# YORUBA SELF-DETERMINATION MOVEMENT

# UPDATED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

# **Background:**

Following the resolve of many Yorubas to have their own independent nation outside of the union we now know as Nigeria today. Quite a lot of individuals established various groups and organisations to pursue the dream of achieving an independent Yoruba. Many of these groups and organisations formed were thus working at cross purposes which meant that many of the activities were duplication of each other. The net result of these many organisations led to many drawbacks and at seldom times causing weariness to the many Yoruba patriots on the self-determination struggle. It is for this reason that the idea of YSDM was thought of as a collaborative body for identified leaders of Yoruba Self-determination organisations to have a framework for achieving the task ahead. After several consultations and closed-door virtual meetings, The Yoruba Self-determination Movement (YSDM) was established on 7 August 2021 and thereafter inaugurated on 23 September 2021.

After two years of YSDM existence, the need arose for structural changes to the YSDM. A structural revamping committee was put in place and unanimously ratified by the council. Following the conclusion of their assignment, this body was constituted to update the Articles of association to reflect the revamped structure.

# **ARTICLE 1. NAME:**

The name of the organization will continue to be Yoruba Self-Determination Movement ("YSDM") aka Ajo ajijangbara Orile-ede Yoruba.

### **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:**

# **Section 1. Purpose**

The purpose of YSDM is to achieve Sovereignty for the Yoruba Nation.

# **Section 2. Objectives:**

The objectives of the organizations shall be as follows but not limited to:

- i. Proactively engage with the Nigerian state using available instrument provided for by the international laws and legislation.
- ii. Proactively engage with the international communities through diplomacy, shared beliefs and common interest.
- iii. To facilitate trust, respect, honesty, and open relationships between Yoruba selfdetermination groups
- iv. To work towards the common goal of independence for Yorubaland
- v. To accelerate the process of Yoruba self-determination
- vi. To collaborate with all Yoruba self-determination groups.

# ARTICLE 3. STRUCTURE OF YSDM AND MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA.

### **Section 1. Structure:**

The Yoruba Self-determination Movement (YSDM) shall operate under the following revised structure.

- i. The Yoruba Self-determination General Council
- ii. National Cabinet otherwise known as Executives.
- iii. The Yoruba Self-determination Departments
- iv. The Yoruba Self-determination Secretariat.
- v. Countries, States and Local Governments' YSDMs

### Section 2. The Yoruba Self-Determination General Council YSDC:

# The Yoruba Self Determination General Council (YSDC) shall:

- i. be the legislative organ of YSDM.
- ii. hold oversight authority over and receive regular periodic reports from:
  - a. The Executives, b. The Departments, c. The Secretariat, d. Countries & states & Local Governments YSDM, and e. The National & Deputy National Leader. f. The Chief of Personnel.
- iii. Meet periodically as outlined in this Articles of Association, and
- iv. Execute other duties set forth in this Articles of Association.
- v. Any proposals to amend these Articles shall be made by the Council.
- vi. The YSDC shall determine the accension of new members and the expulsion of member organisations or individuals where necessary.
- vii. A YSDM member can resign at any time, but resigning or excluded members or their legal successors shall have no rights on the assets of the YSDM.

viii. Unless otherwise agreed, all acts and writings binding on the YSDM shall be approved by the Council.

The supreme organ of the new YSDM structure shall continue to be the General Council or the YSDM Parliament.

It shall be composed as follows:

- 1. The National Leader
- 2. The Deputy Leader
- 3. The Chief of Personnel
- 4. The General Secretary
- 5. The Assistant General Secretary
- 6. The 13 Cabinet Secretaries
- 7. Representatives from the following.
  - a. Five Representatives of each of the eight states of the Homeland; namely Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Kwara, Kogi, and Oyo = 40
  - b. Two Representatives from Itsekiri
  - c. Two Representatives from the Yoruba of Akoko Edo.
  - d. United Kingdom = 5
  - e. United States of America = 5
  - f. Canada = 05
  - g. France = 02
  - h. Germany = 02
  - i. Italy = 02
  - j. Belgium = 02
  - k. The Rest of Europe = 02
  - 1. Middle East = 02
  - m. Benin Republic = 02
  - n. Ghana = 01
  - o. Togo = 01
  - p. Cote D'Ivoire = 01
  - q. South Africa = 01

### Note:

- i. The number of representatives is subject to amendment as they grow in membership upon proper review and council approval.
- ii. Henceforth, YSDM Regions shall be identified in the following way YSDM Lagos State; YSDM UK; YSDM Benin Republic; etc.

### Section 3. The National Cabinet otherwise known as Executives.

The Council shall by majority vote establish the YSDM Executive which shall be referred to as the National Cabinet.

# A. COMPOSITION.

The National Cabinet shall comprise of the:

- i. National Leader,
- ii. Deputy National Leader,
- iii. The Chief of Personnel
- iv. General Secretary,
- v. Assistant General Secretary, and
- vi. The 13 Cabinet Secretaries

### B. DUTIES OF NATIONAL CABINET.

The National Cabinet shall:

- 1. Execute the decisions of the General Council.
- 2. Recommend policies for the General Council's consideration, and
- 3. Represent YSDM, as necessary.

### C. MEETINGS.

The National cabinet shall meet as necessary, but no less than once in a month.

### D. SELECTION OF NATIONAL CABINET MEMBERS.

Aside from the founding National Leader, Professor Banji Akintoye, whom the Founding Council selected, the succeeding National Leader and all members of the National cabinet shall be:

- 1. Nominated from within the Council or any YSDM organs,
- 2. Nominated by an individual or member-organization, and
- 3. Confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Council.

# E. THE NATIONAL LEADER.

The National leader shall:

- i. be the leader of the self-determination struggle and the National cabinet.
- ii. provide leadership with regard to the purpose, aims, and objectives of YSDM,
- iii. appoint a Deputy National Leader to assist in special duties,

- iv. represent, speak, and act on behalf of the Yoruba People,
- v. represent YSDM with third parties, unless otherwise set forth in these articles, or agreed by Council, and
- vi. perform other functions that may be ascribed to his office.

#### F. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL LEADER.

# The Deputy National leader shall:

- i. Be appointed the National leader of the self-determination struggle,
- ii. Represent the National leader when he is not available,
- iii. provide leadership regarding the purpose, aims, and objectives of YSDM,
- iv. represent, speak, and act on behalf of the Yoruba People,
- v. represent YSDM with third parties, unless otherwise set forth in these articles, or agreed by Council, and
- vi. perform other functions that may be ascribed to his office.

#### G. THE CHIEF OF PERSONNEL

### The Chief of Personnel shall:

- i. serve a term of two years renewable for an additional term,
- ii. provide leadership regarding the purpose, aims, and objectives of YSDM,
- iii. represent, speak, and act on behalf of the Yoruba People,
- iv. represent YSDM with third parties, unless otherwise set forth in these articles, or agreed by Council,
- v. Preside over the General Council meetings.

#### H. THE GENERAL SECRETARY:

# The General Secretary:

- i. serve a term of two years renewable for an additional term,
- ii. be the secretary to the General Council and the National Cabinet,
- iii. coordinate the Secretariat,
- iv. convene the General Council meetings according to the meeting calendar approved by the Council, and where necessary, convene meetings as directed by the National Leader, or as determined by the Council.

### I. THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY:

The Assistant General Secretary:

- i. serve a term of two years renewable for an additional term,
- ii. Support the General Secretary as needed,
- iii. where the General Secretary is unavailable, shall assume the duties of the General Secretary,

# **Section 4. THE YSDM Departments:**

Each department shall be headed by a Secretary of State that shall be a member of the National Cabinet and shall:

- i. serve a term of two years renewable for an additional term,
- ii. provide leadership for each of their respective departments,
- iii. represent, speak, and act on behalf of the Yoruba People,

Each member-organization shall nominate from among its ranks, the individuals who shall serve in the various departments; the Secretariat shall review the nominations and make final recommendations to the Council for approval after thorough vetting.

The Yoruba Self-determination Council (YSDC) shall by majority vote, establish the following standing or permanent departments.

- 1. Security department,
- 2. Finance department,
- 3. Legal department,
- 4. Project Management department,
- 5. Publicity/Media department,
- 6. External Affairs/Diplomacy department,
- 7. Youth & Sports department,
- 8. Agriculture department,
- 9. Membership department,
- 10. Education department,
- 11. Culture & Tourism department,
- 12. Awareness & Mobilization department.
- 13. Harmony Intervention department.

# NOTE:

Every department shall be headed by a Secretary otherwise referred to as Secretary of State.

# A. Expectations of the Secretaries of State and the Chief of Personnel:

All cabinet secretaries are members of the National cabinet of YSDM.

- 1. their first duty is an unfaltering loyalty to the executive and the general council of YSDM and, above all, to the Yoruba nation's struggle to liberate itself from the destructive strangle-hold of Nigeria.
- 2. their second duty is to deliberately, resolutely and dutifully always and in all situations and circumstances, view themselves as important leaders of the Yoruba nation who must uphold and promote unity and harmony among activists of the Yoruba self-determination struggle and among all Yoruba people.
- 3. their third duty is to consciously and dutifully elevate and uphold the Yoruba nation and its painful needs of these times as more important than personal, sectional, friendship, locality, regional or geographical considerations and, therefore, to be prepared continuously and harmoniously to render the specific duties that have been assigned to them in the Yoruba struggle and to ensure that others of their cabinet colleagues will be able to do their assigned tasks without obstruction or difficulty.
- 4. their fourth and highest duty is to live consciously and consistently in the knowledge that today's Yoruba struggle is the Yoruba nation's last standing ground in this world, and that, if the Yoruba nation is to survive and continue to exist, this struggle must simply and absolutely end in a Yoruba victory.

### B. Duties of the Secretaries of State:

# 1. Security Secretary:

- a. Oversee Yoruba Self-determination Organizations that have security wings and promote their working together for effective protection of the activities of the Yoruba Self-determination Struggle and security of the Yoruba Homeland Territory.
- b. Work closely with all Yoruba Security Department.
- c. Secure resources to the organization in funding, equipment, welfare resources, national information.
- d. Provide regular reports to the YSDM Executives.

# 2. Finance Secretary:

- a. Control the management of all Funds and Accounts of YSDM.
- b. Establish new Accounts for YSDM as directed by YSDM Executives.
- c. Promote existing Fundraising Programs of YSDM.
- d. Create other Fundraising Programs for YSDM as directed by YSDM Executives.
- e. Oversee the progress of the Yoruba Central Accounts.
- f. Establish a trustworthy and transparent system for the custody and disbursement of funds
- g. Recommend officials to manage YSDM Funds and Accounts, make

- nominations to the YSDM Executives, and control all such officials as directed by YSDM Council.
- h. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# 3. Legal Secretary:

- a. Take control of all legal needs and issues of the Yoruba Self-determination Struggle through YSDM.
- b. Coordinate legal action on behalf of YSDM.
- c. Ensure compliance with YSDM rules and regulations
- d. Establish a register of lawyers to be on standby, voluntarily or on a retainer.
- e. Provide regular and periodic reports at either the Executives, or the Council.

# 4. Project Management Secretary:

- a. Advance existing Development Projects such as the creation of a Yoruba National Bank, Youth Farms Project and work closely with appropriate Secretaries for effective and successful implementation.
- b. Promote any new Projects.
- c. Report regularly to YSDM Executive and the Council.

# 5. Publicity/Media Secretary:

- a. Coordinate and harmonise the publicity for YSDM
- b. Inform and sensitise our people on YSDM's purposes
- c. Execute mobilization towards YSDM goals.
- d. Identify and mobilise media houses on press releases.
- e. Provide regular and periodic reports to the Executives and the council.
- f. Have control of all YSDM media and communication outlet such as facebook, Instagram, tic-tok etc.
- g. Act as Liaison Officer between YSDM and significant media groups such as Yoruba Nation World Media, Yoruba Nation Homeland Media, and all Yoruba Nation independent Media outlets.
- h. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# **6.** External Affairs/Diplomacy Secretary:

- a. To promote broadly and fully the Yoruba cause in international organizations, international agencies, international media, and selected countries.
- b. To identify Yoruba in Diaspora; either individuals or groups with potential for reaching and interacting with leaders or rulers of any country, to promote and instruct these about the diplomatic possibilities, and to give them the backing of YSDM for diplomatic efforts.
- c. To take full charge of, and give serious support to, already ongoing Yoruba diplomatic efforts in any country, region or world-group.
- d. To work with Media/Publicity Secretary to produce appropriate publications, documentary, newsletter, for use in the Yoruba diplomatic efforts worldwide.

- e. To plan, arrange and see to the implementation of diplomatic visits by YSDM leaders or delegations to any countries to reinforce the Yoruba diplomatic effort.
- f. To make available to the world, approved information on the Yoruba diplomatic effort.
- g. To set up a lobbying group for diplomatic purposes.
- h. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# 7. Youths And Sports Secretary:

- a. Popularize information concerning the place, prospects and importance of youths, developmental programs, in the coming Yoruba Sovereign State.
- b. Encourage and support youth programs and activities in the Yoruba Self-determination efforts.
- c. To promote various sports activities among Yoruba youths.
- d. Promote Yoruba ethics among our Youth.
- e. Prepare Yoruba youths for life's challenges.
- f. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# 8. Agriculture Secretary:

- a. Provide technical support to Yoruba farmers and those involved in agriculture to enhance their agriculture business.
- b. Make serious efforts to popularize the Youth Farms Program.
- c. Evolve plans and Programs for raising all kinds of support funding, modern farming machinery and equipment, agricultural training to Yoruba youths.
- d. Start the creation of the Ileto Farm Settlements at least one settlement in every Yoruba State.
- e. Support the Oko-Etile Farming System.
- f. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# 9. Membership Secretary:

- a. To keep the Executives and council informed on the membership numbers and relevant statistics relating to the local, state, and country membership strength.
- b. Keep records of all the active and inactive groups or organizations in YSDM.
- c. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# 10. Education Secretary:

- a. Shall be responsible for educational policies in Yorubaland
- b. Develop strategies for ensuring quality education for all school children/adult learning in Yoruba land.
- c. Liaise with educational institutions in Yorubaland to understand the challenges faced in educational institutions and how to proffer solutions.
- d. To advice on the development of potential new projects, exploring options for teaching resources, e-learning and workshops.
- e. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# 11. Culture And Tourism Secretary:

- a. Develop a great campaign on Yoruba Cultural Heritage and take it to the Yoruba people and to the world at large.
- b. For this purpose, involve educationists and panels of educationists to put together the contents.
- c. Involve the proposed YSDM Newsletter, produce documentaries, and hold frequent lectures, get appropriate people to write Articles for newspapers, and hold Press Conferences.
- d. Expose the rich cultural tourism potential of Yorubaland. Use qualified persons from the universities.
- e. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# 12. Awareness & Mobilization Secretary:

- a. Develop a multiplicity of strategies to provide leadership and strength to existing Grassroots and Mobilization programs and activities in the Yoruba homeland, especially by youths, Youth Groups and Local Government Area YSDM Councils.
- b. Start more grassroots and awareness programs.
- c. Plan YSDM Rallies in the homeland, bringing into the effort all the known strengths of rallies among Yoruba people.
- d. Encourage and promote Mass Rallies in the countries of the Diaspora.
- f. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

# 13. Harmony Intervention Secretary:

- a. Intervene as necessary to conflict among Yoruba Self-determination activists.
- b. Advice YSDM Executive Committee/ YSDM Council concerning general measures that can promote harmony and ward off conflict.
- c. Provide regular reports to YSDM Executives and Council.

### Section 5. The Yoruba Self-determination Secretariat

Members of the Secretariat shall be selected by the General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary and presented to the General Council for ratification. The number of personnel to be nominated to the secretariat shall be decided by the needs of the self-determination movement.

### The Secretariat shall:

- i. be headed by the General Secretary.
- ii. Provide administrative support for the work of the Council, the Departments and the National Leader.
- iii. Shall be responsible for the administration of the YSDM website.

- iv. Facilitate meetings and the agenda of the meetings.
- v. Engage in disseminating information to the various organs of YSDM.
- vi. Provide regular and periodic reports at Council meetings.

# Section 6. The Local/State/Country YSDM'S Structure

- i. YSDM shall maintain a local, state and national council.
- ii. Each local council shall comprise of two representatives from each member-group or organization.
- iii. Every state in the Homeland shall determine the number of representatives from each local government in their state council.

# **Section 7. The Local/State/Country Coordinators**

- i. YSDM Local/State/Country coordinator shall provide leadership about the purpose, aims and objectives of the movement.
- ii. The Local/State/Country coordinator shall represent, speak and act on behalf of the Yoruba people nationally and internationally.
- iii. Unless otherwise agreed, the Local/State/Country coordinator shall represent the YSDC to third parties.

# Section 8. Record of Local/State/Country Meetings

The Secretary of every Local/State/Country Council shall maintain accurate minutes of all meetings, the minutes shall contain the:

- i. Names of the persons who were present for discussion.
- ii. content of the discussion, including any alternatives to any proposal, and
- iii. a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

# **Section 9. Membership Requirement:**

- i. Every Yoruba group or organization shall be eligible for membership in their countries, state or local governments, if it shares the purpose of Yoruba Self-Determination, to actualise a sovereign and independent Yoruba Nation.
- ii. Each of our self-determination organisations shall remain independent, operate as it chooses, be strong, vibrant and uncompromising on the demand for our Yoruba sovereign country.

- iii. Each organisation shall register with their countries, state or local government of residence.
- iv. Each local government, state or country YSDM shall determine membership due and or registration fee.
- v. There shall be YSDM Chapter in every local government of the Homeland which is being overseen by the state they belong.
- vi. Every intending organization shall satisfy such other requirements as may be stipulated by the Executives.

### ARTICLE 4. THE YORUBA CENTRAL ACCOUNT

#### Section 1. Establishment.

YSDM shall, through the Finance Department establish and administer the Yoruba Central Account ("YCA").

# Section 2. Purpose.

The YCA is to be the central fund for the Yoruba. It shall be a master fund, beyond small funds created by individual organizations; the Yoruba shall be the beneficiary of the fund, for causes that includes but are not limited to the self-determination.

#### Section 3. Administration.

YSDM as a trust, shall have trustees to administer YCA through the Finance Department, according to global best practices, keep meticulous records, and facilitate annual auditing by a reputable accounting firm.

### Section 4. Assets.

All assets gathered by YSDM, including but not limited to registration fees, membership dues, and all other renumerations donated to YSDM are the property of YSDM, either directly or through YCA; monies given to YSDM and YCA, either individually or through a member-organization, are non-refundable property of YSDM, its successor or assignees.

#### ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS AND VOTING PROCEDURES

# Section 1. Meetings.

- i. The Council shall hold general meetings which shall be held every two weeks, be facilitated by the Secretariat, and shall be run according to basic Rules of Order.
- ii. The Secretariat shall issue a calendar of meetings at the beginning of the fiscal year, and for a reminder, issue notice of the meeting at least three calendar days ahead of the meeting.
- iii. Each Department's shall have the power to hold their own meeting as they deem necessary.
- iv. Where there is an urgent issue or other circumstances, an emergency meeting may be called by the National Leader, Deputy National Leader, Chief of Personnel, the Secretariat, or by consent of thirty percent (30%) of the General Council; the emergency meeting shall run according to basic Rules of Order.
- v. Notice of an emergency meeting shall be issued to the Council, as soon as practicable possible under the circumstances.
- vi. An annual general meeting shall be held every September to review the activities of the previous year and to highlight the goals and aspiration for the coming year.

# **Section 1. Voting**

- i. Depending on the issue, matters to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of those active members present and voting at the meeting in which the vote takes place.
- ii. A simple majority is 50% plus one of those active members present and voting at any meeting.

# ARTICLE 6. WITHDRAWAL, REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL, AND REMOVAL PROCESSES.

# Section 1. Withdrawal by Member-Organization

i. A member-organization may withdraw from their Local/State or Country Council, via a written statement submitted to the Secretariat by the Secretary of the member organization, certifying that most of that member-organizations have decided to withdraw from the Council, and the Secretariat shall promptly inform the Council accordingly.

- ii. A member organization may recall a nominee to the Council, via a written statement submitted to the Secretariat by the Secretary of the member organization. certifying that the majority of that member-organizations have decided to recall a particular nominee to the Council, and the Secretariat shall promptly inform the Council accordingly.
- iii. The representatives of a member-organization that withdraws or has been removed from the Council, shall forthwith cease to appear at Council meetings, and are not entitled to the removal procedure outlined in Section 3 of this Article.
- iv. A member-organization that withdraws from the Council may be readmitted to the Council upon a simple-majority vote by the members of the Council who are present and voting at a Council meeting.

# Section 2. Requirements for Removal

Any individual or member-organization may be removed from YSDM, upon

- i. severe violation of these Articles of Association or
- ii. by an act of the Disciplinary Committee, due to gross misconduct which:
  - a. potentially tarnishes the image of YSDM.
  - b. impedes the purpose of YSDM as set forth in Article II

### **Section 3. Removal Process**

# The process:

- i. Shall begin with the submission of a written complaint to the General Secretary.
- ii. The General Secretary shall forward the complaint to the Harmony Intervention Secretary who shall conduct a thorough investigation within 30 days of receiving the written complaint.
- iii. Upon conclusion of an investigation, shall give two weeks' notice of a hearing to the individual or member-organization accused, to the General Council.
- iv. The hearing shall be open and transparent to as many members of all YSDM organs who wish to attend.
- v. A Disciplinary Panel of seven members shall be appointed by the Harmony Intervention Secretary, comprising of the coordinator and six other members.
- vi. A member of the Harmony Intervention department who shall not sit on the panel shall present the case at open hearing.
- vii. The individual or member-organization accused shall be afforded a meaningful opportunity to present a defense, and evidence, including but not limited to witness testimony.

- viii. At the conclusion of the hearing, the panel shall withdraw for private deliberation and vote; the Harmony Intervention Secretary shall not vote on the panel's decision, except to break a tie,
- ix. After deliberation, the panel shall return with a decision based on a simple majority vote, which shall be announced by the Harmony Intervention Secretary; the decisions of the individual panelists, however, shall remain confidential.

# ARTICLE 7. CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

# **Section 1. Confidentiality**

- i. All individuals who work through any of the organs of YSDM and are exposed to sensitive information, hereby have a duty of confidentiality; they undertake never to share information about their work, publicly or with those who do not need to know such sensitive information.
- ii. Members of the Council, Executives, the Secretariat, and Departments shall use good judgment in advising of any information that is sensitive, which shall then be treated as confidential, and shall not be disclosed to any person who does not need to know.

### Section 2. Conflict of Interest

The conflict-of-interest policy is to protect YSDM's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of a member or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy shall supplement but not replace any applicable laws governing conflict of interest.

Every person or entity contracted for a transaction or arrangement must sign a statement or clause, indicating disclosure of any direct or indirect connection, to any members of YSDM, delegated with authority to decide or participate in deliberating a proposed transaction or arrangement. If the person issuing the Statement is not aware of any conflict of interest, the statement shall so indicate.

#### **ARTICLE 8. STAFF**

If in furtherance to YSDM's purpose, it becomes necessary to employ staff or contract a professional's service, the Secretariat or any member of YSDM may suggest such to the Council, which upon a majority vote, may employ staff or retain a professional.

Staff may be temporary, permanent, or an independent professional (lawyer, researcher, etcetera) contracted for a specific temporary project.

Upon approval of such a recommendation by the Council, the Secretariat shall determine

the scope, parameters, duties, powers and compensation of the staff or independent professional contracted.

Aside from an independent professional contracted for a specific project, where there is more than one member of staff, the Secretariat shall, as needed, create a structure or hierarchy for YSDM's staff and report this to the Council.

### **ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS**

Member organizations may propose an Amendment through their representatives.

Upon public debate at a general meeting, where members present shall be allowed an opportunity to speak on any proposed amendment, these Articles of Association may be amended by a simple-majority vote.

Written notice of the proposed amendment, along with a summary of the changes to be effected thereby, shall be submitted to the Secretariat, which shall disseminate it to the Council and place on the agenda; after the Secretariat receives the proposed amendment, no more than two Council meetings shall pass, before the general meeting where the Council shall discuss and vote on the proposed amendment.

Once an amendment has been voted on by the General Council, this should be updated on the Articles of Association and circulated.

Every update shall be tagged by the date which shall be unique to the document, AA100424 day, month, and year.

# ARTICLE 10. ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

# **Section 1. Adoption**

Upon adoption of the Articles of Association by the Council at the final review meeting, each representative on the Council shall formally adopt this Articles of Association by appending their signatures to the following statement:

We, the undersigned, being the founding Council of the Yoruba Self-Determination Movement, do hereby adopt the foregoing clauses, as the Articles of Association of YSDM.

# **Section 2. Future Members**

All member-organizations who join YSDM after the adoption of this Articles of Association, do so pursuant to these Articles of Association, and agree to be bound thereby.

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The following are the members of this committee, tasked with producing this revamped Articles of Association:

- 1. Kayode Emola Secretary
- 2. Gani Alagbala Chairman
- 3. Sam Oyabayo Member
- 4. Barr. Olasupo Ojo Member

# SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Council on this	day of	, 2024
Name of Member-Organization:		
Name & Signature of Nominee 1:		
Name & Signature of Nominee 2:		