

Final

Collaborative Framework Document

Four Collaborating Political Parties
(Unity Party, Liberty Party, Alternative National Congress and All Liberian Party)

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PREAMBLE

We, the Members of the Collaborating Political Parties (All Liberian Party, Alternative National Congress, Liberty Party and Unity Party):

Recognizing that there is strength in unity and oneness of purpose;

Knowing that with the grace and guidance of God, our Creator and with the support of the Liberian people we can harness our peace through a solid democratic foundation that will curtail all forms of corruption, injustices, marginalization, suppression and oppression;

Convinced that our coming together will fulfill the Liberian people's long-awaited alternative to democratic governance anchored on the provision of basic social services to our people;

Have resolved as follows:

That the four independent collaborating political parties have agreed to form an Alliance to be named and styled the **Collaborating Political Parties** with the acronym **CPP**.

ARTICLE 1: Guiding Principles

The guiding principles of the Alliance shall include but not limited to:

Section 1.1

Create an environment in which each constituent political party shall feel secured politically, socially and economically through the tenets of democracy including the rule of law;

Section 1.2

Create a formidable political organization at all times and period in the history of Liberia;

Section 1.3

Advance causes of common interest for the duration of the alliance; and,

Section 1.4

Work towards a merger in the future.

Section 1.5: Core Values of the Alliance

The core values of the Alliance shall be but not limited to the following:

- Equality
- Transparency & Accountability
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Respect for Rule of law
- Peace & Unity
- Discipline & Hard work
- Gender Equity

ARTICLE 2 : Identity of the Alliance

Section 2.1: Name of the Alliance

The Alliance shall be called “**Collaborating Political Parties**” (CPP)

Section 2.2: Emblem/Symbol of the Alliance

The Emblem of the Alliance shall consist of the logos of the original four political parties in a square. The logos of the parties shall be in alphabetical order.

Section 2.3: Flag of the Alliance

The Flag of the Alliance shall be a square image with the logos of the four political parties constituting the original four members of the Alliance inscribed therein.

ARTICLE 3: National Headquarters of the Alliance

Section 3.1

The Office of the Alliance shall host the Secretariat and shall be located in Monrovia. The Office shall be rotated based on the chairmanship of the Alliance.

Section 3.2

Members of the Alliance shall jointly and in equal proportion finance the operational costs of the Office.

Section 3.3

The Motto of the Alliance shall be “Stronger Together”.

ARTICE 4: Objectives of the Alliance

The Alliance shall have the following objectives:

Section 4.1

To present a single presidential ticket and or legislative candidates for all elections leading up to and including 2023 general and presidential elections;

Section 4.2

To forge and support a common national interest and present a common political agenda to the Liberian people.

Section 4.3

To work toward an eventual merger of the constituent political parties.

Section 4.4

To strengthen our democracy through grassroots engagement with our people, using town hall meetings, community engagements, radio and technology, etc.

Section 4.5

To reduce the number of political parties to an affordable number in response to the desire of our people.

Section 4.6

To ensure gender-equality in public service.

Section 4.7

To do all such things as required by the Election Laws for alliances.

ARTICLE 5: Membership & Responsibility of the Alliance

Section 5.1

The Alliance shall have a founding membership of the four constituent political parties (*All Liberian Party, Alternative National Congress, Liberty Party and Unity Party*)

Section 5.2

Alliance Parties must all sign a legal agreement of principles that will guide the Alliance.

Section 5.3: Party-based Membership

Section 5.3.1

Membership to the Alliance is open to accredited political parties.

Section 5.4: Obligations of Members

Section 5.4.1

Alliance member parties at all times must have representation to scheduled meetings.

Section 5.4.2

Abide and adhere to the Alliance's policies and any current and/or other laws or rules and regulations formulated by the Alliance.

Section 5.4.3

Subscribe to Alliance's ideology, vision, aims and objectives and participate in any election of the Alliance according to agreed upon rules, regulations and procedures that do not contravene the constitution of constituent parties.

Section 5.4.4

Member parties and their members, officials shall be obligated to canvass support candidates of the alliance.

Section 5.4.5

Parties in the Alliance shall make equal financial contributions towards all joint political activities as prescribed by Article 8.

Section 5.4.5

They shall be required to support other agendas of the alliance provided it is in conformity with the core values of the Alliance and the constitution and laws of Liberia.

Section 5.4.6

Shall participate in the selection of the Alliance's nominees for all elective positions within the Alliance.

Section 5.4.7

All constituent political parties allocated slots for both the senatorial and representative elections shall be required to determine their nominees in compliance with their party internal democratic selection processes.

Section 5.4.8

The four constituent political parties are obligated to participate in the formal endorsement ceremony for all representatives and senatorial candidates preferably to be held in the constituency or county concerned, to be attended by the relevant district or county representatives as well as representatives of the National Executive Committee of the Alliance.

Section 5.4.9

All constituent political parties are under obligation to be fully represented or shall form part of any established campaign committee for the Presidential, Senatorial and Representative elections, provided that the candidate shall select the head of any such committee.

Section 5.5: Loss of Membership

An Alliance member may lose his/her membership when:

Section 5.5.1

A political party resigns from the Alliance for cause or is dissolved by the National Elections Commission (NEC);

Section 5.5.1.1

Cause shall be but not limited to;

- i. Inaction of the other parties to probe a matter concerning the actions of a member party against the party in reasonable time.
- ii. The party is consistently maligned, attacked and brought to public disrepute by officials and affiliates of a member party.
- iii. Consistent violation of the agreement by one or more members of the Alliance

Section 5.5.2

The political party consistently refuses or neglects to fulfill its financial obligations as provided in Article 8 of this framework, provided there is no pending/undetermined matter or grievance filed by the defaulting member;

Section 5.5.3

The party is found guilty of violating the provisions of this agreement provided that due process is accorded;

Section 5.5.4

It and/or its Executive Committee member(s) or official(s) is/are found guilty of promoting the activities of a political party that is not one of the members of the alliance or found promoting the activities or programs of a person or organization engaged in acts that are counterproductive to the objective of the Alliance provided that the violator's membership may be suspended for up to one year or expelled from the Alliance. The promotion of activities of a non-constituent political party shall mean:

Section 5.5.4.1: joining in the formation of another political party, alliance, association or publicly advocates for the formation of another political party or promotes the ideology, interests or policies of another political party; and/or

Section 5.5.4.2: campaigning and voting for Non-Alliance's candidates at the general election or by-elections;

Section 5.5.4.3 making promotional speeches for and on behalf of an individual or organization which may undermine the objectives of the alliance or the Alliance's candidate.

Section 5.5.5

The party is found guilty of at least two (2) repeated violations of the provisions of this Agreement and expelled from the Alliance;

Section 5.5.6

Intra-Alliance recruitment-In the spirit of togetherness and commitment to the common agenda of this alliance, alliance member parties should not encourage, pursue or entice an elected executive committee member of a constituent party of the Alliance for membership; however, an elected executive committee member of a member party shall join a constituent party of their own volition consistent with article 17 of the 1986 constitution, after which a courtesy call shall have been made by the receiving party to the party from which the person is leaving. For the purpose of this provision, encourage shall mean "giving support, stimulate or help an executive committee to leave his/her party".

Section 5.6: Rights of Members

Alliance members shall have the following rights and privileges:

Section 5.6.1

Attend and participate in deliberations at the National Assembly of the Alliance;

Section 5.6.2

Eligible to submit legislative and Presidential candidates; and,

Section 5.6.3

Enjoy full membership as long as the Alliance agreement is in effect.

ARTICLE 6: Governance Structure

Section 6.1: National Assembly of the Alliance

Section 6.1.1

The National Assembly of the Alliance shall be the highest decision making body of the Alliance and shall be composed of equal number of delegates chosen by the Alliance constituent parties as contained in Section 6.1.2 and meeting primarily to endorse candidates for the President, Vice President, Legislative candidates and to review and adopt policies, budget, programs, action plans; receive and review reports from the National Advisory Council and National Executive Committee and take appropriate decision on all issues brought before it.

Section 6.1.2

The Delegates shall be as follow per party:

- (a) 3 delegates per district per the 73 districts = $219 \times 4 = 876$. Each party shall endeavor to have equal representation of women and youth at the national assembly;
- (b) 5 delegates per county to include county chair = $75 \times 4 = 300$,
- (c) 15 delegates per EC = $15 \times 4 = 60$
- (d) Each political leader of the constituent parties = 4

The total number of delegates shall be 1,240.

Section 6.1.3

The National Assembly of the Alliance shall meet within every three years to coincide with midterm senatorial and presidential elections, provided that the holding of any such Convention shall conform and comply with the timetable and deadline for the election and submission of presidential and legislative candidates set by the National Elections Commission of Liberia.

Section 6.1.4

Chairperson of the National Assembly of the Alliance: The presiding officer of the National Assembly shall be the incumbent rotating chairperson of the National Advisory Council.

Section 6.1.5

Non-Voting Delegates to the National Assembly shall be:

- (a) Eminent citizens and Persons who have distinguished themselves in their support to the Alliance and other personalities who have specific qualities that shall assist in the holding of a smooth convention;
- (b) Members of the Legislative Caucuses not selected as voting delegates;

- (c) Representatives from the constituent parties in the Diaspora;
- (d) Aspirants that have been selected by the VPS or consensus where applicable;
- (e) Eminent citizens of Liberia;
- (f) Former Standard Bearers and or Political Leaders of the constituent parties;
- (g) Former Legislators of the constituent parties who are still members of the Alliance;
- (h) Observers to the National Assembly;

Section 6.1.6

Non-voting delegates to the National Assembly may be invited by the Convention committee, Secretariat, and the incumbent rotating chairperson provided however that members of the Advisory Council shall be permitted to recommend at least five (5) person, legal or natural, each to the incumbent chairperson to receive invitation to attend the Convention of the National Assembly.

Section 6.2: National Advisory Council

The National Advisory Council of the Alliance shall consist of the following prominent members:

Section 6.2.1

Standard-bearers/Political Leaders/Highest ranking official of the constituent political parties;

Section 6.2.2

Alliance Parties' National Chairpersons ;

Section 6.2.3

Heads of the Legislative Caucuses of the Alliance Parties;

Section 6.2.4:

Each party should nominate a woman to the Council provided that a party's configuration as per Sections 6.2.1-6.2.3 does not include a woman.

Section 6.3: Leadership of the Advisory Council

The Council shall have a rotational chairmanship of eight (8) months to be occupied by the highest ranking official of a constituent political party, provided a term of the chairperson shall not be repeated until each of the other political parties has served a term of eight (8) months. However, in the case of incapacitation caused by death, illness, etc of the succeeding chair, a chairperson may serve a continuous term by unanimous consent of the other constituent political parties. The sequence of service of chair shall be decided amongst the four constituent political parties prior to the signing of this document. The Chairperson of the Advisory Council shall chair all meetings of the Council. The Chairman of the party chairing the Council shall serve as secretary of the Advisory Council. The Chairperson of the Advisory Council shall be the Political Head of the Alliance and the official spokesperson.

Section 6.3.1

The Chairpersons of the constituent political parties shall sit on the Advisory Council only as facilitators and shall have no decision-making authority on the Council.

Section 6.4: National Executive Committee

The National Executive Committee (NEC) shall have a membership of five (5) persons from each Alliance member, to include the chairperson plus four other partisans. Each Alliance member's delegation shall include female representation. The Chairmanship of the National Executive Committee shall be held by the party which holds the chairmanship of the Advisory Council of the Alliance. The NEC Chair shall be the administrative officer of the Alliance and shall preside over all meetings of the Committee. The NEC Chair shall vote only when there is a tie. The NEC Chair shall have the right to call meetings, once a month with a quorum of simple majority but with at least one member of each constituent party present. The NEC Chair may also call emergency meeting as the need may arise. Failure to call a meeting, a one third membership shall have the right to call a meeting in the absence of the Chair. Where the NEC Chair consistently fails to have three (3) consecutive meetings, the NEC may suggest the removal of the Chair to the Chairperson of the Advisory Council. The Chairperson of the Advisory Council shall have the right to attend National Executive Committee meetings but shall have no voting right at the executive committee level.

Section 6.5: National Secretariat

The National Secretariat of the Alliance shall consist of twelve (12) members; three (3) from each constituent party as its configuration. The Secretary General of the party which holds the Chairmanship of the Alliance shall be the head of the Secretariat.

Section 6.6: Terms of Reference of the Governing Structure

Section 6.6.1

The National Assembly shall perform the following functions:

- Shall elect candidates for all national offices;
- Shall adopt the platform, policies and programs of the Alliance;
- Shall adopt the budget of the Alliance; and,
- Shall review appeals from Alliance members relative to decisions emanating from any of the structures mentioned herein.

Section 6.6.2: The National Advisory Council

The National Advisory Council being a non-administrative organ of the Alliance, shall perform the following roles:

- Shall advise the leadership of the Alliance on matters bordering on policy decisions;
- Shall provide in-house counsel to the national leadership of an Alliance government;
- Shall advise the leadership of the Alliance on the cooptation of other political parties into membership in the Alliance;
- Shall advise the national leadership on fundraising; and,
- Shall provide counsel on the formation of the Alliance ticket;

Section 6.6.3: National Executive Committee

The National Executive Committee (NEC) shall undertake the following functions:

- Shall coordinate all Alliance programs and activities across the country, ensuring that uniformity and coherence exist in the execution of its programs and activities;
- Shall as the administrative organ of the Alliance;

- Shall develop budget, programs and policies for endorsement by the National Assembly;
- Shall be responsible to draft and response to national socio-political and economic policy issues; and,
- Shall serve as liaison between the Alliance national body and it overseas affiliates or members;

Section 6.6.4: National Secretariat (NS)

The National Secretariat shall be charged with the following responsibilities:

- Shall serve as the nucleus of all Alliance activities;
- Shall handle all correspondences of the Alliance;
- Shall develop a financial management system and prepare a national budget of the Alliance for the approval of the National Executive Committee;
- Shall prepare the national budget of the Alliance for the approval of the National Executive Committee;
- Shall design programs and policies for the approval of the National Executive Committee;
- Shall formulate the work plan of the Alliance; and,
- Shall serve notices for meetings and other functions of the Alliance.

ARTICLE 7: Alliance Mechanisms

The Alliance recognizes that political parties are organized along different political interests and ideological persuasions; and that its evolution, maturity and stabilization require the accommodation of the various interests of its constituent members. The Alliance of the initial four political parties therefore takes cognizance of the application of six basic principles or rules of engagement (Consensus, compromise, communication, consultation, dispute resolution and social & political networking) as crucial to the achievement of its objectives.

Section 7.1: Consensus

The Alliance shall utilize the principle of consensus-building based on **good faith effort** as one of the key guides in dealing with matters of contention within its ranks. For the avoidance of doubt, good faith to meet the interests of all constituent parties shall mean all decisions of the Alliance are reached upon the consent of each member party of the Alliance and/or by unanimity. Such matters may border on policy preferences of one or more Alliance members that may run counter to those of others or on matters dealing with such things as who gets what, when and how within the framework of the Alliance. The idea that underpins consensus-building within the Alliance is to ensure that at the end of the day each alliance member will have its view incorporated in the final outcome of a process that is to be construed as binding on alliance members.

Section 7.2: Compromise

The Alliance recognizes that it may not always be possible to build consensus on every matter, knowing also that the process of evolving consensus may be time-consuming. It therefore adopts herein the mechanism of “Compromise” as one of its platforms for settling policy or other issues of interests amongst its constituent members. Compromises within the Alliance will be intended to guarantee win-win situations.

Section 7.3: Communication

Members of the Alliance shall seek to be as practically open, honest and accountable to each other by being cordial on communicating and sharing information. For the maturity and stability of the Alliance, communication shall be considered as a key inter-party asset to the alliance.

The Alliance shall encourage its constituent members to use communication with their membership as an enabling platform for greater buy-in from their membership which enviably reinforces the consolidation of the Alliance. Its communication strategy which forms an integral part of this document, shall specifically deal with this matter in details. Alliance members shall jointly respond to all national issues of common interest of the Alliance. However, in the interest of parties' independence, alliance members wishing to speak on national issues shall serve notice to other members of the Alliance of its intent to do so. In the event, no other member expresses interest or takes significant steps to jointly issue said statement within 24 hours of the notice, the proposing party shall proceed with the issuance of its communication in its own name.

Section 7.4: Consultations

The Alliance is of the conviction that the intrinsic value of consultation as a tranquilizer for tension in intergroup activities is undisputed. To this end, the Alliance shall, under conditions of practicality, conduct its activities to reflect broad consultations. No one member acting alone or in concert with one or two others shall proceed with the initiation and implementation of actions that may generally affect the existence of the Alliance.

Section 7.5: Dispute Resolution

The Alliance shall utilize both internal dispute resolution mechanism and external mediation agreed upon by the constituent parties in resolving disputes that may arise among its members.

Section 7.5.1: Internal Dispute Resolution

When there is a dispute, the Alliance shall set up an Ad Hoc Grievance Council comprising two (2) persons from each of its members, to constitute its dispute resolution platform. One of the two persons so nominated shall be an alternate. All disputes arising within the Alliance shall be referred to the Council of Advisors for redress.

Section 7.5.2: Leadership of the Ad Hoc Grievance Council

The Grievance council members shall select a chairperson from among themselves for the purpose of decision making. The council's decision shall be by consensus.

Section 7.5.3: External Mediation

The Alliance shall engage the expertise of external mediator(s) mutually acceptable to all of its members, to help cautiously handle the resolution of disputes that may appear intractable within the framework of its internal mechanism.

Section 7.6: Political and Social Networking

Networking is considered a very important component in any human gathering specifically those gatherings that are amongst nations, international organizations, local organizations and political parties. The Alliance

accepts that because of its known diversity in membership; it will encourage both political and social networking which will strengthen ties amongst members of the Alliance.

Section 7.6.1: Political Networking

A fundamental pillar of the Alliance's strength shall be Political Networking. The political leaderships and Executive Committees of the political parties that are forming the Alliance shall endeavor to form linkages in their political decision-making at their appropriate levels so as to stimulate a spirit of mutuality and confidence, as the Alliance progresses to stabilize.

Section 7.6.2: Social Networking

Social Networking provides an enabling environment for the cementing of a spirit of oneness amongst partisans of the political parties forming the Alliance. In the spirit of the Alliance, the Women and Youth Congresses of the Alliance parties shall organize joint events including sports, walks, carwash, intellectual discourses, etc. to create more visibility and public acceptance for the Alliance.

ARTICLE 8: Financing Strategy

The Alliance shall require resources to underwrite expenditure of its activities. The Alliance of initial four (4) political parties is therefore adapting its *financing strategy* that shall identify sources from which finances shall be generated to cover the overall expenditure of the Alliance.

The *Alliance Financing Strategy* is bordered on establishing a shared expenditure principle for the Alliance's activities as may be required. The Alliance shall establish a single account to be managed by designated signatures as agreed by the authorities of the constituent political parties.

The aspect of the *Alliance Financing Strategy* that focuses on raising resources shall be anchored on the following principles: contributions from members of the Alliance, donations from sympathizers, private citizens, legislators and the execution of fund-drives, dinners, rallies, etc.

Section 8.1: Political Parties Contribution

Membership of the Alliance is the composition of the constituent political parties. It is agreed that each political party shall be required to make equal financial contribution to fund all activities of the Alliance. The contribution will be based on a 25% cost-sharing principle of the total expenditure that shall be required to fund any activity of the Alliance as long as this framework is in place. As new members are coopted, the cost-sharing apparatus shall be recalibrated to reflect that reality.

Section 8.2 Initial Funding/Membership Contribution

Section 8.2.1

Membership Contribution- Members of the Alliance shall be required to make an initial contribution of USD \$10,000 for the opening of the bank account to be paid upon the signing of this document and an annual due payment /contribution of USD\$ 24,000 to run the affairs of the Alliance. The total amount of annual contribution agreed to herein by the parties shall be paid in quarterly installments of Six Thousand United States Dollars (US \$6,000) with the first quarter installment to be invoiced and paid within three (3) months after the signing of this Agreement. Subsequently quarterly payment shall be made in advance no later than two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the succeeding quarter. For the avoidance of doubt, the

contribution made by Alliance members towards the operations of the Alliance shall not be used for purposes of political campaigning.

Section 8.2.2

Failure to make contribution as prescribed in **Section 8.2.1** and any other agreed upon financial contribution herein or as may be required, will render a member not compliant and considered to not be in good standing. A member that is non compliant for more than one month after an installment deadline and considered not in good standing shall lose its membership and all rights associated with the CPP as per Article 5 (Section 5.5.2) of this framework document.

Section 8.3: Financial Management of the Alliance

Section 8.3.1

Receipt of Funds: The National Secretariat, through the office of the Budget and Finance Officer, is the authorized recipient of all funds for the Alliance. All moneys collected or received by the Budget and Finance Officer or his/her designees should be turned over immediately to the Treasurer, who shall be the official custodian of the Alliance funds.

Section 8.3.2

Deposit of Funds; the Treasurer shall immediately deposit any and all funds into the Alliance's account provided that the Treasurer shall not retain funds belonging to Alliance undeposited for more than 24 hours unless the deadline falls on a non-banking day. Adequate records of financial transaction shall be maintained by the Budget and Finance Officer in keeping with General Acceptable Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Internal Controls.

Section 8.3.3

Approval of Payment: All payments by the Alliance shall be approved as provided for in the Alliance's financial procedure, policy and approved budget. Where the financial procedure and policy of the Alliance has not been established and/or adopted, payments of funds for whatever purpose shall be based on processed and approved (i) payment request (ii) check payment/petty cash voucher, (iii) purchase order and (iv) maintenance of general journal of all financial activities. All payments shall be approved by the Head of the Secretariat.

Section 8.3.4

The Treasurer and Finance & Budget Officer positions shall be vetted from amongst members of the Secretariat and the preferred persons shall produce performance bond to assure their performance.

Section 8.4: Contributions, Donations, Rallies, Dinners, Fund-drives

Without limiting the rights of the parties to inject funds into the alliance as required in **Section 8.1** above, the Alliance shall independently raise funds for its activities and programs. The Alliance shall organize and execute rallies, dinners, fund-drives or other legally permissible events intended to raise funds from time to time as deemed necessary by the Alliance, The Alliance agrees that all fund raised or materials received for and in the name of the Alliance shall be deemed and it is hereby deemed the assets of the alliance.

ARTICLE 9: Communication Strategy

The Communication Strategy of the Alliance shall seek to explain to the general public the overriding objective of the Alliance. The contents of the *Communication Strategy* shall be based on consistency, credibility, concern, compassion, and commitment to the public.

After the formal signing of this Framework document, the National Secretariat shall be tasked to lead the development of a Communication Strategy, which shall be endorsed by the National Executive Committee and the National Advisory Council (NAC). The following thematic areas shall be of priority: 'We have heard your call to narrow the options, We are collaborating to save the country, We are stronger together, "We're willing to work with you" and we shall therefore prioritize the interests of the country".

Section 9.1: Public and Media Relations

The Alliance shall engage the public and media entities speaking through designated persons and using coherent messaging in the delivery of its policies and positions to the public.

The Alliance is aware that the media has the power to shape public opinion and make or break the Alliance's political mission. Therefore, the Alliance shall endeavor to enhance its activities with a tolerant media engagement strategy. The strategy shall seek to empower media entities to voice the vision of the Alliance in pursuit of its overriding objective.

Meanwhile, this Section shall not in any way whatsoever prohibit or limit the rights of any constituent party from speaking on party specific or national issues to their partisans, supporters and the general public. However, member wishing to exercise such right, shall inform the other members of the Alliance within 24 hours of such decision subject to Section 7.3

Section 9.2: Branding and Visibility

Considering that the Alliance is the collaboration of opposition political parties in its newness; "branding" is a very significant piece to boost the Alliance's Public Relations program. Logos of member political parties shall be used to develop a single symbol that encapsulates all parties representing a unified logo, flag and displaying future paraphernalia to the general public.

The Alliance branding program shall aggressively consider pervasive advertising campaigns prior to and during national elections period. The key objective of implementing a branding program shall be to increase public recognition and acceptance of the Alliance. The Alliance shall use its agreed upon symbols, emblems, logos and messaging as prescribed in this agreement for its branding purposes.

Article 10: Strategy, National Elections & Governance

Section 10.1: Definitions

For easy references, words and phrases used in this Article shall be interpreted in the contexts of the definitions herein provided.

Section 10.1.1

Incumbency-A member of the 54th Legislature elected on the ticket of a constituent political Party or a member of the 54th Legislature who joins a constituent political party and by extension, the Alliance.

Section 10.1.2

Constituent Political Party - is a party that is a signatory to this framework.

Section 10.1.3: The National Executive Committee-the body according to this framework that is responsible for approving policy decisions of the Alliance in the absence of a convention.

Section 10.1.4

Guiding Principles – as used in this document, the Guiding Principles shall refer to the motivations that drive the coming together of the four political parties under the umbrella of an Alliance as prescribed in Article 1, Section (1.1-1.4).

Section 10.1.5

Core Values - are those values as prescribed in Article 1, Section 1.5.

10.1.6

Consensus herein referenced shall mean broad based agreement and unanimity, without any disagreement amongst the leaders of the Alliance as used by the UN Security Council. For the purpose of presidential nomination, consensus shall be by unanimous choice made through a confidential medium.

Section 10.1.7

The Alliance-refers to the political collaboration of the four constituent political parties and, in addition, other political parties that may later subscribe and accede to its principles. The acronym CPP as used in this document shall mean the same as Alliance; both may be used interchangeably.

Section 10.1.8

Internal Party Conflict - means the divergence of interests or beliefs within a constituent party whereby the party certificate of accreditation is suspended or revoked by the National Elections Commission.

Section 10.1.10

Physically and Medically Unfit - means any physical or medical conditions that have advanced to affect the person's cognitive and mental ability or other health conditions to include terminal illness which may likely cause fatality within a year.

Section 10.1.11

Voters' Perception Survey - shall be the survey of voters' perceptions about their overall preference of candidates and candidate's competence to deliver on key issues.

Section 10.1.12

Primary – is the process by which delegates nominated by alliance members can indicate their preference for the alliance's candidate in an upcoming general election, local election or by-election.

Section 10.2

Membership of the Parties All persons desiring to be a Presidential, Vice Presidential or Legislative nominee on the Alliance’s ticket must be a member of one of the constituent political parties.

Section 10.3: Guiding Principles, Nomination of Presidential and Legislative Tickets

Section 10.3.1: Eligibility to Stand for Elections for Presidential and Legislative Candidates

All persons interested in vying for the nomination for the presidency of Liberia or legislative seat must meet all legal requirements to include constitutional, statutory, Alliance’s rules and regulations as well as electoral requirements of Liberia.

10.3.1.2

No person interested in vying for any electoral seat on the ticket of the Alliance shall be allowed if the person:

- i. has been or is a convicted felon, provided such conviction is not derived from a political charge to include sedition, treason, etc.
- ii. misrepresented any material fact or is found to have committed perjury during the submission of his/her application or provided false statements(s) that may or may influenced the selection process to his/her advantage;
- iii. is proven to be physically and medically/terminally unfit; and
- iv. is void of internal conflict in keeping with Section 10.1.8 above, and is not in good standing with his/her party.

Section 10.5: Nomination Processes for Presidential and Legislative Candidates

The CPP shall utilize three nomination processes to determine the selection of its candidates for both Presidential and Legislative Candidates.

10.5.1: Consensus

Consensus shall be the first process conducted to select the ticket and any decision emanating therefrom shall be binding on the parties and endorsed by the CPP. Where consensus is not met, the CPP shall conduct a Voters Perception Survey (VPS) as prescribed in **Sections 10.5.2** of this agreement.

10.5.1.1

Consensus herein referenced, for the selection of the Presidential Candidate, shall mean broad based agreement and unanimity, without any disagreement amongst the leaders of the APP, as used by the UN Security Council, while consensus for Legislative candidates shall be conducted among designated officials of the CPP. For the purpose of presidential nomination, consensus shall be by unanimous choice made through a confidential medium.

10.5.1.2

The Presidential Aspirants of the four initial parties shall have until December 1, 2021 to, by consensus, decide/agree on and name a presidential ticket, including a running mate.

An individual who ultimately becomes the Standard Bearer of the CPP from consensus or primaries, shall within three(3) months of the process name his/her running mate for subsequent endorsement by the National Executive Committee of the CPP in keeping with the electoral laws and constitution of Liberia provided that said Vice Standard Bearer nominee is a member of the CPP and that such nominee is not from the same constituent party as the Standard Bearer. The Executive Committee may only reject the Vice Standard Bearer nominee on grounds established by law.

Section 10.5.2: Voter's Perception Surveys

10.5.2.1

Where the Presidential Aspirants of the CPP fail or are unable to decide/agree on and name a presidential ticket, including a running mate, on or before December 1, 2021, the CPP shall conduct a non-binding Voters' perception surveys (VPS) funded by the CPP, for the purpose of informing the four parties and its delegates on the views of the general public in preparation for primaries. For the purpose of accurately determining the political marketability and voters' preference of presidential and Legislative Candidates, the VPS shall include the four Standard Bearers or Legislative candidates of each of the CPP constituent parties as survey subjects (SS), and in addition, also obtain voters' preference and perception about other influentially potential presidential and legislative aspirants from within and outside of the CPP, as SS.

10.5.2.2

Where the designated official of the CPP on Legislative Nomination are unable to decide/agree on and name the legislative candidate for a district or county, the CPP shall conduct a Voter's Perception Survey funded by the CPP, for the purpose of informing the four parties and its delegates on the views of the general public in preparation for primaries.

10.5.2.3

The results from the VPS for Presidential candidates will not be binding but the conduct of the VPS shall be mandatory and conducted no earlier than 6 months and no later than 3 months to the conduct of the primaries. The results emanating from the primaries shall be binding on all parties in the collaboration. The results from the VPS for Legislative Candidates will not be binding unless in the case of incumbent lawmakers as per **Section (10.5.4)** but the conduct of the VPS shall be mandatory and conducted no earlier than 4 weeks to the conduct of the primaries.

Section 10.5.3: Primaries

Upon receipt of the results of the VPS, the CPP shall conduct primaries thereafter as prescribed in section 6.1 and **Section (10.6.3)** of this agreement.

Section 10.5.3.1

The National Executive Committee shall appoint an ad hoc body with membership comprising of reputable and experienced individuals to facilitate the conduct or observation of primaries and the nomination process for the legislative ticket of the Alliance provided that the membership of the ad hoc body shall comprise of representatives from the constituent parties of the Alliance. Each constituent party shall have equal representation on the ad hoc body.

10.5.4 Incumbency:

Where the outcome of the VPS reveals that the incumbent legislator is the winning candidate by 5%, the constituent political party with such candidate shall be automatically granted the privilege to occupy the slot, pursuant to the requirement of **Section (10.2.1)**. Where the incumbent legislator is not the primary candidate favored by voters, but he or she is the secondary candidate favored by voters with a 5% margin behind the primary candidate, the collaboration shall select the incumbent as the candidate to contest for the legislative seat. As agreed, this is the only exception where a VPS become a determinant of candidate selection. However, when an Incumbent lawmaker aspires to contest in another county/electoral district or position, the incumbent shall lose its incumbency status and shall be subjected to the same guidelines like all other aspirants.

Section 10.5.4.1

One (1) year shall be the time-frame for members of the legislature who may desire to join a constituent political party to be considered Incumbent.

10.6: Voters' Perception Survey

For the purpose of selecting presidential and legislative candidates, the CPP shall utilize unbiased, credible and scientifically-designed nation-wide voters' perception survey (VPS), using representative samples reflective of voters' demographics throughout Liberia. The VPS shall be a mixed method of Qualitative and Quantitative Surveys wherein all technicians of the four constituent parties shall fully participate during the conduct of the survey and have equal access to the raw data as needed.

Section 10.6.1

The VPS for legislative candidates shall be conducted by technicians selected equally from within the CPP. The CPP shall seek technical support from local international institutions as needed for this purpose.

Section 10.6.2

The VPS for presidential candidates shall be conducted by a blend of international experts supported by technicians from within the collaborating parties. The VPS for presidential candidates shall be conducted by an internationally recognized and reputable institution agreed upon by the member of the CPP. The institution shall be hired by the CPP and all costs associated with the conduct of the presidential VPS shall be borne and shared in equal proportion by the parties presenting candidates for presidency. Full payment toward the conduct of the VPS shall be made and/or deposited in the CPP's account at least three (3) months prior to the commencement of and/or conduct of the VPS to allow the institution hired to conduct the survey and mobilize the needed logistics to facilitate the timely and effective conduct of VPS. The VPS shall be a mixed method of Qualitative and Quantitative Surveys wherein all members of the parties presenting candidates shall be equally represented during the conduct of the VPS and have access to the raw data as needed. Failure to make full payment by a party of its share of the cost of the VPS shall be subject to **Section (8.2.2)**.

Section 10.6.3

The result of the voter's perception survey will be used to inform the selection of the legislative candidates at the primaries. The VPS will be conducted by locally recognized institution. The costs associated with the conduct of the VPS shall be borne equally by members of the Alliance. There shall be a blend of the local firm technicians and technicians from the four constituent political parties during the conduct.

Section 10.7: Balanced Distribution of Candidates

Section 10.7.1

In a representative race, no constituent member party shall have less than 20% or more than 35% of candidates of the CPP, unless where one or more of the parties defer its allotted seats to the Alliance for redistribution. Furthermore, the Alliance shall uphold a 30% quota for female participation in legislative candidate selection. The four constituent political parties are under obligation to ensure compliance to this provision.

Section 10.8: Guiding Principles, Governance after Elections

Leadership of the Legislature: Speaker, President Pro Tempore, Speaker and Deputy Speaker

Section 10.8.1

In the event that the Alliance produces an absolute majority of the members of the Senate and the House, allocations of positions shall, as practically as possible, proceed as follows: If the President is from Party A and the Vice President is from Party B; the Speaker, President Pro-Tempore and Deputy Speaker shall each be designated by the other constituent political parties and possibly Independent lawmaker where applicable.

Section 10.9: Legislative Agenda and Public Policy

Section 10.9.1

The president shall submit his/her legislative agenda to the National Executive Committee of the CPP which shall deliberate on the agenda and when accepted be binding on all lawmakers of the Alliance to support.

Section 10.9.2

All other actors of the CPP desiring support on any public policy issue including legislation should submit a proposal to the Executive Committee of the Alliance for deliberation and clearance.

Section 10.9.3

When an agenda is accepted by the Alliance, it is binding on all lawmakers of the Alliance to support that policy and it forms part of the legislative agenda of the Alliance.

Section 10.10: The Executive-Presidential Appointments

Section 10.10.1: Categories of Positions

- **Cabinet level roles:** Ministers, Heads of Autonomous Agencies, Public Corporation, State-owned Enterprises, Regulatory Authorities and Commissions (including commissioners of Board of Commissioners) and Heads of Military and Para-military institutions;
- **Junior Cabinet level roles:** Deputy Ministers, Deputy Heads of Autonomous agencies, and State-owned Enterprises. Ambassadors and Deputy Heads of Military and Para-Military Institutions;
- **Technical levels:** Assistant Ministers, Directors where applicable and Administrators appointed by the President.

- **Local Government Administrations:** Mayor of the City of Monrovia, Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and County Inspectors.
- **Local Government Administration:** Mayors, Statutory District Officials, Administrative District Commissioners, Paramount Chief, Clan Chiefs, Zone Chiefs, General Town Chiefs, Town Chiefs;

Section 10.11: Guidelines for Presidential Appointments-Executive Branch of Government

Section 10.11.1

All constituent political parties shall be represented in the Cabinet. Cabinet positions shall be allocated amongst the constituent political parties and all other qualified Liberians whether or not they are members of the Alliance;

Section 10.11.2

Constituent Political Parties shall recommend qualify Members for appointment to Cabinet, junior cabinet, Technical level positions, local government administration subject to all applicable laws;

Section 10.11.3

Only known, active and visible members of Constituent Political Parties shall be recommended by the parties;

Section 10.11.4

Constituent political Parties shall recommend members in the counties for local government positions. Only known, active and visible members in the county shall be recommended by the parties for local government positions.

Section 10.11.5

For the purposes of this framework, each Constituent Political Party shall define full make-up of its national executive committee.

Section 10.11.6

For the purposes of this framework, each Constituent Political Party shall define full make-up of its county executive committee.

Section 10.11.7

Recommendations from the parties for local government positions shall be made by the County executive committee of each Constituent Political Party to its national executive committee.

Section 10.11.8

Recommendations from the constituent political parties shall be made by the executive committee of that party.

Section 10.11.9

All recommendations from the Constituent Political Parties shall be submitted to the Decision-Making Body of the Alliance which shall ensure compliance with this framework.

Section 10.11.10

When the head of a ministry, Agency, Commission, Authority County, or District is appointed from one party all deputy heads positions shall be filled by recommendations from other constituent Political Parties. Positions shall be distributed according to the methods and procedures set up pursuant to Section B (3).

Section 10.12: Covenant Agreement

Section 10.12.1

The Presidential ticket shall sign a Covenant Agreement as part of the nomination process to uphold the spirit and intent of this framework. The agreement shall be drafted by the Decision-Making Body of the Alliance.

Section 10.12.2

Legislative candidates on the ticket of the Alliance shall sign a Covenant Agreement as part of the nomination process to uphold the spirit and intent of this framework. Specifically, the candidates shall agree to support the legislative agenda of the Alliance and its President. The agreement shall be drafted by the Decision-Making Body of the Alliance.

Article 11: The time-frame for the Alliance

This framework shall come into existence on the date of signing by the parties. It shall be a living instrument and shall end with the coming into being of a higher level of integration or merger.

Article 12: Amendment

Section 12.1

An amendment to this framework shall be initiated by a written proposal from any of the Constituent Political Parties to the Decision-Making Body of the Alliance no later than six (6) months to the ensuing presidential and general elections.

Section 12.2

Proposal to amend any provision of this framework shall be submitted by Constituent Political Parties in writing to the Decision-Making Body prior to the sitting of the nominating convention of the Alliance.

Section 12.3

The Decision-Making Body shall develop guidelines and detail procedure for adopting amendment to this framework after Section 1 above has been effectuated by a member.

Article 13: Effective Date of the Framework

This framework is binding on all political parties who are signatories to this instrument and all other parties that may join after the signing of this framework. It shall be binding on the institutions and its members as if they individually signed on to it.

This Collaborative Framework will come into effective as of the date of signing by the **legitimate leaders** of the parties and upon being deposited with the National Elections Commission, having being duly probated.

Done this _____ Day of _____ 2020 in

The City of _____ in the Republic of Liberia

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Acting Chairman - Unity Party

Attested: _____ **Amb. Joseph Nyuma Boakai**
Political Leader - Unity Party

Signed: _____ **Sen. Steve A. Zargo**
Chairman-Liberty Party

Attested: _____ **Sen. Nyonble Karnga-Lawrence**
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Signed: _____ **Sen. Daniel Naatehn**

Chairman-Alternative National Congress

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