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GAR (Resolution) AND Amendments 09-24-2016

WHEREAS, Chapter VIII of the Union Constitution defines National General Assembly as the highest decision making body and shall approve new policy decisions of the Union and shall be presided over by the National President;

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides that any decisions of the Assembly shall be FINAL and shall not be REVIEWED, ALTERED or CHANGED by any Organ of the Union EXCEPT by the Assembly in session;

WHEREAS, the Constitution requires that the National General Assembly shall meet each year in the month of September in a city of a chartered Member Organization in GOOD STANDING with the Union,

WHEREAS, delegates from Member Organizations converged on the City of Buffalo, New York at the Union 42nd National General Assembly,

WHEREAS, delegates broke in different groups to discuss the issues of education, Liberian affairs, and ULAA Affairs,

WHEREAS, the education group was mandated to discuss the framework defining the Union's contribution to fixing Liberia's educational system,

WHEREAS, the Liberian affairs group was mandated to discuss issues relevant to Liberia's socio-economic and political dispensation, especially regarding the role of the Union in the 2017 General and Presidential Elections in Liberia

WHEREAS, the ULAA affairs group was mandated to discuss all issues, including conflicts resolution, growth, the proposed amendments to the ULAA Constitution, and all matters relevant to making ULAA an efficient and strong organization,

WHEREAS, all three groups submitted their recommendations to Plenary,

WHEREAS, upon deliberations of said recommendations by Plenary, the delegates representing member organizations of the Union assembled at the 42nd Annual National General Assembly; do hereby RESOLVED to wit:

1. That the Union leadership adopt proactive methods to avoid conflict in member organizations, and enlist the assistance of the ULAA Eminent Council in resolving existing conflicts in member organization.
2. That those in all of its conflict resolution efforts, the National Administration engage and utilize the Arbitration and Conflict Resolution Commission, comprising only members of the ULAA Eminent Persons Council as defined by the ULAA Constitution.
3. That in order to facilitate the smooth hosting of ULAA national events, the Union will underwrite 75%

of the expenditures while the host chapter underwrites 25%. Similarly, revenue and loss will be shared between the Union and host chapter on the same 75% -25% basis.

4. That ULAA Regional Vice Presidents engage communities and other organizations in their respective region with the goal of increasing the Union membership.
5. That in order to increase youth participation in the Union, Regional Vice Presidents should appoint a youth coordinator in each chapter in their region and appoint Youth Leader/Coordinators.
6. That to ensure uniformed reporting standards, ULAA Administration should establish standard/framework for local chapters' annual reporting purposes.
7. That ULAA administration in collaboration with member organizations establish an Identification Card system that will carry the name of the chapter and the name of the member with the words "Affiliate member of ULAA" inscribe on the identification card .
8. That ULAA should continue its advocacy for out of country voting for Liberians in the United States of America (USA or US) during the thousand seventeen (2017) elections in Liberia.
9. That ULAA seeks an observer status for the 2017 elections in Liberia.
10. That ULAA undertakes programs in support of voter education in Liberia.
11. That ULAA seeks representation on all future Constitution Review Committee.
12. That in view of the challenges faced by Liberia's Security Sector, ULAA advocates for US Security Assistance during elections.
13. That ULAA facilitates an Election Security symposium here in the US, which will be followed by another symposium in Liberia.
14. That ULAA requests security plans from Government of Liberia (GOL) with the aims to reviewing and making suggestions and inputs.
15. That ULAA partners with radio talk shows, and print and electronic media outlets, and creates optimal social media connections to promote free, fair, and peaceful elections.
16. That ULAA creates awareness of the failing educational system in Liberia, solicits and mobilizes resources to help in resolving the problems.
17. That ULAA provides training, educational materials to schools to help equip the Liberian school system.
18. That ULAA provides expertise in curricular content knowledge, and use said knowledge of general and specialized curricula to improve programs, supports, and services at classroom, school, community, and system levels to schools in Liberia.
19. That ULAA encourages research and inquiry, develop guide, and identify effective professional educational services that will be useful to the educational sector in Liberia.

20. That in order to mobilize financial resources to support the Union's educational programs and other development agenda, delegates at the 42nd General Assembly RESOLVED that all ULAA member organizations SHALL contribute the amount of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) to the Union Diaspora Development Fund yearly. AND

AND WHEREAS, Chapter XXX (AMENDMENTS AND RATIFICATION) of the Union Constitution provides that amendment SHALL be made by two-thirds majority of Member Organizations in GOOD STANDING at the Annual General Assembly or at a Special Session;

WHEREAS, proposed amendments to the Union's Constitution shall be accompanied by statements of reasons on why the amendments are necessary;

WHEREAS, the National Administration represented by the President of the Union submitted proposed amendments accompanied by statements of reasons to the National Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments were published and distributed by the National General Secretary to all member organizations at least 30 days before the Annual General Assembly;

WHEREAS, member organizations deliberated on these proposed amendments;

Now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that member organizations in good standing with Union present at the 42nd Annual General Assembly, do hereby MADE the following amendments to the Union Constitution, to wit:

1st Amendment, amending Chapter VI, Article 3

Liberian Community Association shall be comprised of Liberian Associations registered and incorporated in a State, representing all Liberians without regard to ethnicity, religion, creed, sex, or political orientations. Liberian community associations that are 75 or more miles apart from each other in the same state shall be eligible for membership in the Union. States currently holding multiple memberships less than 75 miles apart from each other whose member organizations were founding members of the Union shall continue to maintain their memberships.

2nd Amendment, amending Chapter VII, Article 1

The Assembly shall be the HIGHEST decision making body and shall approve new policy decisions of the Union and shall be presided over by the National President. All decisions adopted by the General Assembly shall be consistent with this Constitution.

3rd Amendment, amending Chapter VIII, Article 9

Each Liberian Community Association shall be represented at the Assembly by no more than 50 accredited delegates. Each member organization shall determine the method of selecting their delegates. No delegate shall be accredited to the General Assembly by more than one member organization.

4th Amendment, amending Chapter XVIII, Article 1

The Semi-Autonomous Commissions of the Union shall be the National Elections Commission, the National Audit Commission, the Social Services Council, and the Diaspora Development Fund Commission.

Chapter XXIV: DIASPORA DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMISSION (an Addendum Amendment)

Article 1:

The ULAA Diaspora Development Fund Commission shall mobilize financial contributions from Liberians and Friends of Liberia to finance the Union administrative programs and development agenda in Liberia.

Article 2

The Fund shall comprise of a Management Committee of five persons headed by an Executive Director, and assisted by one Deputy Executive Director and three (3) members.

Article 3

The Diaspora Development Fund shall also have an Advisory Board comprising of at least five members to assist the management committee in its fund raising efforts, and provide oversight and supervision over the Fund. The Board shall comprise of Liberians and non – Liberians who have interest in ULAA or Liberia.

Article 4:

The Management Committee of the Diaspora Development Fund Commission shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the National Board of Directors. Members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the President, but are NOT subject to confirmation by the National Board of Directors.

5th Amendment, amending Chapter XXII, Article 1, Article 4, and Addendum Article 6

Article 1

The National Standing Committees of the Union shall be the Membership Committee, Immigration Committee, External and Liberia Affairs Committee, and the Ways Means and Finance Committee, National Planning Committee

Article 4

The External and Liberian Affairs Committee shall be responsible to coordinate, promote, and establish direct link and liaise with governments, organizations, institutions, and professional groups for the promotions and implementations of related programs and projects of the Union. The Committee shall also coordinate the programs and activities of the Union in Liberia, and be comprised of five members.

Article 6

The National Planning Committee shall plan all national activities of the Union, such as the National General Assembly, the Annual Independence program, and all other activities of the Union in close consultation with the host member organization.

Done this 24th day of September, 2016 at the Union 42nd Annual General Assembly, in the City of Buffalo, New York.

Signed:

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7. Elseah Chea (Mohammed Kromah Proxy)
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8. Tarlow Miller
President, Liberian Community Association of Central New Jersey

9. George Toto
Board Chairman and Proxy Liberian Assoc .of Greater Pittsburgh Representative

10. Jennifer Gray Brumskine,
Board Chairman, Staten Island Liberian Community Association (SILCA)

ATTESTED BY: 1. Wilmot W. Kunney, National Executive President

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