



CONSTITUTION OF RED DOT UNITED

1 NAME

- 1.1 This Society shall be known as the “Red Dot United”, hereinafter referred to as the “Party”.

2 PLACE OF BUSINESS

- 2.1 Its place of business shall be at “170 UPPER BUKIT TIMAH ROAD, BUKIT TIMAH SHOPPING CENTRE, #B1-23, Singapore 588179”, or such other address as may subsequently be decided by the Central Executive Council and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Party shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior written approval from the relevant authorities, where necessary.

3 PRINCIPLES OF THE PARTY

- 3.1 The Party will be a national movement dedicated to serving Singapore and advancing the well-being of all Singaporeans, by promoting the ideals of Fairness, Accountability, Integrity, Transparency and Happiness, Hope and Heart (Empathy and Compassion).

4 BELIEFS OF THE PARTY

4.1 The Party subscribes to:

- a) A belief in unity that all citizens are mutually dependent on each other and that the best society is based on cooperating with mutual consideration and respect.
- b) A belief in a balance between fiscal accountability, socially progressive policies and individual rights and responsibilities.
- c) A belief in loyalty to a sovereign Singapore, governed in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, the authority of democratic parliamentary institutions and the rule of law.
- d) A belief that good and responsible government is attentive to the people it represents and whose representatives should conduct themselves at all times in an ethical manner, displaying integrity and concern for the best interests of the nation and people.
- e) A belief that the greatest potential for social and economic optimization is under a free and fair global trading system.

5 OBJECTS

5.1 For the Party's principles and beliefs to be put into practice, the Party shall devote all its efforts to:

- a) Create a tolerant and pluralist society whose laws fully reflect national values as espoused in the Singapore National Pledge.
- b) Foster and actively promote unity among all the peoples of this country regardless of ethnic origin religion, position, gender, occupation, status in society or political affiliation.

- c) Ensure that all the institutions of state, including the political institutions, the legal system and the public service, achieve the highest standards of efficiency and service, serving the purposes for which they were established.
- d) Protect the rights of the individual citizen to live in peace, safety and security, respecting the legal code and the rights of others.
- e) Support and promote the rights and equal opportunities for all citizens.
- f) Encouraging enterprise, efficiency and self-reliance in economic activities for the benefit of all.
- g) Manage the economy of the country with efficiency and prudence, guided by the consideration of the national interest.
- h) Promote social justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities and privileges, and to work towards the lessening of vast inequalities within our society.
- i) Seek to provide for all, who are capable, the opportunity and means of earning a living, either by way of self-employment or as employees in various undertakings.
- j) Provide a good system of quality education, both public and private, at all levels which address the development needs of the country.
- k) Give priority to the health needs of the nation in order to establish and maintain a decent and efficient system of public health which is easily accessible to the people.

- l) Foster and maintain the freedom of the media, and the open dissemination and interchange of ideas, subject only to the laws of defamation and the legitimate claims of national society.
- m) Pursue responsible population policies.
- n) Work towards achieving ecologically sustainable development.
- o) Maintain, in the interest of national unity, harmonious relations with all other political parties, notwithstanding any differences in ideologies.
- p) Protect and maintain the rule of law in the Republic of Singapore.
- q) Uphold and maintain the separation of powers as provided by the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.
- r) Ensure and protect the integrity of the Republic of Singapore.
- s) Respect, preserve and promote the traditional cultures and institutions of Singapore.
- t) Ensure that Singapore maintains friendly relations with all countries which respect our sovereignty and integrity as a nation.
- u) Contribute positively to the achievement of world peace and justice, working harmoniously through the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations.
- v) Endorse and equip candidates of good standing for national elections and strive for electoral success.

5.2 The Party may, with the approval of the Registrar of Societies, establish any number of branches it deems fit. Such branches shall be under the control

of the Party and shall function in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the rules made thereunder.

6 MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION AND RIGHTS

- 6.1 Membership shall be open to all Singapore citizens aged 18 years of age and above.
- 6.2 Membership is restricted to Singapore citizens only.
- 6.3 All registered members shall have the right to attend Party Conferences.
- 6.4 All registered members who are 21 years of age and above shall have the right to vote at Party Conferences.
- 6.5 The Central Executive Council shall maintain a register of members ("Register"), which shall not be available for inspection by any non-members unless authorized by the Central Executive Council.
- 6.6 Any member may resign from his membership in the Party by way of a written notice to the Secretary-General indicating his intention to resign. The resignation shall take effect when the Secretary-General acknowledges in writing the receipt of the member's resignation letter.
- 6.7 The Central Executive Council shall decide and designate specific areas ("Area"), which denote specific electoral constituencies, to scope and better focus on Party activities in each Area. In each designated Area, various Sectional Groups, such as 'Youth Wings' and 'Women's Wings', shall be set up to cater to the Party's objects.
- 6.8 Within each Area, one (1) Delegate shall be elected amongst every ten (10) members of a Sectional Group, provided that the total number of Delegates within each Area does not exceed ten (10) at any one point of time.

- 6.9 Only members who are in good standing with the Party for at least 2 years shall be eligible to be elected as a Delegate.
- 6.10 Only Delegates who are above 21 years of age shall have the right to hold office in the Party.

7 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 A person wishing to join the Party should submit his particulars to the Chairman on a prescribed form together with a duly signed prescribed declaration form.
- 7.2 The Central Executive Council may in its absolute discretion reject any application and shall not be required to state the reasons.

8 ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER DUES

- 8.1 An entrance fee of \$30 is payable within two (2) weeks of approval of membership, in default of which membership may be cancelled by order of the Central Executive Council.
- 8.2 Annual subscription fee of \$30 is payable in advance within the first month of the Party's financial year.
- 8.3 The Central Executive Council shall remove from the Register the name of any members whose subscription is in arrears from more than six (6) months and shall notify the member in writing that he has ceased to be a member of the Party.
- 8.4 Persons whose membership had been ceased in accordance to Rule 8.3, may be eligible to re-join the Party as members by submitting a fresh application for membership.

8.5 Any additional fund required for special purposes may only be raised from members with the consent of the members at a Party Conference.

8.6 The income and property of the Party whensoever derived shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Party as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Party or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them.

9 SUPREME AUTHORITY AND PARTY CONFERENCE

9.1 The Party Conference shall be the supreme authority governing the Party in all its matters of policy, direction, implementation of the Party's policies and all activities of the Party. All decisions concerning the Party's future shall be taken only by the Party Conference.

9.2 The first Party Conference shall be held before the expiry of three (3) years from the inauguration of the Party. Following the first Party Conference, the subsequent Party Conferences will be held within three (3) months from the close of the alternate financial year.

9.3 At other times, the Central Executive Council may call for a Special Party Conference any time to seek its approval or mandate on any matter. A Special Party Conference may also be called upon by requisition to the Secretary-General by at least 20% of the total Delegates representing at least three (3) Areas, who must be present for the Special Party Conference convened. The notice in writing shall be given to the Secretary-General setting forth the business that is to be transacted. The Special Party Conference shall be convened within two (2) months from receiving this request to convene the Special Party Conference.

9.4 If the Central Executive Council does not within two (2) months after the date of the receipt of the written request proceed to convene a Special Party Conference, the Delegates who requested for the Special Party Conference

shall convene the Special Conference Party by giving ten (10) days' notice to all Delegates setting forth the business to be transacted.

- 9.5 At least two (2) weeks' notice shall be given of a Party Conference and at least ten (10) days' notice of a Special Party Conference. Notice of the Party Conference stating the date, time and place of meeting shall be sent by the Secretary-General to all Delegates.
- 9.6 Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, voting by proxy shall not be allowed at all Party Conferences.
- 9.7 The following points will be considered at the Party Conference:
- a) The report by the Secretary-General of the Party's activities for the period from the preceding Party Conference;
 - b) The financial statement of the Party for the same period;
 - c) Where applicable, the election of office-bearers and Honorary Auditors for the following term; and
 - d) Any resolution of which notice has been given to the Secretary-General at least seven (7) clear days before the Party Conference.
- 9.8 The Secretary-General will submit the Secretary-General's report at Party Conferences and answer all questions arising out of his report as well as all other questions related to the activities of the Party.
- 9.9 At least 20% of the total voting membership present at a Party Conference shall form a quorum. Proxies shall not be constituted as part of the quorum.
- 9.10 In the event of there being no quorum at the commencement of a Party Conference, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to amend any part of the existing Constitution.

10 MANAGEMENT AND CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- 10.1 The administration of the Party shall be entrusted to a Central Executive Council consisting of the following to be elected from the Delegates present at a Party Conference:
- A Chairman
 - A Secretary-General, who shall be the Party's Chief Executive
 - A Treasurer
 - Nine (9) Ordinary Council Members
- 10.2 Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded at the Party Conference and election will follow on a simple majority vote of members attending the Conference and eligible to vote. All office-bearers may be re-elected to the same or related post for a consecutive term of office. The Treasurer, however, will be allowed to be re-elected to the same post for only one (1) consecutive term of office. Re-election or re-appointment to the same office can be considered after a lapse of at least one (1) term of office. The term of office of the Central Executive Council is two (2) years.
- 10.3 Election will be, subject to the agreement of the majority of voting members present, by a secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 10.4 The Chairman shall preside over all Party Conferences and will decide on all its procedural matters. In his absence, the Chairman shall delegate the duty to another member of the Central Executive Council.
- 10.5 A Central Executive Council meeting shall be held at least once a month after giving seven (7) days' notice to all Central Executive Council members. The Chairman may call a Central Executive Council meeting at any time by giving five (5) days' notice. Majority of the Central Executive Council members must be present for its proceedings to be valid.

- 10.6 The Party may co-opt members to the Central Executive Council in the event of a resignation or loss of a member for any reason. The power to co-opt lies solely with the Central Executive Council. Such persons so appointed shall hold office until the next Party Conference. Any changes in the Central Executive Council shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two (2) weeks of the change.
- 10.7 Subject to the ultimate control exercised by the Party Conference, the Central Executive Council shall take all decisions for the Party and be responsible for formulating policies and all day to day activities of the Party.
- 10.8 All members shall abide by any decision or order of the Central Executive Council unless and until such order or decision has been set aside by the Party Conference.
- 10.9 The Central Executive Council shall exercise all disciplinary control over every member including any member of the Central Executive Council and if satisfied after due inquiry at which the member shall have a right to be heard that the member is guilty of misconduct incompatible with his membership in the Party or have acted in any manner prejudicial to the Party, the Central Executive Council may expel the member from the Party, or suspend his voting rights.
- 10.10 Any member aggrieved by any decision of the Central Executive Council under Rule 10.9 shall within fourteen (14) days appeal to the Party Conference which shall hear the member in a specially convened Conference and either dismiss his appeal or reinstate him as a member of the Party.
- 10.11 The Chairman and Secretary-General and such other person specifically authorized by the Central Executive Council shall be the only persons to speak to the Press on Party matters or affairs if approached but only the Chairman or the Secretary-General shall issue press statements on behalf of the Party.

11 FINANCE

- 11.1 The Treasurer shall keep all proper expenditure records required by accounting practice of all monies received by the Party and all expenses incurred and shall be responsible for their correctness.
- 11.2 The Central Executive Council shall ensure that all its donations are in accordance to the Political Donations Act (Cap. 236) and its Regulations. The Central Executive Council shall not receive or accept any donations from any person or organisation whose credentials are in question and shall vet all offers of donation before accepting them.
- 11.3 The Party shall maintain a bank account into which all monies received shall be paid promptly except that the Treasurer may retain in cash a sum not exceeding \$1000 for expenses of the Party. Cheques, etc. for withdrawal from the bank will be signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairman or Secretary-General.
- 11.4 The Party shall not borrow nor lend any monies.

12 AUDIT AND FINANCIAL YEAR

- 12.1 Two (2) voting members, not being members of the Central Executive Council, shall be elected as Honorary Auditors at alternate Party Conference and will hold office for a term of two (2) years only and shall not be re-elected for a consecutive term. The accounts of the Party shall be audited by a firm of Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants if the gross income or expenditure of the Party exceeds \$500,000 in that financial year, in accordance with Section 4 of the Societies Regulations.

- 12.2 They:
- a) Will be required to audit each year's accounts and present a report upon them to the Party Conference; and
 - b) May be required by the Chairman to audit the Party's accounts for any period within their tenure of office at any date and make a report to the Central Executive Council.
- 12.3 The financial year shall be from 1st April to 31st March.

13 ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT

- 13.1 The Central Executive Council shall decide whether the Party should participate in any election and shall nominate the Party's candidates who shall be required to sign an undertaking to abide by all conditions imposed by the Central Executive Council for their acceptance as candidates and to abide by all directions of the Party Leader if elected to Parliament.

14 PARTY LEADER

- 14.1 Before taking their seats in Parliament and after any general election, members elected to Parliament shall meet to appoint from among them a Party Leader who shall hold office until dissolution of Parliament. All members of the Party in Parliament shall abide by all directions of the Party Leader subject to an appeal to the Central Executive Council but until the Central Executive Council overrules the Party Leader, all members shall abide by the Party Leader's decision.

15 VISITORS AND GUESTS

- 15.1 Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Party but they shall not be admitted into the privileges of the Party. All visitors and guests shall abide by the Party's rules and regulations.

16 PROHIBITIONS

- 16.1 Gambling of any kind, excluding the promotion or conduct of a private lottery which has been permitted under the Private Lotteries Act Cap 250, is forbidden on the Party's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.
- 16.2 The funds of the Party shall not be used to pay fines of members who have been convicted in court of law.
- 16.3 The Party shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.
- 16.4 The Party shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Party or its office-bearers, Central Executive Council or members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.
- 16.5 The Party shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing from relevant authorities as required by law.

17 AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 17.1 The Party shall not amend its Constitution without the prior approval in writing of the Registrar of Societies.
- 17.2 No alteration or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be passed except at any Party Conference upon a resolution submitted by the Central Executive Council and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members attending the Conference and eligible to vote.

18 INTERPRETATION

18.1 In the event of any question or matter pertaining to day-to-day administration which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Central Executive Council shall have power to use their own discretion. The decision of the Central Executive Council shall be final unless it is reversed at a Party Conference.

19 DISPUTES

19.1 In the event of any dispute arising amongst members, they shall attempt to resolve the matter at a Special Party Conference in accordance with this Constitution. Should the members fail to resolve the matter, they may bring the matter to a court of law for settlement.

20 DISSOLUTION

20.1 The Party shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Party for the time being resident in Singapore expressed, either in person or by proxy, at a Party Conference convened for the purpose.

20.2 In the event of the Party being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Party shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be disposed of in such manner as the Party Conference may determine or donated to an approved charity or charities in Singapore.

20.3 A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven (7) days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.

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