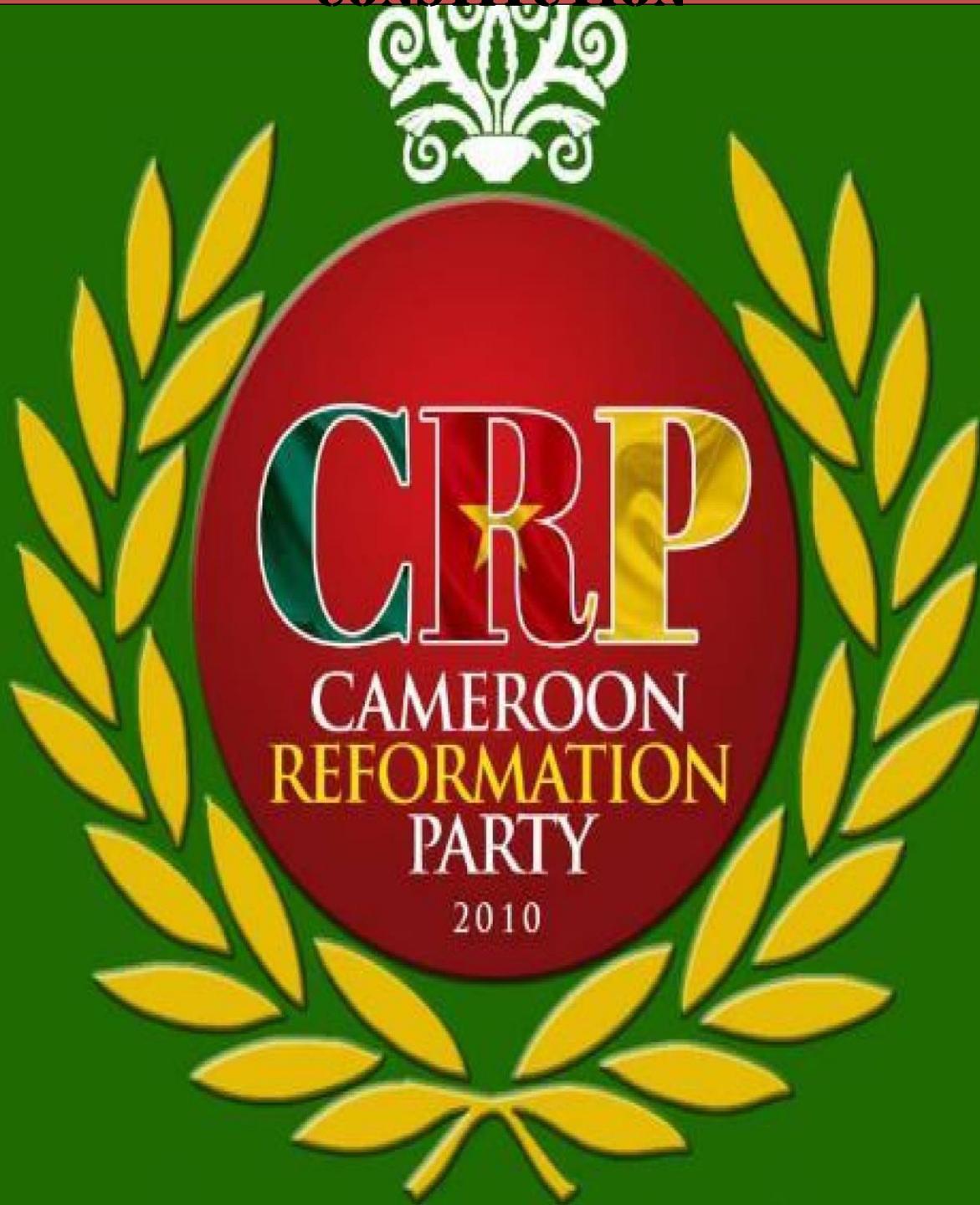


# CAMEROON REFORMATION PARTY (CRP)

## CONSTITUTION

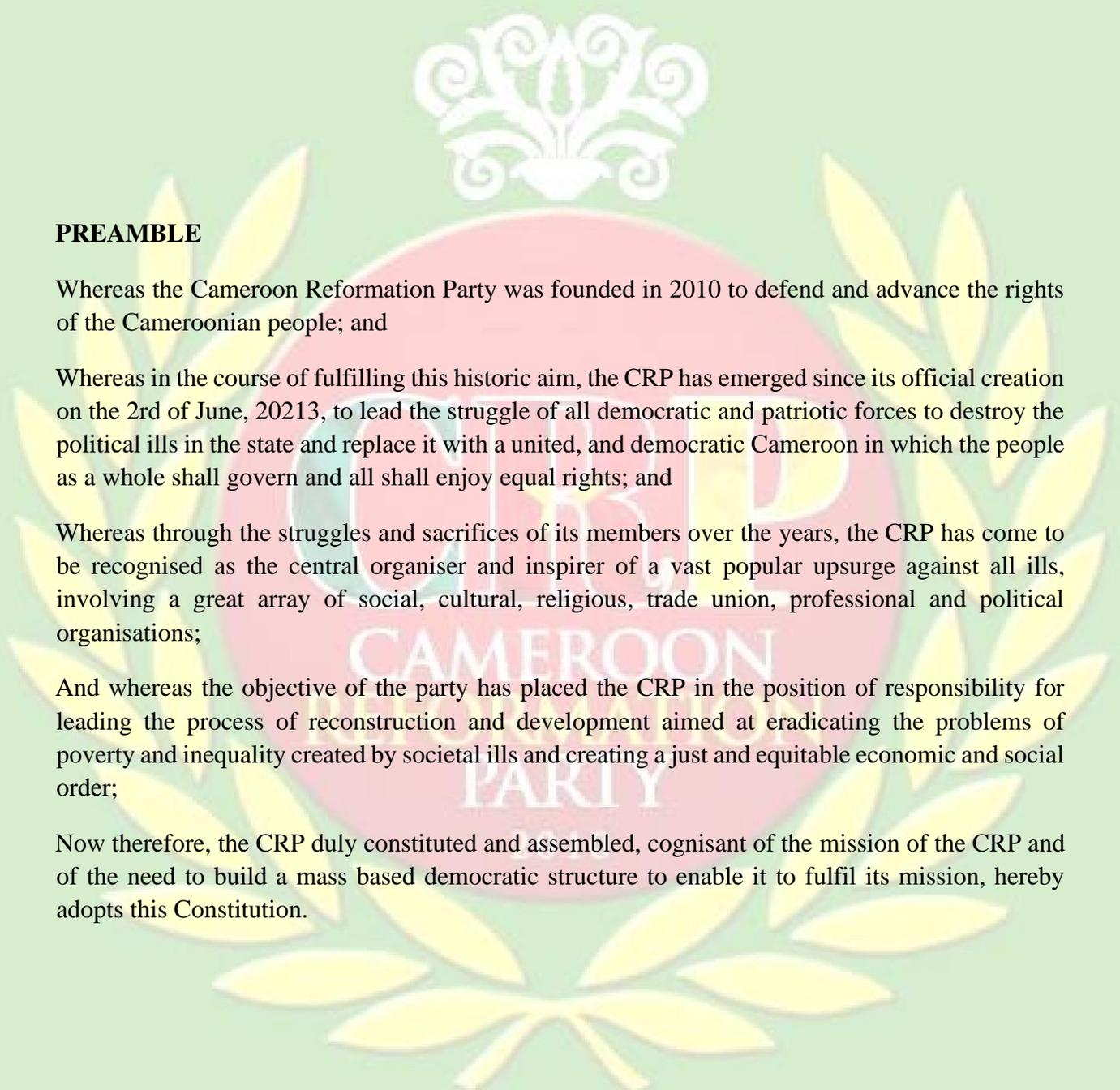


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**PREAMBLE**

Whereas the Cameroon Reformation Party was founded in 2010 to defend and advance the rights of the Cameroonian people; and

Whereas in the course of fulfilling this historic aim, the CRP has emerged since its official creation on the 2nd of June, 20213, to lead the struggle of all democratic and patriotic forces to destroy the political ills in the state and replace it with a united, and democratic Cameroon in which the people as a whole shall govern and all shall enjoy equal rights; and

Whereas through the struggles and sacrifices of its members over the years, the CRP has come to be recognised as the central organiser and inspirer of a vast popular upsurge against all ills, involving a great array of social, cultural, religious, trade union, professional and political organisations;

And whereas the objective of the party has placed the CRP in the position of responsibility for leading the process of reconstruction and development aimed at eradicating the problems of poverty and inequality created by societal ills and creating a just and equitable economic and social order;

Now therefore, the CRP duly constituted and assembled, cognisant of the mission of the CRP and of the need to build a mass based democratic structure to enable it to fulfil its mission, hereby adopts this Constitution.

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## **Article 1 I. Introductory Provisions**

1. The name of the political party is The Cameroon Reformation Party which is abbreviated as CRP.
2. The party's headquarter is in Akwa-Duala.
3. The party operates in the Cameroon and oversees.
4. The subject of the party's activities is political activity in the sense of the Act on the establishment of political parties in Cameroon.
5. CRP is registered as a legal entity under the Political Parties Act, with registered offices at Akwa, Duala.
6. Symbols of the CRP shall include the Green, Red and a yellow colour and a logo bearing the abbreviation „CRP“ and the full name of the party.

## **Article 2: The Party's Main Objectives and Tasks**

(1) The CRP shall have the following programme goals and objectives:

- a) To build and establish the Republic of Cameroon as a free and democratic state of rule of law with a developed civil society and a social and environmentally-friendly market economy;
- b) To guarantee the fundamental human rights and freedoms;
- c) To promote respect for the traditional moral and national values and ideals of the Cameroon people;
- d) To ensure inviolability of private property;
- e) To promote entrepreneurship, creativity and freedom to work;
- f) To encourage initiative and support the aspirations of young people in their professional and personal expression in the Republic of Cameroon
- g) The CRP shall achieve these goals by organising the efforts of Cameroon citizens, in accordance with the Constitution and the laws, to develop successful and competent governance by participation at all government levels.

## **Article 3 II. MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- I. Any Cameroonian citizen with the right to vote who accepts the CRP statutes and programmes and is prepared to work towards the achievement of its goals and objectives

can become a member of CRP. No citizen who has been involved in any criminal or political action against his/her people and the state, personally or as a member of a totalitarian party, shall be eligible for CRP membership.

- II. Membership in the CRP shall be exercised individually and shall be the expression of personal volition and wish.
- III. No individual for whom legal restrictions apply shall be eligible for membership to the CRP.
- IV. Membership to the CRP shall not bring any advantages in terms of citizens' rights.
- V. Membership to the CRP shall be an expression of voluntary consent to comply with all decisions of the organisation's authorities and structural units. **Article 4**

**Any CRP member shall have the right to:**

- Participate in the development and implementation of CRP policies and decisions;
- Participate directly in the operations of his/her municipal organisation and in CRP clubs;
  - Elect, and be elected to, CRP authorities;
- Elect, and be elected as, a CRP candidate for presidential, parliamentary and local elections;
- Exercise his/her right to vote in the proceedings of CRP authorities and structural units;
- Express opinions within CRP structural units;
- Receive written replies to questions asked by him/her in writing;
- Be invited to participate in person when his/her party situation and activities are discussed;
- Individuals sitting on the leadership authorities of CRP structural units at all levels shall have the right to assume only one leadership position;
- Receive support from the party when threatened, persecuted, discredited or slandered because of political beliefs and actions that do not run against the law of the land, or the goals and the principles of the party.

**Article 5**

**Any CRP member shall have the obligation to:**

- Comply with the CRP statutes, rules and decisions and work towards the achievement of its goals and objectives;
- Participate in its activity and election campaigns;
- Treat other CRP members and CRP authorities with tolerance;
- Through his/her behaviour in public, contribute for strengthening the authority and prestige of the CRP;
- Make regular payment of his/her individual membership dues;
- Participate in the implementation of decisions adopted by CRP authorities and refrain from acting against them.

## **Article 5A**

- a) Any Cameroonian citizen with a right to vote who shares the CRP principles and programme and is not a member of another party can register as an adherent.
- b) Registration of CRP adherents shall be effected by the relevant municipal council on the basis of an application in a standard form filed by hand, electronically or by other means.
- c) An adherent can register in only one municipal organisation.
- d) A CRP adherent shall have the status of an associated member: s/he shall not pay any membership dues and shall have the right to participate without any voting right in proceedings of any municipal CRP meetings; an adherent shall have the right to vote in internal party surveys and in nominating CRP candidates for parliamentary, presidential and local elections following a procedure as set in the Rules on Implementing the Statutes.
- e) An adherent elected to local or central government authorities shall have the obligations of a CRP member. **Article 6**

- Membership to the CRP shall take place through municipal organisations of the CRP.
- A CRP member may register in only one municipal CRP organisation.
- Membership to the CRP unions shall be regulated by the rules set out and in the provisions of these Statutes and the Rules on Implementing the CRP Statutes.

## **Article 7**

Membership to the CRP shall be acquired by registering with the relevant CRP municipal council.

## **Article 8**

- A. A candidate for membership to the CRP shall apply with the relevant CRP municipal council filing an application in a standard form, in accordance with the Rules on Implementing the CRP Statutes.
- B. Any intentional concealment or misrepresentation of information shall serve as grounds to refuse membership under the preceding paragraph.
- C. An announcement of the candidate's application shall be posted by the municipal council in its premises and, provided that no objections supported by arguments are received within two weeks, such application shall be registered by the secretary of the municipal council. In case any objections supported by arguments are received, the municipal council chairperson shall present the issue at a meeting of the municipal council which shall resolve in favour of or against registering the candidate.

## **Article 9**

- a. Membership to the CRP shall terminate due to a resignation, death or in the cases referred to in Article 10.
- b. Termination of CRP membership shall be established by the municipal secretary and shall be recorded in municipal documentation and in the CRP membership database.

- c. The following shall be deemed resignations from the CRP:
  - i. Any voluntary relinquishment of membership expressed in writing or documented in a protocol before the relevant Municipal CRP Council;
  - ii. Any participation in, or running for, presidential, parliamentary or local elections against a CRP candidate or a UDF party-list; any statement made to the media during an election campaign supporting another political formation; any failure to join, or relinquishment of the CRP group after having been elected to serve as member of parliament to the National Assembly, or as a Municipal Council member on a local government Municipal Council, on a CRP party-list. Resignation under this subparagraph shall be established by the Supervisory Council.

#### **Article 10**

- 1. Membership to the CRP may terminate also in the following cases:
  - a. Any action which is intentional and damaging to the organisation, inconsistent with CRP statutes, programme and decisions;
  - b. Any work for another political formation in local or central government or a legislature without the approval of the relevant CRP structural units or authorities;
  - c. Any public expression of disagreement with decisions adopted by the CRP;
  - d. Any financial misappropriation or misappropriation involving CRP assets.
- 2. The issue of terminating a membership to CRP in cases referred to in paragraph (1) shall be resolved upon a proposal, supported by arguments, made by CRP structural units or authorities, in a decision issued by a CRP LSC. The LSC decision can be appealed before the CRP SC within two weeks following the notification of the individual concerned. The decision of the CRP SC shall be final.
- 3. The issue of terminating the membership of a member of the CRP NC or SC in cases referred to in paragraph (1) shall be resolved upon a proposal, supported by arguments, made by a CRP structural unit or authority, in a decision issued by the CRP SC. The decision of the CRP SC can be appealed before the CRP NC following the procedure set out in paragraph (2).

#### **Article 10A**

- a. Any CRP member who fails to pay his/her membership dues over a period of six months shall acquire the status of an associated member (adherent).
- b. Any CRP member who has acquired the status of an associated member (adherent) on the basis of the preceding paragraph may regain his/her full membership status upon making payment of his/her membership dues outstanding for the entire suspension period.

## Article 11

- In case of a failure to fulfill one's duties on the part of a chairperson, deputy chairperson or secretary of a regional or a municipal council, his/her mandate may be prematurely terminated. A decision to such an effect shall be made by the CRP National Council upon a proposal made by the CRP National Executive Council and/or the CRP Supervisory Council by a majority vote of 50% of the NC membership.
- In case of a premature termination of a mandate of a chairperson, deputy chairperson or secretary, the CRP NEC shall designate their temporary replacements until a municipal meeting or a regional council with a reporting and election agenda is held within the next six months.
- The Secretary General of the party will and can act on behalf of the president/chairman of the party in the case where the president/chairman is incompetent and unable to fulfill his duties due to lack of will, incapacitated or dies. The SG takes over the duties of the President/chairman for 180 days, during which he will convene an extraordinary national executive committee meeting for a new president/chairman to be voted into office.

## Article 12 III. CRP STRUCTURAL UNITS AND AUTHORITIES Article 13

### CRP shall have the following structural units and authorities:

- i. The supreme authority of CRP shall be its National Conference. ii. The management authorities of the party shall be the following:
  - (a) National Council (NC);
  - (b) National Executive Council (NEC);
- iii. Its political authorities and structural units shall be the following:
  - (a) Regional councils;
  - (b) Municipal meetings;
  - (c) Municipal councils;
  - (d) Clubs;
  - (e) Youth of Cameroon Reformation Party (YCRP); (f) CRP Women's Union. iv. Its supervisory authorities shall be the following:

(a) Supervisory Council (SC); (b)

Local supervisory councils (LSC);

v. Its administrative and expert authorities shall be the following:

- Organisational Secretariat;
  - Standing Committee on Preparation of Candidates for Local and Parliamentary Elections; ▪  
Expert groups.
- vi. Other authorities, as established under an NC decision.

#### **Article 14**

- CRP structural units and authorities shall implement CRP policies within their respective territory and work towards building public confidence in and respect for the CRP
- Support, organise and carry out election campaigns; enforce rules of procedure as set out in the Rules enclosed in the Annex to these Statutes concerning registration and secondment of cadres and other matters relating to the activities of CRP;
- Ensure and implement two-way communications with higher- and lower-level structural units and authorities of the CRP.

#### **Article 15 IV. CRP NATIONAL STRUCTURAL UNITS AND AUTHORITIES**

- (1) The National Conference shall be the supreme authority of the CRP.
- (2) The National Conference shall adopt and amend the CRP statutes and political programme and provide the main directions for the organisation's political activity. It can decide on all issues concerning CRP activities. Its decisions shall be binding on all structural units, authorities and members, and on its Parliamentary Group.
- (3) The National Conference shall make a decision as to terminating the Cameroon Reformation Party. Such decision shall be taken by a majority of two-thirds. The Cameroon Reformation Party shall be terminated only in case of self-dissolution, or merging with or into another organisation.

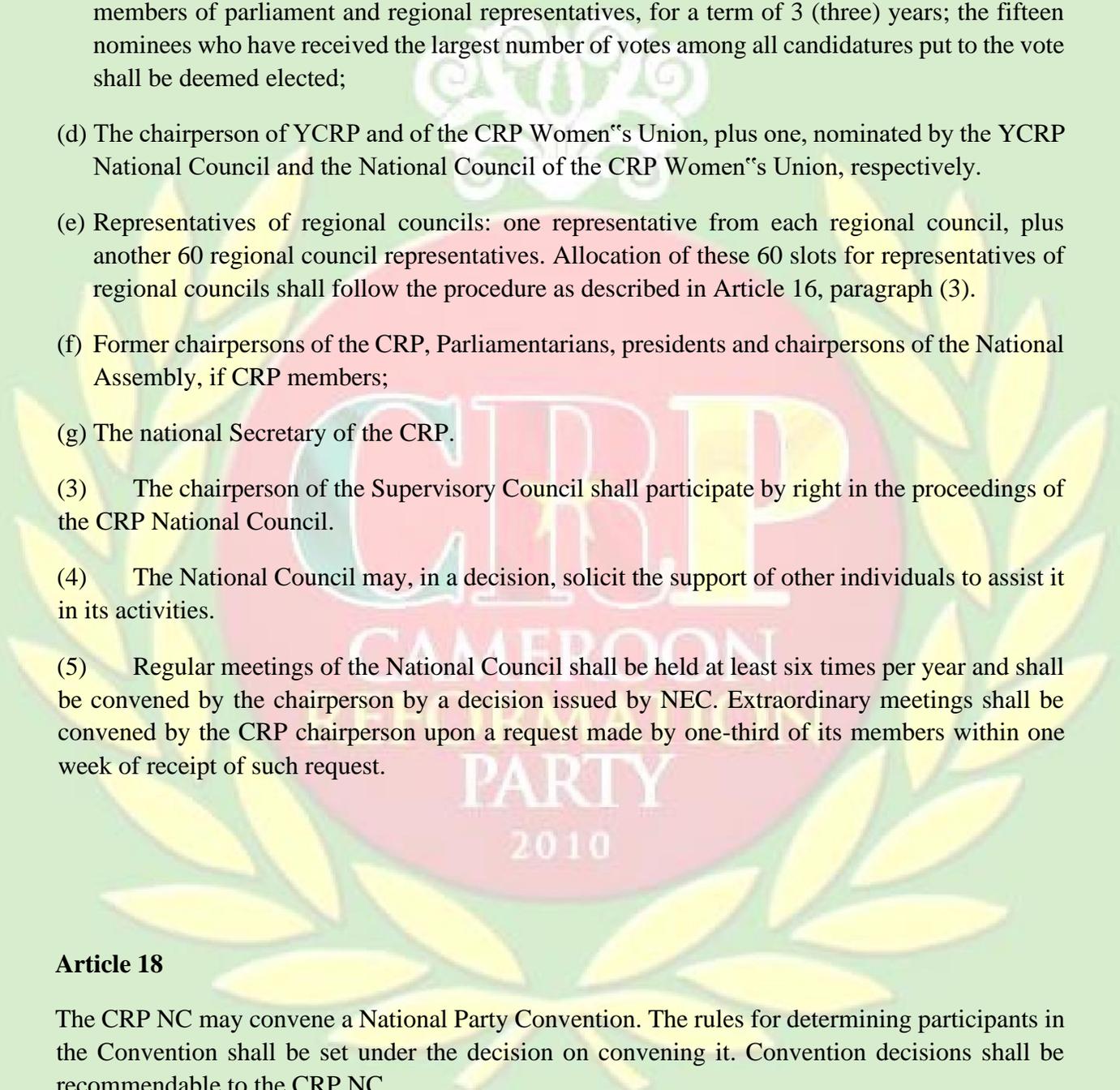
#### **Article 16**

- (1) A National conference with a reporting and election agenda shall be convened once every three years under a decision issued by the National Council. The National Council may convene an extraordinary or earlier National Conference with a reporting and election agenda.
- (2) The National Conference shall consist of 900 (nine hundred) delegates, with delegate slots to be allocated as follows:
  - (a) Delegates by right shall include:

- all NC members;
  - all SC members;
  - members of the Cabinet Ministers who are CRP members;
  - mayors of municipalities who are CRP members;
  - chairpersons of local government municipal councils who are CRP members;
- (b) One delegate from each municipal organisation;
- (c) The remaining delegate slots up to 900 shall be allocated among municipal organisations proportionally to the votes received by the CRP in the respective municipalities applying a methodology as described in the following paragraph.
- (3) The methodology for allocating delegate slots among municipalities shall be as follows:
1. Votes for CRP received at the most recent parliamentary elections shall be divided by the difference obtained after subtracting from 900 the number of any delegates by right, and the number of CRP municipal organisations.
  2. Votes for CRP received at the most recent parliamentary elections in each municipality shall be divided by the number calculated under item (1).
  3. The result obtained under item (2) shall be rounded off in the following way: for any figure after the decimal point which is smaller than five, the result shall be rounded down; for any figure after the decimal point which is bigger than or equal to five, it shall be rounded up.
  4. The integer produced by rounding off as described in item (3) shall then become the number of delegate slots for each municipality.
  5. Regardless of whether the sum of all delegates calculated as specified above may be a number different from 900, their number thus calculated, after rounding off as described in item (3), shall not change.
- (4) The decision referred to in Article 16 (1) shall be published in two national daily newspapers not later than 21 days prior to the date of the National Conference and shall contain a draft agenda, a date and place for holding the Conference.

### **Article 17**

- (1) The National Council shall be the management authority of the CRP in the interim between National Conferences. Decisions made by the National Council shall be binding on all CRP authorities and structural units (except for the National Conference), all CRP members, the CRP Parliamentary Group and all members thereof. The National Council shall approve party-lists for CRP members of parliament proposed by CRP regional councils, in consultation with CRP NEC.
- (2) The National Council shall consist of the following members, each with voting rights:
- (a) NEC members;
  - (b) Members of parliament and members of the Council of Ministers who are CRP members;

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- (c) 15 /fifteen/ members elected directly by the National Conference beyond the quota for members of parliament and regional representatives, for a term of 3 (three) years; the fifteen nominees who have received the largest number of votes among all candidatures put to the vote shall be deemed elected;
  - (d) The chairperson of YCRP and of the CRP Women’s Union, plus one, nominated by the YCRP National Council and the National Council of the CRP Women’s Union, respectively.
  - (e) Representatives of regional councils: one representative from each regional council, plus another 60 regional council representatives. Allocation of these 60 slots for representatives of regional councils shall follow the procedure as described in Article 16, paragraph (3).
  - (f) Former chairpersons of the CRP, Parliamentarians, presidents and chairpersons of the National Assembly, if CRP members;
  - (g) The national Secretary of the CRP.
- (3) The chairperson of the Supervisory Council shall participate by right in the proceedings of the CRP National Council.
- (4) The National Council may, in a decision, solicit the support of other individuals to assist it in its activities.
- (5) Regular meetings of the National Council shall be held at least six times per year and shall be convened by the chairperson by a decision issued by NEC. Extraordinary meetings shall be convened by the CRP chairperson upon a request made by one-third of its members within one week of receipt of such request.

#### **Article 18**

The CRP NC may convene a National Party Convention. The rules for determining participants in the Convention shall be set under the decision on convening it. Convention decisions shall be recommendable to the CRP NC.

#### **Article 19**

(1) The National Executive Council shall be an operational management authority implementing the decisions of the National Conference and of the National Council. Its decisions shall be binding on all CRP regional, municipal and local structural units and authorities and on their members. It can convene and postpone meetings of all CRP structural units with the exception of the National Conference.

(2) The National Executive Council shall consist of:

(a) The CRP chairperson;

(b) Four deputy chairpersons of the CRP;

(c) The Secretary General of the CRP;

(d) The chairperson of the CRP Parliamentary Group;

(e) Four members.

(3) All NEC members except for the Secretary General shall be elected directly by the National Conference. If they should get elected in both the NEC and the NC, their place in the election quota on the NC shall be taken by the individual who has gained the next highest number of votes.

(4) The CRP chairperson shall be elected by the National Conference in a direct vote.

(5) The Secretary General shall be elected by the NC, upon a proposal made by the CRP Chairperson, in a direct vote;

(6) The mandate of a leadership member shall terminate prematurely in case of:

(a) A resignation;

(b) Any of the cases described in Article 10;

(c) Upon a vote of non-confidence cast by the authority which has elected him/her, and for the Secretary General, by a majority of two-thirds of the members of such authority which has elected him/her who are present, in accordance with the quorum requirements set out in Article 40 of these Statutes;

(d) Death.

In such cases s/he shall be replaced by members of the National Council under the latter's decision until the expiry of the term specified in Article 19, paragraph 3.

(7) The chairperson of the CRP Parliamentary Group shall be elected and discharged by the Parliamentary Group upon a proposal made by the National Council.

(8) The chairperson of the CRP shall direct the activities of the National Council and the National Executive Council and shall represent the Cameroon Reformation Party before all legal entities and individuals. In his/her absence or for the purposes of tasks specified by him/her, he/she shall be substituted for by any of the CRP deputy chairpersons or by the CRP Secretary General following a procedure to be specified by the chairperson.

(9) The CRP Secretary General shall be responsible for the activities of CRP structural units and authorities in accordance with the statutes, rules and the decisions of the National Council and the National Executive Council, and shall provide guidance and oversight for the legitimacy, composition and activities of CRP structural units and authorities. In his activity, s/he shall be supported by a Deputy Secretary General and an Organisational Secretariat. The Deputy Secretary General shall be approved by the NC upon a proposal made by the Secretary General.

(10) Upon a proposal made by the CRP Chairperson, the NC shall approve a Spokesperson, an International Secretary and other individuals to support the activities of the organisation.

(11) The chairperson of the CRP Parliamentary Group shall be responsible for the activity of the Group in accordance with the latter's rules of operation.

#### **Article 20 V. CRP REGIONAL STRUCTURAL UNITS AND AUTHORITIES Article 21**

(1) A Regional Council of the CRP shall be established within the territory of each administrative region. It shall consist of the following members, each with voting rights:

- Chairpersons of CRP at the level of municipalities, plus two with non-voting rights, plus:
- For Metropolitan Area, 50 representatives of municipalities;
- For big towns, 30 representatives of municipalities;
- For regions with more than 10 municipalities, 20 representatives of municipalities; ▪ For all others, 10 representatives of municipalities.

Allocation of slots for representatives of municipalities on a regional council shall be done following the procedure described in Article 16, paragraph (3). Representatives of municipalities shall be elected to the Regional Council by the Municipal Assembly. Allocation of slots for representatives of the municipalities of cities on the regional councils of cities shall be made on the basis of votes received at the Divisional organisations;

- (a) Members of parliament who are CRP members elected from the constituency;
  - (b) The chairperson of the group of municipal council members (for Metropolitan Area);
  - (c) The chairperson, deputy chairpersons and the secretary of the Regional Council;
  - (d) Chairpersons of the YCRP and the Women's Union at the regional level who are CRP members;
  - (e) Chairpersons of the municipal and city councils, for the municipalities of cities
  - (f) Mayors of municipalities and chairpersons of municipal councils who are CRP members.
- (2) Regular meetings of the Regional Council shall be held at least six times per year. Extraordinary meetings shall be convened by the chairperson or upon a request made by onethird of its members with voting rights, within one week of receipt of such request. A

Regional Council meeting may also be convened by any higher-level authority of the CRP, and by the CRP Secretary General.

(3) The mandate of Regional Council members shall be for a term of two years.

#### **Article 22**

(1) A Regional Council of the CRP shall coordinate, collaborate and implement the CRP policies within the territory of its region in accordance with the programme, the CRP statutes and the decisions of higher-level CRP authorities and structural units, and with the Rules on Implementing the CRP Statutes.

(2) A CRP Regional Council shall:

(a) Coordinate the activity of CRP structural units and authorities in the administrative region;

(b) Prepare and implement regional political initiatives and, after consulting with the CRP NEC, national political initiatives;

(c) Organise and direct election campaigns within the territory of its region;

(d) Set up CRP regional election headquarters and standing and ad hoc committees;

(e) Exercise other authorities within the framework of these statutes and the Rules on Implementing the CRP Statutes.

#### **Article 23**

A CRP Regional Council can convene a Regional Party Convention. The rules for determining participants in the Convention shall be set under the decision on convening it. Convention decisions shall be recommendable to the CRP Regional Council.

#### **Article 24**

(1) The Regional Council shall elect a chairperson and deputy chairpersons. It shall approve a Secretary upon a proposal made by the chairperson.

(2) The chairperson shall represent the CRP Regional Council, convene and chair Regional Council meetings. Each of the deputy chairpersons or the secretary shall serve as his/her substitutes in his/her absence or for the purposes of tasks specified by him/her. The Regional Council secretary shall be responsible for documentation, financial reporting and the assets of the CRP Regional Council.

(3) The mandate of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and that of a secretary shall be terminated following the procedure specified in Article 11 or Article 19 (6), as the case may be.

#### **Article 25 VI. CRP MUNICIPAL STRUCTURAL UNITS AND AUTHORITIES**

(1) A CRP municipal organisation shall consist of all CRP members within the territory of the municipality. The assembly of the municipal organisation shall be the supreme authority of the CRP within the territory of the municipality.

(2) Municipal meetings shall be convened by the relevant CRP Municipal Council. The decision to convene a municipal meeting shall be taken at least one week prior to the meeting date and must include the meeting agenda. When convening a regular municipal meeting with a reporting and election agenda, the Municipal Council shall set up technical rules for preparing and holding the meeting, a mandate and elections committee, and a draft agenda. The decision to convene a regular municipal meeting with a reporting and election agenda shall be consulted on with the Secretary General.

(3) When holding meetings of municipal organisations, if the necessary quorum is not present at the opening time announced, there shall be a one-hour waiting period. After that, the meeting shall proceed with the members present.

#### **Article 26**

(1) The Municipal Council shall consist of the following members, each with voting rights:

(a) Chairperson, deputy chairpersons and secretary;

(b) Members of the Municipal Council directly elected by the Municipal Assembly, where the number of such members shall be set as follows:

- For a municipality with a population of up to 10 000, up to 5 members;
- For a municipality with a population from 10 000 to 25 000, up to 10 members;
- For a municipality with a population from 25 000 to 50 000, up to 15 members;
- For a municipality with a population from 50 000 to 100 000, up to 20 members;
- For a municipality with a population from 100 000 to 200 000, up to 25 members;
- For a municipality with a population of over 200 000, up to 30 members;

(c) The chairperson of the local government municipal council group from the CRP;

(d) Mayors and chairpersons of local government municipal councils who are CRP members.

(2) Chairpersons of CRP clubs and chairpersons of YCRP and of the CRP Women's Union at the municipal level may participate in the proceedings of the Municipal Council with non-voting rights.

(3) The mandate of Municipal Council members shall be for a term of two years.

(4) The mandate of a member of the Municipal Council shall be terminated in case of:

- (a) Resignation;
- (b) A non-confidence vote by the Municipal Assembly;
- (c) Death.

In such cases s/he shall be substituted for following the procedure described in Article 19, paragraph (3).

#### **Article 27**

(1) The CRP Municipal Council shall make and implement CRP policies within the territory of its municipality in accordance with the CRP programme and statutes and the decisions of higherlevel CRP structural units and authorities, and any rules attached to the Statutes. Its decisions shall be binding on CRP structural units, authorities and members within the territory of the municipality.

#### **The Municipal Council shall:**

- (a) Direct the political activity of clubs within the municipality;
- (b) Resolve on issues of municipal significance and make proposals to the CRP Regional Council on issues of regional significance;
- (c) Prepare and implement municipal political initiatives and participate in regional and national political initiatives;
- (d) Implement political oversight over the activities of CRP representatives in local government;
- (e) Organise and direct election campaigns within the territory of the municipality;
- (f) Adopt opinions concerning decisions of CRP clubs;
- (g) Set up CRP municipal election headquarters, and standing and ad hoc committees;
- (h) Exercise other authorities within the framework of these Statutes.

(2) Regular meetings of the Municipal Council shall be held at least six times per year. Extraordinary meetings shall be convened by the chairperson or upon a request made by onethird of its members with voting rights within one week of receipt of such request. A Municipal Council meeting may also be convened by any higher-level authority of the CRP, and by the CRP Secretary General.

#### **Article 28**

(1) Each Municipal Council of the CRP shall develop and adopt a programme for the development of clubs within the municipality.

(2) Such municipal programmes shall include:

(a) Number of clubs in the municipality;

(b) Name of each club, indicating its type.

(3) The programme for the development of clubs within the municipality shall be adopted under a decision of the Municipal Council and shall be approved by the Secretary General.

#### **Article 29**

At least three times per year, municipal meetings shall be held to discuss topical issues of local and/or national significance.

#### **Article 30**

(1) The CRP Municipal Assembly shall elect a chairperson and deputy chairpersons.

(2) If such deputy chairpersons have been elected to serve as members on the Municipal Council, their place on the Municipal Council shall be taken by the individual who has gained the next highest number of votes.

(3) Upon a proposal made by the municipal chairperson, the Municipal Council shall approve a secretary.

(4) The chairperson shall represent the CRP municipal organisation, convene and chair meetings of the Municipal Council. Each of the deputy chairpersons or the secretary shall serve as his/her substitutes in his/her absence or for the purposes of tasks specified by him/her. The Municipal Council secretary shall be responsible for documentation, financial reporting and the assets of the municipal organisation of the CRP.

(5) The mandate of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and that of a secretary shall be terminated following the procedure specified in Article 11 or Article 19 (6), as the case may be.

#### **Article 31**

(1) CRP clubs shall be set up in accordance with the programme adopted following the procedure described in Article 28. Their members shall elect a chairperson and a secretary for a term of two years.

(2) Both members of the CRP and adherents shall participate in CRP clubs with equal rights. Only CRP members shall be eligible for election to the office of chairperson or secretary of a CRP club.

## **Article 32**

(1) Where municipal centres are subdivided administratively into divisions or zones, divisional or zonal structural units of the CRP shall be set up. The rules for CRP municipal structural units and authorities shall apply mutatis mutandis to divisional or zonal structural units and authorities of the CRP.

(2) The Regional Council of Duala Metropolitan Area and the municipal councils of big cities shall have the authorities of municipal councils as described in Article 27 and Article 28. **Article**

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### **VII. YCRP**

(1) The CRP shall have an organisation named „Youths of the Cameroon Reformation Party“ as an integral part of the CRP. Members of YCRP shall be members of the CRP or shall have the status of an associated member (adherent) of the CRP.

(2) In each municipality, there shall be one youth club of the YCRP, with the exception of cities with administrative division into districts, where a YCRP youth club shall be set up in each district of the respective municipality. YCRP youth clubs shall have the statute of CRP clubs. Their members shall be individuals of legal age, the upper age limit being thirty-five years. YCRP members may become members of the CRP following the procedure described in Article 7 and Article 8.

(3) The development of youth clubs shall be the obligation and responsibility of CRP municipal councils and YCRP regional councils. Oversight for the composition, legitimacy and the activities of the YCRP shall be performed by CRP authorities following the provisions of the present Statutes.

(4) YCRP shall be made up of YCRP youth clubs. Their structural units shall follow the design of the structural units of the CRP. They shall be set up and shall operate according to their own statutes consistent with the Statutes of the CRP. The former shall be adopted by the CRP National Council.

(5) YCRP structural units and authorities shall be represented in CRP structural units and authorities following the rules described in these Statutes.

## **Article 35**

### **VIII. WOMEN’S UNION**

(1) The CRP shall have an organisation named „CRP Women’s Union“. Members of the Women’s Union shall be members of the CRP or shall have the status of an associated member (adherent) of the CRP.

(2) In each municipality, one club of the Women's Union may be set up, with the exception of cities with an administrative division, where clubs of the Women's Union shall be set up in each division of the respective municipality. The clubs of the Women's Union shall have the statute of CRP clubs. Their members shall be female individuals of legal age. Members of the CRP Women's Union may become members of the CRP following the procedure described in Article 7 and Article 8.

(3) Development activities in terms of clubs of the Women's Union shall be supported by CRP municipal councils in consultations with the national leadership of the Women's Union. Oversight for the composition, legitimacy and the activities of the CRP Women's Union shall be performed by CRP authorities following the provisions of these Statutes and their Implementing Rules.

(4) The structural units of the CRP Women's Union shall follow the design of the structural units of the CRP. They shall be set up and operate according to their own statutes consistent with the Statutes of the CRP. The former shall be adopted by the CRP National Council.

(5) Structural units and authorities of the Women's Union shall be represented in CRP structural units and authorities following the rules described in these Statutes.

**Article 36 IX. UDF SUPERVISORY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXPERT AUTHORITIES Article 37**

- a. The Supervisory Council shall consist of a chairperson and eight members elected by the National Council for a term of three years. In case of systematic failure to perform their duties, their mandate may be terminated prematurely by the NC upon a proposal made by the NEC, for the SC chairperson, and upon a proposal made by the SC chairperson, for the remaining eight members.
  - b. Upon a request by the CRP Chairperson, the CRP Secretary General, the CRP NEC and NC, the Supervisory Council shall provide an interpretation of the Statutes and their Implementing Rules.
  - c. The chairperson of the CRP SC, or a member of the SC designated by him/her, may attend the proceedings of any CRP structural unit or authority and demand all documents that may be relevant for the performance of their duties.
  - d. Under the CRP Supervisory Council, seven local supervisory councils shall be set up. Each Regional Council shall nominate members for the respective local Supervisory Council the composition of which shall be determined following a procedure set out in the Rules on Implementing the CRP Statutes.
- (5) Members of the SC and the LSC may not perform the duties of any other office within the CRP structural units and authorities at the same time.
- (6) The activities of the CRP SC and LSC shall be regulated in the Rules on Implementing the CRP Statutes.

### **Article 38**

A Standing Committee on Preparation of Candidates for Local and Parliamentary Elections shall be set up; its activities and structure shall be determined in the Rules on Implementing the Statutes.

### **Article 39**

The CRP Organisational Secretariat shall operate in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules on Implementing the Statutes.

### **Article 39A**

Expert groups shall be set up under the CRP-NC to support its activities. Their mode of operation and development shall be regulated in the Rules on Implementing the Statutes.

### **Article 40 X. RULES OF PROCEDURE**

- (1) Any CRP authority shall take decisions in the presence of a quorum of more than half of its members. Decisions of all authorities shall be taken by more than half of the valid votes cast, unless otherwise provided in these Statutes.
- (2) For municipal meetings, the rules of the declining quorum as described in Article 25, paragraph
- (3) Shall apply. Everywhere, indicated majorities for election purposes shall be read in light of the provisions of Article 40, paragraph (1).
- (3) In an election of members to collegiate bodies, those who have received the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected.
- (4) In an election of chairpersons at all levels and of any other single-person authorities, if none of the candidates has received more than half of the valid votes cast, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates having the highest results.
- (5) Each CRP member shall have the right to one vote. Voting shall be open. In any specific case, open voting may be replaced by secret ballot.
- (6) The number of members of each municipal organisation shall be verified against a central database kept by the Organisational Secretariat.
- (7) The CRP National Council shall adopt Rules on Implementing the CRP Statutes.

### **Article 41 XI. MEMBERSHIP DUES**

- (1) Each CRP member shall pay individual membership dues to the CRP and hold a CRP membership card.

(2) Any member or adherent (in the meaning of Article 5A) may make additional voluntary contributions to the CRP.

(3) The National Council shall determine the procedure for collecting and accounting for membership dues, the amount of such dues and deductions for CRP authorities, in rules adopted specifically to that effect.

#### **Article 42**

### **XII. ASSETS AND HOLIDAY**

(1) CRP property and funding shall be raised from membership dues, additional voluntary contributions, donations and wills, subsidies from the public budget and by all other means allowed by the Political Parties Act.

(2) Rules for fund raising and spending and for disposition with party assets shall be determined by the NC in a separate decision adopted specifically to that effect.

#### **Article 43**

The day of the CRP shall be 2 June, the day of its creation.

### **XIII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

1. In case of any change to the administrative territorial division of the country or to constituency division, the National Council may take a decision concerning respective structural changes.

2. The rules concerning elections of municipal and regional councils shall take force upon the adoption of the current Statutes of the CRP, and provisions for the implementation of these shall be made within six months following their adoption.

4. The change to the number for the election quota for the National Council shall take effect upon holding the next CRP conference with a reporting and election agenda.

5. All amendments to these Statutes shall take effect as from the date of their adoption.

6. Adherents shall not be members of the CRP in the meaning of the Political Parties Act.

7. Within 6 months of the amendments made to these statutes, the NC shall adopt new Rules on Implementing the Statutes, amend the existing rules and adopt rules in the meaning of Article 41 of the Statutes.

8. In the meaning of these Statutes, leadership positions in the party and its structural units shall refer to the chairperson of the CRP and the chairpersons of regional and municipal councils.

## **XIV. CODE OF CONDUCT National Executive Committee Bureau members, Cameroon Reformation Party (CRP)**

### **1. Background**

1.1 The Cameroon Reformation Party (CRP), was established in 2010 in the United Kingdom and is an independent political and non-profit making organisation. One of its primary aims is to promote peace, unity and social progress in a democratic Cameroon. This code of conduct forms an essential part of that aim. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, the term “Committee” in this document refers to the CRP Executive Committee and to all CRP Sub and Regional Committees.

### **2. CODE OF CONDUCT PRINCIPLES**

2.1 Committee members shall uphold the good standing and reputation of the CRP at all times.

2.2 The Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend or expel any Committee member for conduct prejudicial to the policy, interest or prestige of the party

2.3 All Committee members are expected to support the aims of the Party and are bound to uphold standards prescribed in the CRP Policies and Practices.

2.4 All Committee members are expected to put the aims and good reputation of the Party before their personal interests and are not to make profits as a result of their activities in their CRP role.

2.5 Liaison, teamwork and negotiation will be primary Committee aims

2.6 The Party's Executive Committee shall keep this Policy under regular review.

### **3. VALUES**

#### **3.1 Committee members will respect and uphold the values of CRP regarding:**

**Inclusiveness:** the Executive Committee recognise that diversity is strength and will seek to involve all members as active participants in the Party.

**Responsiveness:** the Executive Committee will strengthen the efforts of members to meet the Party's needs and make a difference.

**Respect:** the Executive Committee will treat others as we expect to be treated, consider each individual's unique talents and operate in a spirit of cooperation.

**Quality:** the Executive Committee will strive for excellence in the delivery of our services and activities.

**Connectedness:** the Executive Committee will work with others in our sub and regional teams to enhance community well-being.

**Accessibility:** the Executive Committee will provide fair and open access to volunteer opportunities and support.

**Forward looking:** the Executive Committee will recognise the need for continual review and improvement.

**Impact focused:** the Executive Committee believe that success is measured by outcomes, and will seek to deliver results that benefit both members and the Party

#### **4. GENERAL**

##### **Committee members are expected to:**

4.1 Act within the governing documents of the CRP and the law, and abide by the policies and procedures of the Party. This includes having a knowledge of the contents of the CRP's Constitution and relevant policies and procedures.

4.2 Support the objects and mission of CRP, championing it, using any skills or knowledge they have to further that mission and seeking expert advice where appropriate.

4.3 Be active Committee Members as elected, making their skills, experience and knowledge available to the CRP

4.4 Respect Society, Committee and individual confidentiality, while never using Party or committee confidentiality as an excuse not to disclose matters that should be transparent and open. Individual confidentiality must always be respected.

4.5 Develop and maintain a sound and up-to-date knowledge of the CRP and its aims and objectives. This will include an understanding of how the CRP operates, the social, political and economic environment in which it operates and the nature and extent of its work.

4.6 Use CRP's resources responsibly, and when claiming expenses, do so in line with CRP's procedures.

4.7 Seek to be accountable for their actions as a Committee member of the CRP, and submit to whatever scrutiny is appropriate.

4.8 Accept the responsibility to ensure that the CRP is well run and to raise issues and questions in an appropriate and sensitive way to ensure that this is the case.

#### **5. MANAGING INTERESTS**

##### **Committee members will:**

5.1 Not gain materially or financially from their involvement with the CRP unless specifically authorised to do so.

5.2 Act in the best interests of the CRP as a whole, and not as a representative of any group – considering what is best for the Party while avoiding bringing the party into disrepute.

5.3 Unless authorised, will not put themselves in a position where their personal interests conflict with their duty to act in the interests of the party, for example will not engage in the selection process for any paid position for which they are also a candidate. Where there is a conflict of interest they will ensure that this is managed effectively in line with the CRP's policy.

5.4 Understand that a failure to declare a conflict of interest may be considered to be a breach of this code.

## **6. MEETINGS**

### **Committee members must:**

6.1 Attend all appropriate meetings and other appointments or give apologies. If they cannot regularly attend meetings they will consider whether there are other ways they can engage with the party

6.2 Prepare fully for all meetings and work for the Party. This will include reading papers, querying anything they do not understand, thinking through issues before meetings and completing any tasks assigned in the agreed time.

6.3 Actively engage in discussion, debate and voting in meetings; contributing in a considered and constructive way, listening carefully, challenging sensitively and avoiding conflict.

6.4 Participate in collective decision-making, accept a majority decision of the Committee and will not act individually unless specifically authorised to do so.

## **7. GOVERNANCE**

### **Party members must:**

7.1 Actively contribute towards improving the governance of the Committee participating in induction and training and sharing ideas for improvement with the Committee.

7.2 Help to identify good candidates for Committee membership at the CRP and, with fellow Committee members, appoint new Committee members in accordance with agreed selection criteria.

## **8. RELATIONS WITH OTHERS**

### **Committee members will:**

8.1 Endeavour to work considerately and respectfully with all those they come into contact with, respect diversity, different roles and boundaries, and will endeavour to avoid giving offence.

8.2 Recognise that the roles of Committee members, other volunteers and members of CRP are different, and will seek to understand and respect the difference between these roles.

8.3 Where they also volunteer with the Party, will maintain the separation of their role as a Committee member and as a volunteer.

8.4 Seek to support and encourage all those they come into contact with, in particular recognising their responsibility to support the chairperson and the Executive Committee.

8.5 Not make public comments about the organisation unless authorised to do so. Any public comments they make about the CRP will be considered and in line with organisational policy, whether made as an individual or as a Committee member.

## **9. LEAVING THE COMMITTEE**

9.1 Substantial breach of any part of this code may result in a duly constituted meeting of the Executive Committee which will consider whether a committee member should be removed from the Committee, and that may result in their being asked to resign from the Committee.

### **9.2 Should this happen the Committee will :**

Inform the member of the reasons why it is proposed to remove them from the Committee;

Give the member at least 21 clear days" notice in which to make representations to the Committee as to why they should not be removed;

Consider at a meeting after that time any representations which the member makes as to why they should not be removed; and

Allow the member, or their representative, to make those representations in person at that meeting, if they so choose.

9.3 In the event that a committee member is asked to resign from the Committee they will accept the majority decision of the Committee in this matter and resign at the earliest opportunity.

9.4 Any member wishing to cease being a Committee member at any time will inform the Chairperson in advance (giving as much notice as possible) in writing, stating their reasons for leaving.

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