of the County Congresses and represent the Movement in its relations with other associations, institutions and political parties at the County level;
- 52.3 oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the County Congress and higher organs of the Movement;
- 52.4 oversee the work of the County Secretariat;
- 52.5 approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the County as proposed by the County Secretariat;
- 52.6 be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM in the County;
- 52.7 report to the County Congress;
- 52.8 adopt and form, on the recommendation of the County Secretariat, the County Congress Electoral Committee that shall carry out the election process during the County Congress;
- 52.9 Determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Regulations and Rules; and
- 52.10 remove the County Secretary or Chairpersons of Standing Committees in an extraordinary session convened on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the CLC provided that the resolution for removal of the Secretary or Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be passed by two third (2/3) majority of quorum as stated in Article 51.2.

Article 53: Meetings of the CLC

- 53.1 The regular sessions of the CLC shall be convened at least once every six months.
- 53.2 Notwithstanding the provisions sub-Article 51.2 above, the extraordinary sessions of the CLC shall be convened whenever deemed necessary on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the CLC.
- 53.3 The quorum for the sittings of the CLC shall be by simple majority of its membership.

- 53.4 Resolutions of the CLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 53.5 Voting in the CLC shall be by secret ballot.

CHAPTER XIX: COUNTY STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 54: Establishment of CLC Standing Committees

- 54.1 There shall be established at the County level SPLM Standing Committees as follows:
- 54.1.1 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
 - 54.1.2 Committee for Human Rights;
 - 54.1.3 Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
 - 54.1.4 Committee for Land and Housing;
 - 54.1.5 Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;
 - 54.1.6 Committee for Social Welfare and Services;
 - 54.1.7 Committee for Mobilization and Organization; and
 - 54.1.8 Committee for Syndicated Organizations.
- 54.2 SPLM CLC Clusters
- CLC Standing Committees shall be formed into clusters as follows:
- 54.2.1 SLC Governance Cluster
 - 54.2.1.1 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing; and
 - 54.2.1.2 Human Rights; and
 - 54.2.2 SLC Economic Cluster
 - 54.2.2.1 Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
 - 54.2.2.2 Committee for Land and Housing; and
 - 54.2.2.3 Committee for Syndicated Organizations.
 - 54.2.3 SLC Service Delivery Cluster
 - 54.2.3.1 Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;
 - 54.2.3.2 Committee for Social Welfare and Services; and
 - 54.2.3.3 Committee for Mobilization and Organizations.
- 54.3 Each cluster shall elect the Chairpersons of the respective Standing Committees;
- 54.4 A cluster may remove a Chairperson on the written request by at least one-third of the total membership of the cluster provided that the resolution for removal of the Chairperson shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Article 55: Composition of CLC Standing Committees

A CLC Standing Committee shall be composed as follows:

- 55.1 Chairperson of the CLC Committee ;
- 55.2 and Assistant Secretary of the corresponding CLC Secretariat of the said Committee; and
- 22.1 No more than 6 CLC members.
- 55.3 CLC Standing Committee
 - 55.3.1 Chairperson shall nominate a cadre, not CLC member from its membership an Assistant Secretary who shall be the assistant secretary of the corresponding Secretariat of the said Committee;
 - 55.3.2 vet the nominee by simple majority of that Committee; and
 - 55.3.3 may remove its Assistant Secretary on the written request by at least one-third of the total membership of the Standing Committee provided that the resolution for removal of the Assistant Secretary shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Article 56: Functions and Duties of CLC Standing Committees

56.1 Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing

CLC Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing shall be concerned with County plans, policies, programs and measures related to the following matters:

- 56.1.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 56.1.2 scrutiny of policies, by-laws, regulations and programmes related to peace building, reconciliation and healing;
- 56.1.3 ending culture of use of force in settling differences and misunderstanding and promoting culture of peace and dialogue;
- 56.1.4 promotion, protection and respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- 56.1.5 encouragement of dialogue for the fostering and building a culture of peaceful coexistence among communities;
- 56.1.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the CLC; and
- 56.1.7 reporting to the CLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

56.2 Committee for Human Rights

CLC Committee for Human Rights shall be concerned with County plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 90.2.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 90.2.2 scrutiny of policies, by-laws, regulations and programmes related to Human rights;
- 90.2.3 respecting, promotion and fostering to human rights, civil rights and fundamental freedoms;
- 90.2.4 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the CLC; and
- 90.2.5 reporting to the CLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

56.3 Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment

CLC Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment shall be concerned with County plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 56.3.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 56.3.2 scrutiny of policies, by-laws, regulations and programmes originating related agriculture, natural resources and the environment;
- 56.3.3 strategies and programs for the management, development and marketing of livestock;
- 56.3.4 mitigation of cattle rustling and minimization of environmental degradation due to grazing;
- 56.3.5 strategies and programs for the management and development of agriculture, wildlife, tourism and fisheries;
- 56.3.6 establishment of cooperative societies, farmers associations/unions and facilitation of credit/loans from commercial banks and other lending institutions;
- 56.3.7 strategies and programs for food security, protecting and conservation of forests, and tourism development and sustainability;
- 56.3.8 preservation, conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems and biodiversity;
- 56.3.9 conservation, rehabilitation and protection of wildlife, wetlands, national parks and game reserves, and promote tourism;
- 56.3.10 protection and conservation of natural resources;
- 56.3.11 rendering of hafirs and artesian wells in arid areas for agriculture, livestock and wildlife;
- 56.3.12 measures against degradation of land, water, vegetation and air;
- 56.3.13 forestation programs in rural areas;
- 56.3.14 expansion of local markets for agricultural product;
- 56.3.15 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the CLC; and
- 56.3.16 reporting to the CLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

56.4 Committee for Land and Housing

CLC Committee for Land and Housing shall be concerned with County plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 56.4.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 56.4.2 scrutiny of policies, by-laws, regulations and programmes related to land tenure, optimal rational land use and management;
- 56.4.3 regulations and procedures, transparency and accountability in land administration;
- 56.4.4 reforms addressing land grabbing and malpractices involving land;
- 56.4.5 land issues reflecting customary laws and practices, local heritage and institutional trends;
- 56.4.6 reviewing of land concessions awarded to individuals and foreign companies for large scale agriculture activities;
- 56.4.7 national housing policy addressing and improving overall living conditions;
- 56.4.8 mitigation of unplanned settlements and promotion of physical planning;
- 56.4.9 empowerment of local governments in exercise of concurrent powers in developing public utilities;
- 56.4.10 favourable access to credit facilities by individuals, cooperative movements, private and public enterprises for affordable decent houses;
- 56.4.11 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the CLC; and
- 56.4.12 reporting to the CLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

56.5 Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;

CLC Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports shall be concerned with County plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 56.5.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 56.5.2 scrutiny of policies, by-laws, regulations and programmes related to culture, youth and sports;
- 56.5.3 promotion of traditions and cultures;
- 56.5.4 engagement of youth in public life;
- 56.5.5 creation of consciousness and patriotism among the youth;
- 56.5.6 programmes for socio-economic development of the youth;
- 56.5.7 autonomous, broad and representative structures of youth movements for coordination and development of youth activities;
- 56.5.8 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the CLC; and
- 56.5.9 reporting to the CLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

56.6 Committee for Social Welfare

CLC Committee for Social Welfare shall be concerned with County plans, policies, legislations, and measures related to the following matters:

- 56.6.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 56.6.2 scrutiny of policies, by-laws, regulations and programmes related gender, child, social welfare and humanitarian issues;
- 56.6.3 emancipation, development and empowerment of women and persons with disability;
- 56.6.4 empowerment of women socially, economically, and politically;
- 56.6.5 gender consciousness, participation of women in public life, access to education of girls and skills training for women;
- 56.6.6 protection of the child, family, elderly, persons with disabilities, widows, orphans and other vulnerable groups;
- 56.6.7 rejection and nonpractice of harmful customs and gender discrimination against women and girl child;
- 56.6.8 access to civilian populations in need of emergency humanitarian assistance and protection;
- 56.6.9 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the CLC; and
- 56.6.10 reporting to the CLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

56.7 Committee for Mobilization and Organization

CLC Committee for Mobilization and Organization shall be concerned with plans, programmes, policies, and measures related to the following matters:

- 56.7.1 drawing up the committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 56.7.2 organization proficiency of the SPLM;
- 56.7.3 mobilization of citizens to support of the SPLM;
- 56.7.4 recruitment, orientation and retention of members;
- 56.7.5 developing SPLM political messages;
- 56.7.6 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the CLC; and
- 56.7.7 Reporting to the CLC or PB on any appropriate matter or assignment.

56.8 Committee for Syndicated Organizations

CLC Committee for Syndicated Organization shall be concerned with plans, policies, programmes, and measures related to the following matters:

- 56.8.1 drawing up the Committee's annual program of action and activities;
- 56.8.2 developing relations with syndicated organizations;
- 56.8.3 supporting syndicated organizations;
- 56.8.4 performing any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the CLC; and
- 56.8.5 reporting to the CLC on any appropriate matter or assignment.

CHAPTER XX: COUNTY SECRETARIAT

Article 57: County Secretariat

- 57.1 There shall be established an SPLM organ at the County level to be known as the County Secretariat.
- 57.2 County Secretariat shall be structured as follows;
 - 57.2.1 County Secretary;
 - 57.2.2 County Assistant Secretaries for:
 - 57.2.2.1 Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
 - 57.2.2.2 Secretariat for Human Rights;
 - 57.2.2.3 Secretariat for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation of Environment;
 - 57.2.2.4 Secretariat for Land and Housing;
 - 57.2.2.5 Secretariat for Culture, Youth and Sports;
 - 57.2.2.6 County Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services
 - 57.2.2.7 Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation;
 - 57.2.2.8 Secretariat for Administration and Finance; and
 - 57.2.2.9 Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations;
- 57.3 The County Secretariat may establish specialized or adhoc committees to assist in the performance of its functions.

Article 58: Functions and Duties of the County Secretariat

The County Secretariat shall:

- 58.1 be responsible for implementation of policies, programs and plans to be approved by the CLC;
- 58.2 receive, through the County Secretary, directives on policies, programs, decisions and resolutions of the national and State organs of the Movement;
- 58.3 ensure that the county participates through its structures in development of any policy of the state or national;
- 58.4 be responsible, at the County level, for implementation of policies, programs, decisions and resolutions of the higher organs of the Movement;

- 58.5 be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the County;
- 58.6 in performing its functions and duties, report and be answerable to the CLC.
- 58.7 receive and consider reports from the Payam Secretariats;
- 58.8 manage and control the funds and assets of the Movement at the County level, and report on the status of the Movement, its financial position and any other matters as may be specified by the CLC;
- 58.9 issue and send directives and instructions to, and receive reports from the Payam Secretariats;
- 58.10 supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the County including SPLM Caucuses serving in the local government;
- 58.11 liaise and coordinate with the leagues, syndicated organizations and persons with special needs of the SPLM;
- 58.12 co-opt persons with the necessary knowledge and expertise to enable it carry out its work efficiently; and
- 58.13 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the CLC.

Article 59: Meetings of the County Secretariat

- 59.1 The County Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided over by the County Secretary.
- 59.2 Meetings of the County Secretariat shall be convened by the County Secretary.
- 59.3 Quorum for the meetings of the County Secretariat shall be two-thirds (2/3) majority of its membership.
- 59.4 Decisions of the County Secretariat shall be taken by simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 59.5 The County Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM with the necessary knowledge to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the County Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

Article 60: Functions of County Secretariats

60.1 County Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing

The County Secretariat for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing shall:

- 60.1.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the County Secretariat for approval;
- 60.1.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the County Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 60.1.3 monitor and evaluate activities of concerned with peace, reconciliation and healing;
- 60.1.4 mobilize population to support peace, reconciliation and healing;
- 60.1.5 spread culture of peace, preserve cultural heritage of communities in the County and provide necessary environment for peace;
- 60.1.6 be involved in observing Peace Day – 17th August;
- 60.1.7 ensure prudent resettlement, rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees and internally displaced persons;
- 60.1.8 be involved/participate in settlement of any inter-communal dispute ;
- 60.1.9 be the County Secretariat for County Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 60.1.10 report and recommend measures to address issues concerned with peace, reconciliation and healing to the County Secretariat or the County Standing Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing;
- 60.1.11 perform any other function or duties that may be assigned to it by the County Secretary or County Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing.

60.2 County Secretariat for Human Rights

The County Secretariat for Human Rights shall:

- 60.2.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the County Secretariat for approval;
- 60.2.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the County Standing Committee for Human Rights;
- 90.2.6 monitor and evaluate human rights issues related to the Constitution and legislation;
- 90.2.7 monitor and evaluate respect and violation regarding Human Rights and fundamental freedoms;
- 60.2.3 educate citizens on Human Rights;
- 60.2.4 be the secretariat of County Standing Committee for Human rights;
- 60.2.5 report and recommend measures to address Human rights issues raised after monitoring and evaluation to the County Secretary or the County Standing Committee for Human Rights; and
- 60.2.6 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the County Secretary or County Committee for Human Rights.

60.3 County Secretariat for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment

The County Secretariat for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment shall:

- 60.3.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the County secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the County Secretariat for approval;
- 60.3.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the County Standing Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
- 60.3.3 monitor and evaluate the activities concerned with agriculture, forestry, animal resources, fisheries, tourism, water resources, irrigation and the environment;
- 60.3.4 initiate and develop plans for protection, rehabilitation and conservation of environment and natural resources at the County level;
- 60.3.5 raise awareness and understanding on environment and development, and promote individual and community participation in protection of the environment;
- 60.3.6 be the secretariat of County Standing Committee for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment;
- 60.3.7 report and recommend measures to address issues raised on the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment to the County Secretary or the County Standing Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources and Environment; and
- 60.3.8 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the SPLM Secretary General and the Standing Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources and Environment.

60.4 County Secretariat for Land and Housing

The County Secretariat for Land and Housing shall:

- 60.4.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the County Secretariat for approval;
- 60.4.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the County Standing Committee for Land and Housing;
- 60.4.3 monitor and evaluate the activities related to land use and housing;
- 60.4.4 facilitate and assist mediation of conflicts arising from land;
- 60.4.5 promote resources mobilization and develop innovative strategies for provision of affordable housing;
- 60.4.6 be the secretariat of County Standing Committee for Land and Housing;
- 60.4.7 report and recommend measures to address issues related to land and housing to the County Secretary or the County Standing Committee for Land, Housing and Physical Infrastructure; and
- 60.4.8 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the County Secretary and the County Standing Committee for Land and Housing.

60.5 County Secretariat for Culture, Youth and Sports

The County Secretariat for Culture, Youth and Sports shall:

- 60.5.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the County Secretariat for approval;
- 60.5.2 facilitate the activities and functioning of the County Standing Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;
- 60.5.3 monitor and evaluate the activities related to culture, youth and sports;
- 60.5.4 facilitate and participate in setting autonomous, broad and representative structures of youth movements and coordinating and developing youth activities;
- 60.5.5 research and create awareness programs on cultural issues that negatively impact society at the County level;
- 60.5.6 encourage establishment of cultural and sports clubs;
- 60.5.7 develop programs to protect youth from negative alien cultural influences;
- 60.5.8 involve young people in international and regional festivals to reflect South Sudan's image abroad;
- 60.5.9 respect ethnic and regional diversity and communal rights, including the right of communities to preserve their history, develop their language, promote their culture and expression of their identities;
- 60.5.10 be responsible for the issuance of press releases and organize press conferences, and be the official spokesperson of the County Secretariat;
- 60.5.11 develop and disseminate information programs through local media and ensure the establishment of sustainable print, audio, visual and electronic media services for the SPLM at the County level;
- 60.5.12 develop comprehensive plans and programs for cultural activities such as symposia, lectures, art exhibitions, folklore shows, cultural troupes and any other cultural activities at the County level;
- 60.5.13 produce publications and or documents reflecting and articulating the vision, policies, mission, objectives and programs of the SPLM at the County level;
- 60.5.14 establish and manage the SPLM information and communication system, archives and museums at the County level;
- 60.5.15 facilitate allocation of public squares for youth activities;
- 60.5.16 encourage participation in regional and international festivals displaying the South Sudanese art and cultures;
- 60.5.17 encourage awarding annual prizes to writers, literary persons, artists and singers through institutions in charge of culture and information;
- 60.5.18 promote establishment of theatres, cinema houses and show rooms;
- 60.5.19 discover and develop human resources in the various fields of sports;
- 60.5.20 be the secretariat of County Standing Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports;
- 60.5.21 report and recommend measures to address issues related to Culture, Youth and Sports to the County Secretary or the County Standing Committee Culture, Youth and Sports; and
- 60.5.22 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the County Secretary and the County Standing Committee for Culture, Youth and Sports.

60.6 County Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services

The Secretariat for Gender, Child, Social Welfare and Humanitarian Affairs shall:

- 60.6.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the County Secretariat for approval;
- 60.6.2 implement policies and programmes on all aspects of social welfare and service delivery at the County level;
- 60.6.3 develop and implement plans and strategies for persons with special needs, children and women;

- 60.6.4 facilitate the activities and functioning of the County Standing Committee for Gender, Child, Social Welfare and Humanitarian Affairs;
- 60.6.5 monitoring and evaluating the activities related to Gender, Child, Social Welfare and Humanitarian Affairs;
- 60.6.6 ensure that women are protected against violence, harmful customs and traditions which undermine their dignity and status; and pursue positive development of women at all levels;
- 60.6.7 ensure gender equality and promote socio-economic, cultural and political empowerment of women;
- 60.6.8 encourage and promote respect for the diversity of the people
- 60.6.9 monitor and discourage acts and forms of sexual and gender-based violence, including sexual exploitation and harassment;
- 60.6.10 eradicate the root causes of delinquency and children under difficult circumstances for social care and rehabilitation;
- 60.6.11 assist women to take the necessary initiatives to organise themselves and establish women organisations to ensure their effective participation in society;
- 60.6.12 work to find homes for integrated care for delinquent children;
- 60.6.13 coordinating contacts with organizations working in the field of Humanitarian Affairs;
- 60.6.14 be the Secretariat for CLC Standing Committee for Social Welfare;
- 60.6.15 engage with County government institutions so as to advance the SPLM vision on Social Welfare and Services; and
- 60.6.16 report and recommend measures to address gender, child, social welfare and humanitarian issues to the County Secretary or the County Standing Committee for Standing Committee for Social Welfare; and
- 60.6.17 perform any other function or duty assigned to it by the County Secretary and the County Standing Committee Standing Committee for Social Welfare.

60.7 County Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation

The County Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation shall:

- 60.7.1 liaise with the State Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization;
- 60.7.2 implement plans for mobilization, recruitment, orientation and retention of members in conformity with the National plans on the same;
- 60.7.3 ensure commitment and adherence of cadres and members in the County to the vision, mission and programs of the Movement;
- 60.7.4 ensure cadres and members internalize the SPLM Manifesto, and abide by this Constitution, Regulations and Rules and the SPLM Code of Conduct;
- 60.7.5 keep records of members of the Movement and their particulars in the County;
- 60.7.6 translate SPLM policy positions into concrete plans and programs and ensure their implementation;
- 60.7.7 disseminate to the public the organization's political messages as reflected in the manifesto and policies for discussion at the County Secretariat;
- 60.7.8 organize public rallies, conferences, meetings and workshops and prepare, in consultation with the County Secretary, the agenda thereof;
- 60.7.9 compile and disseminate the Movement's political messages as reflected in the public addresses of the leadership, especially those relating to integrity in public life;
- 60.7.10 organize and oversee the election of members to the Movement's structures in the County in the preparation for the Congresses;
- 60.7.11 initiate, support and participate in self-help projects and promote mobilization of human and material resources and technical assistance thereto;
- 60.7.12 be the Secretariat for CLC Standing Committee for Mobilization and Organisation;
- 60.7.13 perform any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the County Secretary.

60.8 County Secretariat for Administration and Finance

The County Secretariat for Administration and Finance shall:

- 60.8.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the County Secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the County Secretariat for approval;
- 60.8.2 be the custodian of the finances and other assets of the Movement in the County;
- 60.8.3 be responsible for the administration and prudent management of moveable and immovable assets of the Movement in the County and keep up-to-date inventory of all assets;
- 60.8.4 provide administrative support and services to the SPLM organs in the County;
- 60.8.5 provide protocol services for the senior cadres of the Movement in the County during SPLM public functions;
- 60.8.6 be responsible for security services including safety of personnel and assets of the Movement in the County;
- 60.8.7 prepare and submit the annual budget of the Movement to the CLC for consideration;
- 60.8.8 administer the budget and disburse funds of the Movement in the County and ensure strict adherence to all Financial Regulations and Rules as established in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- 60.8.9 keep proper books of accounts in accordance with the SPLM financial regulations;
- 60.8.10 keep monies of the Movement in bank accounts in the manner prescribed by the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 60.8.11 collect and remit to the bank accounts of the Movement in the County, subscriptions, donations and grants in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 60.8.12 invest, with approval of CLC and in consultation with the State Secretariat, SPLM County's surplus funds in projects that are studied and assessed to be viable;
- 60.8.13 ensure that the SPLM County accounts are audited annually by a certified audit firm;
- 60.8.14 receive the audit report and submit the same to the County Secretary for presentation to the CLC for consideration;
- 60.8.15 responsible for HR, including for recruitment and employment in staffing the party organs at the County level; and
- 60.8.16 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the County Secretary.

60.9 County Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations

The County Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations shall:

- 60.9.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the General Secretariat for approval;
- 60.9.2 liaise, coordinate and collaborate with the syndicated organizations such as workers, professionals, farmers, traders and persons with special needs;
- 60.9.3 facilitate the spirit of unity, cooperation and solidarity within these groups;
- 60.9.4 encourage and support the Syndicated Organizations in developing and popularizing awareness programs on the environment, health, HIV/AIDS and other issues;
- 60.9.5 maintain a database of all members within the different syndicated organizations, including their particulars;
- 60.9.6 be the Secretariat for CLC Standing Committee for Syndicated Organizations; and
- 60.9.7 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Secretary General.

CHAPTER XXI: FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM COUNTY OFFICERS

Article 61: The County Chairperson

- 61.1 The County Chairperson shall:
 - 61.1.1 be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the CC and CLC;
 - 61.1.2 preside over the meetings of the CC and CLC and the County Secretariat as the situation may require;
 - 61.1.3 ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are correctly disseminated and implemented in the County;

- 61.1.4 supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the County and ensure that they perform their functions and duties in an effective and efficient manner;
- 61.1.5 present policy statement and any other relevant documents of the Movement to the CC and CLC;
- 61.1.6 delegate any of his or her functions or duties to any SPLM County organ or officer;
- 61.1.7 be the SPLM candidate for Commissionership in the County elections if she or he wins in the primaries;
- 61.1.8 in case he/she did not win Primaries for Commissionership he/she shall resign from position of SPLM County Chairperson to the interest of the winner of the Primaries; and
- 61.1.9 perform any other function or duty as he or she deems necessary for the proper implementation of the Movement's policies and programs and/or as may be directed by higher organs of the Movement.
- 61.2 In case the office of the County Chairperson falls vacant, the Deputy County Chairperson shall act and convene an extra-ordinary meeting of the CC within thirty (30) days to elect a new County Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 62: County Deputy Chairperson

- 62.1 The County Deputy Chairperson shall:
 - 62.1.1 deputise the County Chairperson and act in his or her absence; and
 - 62.1.2 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the County Chairperson.
- 62.2 In case the office of the County Deputy Chairperson falls vacant, the County Chairperson convene an extra-ordinary meeting of the CC within thirty (30) days to elect a new County Deputy Chairperson to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 63: The County Secretary

- 63.1 The County Secretary shall:
 - 63.1.1 be the chief administrative officer of the Movement in the County and shall be answerable to the CLC;
 - 63.1.2 be the secretary of the CC and the CLC and shall keep the minutes and records of the same;
 - 63.1.3 be the chief political advisor to the SPLM led Commissionership in the county;
 - 63.1.4 preside over the meetings of the County Secretariat;
 - 63.1.5 receive reports of County Secretariat and committees;
 - 63.1.6 act in the absence of the County Chairperson and County Deputy Chairperson;
 - 63.1.7 organize the meetings of the CC and CLC and notify all the members;
 - 63.1.8 channel the resolutions and directives of the CC and CLC and the General Secretariat to the counties and ensure their implementation;
 - 63.1.9 Prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the County Secretariat and the CLC and submit the same to the SPLM State Secretariat through the County Chairperson; and
 - 63.1.10 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the County Chairperson or the CLC.
- 63.2 In case the office of the County Secretary falls vacant, the County Assistant Secretary for Peace, Reconciliation and Healing shall act and elections of a County Secretary by the SLC shall be carried out within thirty (30) days.

Article 64: County Assistant Secretaries

- 64.1 A County Assistant Secretary shall head each of the County Secretariats as stated in Article 57.2.2.

CHAPTER XXII: PAYAM ORGANS

Article 65: Payam Congress

- 65.1 The Payam Congress (PC) is the highest political organ of the SPLM in the Payam and shall be composed of 570 delegates as follows:
- 65.1.1 outgoing NLC, SLC, CLC and PLC
 - 65.1.2 delegates (437 minus outgoing NLC, SLC, CLC and PLC) comprised of the following categories: Women 30%, Youth 10%, Students 3%, Veterans 3%, Syndicated Organizations 3% and Persons with Special Needs 1%.
- 65.2 Boma Chairpersons and Secretaries shall attend the PC as Ex-Officio.
- 65.3 The number of delegates from each Boma Congress shall be proportional to the number of registered members in that Payam; example: total delegate to the Payam Congress is Z; total Payam registry is y; Boma registry is x: Boma rep = $(x/y)z$.
- 65.4 The quorum for convening the Payam Congress shall be two thirds (2/3) of its members. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting the quorum for the subsequent sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding, provided that Women, Veterans, Youth, Students, Syndicated Organizations and Persons with special need are represented by at least half of their respective allocated delegates.
- 65.5 Resolutions of the Payam Congress shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting and in case of a tie; the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 65.6 The Payam Congress shall convene once every four years on Tuesday of the last week of October.
- 65.7 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article 59.6 above, the Congress may convene an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 65.8 Voting in the Payam Congress shall be by secret ballot.

Article 66: Functions and Powers of the Payam Congress

- 66.1 The functions of the Payam Congress shall be to:
- 66.1.1 elect the Chairperson of the PC;
 - 66.1.2 form and adopt the County Payam Electoral Committee that shall carry out the election process during the Payam Congress in accordance with the elections regulations of the Movement;
 - 66.1.3 elect the Payam SPLM Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - 66.1.4 receive and discuss the reports of the County Liberation Council and State Secretariat;
 - 66.1.5 elect members of the Payam Liberation Council;
 - 66.1.6 elect delegates to the CC;
 - 66.1.7 approve policies and programs of the SPLM in the Payam;
 - 66.1.8 ensure implementation of policies and programs of the SPLM in the Payam;
 - 66.1.9 receive, discuss, and adopt the reports of the Payam Liberation Council (PLC) and Payam Secretariat; and
 - 66.1.10 review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the PLC.
- 66.2 The Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson may be removed by the PC in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of members of the PC for violation of this Constitution or gross misconduct provided that the resolution for the removal of the Chairperson shall be carried by two third (2/3) majority of the quorum stated in Article 59.4.

CHAPTER XXIII: PAYAM LIBERATION COUNCIL

Article 67: Payam Liberation Council (PLC)

- 67.1 The PLC shall comprise of not more than 30 members.
- 67.2 The quorum for convening the PLC shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting, the quorum for the subsequent sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding, provided that Women, Veterans, Youth, Students, Syndicated

Organizations and Persons with special need are represented by at least half of their respective allocated delegates.

67.3 Membership of the PLC shall be composed of:

67.3.1 The Payam Chairperson;

67.3.2 Payam Secretary; and

67.3.3 Members elected by the Payam Congress representing the Bomas as follows: 30% Women, 10% Youth, 3% Veterans, 3% Students, 3% Syndicated and 1% Persons with special needs;

Article 68: Functions and Duties of the Payam Liberation Council

68.1 The PLC shall:

68.1.1 elect the County Secretary;

68.1.2 if necessary constitute adhoc Committees to perform specific tasks;

68.1.3 oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the Payam Congress and higher organs of the Movement;

68.1.4 oversee and monitor the work of the Payam Secretariat;

68.1.5 approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the Payam as proposed by the Payam Secretariat;

68.1.6 be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM in the Payam;

68.1.7 elect the Payam Secretary and his or her Assistants and may remove any of them by simple majority;

68.1.8 remove the Payam Secretary on the written request of (1/3) of the members of the PLC and on approval by 2/3 vote of the members;

68.1.9 report to the Payam Congress; and

68.1.10 determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution and SPLM regulations.

Article 69: Meetings of the PLC

69.1 The regular sessions of the PLC shall be convened at least once every three month.

69.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article 63.1 above, the PLC extraordinary sessions may be convened whenever deemed necessary on a written request by at least one quarter (1/4) of the members of the PLC.

69.3 The quorum for the meetings of the PLC shall be simple majority of its membership.

69.4 Resolutions of the PLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

69.5 Voting in the PLC shall be by secret ballot.

CHAPTER XXIV: PAYAM SECRETARIAT

Article 70: Payam Secretariat

70.1 There shall be established an SPLM organ at the Payam level to be known as the Payam Secretariat.

70.2 Payam Secretariat shall be comprised as follows;

70.2.1 Payam Secretary;

70.2.2 Payam Assistant Secretaries for:

70.2.2.1 Mobilization and Organisation, and Culture, Information and Communication;

70.2.2.2 Administration and Finance; and

70.2.2.3 Syndicated Organizations, Social Welfare and Services.

70.3 The Payam Secretariat may establish specialized or adhoc committees to assist in the performance of its functions.

Article 71: Functions and Duties of the Payam Secretariat

- 71.1 The Payam Secretariat shall:
- 71.1.1 be responsible for implementation of policies, programs and plans to be approved by the PLC;
 - 71.1.2 ensure that the Payam participates through its structures in development of any policy of county, state or national;
 - 71.1.3 be responsible for implementation of policies, programs, decisions and resolutions of the higher organs of the Movement;
 - 71.1.4 be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the Payam;
 - 71.1.5 discharge its functions and duties, report and be answerable to the PLC;
 - 71.1.6 receive and consider reports from the Boma Secretariats;
 - 71.1.7 manage and control the funds and assets of the Movement at the Payam level;
 - 71.1.8 report on the status of the Movement, its financial position and any other matter as may be specified by the Payam Chairperson or the PLC;
 - 71.1.9 issue and send directives and instructions to, and receive reports from the Boma Secretariats;
 - 71.1.10 supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the Payam;
 - 71.1.11 liaise and Coordinate with the Payam leagues, syndicated organizations and persons with special needs of the SPLM;
 - 71.1.12 co-opt Persons with the necessary knowledge and expertise to enable it carry out its work efficiently; and
 - 71.1.13 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the PLC.

Article 72: Functions of Payam Secretariats

72.1 Payam Secretariat for Mobilization and Organisation, and Culture, Information and Communication

The Payam Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization, Culture, Information and Communication, and Culture, Information and Communication shall:

- 72.1.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Payam Secretariat for approval;
- 72.1.2 liaise with the County Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization;
- 72.1.3 implement plans for mobilization, recruitment, orientation and retention of members in conformity with the National plans on the same;
- 72.1.4 ensure commitment and adherence of cadres and members in the Payam to the vision, mission and programs of the Movement;
- 72.1.5 ensure cadres and members internalize the SPLM Manifesto, and abide by this Constitution, Regulations and Rules and the SPLM Code of Conduct;
- 72.1.6 keep records of members of the Movement and their particulars in the Payam;
- 72.1.7 translate SPLM policy positions into concrete plans and programs and ensure their implementation;
- 72.1.8 disseminate to the public the Movement's political messages as reflected in the manifesto and policies for discussion at the Payam Secretariat;
- 72.1.9 organize public rallies, conferences, meetings and workshops and prepare, in consultation with the Payam Secretary, the agenda thereof;
- 72.1.10 compile and disseminate the Movement's political messages as reflected in the public addresses of the leadership, especially those relating to integrity in public life;
- 72.1.11 organize and oversee the election of members to the Movement's structures in the Payam in the preparation for the Congresses;
- 72.1.12 initiate, support and participate in self-help projects and promote mobilization of human and material resources and technical assistance thereto;
- 72.1.13 be responsible for the issuance of press releases and organize press conferences, and be the official spokesperson of the Payam Secretariat;
- 72.1.14 develop and disseminate information programs through local media and ensure the establishment of sustainable print, audio, visual and electronic media services for the SPLM at the Payam level;

- 72.1.15 develop comprehensive plans and programs for cultural activities such as symposia, lectures, art exhibitions, folklore shows, cultural troupes and any other cultural activities at the Payam level;
- 72.1.16 research and create awareness programs on cultural issues that negatively impact society at the Payam level;
- 72.1.17 produce publications and or documents reflecting and articulating the vision, policies, mission, objectives and programs of the SPLM at the Payam level;
- 72.1.18 establish and manage the SPLM information and communication system, archives and museums at the Payam level; and
- 72.1.19 perform any other function and duty that may be assigned to it by the Payam Secretary.

72.2 Payam Secretariat for Administration and Finance

The Payam Secretariat for Administration and Finance shall:

- 72.2.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the Payam Secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Payam Secretariat for approval;
- 72.2.2 be the custodian of the finances and other assets of the Movement in the Payam;
- 72.2.3 be responsible for the administration and prudent management of moveable and immovable assets of the Movement in the Payam and keep up-to-date inventory of all assets;
- 72.2.4 provide administrative support and services to the SPLM organs in the Payam;
- 72.2.5 provide protocol services for the senior cadres of the Movement in the Payam during SPLM public functions;
- 72.2.6 be responsible for security services including safety of personnel and assets of the Movement in the Payam;
- 72.2.7 prepare and submit the annual budget of the Movement to the PLC for consideration;
- 72.2.8 administer the budget and disburse funds of the Movement in the Payam and ensure strict adherence to all Financial Regulations and Rules as established in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- 72.2.9 keep proper books of accounts in accordance with the SPLM financial regulations;
- 72.2.10 keep monies of the Movement in bank accounts in the manner prescribed by the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 72.2.11 collect and remit to the bank accounts of the Movement in the Payam, subscriptions, donations and grants in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 72.2.12 invest, with approval of PLC and in consultation with the County Secretariat, SPLM Payam's surplus funds in projects that are studied and assessed to be viable;
- 72.2.13 ensure that the SPLM Payam accounts are audited annually by a certified audit firm;
- 72.2.14 receive the audit report and submit the same to the Payam Secretary for presentation to the PLC for consideration;
- 72.2.15 be the Payam Secretariat of PLC Standing Committee for Administration and Finance;
- 72.2.16 be responsible for HR, including for recruitment and employment in staffing the party organs at the Payam level; and
- 72.2.17 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Payam Secretary.

72.3 Payam Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations, Social Welfare and Services

The Payam Secretariat for Syndicated Organizations, Social Welfare and Services shall:

- 72.3.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Payam Secretariat for approval;
- 72.3.2 liaise, coordinate and collaborate at the Payam level with the syndicated organizations such as workers, professionals, farmers and traders, and persons with special needs;
- 72.3.3 facilitate the spirit of unity, cooperation and solidarity within the syndicated organizations;
- 72.3.4 encourage and support the syndicated organizations in developing and popularizing awareness programs on the environment, health, HIV/AIDS and other issues;

- 72.3.5 maintain a database of all members within the different syndicated organizations in the Payam, including their particulars;
- 72.3.6 implement policies and programmes on all aspects of social welfare and service delivery at the Payam level;
- 72.3.7 implement plans and strategies for persons with special needs, children and women;
- 72.3.8 implement plans for protection, rehabilitation and conservation of environment and natural resources at the Payam level;
- 72.3.9 engage with Payam government institutions so as to advance the SPLM vision on Social Welfare and Services; and
- 72.3.10 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Payam Secretary.

Article 73: Meetings of the Payam Secretariat

- 73.1 The Payam Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided over by the Payam Secretary.
- 73.2 Meetings of the Payam Secretariat shall be convened by the Payam Secretary.
- 73.3 Quorum for the meetings of the Payam Secretariat shall be a simple majority.
- 73.4 Decisions of the Payam Secretariat shall be taken by simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 73.5 The Payam Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM with expertise or experience to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the Payam Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

CHAPTER XXV: FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM PAYAM OFFICIALS

Article 74: The Payam Chairperson:

- 74.1 The Payam Chairperson shall:
 - 74.1.1 be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the PC and PLC;
 - 74.1.2 preside over the meetings of the PC and PLC and the Payam Secretariat as the situation may require;
 - 74.1.3 ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are correctly disseminated and implemented in the Payam;
 - 74.1.4 supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the Payam and ensure that they perform their functions and duties in an effective and efficient manner;
 - 74.1.5 present policy statement and any other relevant documents of the Movement to the PC and PLC;
 - 74.1.6 delegate any of his or her functions or duties to any SPLM Payam organ or official; and
 - 74.1.7 perform any other function or duty as he or she deems necessary for the proper implementation of the Movement policies and programs.
- 74.2 In case the office of the Payam Chairperson falls vacant, the Payam Secretary shall act and convene an extra-ordinary meeting of the PC within thirty (30) days to elect a new Payam Chairperson.

Article 75: The Payam Secretary

- 75.1 The Payam Secretary shall:
 - 75.1.1 in the performance of his or her duties, be the chief administrative officer of the Movement in the Payam and shall be answerable to the Payam Chairperson and the PLC;
 - 75.1.2 be the secretary of the PC and the PLC and shall keep the minutes and records of the same;
 - 75.1.3 preside over the meetings of the Payam Secretariat;
 - 75.1.4 receive reports from all departments and committees;
 - 75.1.5 act in the absence of the Payam Chairperson and assume specified responsibilities;
 - 75.1.6 organize the meetings of the PC and PLC and notify all the members;
 - 75.1.7 channel the resolutions and directives of the PC and PLC and the County Secretariat to the Bomas and ensure their implementation;

- 75.1.8 prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the Payam Secretariat and the PLC and submit the same to the SPLM County Secretariat through the Payam Chairperson; and
- 75.1.9 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Payam Chairperson, the PLC or the County Secretariat.
- 75.2 In case the office of the Payam Secretary falls vacant, the Payam Assistant Secretary in charge of Mobilization and Organisation shall act and the Payam Liberation Council shall elect a successor within thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy and complete the remaining term of office.

Article 76: Payam Assistant Secretaries

A Payam Assistant Secretary shall head each of the Payam Secretariats as stated in Article 70.22.

CHAPTER XXVI: BOMA ORGANS

Article 77: Boma Congress

- 77.1 Boma is the rural or urban nucleus of the Movement and Society. It is the basic unit in which the highest membership and voting power resides, and where basic social services shall be rendered to the masses through SPLM goal: “Taking Towns to Rural Areas”.
- 77.2 The Boma Congress is the highest political organ of the SPLM in the Boma and shall be composed of all the registered members.
- 77.3 The quorum for convening the Boma Congress shall be two thirds (2/3) of its members. In case the quorum is not attained in the first meeting the quorum for the subsequent meeting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 77.4 Resolutions of the Boma Congress shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 77.5 The Boma Congress shall convene once every two year on Tuesday of the last week of September.
- 77.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article 71.5 above, the Boma Congress may convene an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 77.7 Voting in the Boma Congress shall be by secret ballot.

Article 78: Functions and Powers of the Boma Congress

- 78.1 The functions of the Boma Congress shall be the following:
 - 78.1.1 elect the Chairperson of the Boma Congress;
 - 78.1.2 form and adopt the Boma Congress Electoral Committee that shall carry out the election process during the Boma Congress in accordance with the elections regulations of the Movement;
 - 78.1.3 elect the Boma SPLM Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - 78.1.4 elect members of the BLC and delegates to the Payam Congress as follows: 30% Women, 10% Youth, 3% Veterans, 3% Students, 3% Syndicated and 1% Persons with special needs.
 - 78.1.5 approve policies and programs of the SPLM in the Boma;
 - 78.1.6 be responsible for the implementation of policies and programs of the SPLM in the Boma;
 - 78.1.7 receive, discuss and approve the reports of the Boma Liberation Council (BLC);
 - 78.1.8 review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the BLC; and
 - 78.1.9 remove the Boma Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson by the BC in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of members of the members of BC for violation of this Constitution or gross misconduct provided that the resolution for the removal of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson shall be carried by two third (2/3) majority of the quorum stated in Article 71.3.

CHAPTER XXVII: BOMA LIBERATION COUNCIL

Article 79 Boma Liberation Council (BLC)

- 79.1 The BLC shall comprise of not more than twenty one (21) members elected by the Boma congress with at least one person each representing Women, Veterans, Youth and Students, Syndicated Organizations and Persons with special needs.
- 79.2 The quorum for convening the BLC shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting, the quorum for the subsequent sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 79.3 Membership of the BLC shall be composed of:
 - 79.3.1 The Boma Chairperson;
 - 79.3.2 Boma Secretary; and
 - 79.3.3 Members elected by the Boma Congress, including at least one representative for each of the following groups: Women, Veterans, Youth, Students, Syndicated Organizations, and Persons with special needs.

Article 80: Functions and Duties of the Boma Liberation Council

- 80.1 The BLC shall:
 - 80.1.1 elect the Boma Secretary;
 - 80.1.2 elect Assistant Secretaries of the Secretariat;
 - 80.1.3 if necessary constitute adhoc Committees to perform specific tasks;
 - 80.1.4 oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the Boma Congress and higher organs of the Movement;
 - 80.1.5 oversee the work of the Boma Secretariat;
 - 80.1.6 approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the Boma as proposed by the Boma Secretariat;
 - 80.1.7 be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM in the Boma;
 - 80.1.8 remove Boma Secretary or any of his or her assistants on a written request of (1/3) of the members and on approval by 2/3 vote of the members quorum stipulated in sub-Article 73.2;
 - 80.1.9 report to the Boma Congress; and
 - 80.1.10 determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution and SPLM regulations.
- 80.2 In case the office of the Boma Secretary falls vacant, the Boma Assistant Secretary in charge of Political Awareness shall act and the Boma Liberation Council shall elect a successor within thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 81: Meetings of the BLC

- 81.1 The BLC regular sessions shall be convened at least once a month, and may be convened in extraordinary sessions whenever deemed necessary on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the BLC.
- 81.2 The quorum for the meetings of the BLC shall be two thirds (2/3) majority of its membership.
- 81.3 Resolutions of the BLC shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 81.4 Voting in the BLC shall be by secret ballot.

CHAPTER XXVIII: BOMA SECRETARIAT

Article 82: Boma Secretariat

- 82.1 There shall be established an SPLM organ at the Boma level to be known as the Boma Secretariat.
- 82.2 Boma Secretariat shall comprise of the Boma Secretary and three Assistant Secretaries, provided affirmative action is observed.

- 82.3 The Boma Secretariat shall be structured as follows:
 - 82.3.1 Boma Secretariat, headed by the Boma Secretary;
 - 82.3.2 Boma Secretariat for Political Awareness, comprising:
 - 82.3.2.1 Mobilization and Organization;
 - 82.3.2.2 Culture, Information and Communication; and
 - 82.3.2.3 Syndicated Organizations
 - 82.3.3 Boma Secretariat for Administration and Finance; and
 - 82.3.4 Boma Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services.
- 82.4 The Boma Secretariat may establish specialized or adhoc committees to assist in the performance of its functions.

Article 83: Functions and Duties of the Boma Secretariat

- 83.1 The Boma Secretariat shall:
 - 83.1.1 be responsible for implementation of policies, programs and plans to be approved by the BLC;
 - 83.1.2 ensure that the Boma participates through its structures in development of any policy of the Payam, county, state or national;
 - 83.1.3 be responsible for implementation of policies, programs, decisions and resolutions of the BLC and higher organs of the Movement;
 - 83.1.4 be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the Boma;
 - 83.1.5 discharge its functions and duties, and report and be answerable to the BLC;
 - 83.1.6 receive and consider reports from the Boma Secretariats;
 - 83.1.7 manage and control the funds and assets of the Movement at the Boma level, report on the status of the Movement, its financial position and any other matter as may be specified by the Boma Chairperson or the BLC;
 - 83.1.8 implement directives and instructions from the BLC and higher organs of the Movement;
 - 83.1.9 supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the Boma;
 - 83.1.10 liaise and Coordinate with Boma Women and Youth leagues, Syndicated Organizations and Persons with special needs;
 - 83.1.11 Co-opt persons with the necessary knowledge and expertise to enable it carry out its work efficiently; and
 - 83.1.12 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Boma Chairperson or the BLC.

Article 84: Functions of Boma Secretariats

84.1 Boma Secretariat for Political Awareness

The Boma Secretariat for Political Awareness shall:

- 84.1.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Boma Secretariat for approval;
- 84.1.2 liaise with the Payam Secretariats responsible for:
 - 84.1.2.1 Mobilization and Organization;
 - 84.1.2.2 Persons with special needs; and
 - 84.1.2.3 Culture, Information and Communication.
- 84.1.3 implement plans for mobilization, recruitment, orientation and retention of members in conformity with the National plans on the same;
- 84.1.4 ensure commitment and adherence of cadres and members in the Boma to the vision, mission and programs of the Movement;
- 84.1.5 ensure cadres and members internalize the SPLM Manifesto, and abide by this Constitution, Regulations and Rules and the SPLM Code of Conduct;
- 84.1.6 keep records of members of the Movement and their particulars in the Boma;
- 84.1.7 translate SPLM policy positions into concrete plans and programs and ensure their implementation;

- 84.1.8 disseminate to the public the Movement's political messages as reflected in the manifesto and policies for discussion at the Boma Secretariat;
- 84.1.9 organize public rallies, conferences, meetings and workshops and prepare, in consultation with the Boma Secretary, the agenda thereof;
- 84.1.10 compile and disseminate the Movement's political messages as reflected in the public addresses of the leadership, especially those relating to integrity in public life;
- 84.1.11 organize and oversee the election of members to the Movement's structures members in the Boma in the preparation for the Boma Congress;
- 84.1.12 Initiate, support and participate in self-help projects and promote mobilization of human and material resources and technical assistance thereto;
- 84.1.13 be responsible for the issuance of press releases and organize press conferences, and be the official spokesperson of the Boma Secretariat;
- 84.1.14 develop and disseminate information programs through local media and ensure the establishment of sustainable print, audio, visual and electronic media services for the SPLM at the Boma level;
- 84.1.15 develop comprehensive plans and programs for cultural activities such as symposia, lectures, art exhibitions, folklore shows, cultural troupes and any other cultural activities at the Boma level;
- 84.1.16 research and create awareness programs on cultural issues that negatively impact society at the Boma level;
- 84.1.17 produce publications and or documents reflecting and articulating the vision, policies, mission, objectives and programs of the SPLM at the Boma level;
- 84.1.18 establish and manage the SPLM information and communication system, archives and museums at the Boma level;
- 84.1.19 liaise, coordinate and collaborate at the Boma level with:
 - 84.1.19.1 Women, Youth, Veterans and Students' Leagues;
 - 84.1.19.2 Syndicated Organizations such as workers, professionals, farmers, traders; and
 - 84.1.19.3 Persons with special needs.
- 84.1.20 maintain a database of all members in the Boma; and
- 84.1.21 perform any other function and duty that may be assigned to it by the Boma Secretary;

84.2 Boma Secretariat for Administration and Finance

The Boma Secretariat for Administration and Finance shall:

- 84.2.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the Boma Secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Boma Secretariat for approval;
- 84.2.2 be the custodian of the finances and other assets of the Movement in the Boma;
- 84.2.3 be responsible for the administration and prudent management of moveable and immovable assets of the Movement in the Boma and keep up-to-date inventory of all assets;
- 84.2.4 provide administrative support and services to the SPLM organs in the Boma;
- 84.2.5 provide protocol services for the senior cadres of the Movement in the Boma during SPLM public functions;
- 84.2.6 be responsible for security services including safety of personnel and assets of the Movement in the Boma;
- 84.2.7 prepare and submit the annual budget of the Movement to the BLC for consideration;
- 84.2.8 administer the budget and disburse funds of the Movement in the Boma and ensure strict adherence to all Financial Regulations and Rules as established in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- 84.2.9 keep proper books of accounts in accordance with the SPLM financial regulations;
- 84.2.10 keep monies of the Movement in bank accounts in the manner prescribed by the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 84.2.11 collect and remit to the bank accounts of the Movement in the Boma, subscriptions, donations and grants in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules;

- 84.2.12 invest, with approval of BLC and in consultation with the Payam Secretariat, SPLM Boma's surplus funds in projects that are studied and assessed to be viable;
- 84.2.13 ensure that the SPLM Boma accounts are audited annually by a certified audit firm;
- 84.2.14 receive the audit report and submit the same to the County Secretary for presentation to the BLC for consideration;
- 84.2.15 be the Boma Secretariat of BLC adhoc Committee on Administration and Finance;
- 84.2.16 responsible for HR, including for recruitment and employment in staffing the Movement's organs at the Boma level; and
- 84.2.17 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Boma Secretary.

84.3 Boma Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services

The Boma Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services shall:

- 84.3.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Boma Secretariat for approval;
- 84.3.2 implement policies and programmes on all aspects of social welfare and service delivery at the Boma level;
- 84.3.3 implement plans and strategies for persons with special needs, children and women;
- 84.3.4 implement plans for protection, rehabilitation and conservation of the environment and natural resources at the Boma level;
- 84.3.5 engage with Boma government institutions so as to advance the SPLM vision on Social Welfare and Services;
- 84.3.6 encourage and support awareness programs on the environment, health, HIV/AIDS and other issues;
- 84.3.7 be the Boma Secretariat of BLC Adhoc Committee on Social Welfare and Services; and
- 84.3.8 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Boma Secretary.

Article 85: Meetings of the Boma Secretariat

- 85.1 The Boma Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided over by the Boma Secretary.
- 85.2 Meetings of the Boma Secretariat shall be convened by the Boma Secretary.
- 85.3 Quorum for the meetings of the Boma Secretariat shall be two thirds (2/3) majority of its membership.
- 85.4 Decisions of the Boma Secretariat shall be taken by simple majority of the members present and voting; and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 85.5 The Boma Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the Boma Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

CHAPTER XXIX: FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SPLM BOMA OFFICIALS

Article 86: The Boma Chairperson

- 86.1 The Boma Chairperson shall:
 - 86.1.1 be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the BC and BLC;
 - 86.1.2 preside over the meetings of the BC and BLC;
 - 86.1.3 ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are correctly disseminated and implemented;
 - 86.1.4 supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the Boma and ensure that they perform their functions and duties in an effective and efficient manner;
 - 86.1.5 present policy proposals and any other relevant documents of the Movement to the BC and BLC;
 - 86.1.6 delegate any of his or her functions or duties to Boma Secretary; and

- 86.1.7 perform any other function necessary for the proper implementation of the Movement's policies and programs.

Article 87: The Boma Secretary

- 87.1 The Boma Secretary shall:
 - 87.1.1 in the performance of his or her duties, be the chief administrative officer of the Movement in the Boma and shall be answerable to the BLC;
 - 87.1.2 be the secretary of the BC and the BLC and shall keep the minutes and records of the same;
 - 87.1.3 preside over the meetings of the Boma Secretariat;
 - 87.1.4 receive reports of all departments and committees;
 - 87.1.5 organize meetings of the BC and BLC and notify all the members;
 - 87.1.6 implement resolutions and directives of the BC and BLC and the higher organs of the Movement;
 - 87.1.7 prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the Boma Secretariat and the BLC and submit the same to the SPLM Payam Secretariat through the Boma Chairperson; and
 - 87.1.8 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Boma Chairperson or the BLC.

Article 88 Boma Assistant Secretaries

A Boma Assistant Secretary shall head each of the Boma Secretariats as stated in article 82.3.

CHAPTER XXX: CHAPTER ORGANS

Article 89: SPLM Country Conference

- 89.1 There shall be established a Country Conference composed of the following from each District/State/Province/Region:
 - 89.1.1 Chapter Chairperson;
 - 89.1.2 Deputy Chairperson;
 - 89.1.3 Chapter Secretary;
 - 89.1.4 Chairpersons of: Chapter Women league, Chapter Youth League, Chapter Veterans League, Chapter Students League; Persons with special needs; and
 - 89.1.5 Four ordinary Chapter member delegates.
- 89.2 The quorum for convening the Country Conference shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first meeting, the quorum for the subsequent meeting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 89.3 Resolutions of the Country Conference shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in the case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 89.4 The Country Conference shall convene every two years on Tuesday of the last week of January.
- 89.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article 83.4 above, the Country Conference may convene an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 89.6 Voting in the Country Conference shall be by secret ballot.

Article 90: Functions and Powers of the Country Conference

- 90.1 The functions and powers of the Country Conference shall be as follows:
 - 90.1.1 elect the Chairperson of the Country Conference;
 - 90.1.2 form and adopt the Country Conference Electoral Committee, presided over by the Chairperson of the Country Conference, that shall carry out the election process during the Country Conference in accordance with the elections regulations of the Movement;
 - 90.1.3 elect the following Officers:
 - 90.1.3.1 The SPLM Country Coordinator;

- 90.1.3.2 The SPLM Country Deputy Coordinator; and
- 90.1.3.3 The SPLM Country Secretary.
- 90.1.4 if necessary constitute adhoc Committees to perform specific tasks;
- 90.1.5 approve policies and programs of the SPLM in the Country;
- 90.1.6 approve the annual budget of the SPLM Country Coordination Office;
- 90.1.7 receive and discuss reports of the Chapters;
- 90.1.8 review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the Chapters;
- 90.1.9 ensure that all the structures of the SPLM in the Country function democratically, transparently, effectively and efficiently;
- 90.1.10 perform any other functions and duties that may be assigned to it by the General Secretariat;
- 90.1.11 determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution and SPLM regulations;
- 90.1.12 select/elect delegates to the National Convention as follows:
 - 90.1.12.1 SPLM Country Coordinator, SPLM Deputy Country Coordinator and SPLM Country Secretary (total 3);
 - 90.1.12.2 One person each from: Women league, Youth League, Veterans League, Students League and Persons with special needs (total 5);
 - 90.1.12.3 In case the number of SPLM registered members in the country exceeds 5000, additional delegates to the NC shall be elected using the following formula:
The additional number of delegates from each Country Conference to the NC shall be proportional to the number of registered members in that Country; example: total delegate to the convention is Z; total SPLM member registry is y; Country registry is x: Country delegates = $(x/y)z$.
 - 90.1.12.4 For the purpose of sending delegates to the National Convention, the following shall be considered as countries: Australia, Canada, Egypt, Europe (as a Region), Kenya, Uganda and the United States of America.
- 90.2 The SPLM Country Coordinator, SPLM Country Deputy Coordinator, and SPLM Country Secretary may be removed by the Country Conference in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of the members for violation of this Constitution or gross misconduct provided that the resolution for the removal of the SPLM Country Coordinator, SPLM Country Deputy Coordinator and SPLM Country Secretary shall be carried by two third (2/3) majority of all members of the Country Conference.

Article 91: SPLM Country Coordination Office

- 91.1 Establishment and composition
 - 91.1.1 There shall be established in a country abroad an SPLM office to be known as the SPLM Country Coordination office.
 - 91.1.2 The SPLM Country Coordination Office shall be headed by SPLM Country Coordinator and assisted by SPLM Country Deputy Coordinator and SPLM Country Secretary.

Article 92: Functions and duties of the SPLM Country Coordinator

- 92.1 The SPLM Country Coordinator shall:
 - 92.1.1 be the head of the SPLM Chapters in the Country;
 - 92.1.2 chair meetings of the Country Conference;
 - 92.1.3 be the spokesperson of the Movement in the Country;
 - 92.1.4 liaise between the SPLM General Secretariat and the Chapters in the Country;
 - 92.1.5 assign duties to the Country Deputy Coordinator and Country Secretary as deemed necessary.
- 92.2 In case the office of the SPLM Country Coordinator falls vacant, the SPLM Country Deputy Coordinator shall assume the office and convene an extraordinary meeting of the Country Conference within sixty (60) days to elect a new SPLM Country Coordinator.
- 92.3 In case the office of either the SPLM Country Deputy Coordinator or SPLM Country Secretary falls vacant, the SPLM Country Coordinator shall assume the office as the case may be and

convene an extraordinary meeting of the Country Conference within sixty (60) days to elect a new SPLM Country Coordinator or SPLM Country Secretary.

Article 93: Functions and duties of the SPLM Country Secretary

The SPLM Country Secretary shall:

- 93.1 assist the SPLM Country Coordinator in organizing the Country Conference.
- 93.2 together with the SPLM Country Coordinator, prepare Agenda for the Country Conference;
- 93.3 be the custodian of the finances and assets of the Country Coordination Office and the SPLM Country Conference;
- 93.4 with the assistance of the SPLM Country Deputy Coordinator, provide protocol services for the senior cadres of the Movement during SPLM Country Conference;
- 93.5 with the assistance of the SPLM Country Deputy Coordinator, be responsible for security services including safety of personnel during the SPLM Country Conference.
- 93.6 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the SPLM Country Coordinator.

Article 94: Chapter Assembly

- 94.1 SPLM members residing abroad (outside South Sudan) may establish Chapters in any town or city that they live in provided that they shall not contravene any laws of the host country.
- 94.2 The Chapter Assembly is the political organ of the SPLM in a town or city abroad and shall be composed of all the registered members.
- 94.3 One or more Chapters may be formed in one town or city provided that the membership of the original and subsequent chapters is not less than one thousand members.
- 94.4 The quorum for convening a Chapter Assembly shall be two thirds (2/3) of its members. In case the quorum is not attained in the first meeting the quorum for the subsequent meeting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.
- 94.5 Resolutions of the Chapter Assembly shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 94.6 The Chapter Assembly shall convene once every year on Tuesday of the last week of September.
- 94.7 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-Article 88.6 above, the Chapter Assembly may convene an extraordinary meeting with the same membership whenever necessary.
- 94.8 Voting in the Chapter Assembly shall be by secret ballot.

Article 95: Functions and Powers of the Chapter Assembly

- 95.1 The functions of the Chapter Assembly shall be the following:
 - 95.1.1 elect the Chairperson of the Chapter Assembly whose duties shall end after the election of the Chapter SPLM Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - 95.1.2 form and adopt the Chapter Assembly Electoral Committee that shall carry out the election process during the Chapter Assembly in accordance with the elections regulations of the Movement;
 - 95.1.3 elect the Chapter SPLM Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - 95.1.4 approve policies and programs of the SPLM in the Chapter;
 - 95.1.5 receive, discuss and approve the reports of the Chapter Executive;
 - 95.1.6 review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision made by the Chapter Executive;
 - 95.1.7 be an appellate authority on the loss of membership of the SPLM in the Chapter; and
 - 95.1.8 remove the Chapter Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson in an extraordinary session convened on the request of at least one third (1/3) of the members of the Chapter Assembly for violation of this Constitution or gross misconduct provided that the resolution for the removal of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson shall be carried by two third (2/3) majority of the quorum stated in sub-Article 88.4.

Article 96: Chapter Executive

- 96.1 There shall be established an SPLM organ at the Chapter level to be known as the Chapter Executive (CE).

- 96.2 The CE shall comprise of not more than fifteen (21) members as follows:
 - 96.2.1 The Chapter Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Chapter Secretary;
 - 96.2.2 Chapter Chairpersons of: Women League, Veterans League, Youth league, Students League and Persons with special needs; and
 - 96.2.3 No more than 13 persons elected by the Chapter Assembly.
- 96.3 The quorum for convening the CE shall be two thirds (2/3) of its membership. In case the quorum is not attained in the first sitting, the quorum for the subsequent sitting shall be by simple majority and its resolutions shall be binding.

Article 97: Functions and Duties of the Chapter Executive

- 97.1 The CE shall:
 - 97.1.1 elect the Chapter Secretary;
 - 97.1.2 elect Assistant Secretaries of the Executive;
 - 97.1.3 if necessary constitute adhoc Committees to perform specific tasks;
 - 97.1.4 oversee the implementation of the policies and resolutions of the Chapter Assembly and higher organs of the Movement;
 - 97.1.5 approve the annual budget of the SPLM in the Chapter as proposed by the Chapter Executive;
 - 97.1.6 be responsible for implementation of policies, programs, decisions and resolutions of the CA and higher organs of the Movement;
 - 97.1.7 report to the Chapter Assembly;
 - 97.1.8 remove Chapter Secretary or any of his or her assistants on a written request of (1/3) of the members of the CE and on approval by 2/3 vote of the members quorum stipulated in Article 87.3; and
 - 97.1.9 determine its rules of procedure subject to the provisions of this Constitution and SPLM regulations.
- 97.2 In case the office of the Chapter Secretary falls vacant, the Chapter Assistant Secretary in charge of Mobilization and Organization shall act and the Chapter Executive shall elect a successor within thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy to complete the remaining term of office.

Article 98: Meetings of the Chapter Executive

- 98.1 The CE regular sessions shall be convened at least once every three months, and may be convened in extraordinary sessions whenever deemed necessary on a written request by at least one third (1/3) of the members of the CE.
- 98.2 The quorum for the meetings shall be two thirds of the number of members specified in sub-Article 90.2.
- 98.3 Resolutions of the CE shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 98.4 Voting in the CE shall be by secret ballot.

Article 99: Chapter Secretariat

- 99.1 There shall be established an SPLM organ at the Chapter level to be known as the Chapter Secretariat.
- 99.2 Chapter Secretariat shall comprise of the Chapter Secretary and four Assistant Secretaries, provided affirmative action is observed.
- 99.3 The Chapter Secretariat shall be structured as follows:
 - 99.3.1 Chapter Secretariat, headed by the Chapter Secretary;
 - 99.3.2 Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization;
 - 99.3.3 Secretariat for Culture, Information and Communication;
 - 99.3.4 Secretariat for Administration and Finance; and
 - 99.3.5 Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services.
- 99.4 The Chapter Secretariat may establish specialized or adhoc committees to assist in the performance of its functions.

Article 100: Functions and Duties of the Chapter Secretariat

- 100.1 The Chapter Secretariat shall:
- 100.1.1 be responsible for implementation of policies, programs and plans to be approved by the CE;
 - 100.1.2 ensure that the Chapter participates through its structures in development of any policy of the Chapter or national;
 - 100.1.3 responsible for implementation of policies, programs, decisions and resolutions of the CE and higher organs of the Movement;
 - 100.1.4 be in charge of the day to day activities of the SPLM in the Chapter;
 - 100.1.5 discharge its functions and duties, and report and be answerable to the CE;
 - 100.1.6 receive and consider reports from the Chapter Secretariats;
 - 100.1.7 manage and control the funds and assets of the Movement at the Chapter level, report on the status of the Movement, its financial position and any other matter as may be specified by the Chapter Chairperson or the CE;
 - 100.1.8 implement directives and instructions from the CE and higher organs of the Movement;
 - 100.1.9 supervise and direct the work of the SPLM organs in the Chapter;
 - 100.1.10 co-opt persons with the necessary knowledge and expertise to enable it carry out its work efficiently;
 - 100.1.11 liaise with the General Secretariat through the SPLM Country;
 - 100.1.12 contribute a portion of money from the Chapter to run the SPLM Country Coordination Office as shall be determined by the Country Conference; and
 - 100.1.13 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Country Conference or CA.

Article 101: Functions of Chapter Secretariats

101.1 Chapter Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization

The Chapter Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization shall:

- 101.1.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat in accordance with the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Chapter Secretariat for approval;
- 101.1.2 implement plans for mobilization, recruitment, orientation and retention of members in conformity with the SPLM plans on the same;
- 101.1.3 ensure commitment and adherence of cadres and members in the Chapter to the vision, mission and programs of the Movement;
- 101.1.4 ensure cadres and members internalize the SPLM Manifesto, abide by the SPLM Constitution, Regulations and the SPLM Code of Conduct;
- 101.1.5 keep records of members of the Movement and their particulars in the Chapter;
- 101.1.6 translate SPLM policy positions into concrete plans and programs and ensure their implementation;
- 101.1.7 disseminate to the public the Movement's political messages as reflected in the manifesto and policies for discussion at the Chapter Secretariat;
- 101.1.8 organize public rallies, conferences, meetings and workshops and prepare, in consultation with the Chapter Secretary, the agenda thereof;
- 101.1.9 compile and disseminate the Movement's political messages as reflected in the public addresses of the leadership, especially those relating to integrity in public life;
- 101.1.10 organize and oversee the election of members to the Movement's structures members in the Chapter in the preparation for the Chapter Assembly;
- 101.1.11 initiate, support and participate in self-help projects and promote mobilization of human and material resources and technical assistance thereto; and
- 101.1.12 perform any other function and duty that may be assigned to it by the Chapter Secretary;

101.2 Chapter Secretariat for Culture, Information and Communication

The Chapter Secretariat for Culture, Information and Communication shall:

- 101.2.1 be the official spokesperson of the Movement at the Chapter level;
- 101.2.2 be responsible for the issuance of press releases, and organize press conferences and be the official spokesperson of the Chapter Secretariat;
- 101.2.3 develop and disseminate information programs for the SPLM at the Chapter level;
- 101.2.4 develop comprehensive plans and programs for cultural activities such as symposia, lectures, art exhibitions, folklore shows, cultural troupes and any other cultural activities at the Chapter level;
- 101.2.5 research and compile the customs, traditions and laws of the host country in order to educate members to be law abiding citizens;
- 101.2.6 research and create awareness programs on cultural issues, including those of the host country, that negatively impact South Sudanese at the Chapter level;
- 101.2.7 produce publications and or documents reflecting and articulating the vision, policies, mission, objectives and programs of the SPLM at the Chapter level;
- 101.2.8 establish and manage the SPLM information and communication system and archives at the Chapter level; and
- 101.2.9 Perform any other function and duty that may be assigned to it by the Chapter Secretary.

101.3 Chapter Secretariat for Administration and Finance

The Chapter Secretariat for Administration and Finance shall:

- 101.3.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the Chapter Secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Chapter Secretariat for approval;
- 101.3.2 be the custodian of the finances and other assets of the Movement in the Chapter;
- 101.3.3 be responsible for the administration and prudent management of moveable and immoveable assets of the Movement in the Chapter and keep up-to-date inventory of all assets;
- 101.3.4 provide administrative support and services to the SPLM organs in the Chapter;
- 101.3.5 provide protocol services for the senior cadres of the Movement in the Chapter during SPLM public functions;
- 101.3.6 be responsible for security services including safety of personnel and assets of the Movement in the Chapter;
- 101.3.7 prepare and submit the annual budget of the Movement to the CA for consideration;
- 101.3.8 administer the budget and disburse funds of the Movement in the Chapter and ensure strict adherence to all Financial Regulations and Rules as established in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- 101.3.9 keep proper books of accounts in accordance with the SPLM financial regulations;
- 101.3.10 keep monies of the Movement in bank accounts in the manner prescribed by the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 101.3.11 collect and remit to the bank accounts of the Movement in the Chapter, subscriptions, donations and grants in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules;
- 101.3.12 invest, with approval of CA and in consultation with the General Secretariat, SPLM Chapter's surplus funds in projects that are studied and assessed to be viable;
- 101.3.13 ensure that the SPLM Chapter accounts are audited annually by a certified audit firm;
- 101.3.14 receive the audit report and submit the same to the Chapter Secretary for presentation to the CA for consideration;
- 101.3.15 responsible for HR, including for recruitment and employment in staffing the Movement's organs at the Chapter level; and
- 101.3.16 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Chapter Secretary.

101.4 Chapter Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services

The Chapter Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services shall:

- 101.4.1 develop guidelines and terms of reference for the running of the secretariat based on the general guiding principles of the Movement and submit the same to the Chapter Secretariat for approval;

- 101.4.2 implement policies and programmes on all aspects of social welfare and service delivery at the Chapter level;
- 101.4.3 implement plans and strategies for persons with special needs, children and women;
- 101.4.4 create awareness on environmental awareness in compliance with the laws of the host nation at the Chapter level; and
- 101.4.5 Perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to it by the Chapter Secretary.

Article 102: Meetings of the Chapter Secretariat

- 102.1 The Chapter Secretariat shall meet at least once a week, and shall be presided over by the Chapter Secretary.
- 102.2 Meetings of the Chapter Secretariat shall be convened by the Chapter Secretary.
- 102.3 Quorum for the meetings of the Chapter Secretariat shall be two thirds (2/3) majority of its membership.
- 102.4 Decisions of the Chapter Secretariat shall be taken by simple majority of the members present and voting; and in case of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 102.5 The Chapter Secretariat may invite any member of the SPLM with relevant knowledge to attend its meetings. Such a member may participate in the deliberations and may be assigned tasks to perform on behalf of the Chapter Secretariat, but shall have no right to vote.

Article 103: Functions and Duties of SPLM Chapter Officers

- 103.1 The Chapter Chairperson shall:
 - 103.1.1 be the head of the SPLM and the Chairperson of the CA and CE;
 - 103.1.2 preside over the meetings of the CA and CE;
 - 103.1.3 ensure that the policies and programmes of the SPLM are disseminated and implemented diligently;
 - 103.1.4 supervise all the organs of the SPLM in the Chapter and ensure that they perform their functions and duties in an effective and efficient manner;
 - 103.1.5 present policy proposals and any other relevant documents of the Movement to the CA and CE;
 - 103.1.6 delegate any of his or her functions or duties to Chapter Deputy Chairperson; and
 - 103.1.7 perform any other function necessary for the effective implementation of the Movement's policies and programs.

Article 104: The Chapter Secretary

- 104.1 The Chapter Secretary shall:
 - 104.1.1 in the performance of his or her duties, be the chief administrative officer of the Movement in the Chapter and shall be answerable to the CE;
 - 104.1.2 be the secretary of the CA and the CE and shall keep the minutes and records of the same;
 - 104.1.3 preside over the meetings of the Chapter Secretariat;
 - 104.1.4 receive reports of all departments and committees;
 - 104.1.5 organize meetings of the CA and CE and notify all the members;
 - 104.1.6 implement resolutions and directives of the CA and CE and the higher organs of the Movement;
 - 104.1.7 prepare periodic progress reports on the work of the Chapter Secretariat and the CA and submit the same to the SPLM National Secretariat through the Chapters' Country Coordinator; and
 - 104.1.8 perform any other function or duty that may be assigned to him or her by the Chapter Chairperson, the CA or the General Secretariat through the Chapters' Country Coordinator.

Article 105: Chapter Assistant Secretaries

- 105.1 A Chapter Assistant Secretary shall head each of the following Chapter Secretariats as stated in Article 99.3:

- 105.1.1 Secretariat for Mobilization and Organization;
- 105.1.2 Secretariat for Culture, Information and Communication and Finance; and
- 105.1.3 Secretariat for Administration and Finance;
- 105.1.4 Secretariat for Social Welfare and Services.

CHAPTER XXXI: CELL ORGAN

Article 106: The Cell Organ

- 106.1 The Cell shall be:
 - 106.1.1 composed of two or more members of the SPLM;
 - 106.1.2 the basic unit of the Movement
 - 106.1.3 opened to any SPLM member within a particular non SPLM institution/organization;
- 106.2 The Cell leadership shall, in case of more than two members, be composed of not more than three officials, namely:
 - 106.2.1 Chairperson;
 - 106.2.2 Secretary; and
 - 106.2.3 Treasurer.
- 106.3 Cells shall hold meetings to:
 - 106.3.1 recruit new members for the Movement;
 - 106.3.2 how best to organize and hold meetings by the members in the institutions or organizations;
 - 106.3.3 initiate and discuss SPLM policies relevant to their institutions or organizations;
 - 106.3.4 disseminate and promote SPLM documents to create awareness of the Movement's vision, mission and programs; and
 - 106.3.5 liaise and coordinate with the SPLM organs at any level.

CHAPTER XXXII: FINANCES OF THE MOVEMENT

Article 107: Sources of Finance

Finances of the Movement shall be raised from the following sources:

- 107.1 membership registration fees as shall be determined by the National Liberation Council;
- 107.2 fixed Monthly Subscription fee from all registered members as shall be determined by NLC;
- 107.3 SPLM members mandated to hold government Constitutional positions must contribute a fixed percentage as shall be determined by NLC;
- 107.4 donations, grants, gifts and contributions legally acquired;
- 107.5 returns on investments and interest on deposits; and
- 107.6 any other legitimate fund-raising activities consistent with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Movement.

Article 108: Management of the Movement's Finances

- 108.1 The SPLM financial year begins on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December of the same year.
- 108.2 All monies of the Movement shall be kept in bank accounts approved by the PB.
- 108.3 Finances of the Movement shall be managed in accordance with internationally accepted standards and good practices as prescribed in the SPLM Financial Regulations and Rules.
- 108.4 The General Secretariat shall compile an overall annual financial report of the Movement, based on budget proposals prepared by all levels of the Movement organs and submit the same to the PB for presentation to NLC for approval.
- 108.5 The SPLM Secretariats at all levels of the Movement shall report their revenue collections to the next higher level of the Secretariat.

- 108.6 The General Secretariat shall contribute a percentage of the Movement's income, as determined by the NLC, proportionately to the lower levels.
- 108.7 The SPLM levels other than the National Secretariat shall record, report and retain 75% of its income generated in accordance with Article 84 above to finance Movement's activities at its level and remit the balance of 25% to the next higher level.

Article 109: Audit of Accounts

- 109.1 Accounts of the SPLM shall be audited annually, within three months from the end of the financial year, by certified auditors.
- 109.2 The General Secretariat and in particular the Secretary General and the Secretary for Administration and Finance shall accord the auditors access to all the necessary financial documents.
- 109.3 The auditors shall prepare the audit and management reports and submit the report to the Secretary General who, after discussion of the report by the General secretariat, shall submit the same to the PB for consideration.
- 109.4 The PB shall table the auditor's report to the NLC.

CHAPTER XXXIII: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 110: SPLM Primaries

- 110.1 Primaries for nomination of SPLM candidates to participate in general elections shall be as follows.
 - 110.1.1 prospective candidate shall satisfy the criteria for nomination set in the Internal Regulations;
 - 110.1.2 primaries for electing candidates shall be conducted in every county in the country on the same day;
 - 110.1.3 the SLC shall establish an electoral committee to carry out primaries for electing one candidate from a number of equally legible candidates contesting for the same seat;
 - 110.1.4 in case of candidacy for President, Governor, Federal legislator, State legislator and County Commissioner:
 - 110.1.4.1 at each County, the following members, sitting as an electoral college, shall elect the candidate:
 - 110.1.4.1.1 Boma Liberation Council Members;
 - 110.1.4.1.2 Payam Liberation Council Members; and
 - 110.1.4.1.3 County Liberation Council Members.
 - 110.1.5 in case of candidacy for Municipal or County Councillor:
 - 110.1.5.1 at each County, the following members, sitting as an electoral college, shall elect the candidate:
 - 110.1.5.1.1 Boma Liberation Council Members; and
 - 110.1.5.1.2 Payam Liberation Council Members.

Article 111: Discipline in the Movement

The National Liberation Council shall make rules, regulations and procedures governing discipline and code of conduct, financial matters, and other relevant matters for the Movement.

Article 112: The SPLM Logo:

The logo of the SPLM is made up of two concentric circles. Within the inner circle are three arcs of concentric circles the space between which is of the same width as the space between the two outer circles. The outer circles forming these arcs touch each other forming a concave triangle in the middle, the base of which extends both ways to the outer circle separating the space between it and the inner circle into two compartments. In the upper compartment, constituting about two-thirds (2/3), is written the words: "Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement", and in the lower are two olive branches crossing at the base. In the left,

right and bottom spaces of the inner arcs are written, respectively, the words: “Unity, Equality and Progress”. In the inner triangle is written the acronym “SPLM”, just above the base.

Article 113: SPLM National Days

The organs of the Movement at all levels shall observe the following SPLM National Days:

- 113.1 9th January - Referendum Day;
- 113.2 16th May - Revolution Day;
- 113.3 9th July- Independence Day;
- 113.4 30th July - Martyrs Day;
- 113.5 17th August - Peace Day; and
- 113.6 18th August - Liberation Day.

Article 114: Interim Provisions

- 114.1 This Constitution shall be adopted by simple majority of the NC membership.
- 114.2 All orders, resolutions, directives, appointments or actions made or issued and organs established prior to the adoption of this Constitution shall continue as though they were made, issued or established under this Constitution until they are repealed or amended in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Article 115: Amendment of the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by three-quarters (3/4) majority of the quorum of the NC.

- 115.1 A motion to amend this Constitution shall be tabled before the NC by the Chairperson of the Movement on the written request of at least one third (1/3) of the NLC members.
- 115.2 A motion to amend this Constitution shall be served to all the members of the NC by the General Secretariat one month before the NC meeting.

Article 116: Regulations and Rules

For proper and effective implementation of this Constitution, the NLC shall develop Regulations and Rules in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Article 117: Adoption of the Constitution

This Constitution is adopted by the SPLM Delegates to the 3rd Leadership Conference and signed by the SPLM Chairperson on this 5th Day of the month of August, in the year 2015 in Pagak, Republic of South Sudan.

Signed:

Dr. Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon
Chairman,
Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement – SPLM,
5 August 2015.