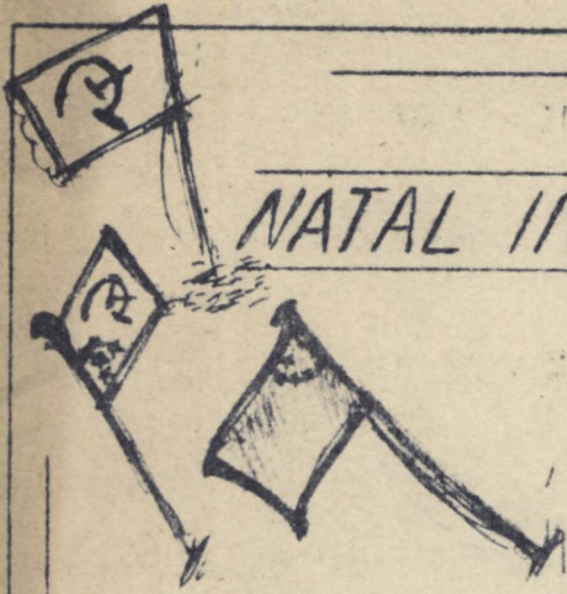


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NATAL INDIAN ^I CONGRESS

Founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1894

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1. - NAME

The organisation herein constituted shall be known as the NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS (founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1894) and shall hereinafter be referred to as the Congress.

2. - HEADQUARTERS.

The Headquarters of the Congress shall be at Durban, or at such other place in the Province of Natal as Conference may decide from time to time.

3. - OBJECTS.

- (a) To promote and advance the cause of the Indian people resident in the province of Natal; to improve their condition and status economically, politically and socially by the adoption of all necessary means to remove and oppose measures that discriminate on the grounds of race, colour or creed.
- (b) To guard vigilantly against any encroachment upon existing rights and privileges.
- (c) To work for and to foster co-operation with the nationally representative organisations of the peoples of South Africa on matters of common interest.
- (d) To affiliate with the South African Indian Congress.
- (e) To promote peace, understanding and goodwill between the various sections and races of the of the population of South Africa.
- (f) To further educational facilities for the Indian community and to work for the removal of discrimination in the field of education.
- (g) To work for the improvement of the condition of Indian farmers, especially peasant farmers.

- (h) To further the interests of those who depend on wage or salary for their livelihood.
- (i) To work for and secure better trading, commercial, professional and industrial facilities.
- (j) To work for the extension to Indians of the franchise on the common roll free from any special qualification.
- (k) To work for the removal of existing prohibitions against Indians joining armed units in the Defence Force.
- (l) To work for the removal of the Provincial Barriers.
- (m) To work for improved social and health services for the indigent and needy and for the community generally.
- (n) To help the poor and needy members of the community and to alleviate suffering and hardship of all kinds within such community.
- (o) To assist unemployed Indians in securing employment and relief.
- (p) To assist in the procuring and extension of civic amenities to all areas where Indians are resident.
- (q) Generally to perform all such acts as are incidental to the aforesaid objects.

4. - CONSTITUTION.

The Congress shall consist of:

- (a) Members;
- (b) Branches;
- (c) Provincial Conference;
- (d) Working Committee;
- (e) Executive Committee.

5. - MEMBERSHIP.

Any Indian of not less than eighteen (18) years of age and resident in the Province of Natal may become a member of the Congress on payment of an enrolment fee of 1/- which shall entitle a member to all the rights and privileges of Congress.

*Provision for objection
or acceptance of members*

6. - BRANCHES.

Where there are fifty (50) or more members ordinarily resident in any area, the Executive Committee may on its own initiative or on a request from twenty-five (25) or more of such members, proceed with the formation of a Branch for such an area, subject to the following rules and conditions; provided that the Executive Committee shall have power to dissolve any Branch should its membership fall below twenty-five (25) members, notification of such such intentions shall be forwarded to the Branch concerned.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall delimit the area of jurisdiction of a Branch.
- (b) All members ordinarily resident in such area shall be regarded as members of the Branch.
- (c) A member shall not belong to more than one Branch.
- (d) A Branch shall hold regular meetings of its Committee not less than once every two months and such Branch Committee shall appoint an Executive Committee of not less than five members which shall meet at least once in between Branch Committee meetings.
- (e) A Branch shall hold regular meetings of its members at such times and places as the Branch Committee may decide, but not less than once annually. In the event of the Branch Committee failing to convene the Annual General Meeting the Branch Secretary/Secretaries shall convene a Branch members meeting without reference to his/her/their Committee upon receipt of a requisition signed by at least 100 members or 1/10th of the Branch membership whichever is the lesser provided that there shall be not less than 25 signatures to the requisition and provided further that the requisition shall state the purpose of the meeting.
- (f) The Branch shall elect at its Annual General Meeting, consisting of all members present whose names appear on the Branch register as members enrolled at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, a Branch Committee consisting of a Chairman, not more than five (5) Vice-Chairmen, one or two Joint Secretaries, an Honorary Treasurer and eleven (11) other members provided that the Executive may authorise Branches to increase its Committee members. Such election shall be either by ballot or show of hands as the meeting may decide.

- (g) A Branch shall have power to do any act within its area of jurisdiction in furtherance of the objects of Congress provided that such act is not inconsistent with these rules and subject always to the over-riding authority of the Provincial organs of Congress as constituted by these Rules, or the decisions and resolutions of the Provincial Conference.
- (h) A Branch may collect funds and accept donations for any stated purpose only within its area of jurisdiction. The Executive Committee shall have power to authorise any Branch to collect funds or accept donations outside its area of jurisdiction.
- (i) If so requested by the Working Committee or the Executive Committee a Branch shall collect funds within its area of jurisdiction on behalf of Congress for any particular object designated in the request.
- (j) A Branch shall keep a detailed register of the names and addresses of all its members, minutes of the proceedings of all Branch and Branch Committee meetings, proper account books and copies of all correspondence despatched and originals of those received and copies of all such documents and records shall be furnished to the General Secretary of Congress as the Executive may require.
- (k) Annual General Meeting of each Branch shall be held for the purpose stated in Rule 6 (1).
- (l) Notices convening the Branch Annual General Meeting shall be transmitted by the Branch Secretary/Joint Secretaries to all members by ordinary post or by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the area or by the distribution of hand bills in such area and the General Secretary at Headquarters by registered post not less than 21 days prior to the date appointed for the holding of such meeting.
- (m) Notices convening Branch General Meetings shall be transmitted by the Branch Secretary/Joint Secretaries not less than 14 days prior to the date appointed for the holding of such a meeting.
- (n) Notices convening Branch Special General Meetings shall be transmitted by the Branch Secretary/Joint Secretaries not less than 7 days prior to the date appointed for the holding of such a meeting.

(o) Notices convening Branch Committee Meetings shall be transmitted by the Branch Secretary/Joint Secretaries not less than 7 days prior to the date appointed for the holding of such a meeting. At least 3 days' notice shall be given in the case of Branch Special Committee Meetings.

(p) The Agenda for the Branch Annual General Meeting shall include:

1. Minutes of the Branch Inaugural Meeting or of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Annual Report.
3. Audited Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet by the Hon. Treasurer.
4. Branch elections as provided for in Rule 6(f).

(q) Any Branch General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose may by adopting a motion of no confidence by a simple majority:

1. Dismiss from their positions any or all officials and/or Committee members.
2. Recall any or all delegates to Provincial Conferences or representatives to Working Committee.

Such motion of no confidence may be tabled with 7 days' notice being given and shall have precedence over any other matters that may be the subject of discussion. Thereafter such meetings shall proceed to fill the vacancies thus created.

(r) Vacancies occurring in a Branch Committee or for Branch officials by reason of death or resignation or some cause other than provided for in Rule 6 (q) may be filled by the Branch Committee.

(s) Each Branch shall pay an annual subscription of One Pound and One Shilling (£1.1.0.) for the first five hundred (500) members or part thereof and five shillings (5/-) for each additional one hundred (100) members or part thereof to Congress Funds. Such payment shall be made before the date on which the Joint Honorary Treasurers close their books in order to present their annual audited statement of account to the Working Committee and each Branch shall be entitled to a levy from its members of a minimum of 1/- per annum.

- (t) All property acquired by a Branch shall be regarded as having been acquired on behalf of Congress.
- (u) Any member of a Branch shall be entitled to inspect all books, records, or correspondence, pertaining to the affairs of the Branch, provided three days' notice is given in writing.
- (v) A Branch shall be designated as follows:
"Natal Indian Congress (founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1894) (Followed by the insertion of the name of the area of jurisdiction) Branch."
- (w) Where more than one branch within the same Municipal or Local Authority area has to negotiate on any matter whatsoever with such Municipality or Local Authority or for any other reason whatever wishes to take any action, the Committees of all branches within such area shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, meet and appoint a President, Secretary and committee consisting of an agreed number. Such committee shall be designated the Congress (name of such municipality or local authority) District Committee and shall have power to act for all branches in such area on matters as herein mentioned.

7. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE.

- (a) There shall be a Provincial Conference which shall be the supreme authority in Congress.
- (b) The Provincial Conference shall consist of:
Pres. Secy. Gen. Secy & Treas.
 - (i) Officials and Executive Committee as provided hereinafter in clauses (15) and (16), and
 - (ii) Delegates from Branches elected by the members thereof as hereinafter provided.
- (c) Each Branch shall be entitled to send to the Provincial Conference one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or part thereof with a minimum of three (3) delegates.
- (d) The delegates shall be elected by the Branch concerned at a properly constituted Annual General Meeting thereof.
If in an event due to any reason the Annual General Meeting of a Branch has not been held or if the Annual General Meeting did not elect a sufficient number of delegates, the Branch Committee may elect delegates, provided that the Provincial Executive Committee is satisfied that bona fide attempts have been made to hold the Annual General Meeting prior to the Conference.

- (e) In the event of a vacancy being created by any delegate's death, resignation, recall or inability to continue in office for any other reason or should an increase in membership warrant an increased delegation, such vacancy shall be filled or such extra delegates be elected at a Branch Special General/or Committee Meeting called for the purpose.
- (f) Delegates who have been elected as officials and Executive Committee members at Conference shall be replaced in their respective Branches by the election of additional delegates at their respective Branch Special General or Committee meeting called for the purpose.

8. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE MEETINGS:

- (a) The Annual Provincial Conference hereinafter referred to as the Conference shall meet annually, at which Conference the date and centre for the next Conference shall be decided.
- (b) Special Provincial Conference meetings hereinafter referred to as Special Conference meetings shall be held as provided for hereinafter.
- (c) Notices convening meetings of the Annual Conference shall be transmitted by the Secretary to the branches not less than six (6) weeks prior to the date appointed for the holding of such Conference.
- (d) Notices convening a Special Conference shall be transmitted by the General Secretary to the Branches not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date appointed for the holding of such Conference.
- (e) Pursuant to sub-section (a) details of time, place and agenda for the Conference shall ordinarily be decided upon by the Executive Committee, failing which the General Secretary shall decide. These details shall be transmitted to all delegates, whose names and addresses have been received by the General Secretary seven (7) days prior to the date appointed for the holding of Conference.
- (f) In the event of the General Secretary failing to convene Conference in accordance with sub-sections (c) and (e) either any Branch, or Branches, individually or jointly, providing it/they represent not less than one-tenth of

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Congress membership or any five or more Branches jointly, may call upon the General Secretary to do so within thirty (30) days of such request, failing which such Branch or Branches jointly, shall fix the time, place and agenda for the Conference, issue notices to all branches for transmission to their delegates, take possession of all Congress monies, records and other properties and do all necessary things for the successful holding of the Conference. The officials and Executive Committee shall upon the above action by the Branch or Branches cease to continue in office, the defaulting officials, if any, and/or members of the Executive Committee shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Conference. Until such time as the Conference is held, the officials and committee of such branch, or branches jointly, shall exercise the powers and perform the functions ordinarily resident in and performed by the officials and Executive Committee of Congress. They shall appoint from among their own number an Acting President, one Acting General Secretary and one Acting Treasurer until such time as the Conference elects its own officials.

- (g) Special Conferences shall be held at the discretion of the Executive Committee or the Working Committee, provided that the General Secretary shall be empowered to convene a Special Conference without recourse to the Executive Committee or the Working Committee if requested to do so by not less than five Branches individually or jointly. All other provisions herein for the convening and conduct of Conference shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the convening and conduct of Special Conferences.
- (h) Branches requesting that a Special Conference be convened shall state clearly in such request the purpose for which such Conference is desired and shall forward to the General Secretary a copy of the minutes and resolution of the Branch General or Committee meeting requesting such special Conference.

9. - POWERS AND FUNCTIONS
OF PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE.

- (a) The Provincial Conference shall be the highest authority in Congress, formulating its policy and directing its affairs.

(b) The functions of meetings of the Annual Conference shall be to transact the following business:

(i) To receive Presidential Address approved by the Executive Committee and presented by the President.

(ii) To confirm appointment of Sub-Committees.

(iii) To receive annual report of activities by the General Secretary.

(iv) To receive Report of Credentials Committee.

(v) To adopt, discuss and take decisions on matters contained in the General Secretary's Annual Report of activities provided such matters do not appear in the order paper as proposed resolutions.

(vi) To receive, discuss, adopt and take decisions on Treasurer's audited statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet.

(vii) To debate and decide on resolutions and proposed amendments.

(viii) To elect officials.

(ix) To elect 11 (eleven) Executive Committee members.

(c) Special meetings of the Provincial Conference shall have power to:-

(1) Discuss and take decisions on matters contained in the notice convening such Conference.

(2) Take decisions, conflicting in part or whole, with decisions of previous meetings of the annual or Special Conference only upon a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of delegates present and voting.

(3) Dismiss from their positions any or all members of the Executive Committee and/or any or all officials by adopting a motion of no confidence duly moved and seconded in such Executive Committee members and/or officials by a simple majority, and replace these officials and/or Executive Committee members by holding an election by secret ballot immediately after the passing of the motion of no confidence. At least seven clear days' written notice shall, however, be given of such motion.

(d) Save as provided in Rule 9 (c) and Rule 32 all motions at Provincial Conference shall be decided upon by a majority of votes.

10. - QUORUM FOR CONFERENCE.

The quorum for a meeting of Conference or Special Conference shall be one-fifth (1/5th) of the number of delegates entitled to be present at such meeting provided that at least one-third (1/3rd) Branches are represented at such Conference or Special Conference.

11. - MINUTES OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS.

Minutes of proceedings of all meetings of Conference shall be recorded and circulated to all Branch Secretaries by the General Secretary not more than thirty (30) days after the termination of each Conference. Any Branch which participated in such Conference may lodge its objections to the minutes within ~~twenty-one~~ ³⁰ days of receipt of same. In the event of no objections being received by the General Secretary within the period hereinbefore stipulated, such minutes without alteration shall be approved and signed by the President and General Secretary at the next meeting of the Working Committee as a correct and full record of the proceedings of such Conference.

If any objections has been received from any Branch after it had discussed the Minutes at a Joint meeting of the Branch Committee and Branch delegates, who had participated at such Conference, then the General Secretary shall submit the said objections to the next meeting of the Working Committee which shall consider the said objections and resolve the dispute in accordance with the majority opinion of those present at the said meeting of the Working Committee. The minutes shall then be approved and signed by the President, General Secretary as a correct and full record of the proceedings of such Conference.

12. - WORKING COMMITTEE.

(a) There shall be a Working Committee consisting of:

- (1) Officials.
- (2) Executive Committee.
- (3) Two delegates for the first 300 members or part thereof and one additional delegate for every 300 members or portion thereof.

(b) The Working Committee shall meet at least once every three months at a time and place that shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

- (c) Notices convening meetings of the Working Committee shall be circulated to members not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date appointed for such meeting.
- (d) Such notices shall set out in full the matters to be discussed and decided upon by the Working Committee. The Chairman shall not allow discussion or decision on any matter not contained in the notice convening the meeting except by resolution duly moved and put without debate, two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members present voting in favour.
- (e) Between meetings of the Conference, the Working Committee shall exercise the powers and functions of Congress and assume the direction of its affairs, subject always to such directions as the Provincial Conference may have given and subject to the right of the Provincial Conference to over-rule any decision or act of the Working Committee. It shall not depart from the general policy of Congress as decided upon by a Provincial Conference, though it may recommend the adoption of the same or a new policy to a later Provincial Conference.
- (f) Any notice of motion or resolution submitted by any official, Executive or Working Committee member or branch shall be placed on the agenda and shall be discussed at a meeting of the Working Committee and decision arrived at, provided such notice is given not less than 10 days before the Working Committee meeting.

13. PARTIES WITHIN CONGRESS.

- (a) Members who so desire may function as a party within Congress, provided they notify the General Secretary in writing of the formation and existence of such a party, and furnish full particulars to the General Secretary.
- (b) Each party within Congress shall be designated the "Congress (name as chosen by the members of the Party Party."
- (c) No such party shall fail to accept Congress constitution, or flout a decision or resolution of Congress Conference or work against the general policy of Congress.

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- (d) The Working Committee may suspend or disallow any such party functioning within Congress, if in the opinion of the Working Committee such a party has failed to satisfy the requirements of Rule 13c.

14. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS
AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officials and Executive Committee shall be elected by secret ballot at Conference.

15. - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- (a) There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the President, the General Secretary, the Honorary Treasurers, Vice-Presidents and eleven (11) other members elected by Conference.
- (b) The administrative and executive powers of Congress and such other powers as may be delegated by the Working Committee or conferred by these Rules shall be vested in the Executive Committee.
- (c) Any vacancies (except as provided for in Rule 9(c) (3) occurring on the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Working Committee at its next succeeding meeting.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall elect from among its number a Secretariat of seven members who shall meet at least fortnightly and which shall attend to all such matters as may be referred to it by the Executive Committee to which Committee the Secretariat shall report regularly and which Committee shall be wholly responsible.

16. - OFFICIALS.

The officials of Congress shall be:

- (a) One (1) President;
(b) Ten (10) Vice-Presidents;
(c) One (1) General Secretary;
(d) Two (2) Joint Honorary Treasurers.

17.- MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES.

Minutes of all meetings of the Working and Executive Committees shall be recorded by the General Secretary and copies may be circulated to all members of the Committee concerned and to the Branches. Such minutes shall be presented to the next succeeding meeting of the Committee concerned and when approved shall be signed by the President and the General Secretary.

18.- FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (a) The General Secretary shall "ex officio" be Secretary of the Conference, Working Committee and the Executive Committee.
- (b) The General Secretary shall keep separate Minute Books for the proceedings of Conferences, the Working Committee and the Executive Committee respectively in which shall be recorded the minutes of the meetings thereof.
- (c) The General Secretary shall be responsible for the safe custody of all records and correspondence, the property of Congress (save for provisions of Section 25 thereof) and shall generally do all such acts as provided herein and things as ordinarily fall within the scope of secretarial duties.
- (d) The General Secretary shall present such reports to meetings of the Conference as the Working Committee and/or Executive Committee may direct.

19. - FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF JOINT HONORARY TREASURERS.

- (a) The Joint Honorary Treasurers shall keep proper books of account reflecting the financial transactions of Congress.
- (b) They shall submit to the Executive Committee monthly statements reflecting the financial position of Congress and annually, on such date as the Working Committee may direct, they shall submit to such Committee an audited statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet.

- (c) They shall submit to the Provincial Conference such statements reflecting the financial position of Congress as the Working Committee may direct.
- (d) They shall have power, without the sanction of the Executive Committee to incur expenses on behalf of Congress to the extent of Fifty (50) pounds during any calendar month. Such expenditure shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next meeting for confirmation.

20.-BANKING ACCOUNT.

All monies of the Congress shall be deposited in a Bank approved by the Executive Committee, and withdrawn on the authority of that Committee by cheques signed by the two Treasurers or any one of them jointly with the President or the General Secretary. Cheques in favour of Congress may be endorsed by one of the Honorary Treasurers or the General Secretary for the purpose of depositing in the Bank.

21.- AUDITOR.

At the first meeting following any election of the Executive Committee, such Committee shall appoint an Auditor, who shall be a registered Chartered Accountant. The Working Committee or a Provincial Conference shall have power to revoke such appointment and make a fresh appointment in place thereof.

22.- INSPECTION OF BOOKS
OR DOCUMENTS.

Any official, member of the Working or Executive Committees or any delegate to the Provincial Conference shall be entitled after written notice to the General Secretary, to inspect any books, records, or correspondence, and property of Congress, which are in the custody of the General Secretary or Treasurers, and to make copies of such records.

23.- PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS.

- (a) At all meetings (other than those of Branch or Branch Committees) the President shall preside. In his absence, a Chairman shall be elected by the meeting from among the members present thereat.
- (b) At Branch or Branch Committee meetings, the Branch Chairman shall preside, or in his absence, a chairman shall be elected by the meeting from among the members present thereat.

- (c) No proxies shall be permitted at any meeting.
- (d) The proceedings of any meeting shall be carried on in English, but any member may speak in any of the Indian language, provided that such language is translated into English for the benefit of members who do not understand such language.
- (e) At any meeting except where otherwise provided by these rules all questions shall be decided by a majority vote.
- (f) A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands or by a secret-ballot if so requested by more than two members present at the meeting.
- (g) Amendments to a resolution duly moved and seconded shall be taken one at a time and put to the meeting separately in order received. When an amendment becomes the substantive motion the same procedure shall be followed in regard to further amendments.
- (h) Where more than one resolution is tabled on the same subject, the Chairman shall put them to the house separately in the order received.
- (i) In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second casting vote.
- (j) The quorum for any meeting (except as provided in Rule 10 and Rule 23 (k) shall consist of one-third of the members entitled to be present thereat. Should there be no quorum at any meeting of Congress within half an hour of the time scheduled for the meeting, the meeting shall stand postponed for one week to be held at the same place and time, and at such postponed meeting those members present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum and shall be entitled to transact the business for which such meeting has been called.
- (k) The quorum for any Branch members' meeting shall be twenty-five (25) members or one-quarter of the registered membership, whichever is the lesser.

24.- SUB-COMMITTEE.

Any organ of Congress duly constituted in terms of the Rules may appoint Committees (or in the case of Committees) sub-Committees) for the purpose of investigating any matter referred to such Committee or sub-committee and such committee shall report back to the body appointing it as directed.

25. IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

- (a) All immovable properties of the Congress shall be vested in the name of eleven Trustees, who shall be appointed from among the members of the Congress by the Working Committee, such Trustees shall as far as possible be representative of every section of the Indian community.
- (b) A Trust Deed shall be drawn up clearly defining the powers and duties of Trustees which shall be submitted to the Working Committee for confirmation, and such Deed shall provide for the removal and/or re-election, in case of resignation, insolvency, death or otherwise of a Trustee or Trustees.

26. - RIGHT TO INSTITUTE AND DEFEND ACTIONS AT LAW.

The Congress may institute and/or defend if deemed necessary, or advisable by the Executive Committee, any action or other proceedings at law in any Court on any matters wherein a principle adversely affecting the general Indian community is concerned or wherein the Executive Committee considers any of the objects or interests of the Congress affected, in the Joint names of the President and General Secretary (which terms shall include those appointed to act in place of those whose positions have become, temporarily or permanently vacant) and proceed to the final end and determination thereof; and service of process on the Congress shall be at its Headquarters.

27. - DONATIONS.

The Congress shall have the right to solicit, collect and accept any donation from the public.

28. DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

- (a) The Working Committee shall be entitled to expel or suspend from membership of Congress any Member who in the opinion of such Committee has been guilty of any act (including words spoken or written) inconsistent with the aims and objects or against the interests of Congress as contained in this constitution or in resolutions of the Provincial Conference or constituting and infringement of these Rules.

- (b) Notwithstanding anything in Rule 28 (a) no member may be expelled or suspended except on a resolution of the Working Committee carried by a majority constituting two-thirds of the members of such Committee present and voting.
- (c) Before any motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been put to a meeting of the Working Committee such member shall, first, have been afforded an opportunity of being heard, either personally or by counsel, Attorney or other representative, in his own defence.
- (d) Any member so expelled or suspended by Congress Working Committee shall have the right to appeal to a Provincial Conference.
- (e) The appellant must lodge his notice of appeal in writing with the General-Secretary at Headquarters not later than seven (7) clear days before the date of the Provincial Conference, and the General Secretary shall then place the matter on the agenda of Conference.
- (f) The Conference shall have before it a written statement from the Working Committee on the reasons for its actions;
- (g) The Conference may dismiss or uphold the appeal by a majority vote of those present and voting, provided that before the matter is put to vote the appellant has been afforded an opportunity of being heard, either personally or by Counsel or Attorney or other representative on his behalf.
- (h) The appellant or his representative must address the Conference first and thereafter a resolution calling upon Conference to uphold the appeal may be moved and seconded by accredited delegates to the Conference. The matter shall then be open for discussion and the ordinary rules of debate shall apply.

29. COPIES OF THE CONSTITUTION.

A copy of these rules shall be supplied to any member by the General Secretary on application by such member, and upon payment of a fee of 1/- (One Shilling).

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30.- BADGES AND SYMBOLS.

Badges and symbols of Congress, as designated by the Executive Committee, shall be supplied to Members by the General Secretary on payment of the cost thereof.

31.- FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

- (a) Any member who fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the Working Committee may be removed from his position by the Working Committee, unless he/she has obtained leave of absence, and the vacancy shall be filled by:
- (1) in the case of an official or Executive member by the Working Committee, and
 - (2) in the case of a Branch representative by the Committee of the Branch concerned.
- (b) Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee or the Branch Committee may be removed from his position by the Executive Committee or Branch Committee respectively unless he/she has obtained leave of absence, and the vacancy so caused shall be filled at their respective Executive or Branch Committee meeting.

32. - AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The Rules may be revised, amended or added to by Conference, provided that a resolution for such revision, amendment or addition shall be carried by a majority constituting two-thirds of the delegates present and voting thereat, and provided further that notice of any motion for such revision, amendment or addition shall have been given to the General Secretary, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of Conference at which such motion is moved.

All amendments to the Con. must be submitted to the Branches for their consideration 10 days prior to Conference.

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