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KHMER NATION PARTY
PARTI DE LA NATION KHMÈRE

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THE STATUTES OF THE KHMER NATION PARTY

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

All of us, as Khmer citizens, need and desire a proper regime and government that will guarantee social justice, liberty and genuine liberal democracy with a view to promoting the living standards and ensuring the rights, freedoms, security and prosperity of the people.

Article 2

In order to achieve the noble aims set forth above, we as Khmer citizens shall unite together to create a political party with the name "Khmer Nation" and abbreviated "KNP".

Article 3

Khmer Nation is established and shall operate in accordance with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Article 4

The Party headquarters shall be located at House 71, Samdech Sothearos Street, Sangkat Tonle Basak, Khand Chamcar Mon, Phnom Penh. This office can be moved to another location if the Party Steering Committee decides such a move to be necessary.

The Party shall have branches located throughout the country as decided by the Party Steering Committee.

Article 5

Khmer Nation shall have as its Party symbol "Preah Bat Jayavarman the Seventh".

Khmer Nation may also have its own Party flag.

Article 6

Khmer Nation shall promote democracy, liberty and the fundamental rights of the entire population in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the various international covenants and agreements on human rights. The Party shall prepare a political programme with the aim of successfully competing in democratic elections. The Party shall do its utmost to raise the living standards of the entire population to the highest level possible.

Article 7

The Party has the following fundamental objectives:

1. to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights and democracy
2. to ensure the neutrality of the civil service
3. to promote social justice and lead the country on the basis of legalism
4. to appeal for and protect the territorial integrity of Cambodia
5. to protect and preserve natural resources
6. to assist the people in having adequate farm land and decent housing
7. to solve the problem of illegal immigrants
8. to review and amend all improper contracts
9. to eliminate corruption
10. to end the fratricidal war between Khmer and Khmer
11. to promote the development of a free market economy.

The fundamental objectives above shall be set out in the political aims, principles and political programme of the Party.

Article 8

Khmer Nation shall strive for compromise and good social order so as to create a favourable environment for rapid development of the country.

**CHAPTER 2
THE ORGANS AND STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY**

Article 9

The Party structure shall be organized in terms of:

- a. a Party Congress
- b. a National Council
- c. a Steering Committee
- d. a Standing Office
- e. a Supreme Party Council.

**SECTION 1
THE PARTY CONGRESS**

Article 10

The Party Congress is the supreme organ of the Party. The Congress shall comprise the membership of the Party. The Congress shall set the aims and policies of the Party and shall discuss and decide on important resolutions submitted by the Steering Committee.

The Congress shall choose the National Council by a majority vote and secret ballot of the members present. The rights and the procedures for the election shall be set forth in the Internal Regulations of the Party.

The Congress has the right to amend the Party structure.

Article 11

There shall be two kinds of Congresses: ordinary Congresses and extraordinary Congresses.

1. An ordinary Congress shall be held regularly every three years. The date of the Congress shall be set by the Steering Committee.

2. An extraordinary Congress shall be held at the decision of the Party Chairman or a majority of the Steering Committee or one-third of the members of the National Council.

Article 12

The inviting of the Party members to take part in the Congress must be made 90 days prior to an ordinary Congress and 30 days prior to an extraordinary Congress and the Congress agenda shall be attached to the invitation.

**SECTION 2
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL**

Article 13

The National Council is the body that represents the Party Congress. The National Council may initiate ideas for the leadership of the Party and establish specialist commissions to assist the Steering Committee.

The National Council shall have no less than 300 members chosen by the Congress for a 3-year term through procedures set forth in Article 10.

Article 14

The National Council shall establish a Steering Committee by choosing from among its members by a majority vote and secret ballot of the members present.

Article 15

The National Council shall meet every three months. Extraordinary meetings of the National Council shall be convened at the decision of the Party Chairman or the majority of the Steering Committee or one-third of the members of the National Council.

**SECTION 3
THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

Article 16

The Steering Committee is the executive organ of the Party. This committee shall implement the aims and policies of the Party as determined by the Congress under the supervision of the National Council. In addition, the Steering Committee shall ensure the proper carrying-out and management of the everyday activities of the Party.

Article 17

The Steering Committee shall have at least 25 members chosen from among the members of the National Council according to the procedures set in Article 14.

The responsibilities of the members of the Steering Committee shall be determined by the Standing Office.

Article 18

The Steering Committee shall be managed by a Chairman and one to three Deputy Chairmen who shall be chosen from among its members. The selection procedures are set forth in Article 23 below.

Article 19

The Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the Steering Committee shall be the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the Party.

Article 20

The Steering Committee shall meet at least once a month. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman or one-third of the membership of the Steering Committee has the right to call a meeting of the Steering Committee.

**SECTION 4
THE STANDING OFFICE**

Article 21

The Standing Office shall be established from among the membership of the Steering Committee to lead, manage and carry out the everyday work of the Party. The Standing Office shall have the right to decide all necessary issues and matters except those relating to the appointment or dismissal of Party members or the modification of the Party structure.

However, the Standing Office shall be responsible to the Steering Committee for all its decisions.

Article 22

The Standing Office shall arrange the guidelines of a work-plan and submit it to the Steering Committee to examine prior to being submitted to the National Council and to the Congress for approval. The Standing Office shall include:

- a Party Chairman
- one to three Deputy Party Chairmen
- a Secretary General
- three or more Deputy Secretaries
- a Chief Treasurer
- and a number of other members chosen by the Steering Committee at the recommendation of the Party Chairman.

SECTION 5
THE PARTY CHAIRMAN

Article 23

The Party Chairman shall be chosen by the Steering Committee by a majority vote and secret ballot of the members present for a term of 3 years and he/she shall have the right to stand again for election when the term of office elapses. When standing for the position of Chairman, each candidate must declare the names of the Deputy Chairmen and Secretary General to take office if that candidate is elected as Chairman.

Article 24

The Party shall have a Honorary President appointed by the Steering Committee at the recommendation of the Chairman.

Article 25

The Party Chairman has the right to appoint personal advisers.
The appointment of the Chief Treasurer by the Chairman must be approved by the Steering Committee.
The Party Chairman shall appoint the Deputy Secretaries, the heads of Commissions within the Secretariat and the heads of the provincial and municipal offices at the recommendation of the Secretary General.

Article 26

The Deputy Chairmen of the Party shall undertake duties stipulated by the Party Chairman. During the absence of the Party Chairman, a Deputy Chairman shall be appointed by the Chairman to act as Acting Chairman. In the case of loss of ability to work of the Party Chairman, the Steering Committee shall choose a new Party Chairman among its members.

SECTION 6
SECRETARIAT AND CHIEF TREASURER

Article 27

The Secretariat shall be managed by a Secretary General assisted by at least three Deputy Secretaries.
The Secretary General shall carry out a large part of the everyday work of the Party under the supervision of the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen.

Article 28

The Chief Treasurer is responsible for the management of the Party budget.
The Steering Committee shall appoint one Deputy Chief Treasurer.

SECTION 7
THE SUPREME PARTY COUNCIL

Article 29

The role of the Supreme Party Council is to give opinions and direction to the Party. Members of the Supreme Party Council shall be high-level political dignitaries chosen by the Steering Committee at the recommendation of the Chairman.

CHAPTER 3
MEMBERSHIP

Article 30

Khmer Nation is a political organization adhering to liberal democracy and opening its doors wide to Khmer citizens from all circles to become members. The minimum age of Party members is 18 years old on the day of joining the Party.

Article 31

Party membership is divided into four categories:

1. founding members
2. active members
3. honorary members
4. supporting members.

Article 32

Founding members are members who initiated the Party's creation prior to the official announcement of the Party.

Article 33

Active members are members who have submitted a written request to become Party members after the official announcement of the Party and who actively and loyally support the Party and work for the success of the Party.

Article 34

Honorary members are dignitaries of national and international repute who have agreed to assist the Party.

Article 35

Supporting members are members who have made important donations in material or money to the Party.

Article 36

The Steering Committee may annul membership of the Party in the following cases:

- death
- resignation
- failure to respect the Statutes and Regulations of the Party
- activity contrary to the interests of the Party.

However, before taking a decision to annul membership, the Steering Committee must invite the person concerned to explain his/her position and activities and defend him/herself.

**CHAPTER 4
ASSETS AND INCOME**

Article 37

The Party's income shall come from:

- regular subscriptions from members
- donations from all sources
- profit obtained through lawful activities in all fields.

**CHAPTER 5
DISSOLUTION OF THE PARTY**

Article 38

The Party Congress is the sole institution able to dissolve the Party.

The convening of a Party Congress with the aim of dissolving the Party must have the agreement of two-thirds of the Steering Committee and two-thirds of the National Council.

**CHAPTER 6
AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES**

Article 39

The Party Congress is the sole institution with the power to amend the Party Statutes.

**CHAPTER 7
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Article 40

The transitional provisions have force until such time as there is a new Government arising out of a general parliamentary election in accordance with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Article 41

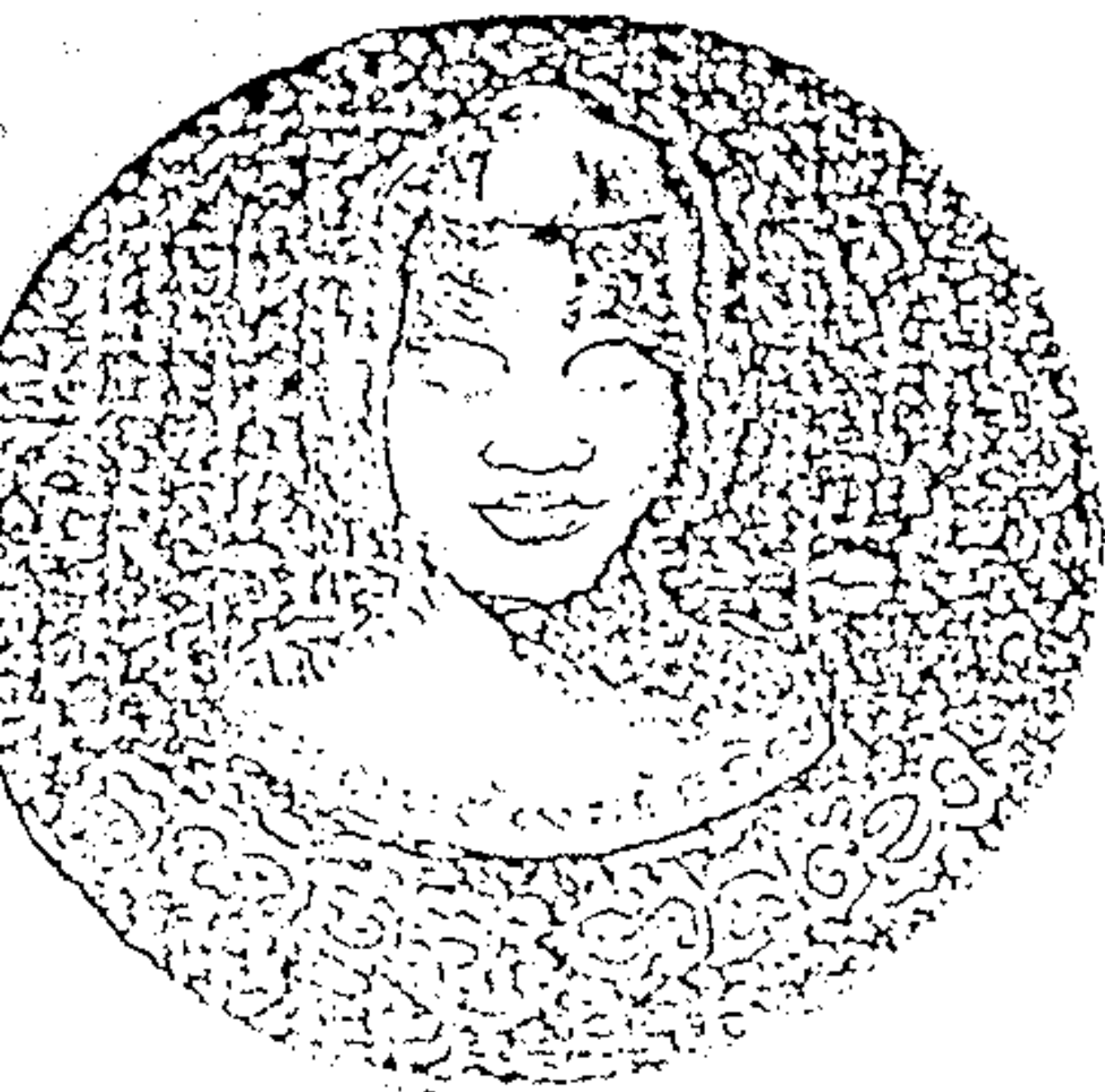
1. In the transitional period, the Steering Committee, in the name of the Party, can defer the holding of a Party Congress if the political and security situation is unfavourable.
2. In the transitional period, the Steering Committee, in the name of the Party, can defer meetings of the National Council if the political and security situation is unfavourable.
3. The founding members shall approve the Statutes and Internal Regulations and shall recognize the composition of the National Council, the Steering Committee and the Standing Office as declared by the founding Chairman of the Party.
4. In the transitional period, the Chairman cannot be changed except in the case of resignation or loss of the ability to work.
5. The Steering Committee can decide, by a majority vote, to dismiss, replace or add members of the Steering Committee if there is no opposition from the Party Chairman.
6. The Steering Committee can decide, by a majority vote, to dismiss, replace or add members of the National Council if there is no opposition from the Party Chairman.
7. In the transitional period, the Congress may not dissolve the Party.

Phnom Penh, 2 November 1995

Founding Chairman of the Khmer Nation Party

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**KHMER NATION PARTY
PARTI DE LA NATION KHMÈRE**

**OATH
SWORN BY MEMBERS OF
THE KHMER NATION PARTY**

We, members of the Khmer Nation Party, wish to take the following oath:

1. We shall forthrightly defend the Cambodian Nation and territory so that it may survive for eternity.
2. We shall always be loyal to the Nation and shall never serve any foreign interests with pernicious designs towards the Nation.
3. We shall adhere to and uphold truth and justice and do all we can so that our Nation enjoys a high standard of morality.
4. We shall categorically oppose all forms of corruption and deceit which are destroying our Nation and bringing about social oppression and injustice.
5. We shall retain a spirit of mutual tolerance so we may search for peace, national reconciliation and national unity within the single Khmer family.
6. We shall respect the Constitution and all laws of the Kingdom of Cambodia and shall avoid all forms of violence.
7. We shall respect human rights as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all international covenants and agreements on the human rights, civil rights and liberties of the people.
8. We shall do our utmost to contribute to building the Nation by respecting and promoting the public interest.
9. We shall not indulge in nepotism or favouritism but instead place the primary value on individual ability, principally his/her loyalty to the Nation, honesty and competence, when selecting colleagues and fulfilling all other duties with the aim of supporting the Party and serving the Nation.
10. We shall not abuse the name of Khmer Nation Party or our positions or rank within the Party to serve our personal interests, to cheat, threaten, extort money or demand any favour from the people.

If we do conduct ourselves in any manner contrary to this oath, we shall accept full responsibility and shall ask to resign from the Khmer Nation Party and request all earthly and heavenly powers to punish and condemn us in accordance with our fault.

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