

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE TANZANIA COALITION ON DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT

(TCDD)

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

Article 1: Name of the Coalition

The name of the Coalition is TANZANIA COALITION ON DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT, in short TCDD.

Article 2: Location of the Coalition

The offices of the Coalition shall be located in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Article 3: Vision

Freedom from an unsustainable debt burden and abject poverty, characterized by pro-poor people-centred development based on full participation of the people in policy-making, implementation and monitoring from the grassroots to the national level.

Article 4: Mission

Being a civil society platform committed to capacity building of its members and mobilization for advocating for economic justice and pro-poor development, TCDD seeks to campaign for sustainable foreign and domestic official debt and effective civil society involvement in the formulation and implementation monitoring of Government policies that impact upon the lives of poor people.

Article 5: Values

The following traits or qualities represent TCDD's highest priorities and deeply-held driving forces for our work. They will guide every decision that we will make and impact every aspect of our organization. They are the core values that set us apart from other civil society organisations.

- a) Service before self;
- b) Impeccable integrity;
- c) Pro-poor;
- d) Unity in diversity; and
- e) Value addition.

Article 6: Objectives

The objectives of the Coalition are:

- a) To conduct advocacy work and campaigning for early, deeper and more debt relief and ultimate total cancellation.
- b) To create public awareness to link debt issues, poverty reduction and development.
- c) To link up groups, networks and individuals to share experiences on trade, debt and related issues.
- d) To stimulate a national debate about poverty and transparency, including strategies that would allow the country not to go back to the debt overhang.

- e) To follow-up on international initiatives/agreements in policy formulation, which have a direct impact on our economy, such as those signed with the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Trade Organization (WTO), African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA), African-Caribbean-Pacific-European Union (ACP-EU) etc. - hence contributing to the international efforts on poverty eradication.
- f) To conduct monitoring and evaluation of poverty reduction strategies such as the Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Tanzania Assistance Strategy (TAS), Public Expenditure Review (PER), MKURABITA, Millennium Development Goals(MDGs) etc.
- g) To build and strengthen the capacity of members down to the grassroots level to effectively engage in policy dialogue and monitoring.

CHAPTER TWO: MEMBERSHIP

Article 7: Qualification for membership

- a) Membership of TCDD is open to any civil society organization that:
 - i) shares the vision and mission of TCDD;
 - ii) subscribes to the objectives and accepts the core values of TCDD;
 - iii) is willing to act in a spirit of coalition with other Coalition members upon agreed collective goals; and
 - iv) observes the principles of good governance, transparency and internal organization that enable effective and participatory processes.
- b) There shall be two kind of membership. These are:
 - i) Permanent member organizations;
These are founder members and faith based organizations. The following are permanent members; Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT), Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC), Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT), Tanzania Ecumenical Dialogue Group (TEDG) and Tanzania Muslim Council (BAKWATA); and
 - ii) Ordinary members.
This group includes other civil society organizations apart from permanent members.
- c) Permanent members may agree to admit new permanent members.

Article 8: Application for membership

- a) Any suitably qualified civil society organization may apply for membership of TCDD in writing to the Coordinator.
- b) Membership application(s) will be sent to the Secretariat, and then the secretariat shall table the said application(s) before the Steering Committee meeting (s) for scrutiny stage, and finally shall be tabled before the Annual General Meeting for approval or disapproval.
- c) The Steering Committee may from time to time register an increase of members. The subscribers to the Constitution shall be recognized as the founder members of the Coalition.
- d) The rights and liabilities attaching to any Members of the Coalition may be varied from time to time by a Special Resolution of the Annual General Meeting.

Article 9: Members' Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of every member of the Coalition to:

- a) Own the Coalition by creating space for TCDD within its organizational structure and activities;
- b) Participate actively in TCDD activities and in implementing a collective civil society agenda as set from time to time by the Coalition;
- c) Promote TCDD as an effective coalition through all possible means;
- d) Be pro-active, keep informed and bring issues of common concern to the membership for prompt action and follow up; and
- e) Support the activities of the Coalition as well as those of other member organizations.

Article 10: Resignation, Cessation and Expulsion of Members

- a) A member may, by notice in writing to the Executive Director of the Coalition, resign membership of the Coalition.

- b) Membership of the Coalition shall automatically cease on any member's deregistration or change of status to a non-civil society organization.
- c) If any member
 - i. Shall refuse or willfully neglect to comply with any of these Rulers of Association, or
 - ii. Shall have been guilty of such conduct as, in the opinion of the Steering Committee, shall have rendered them unfit to remain a member of the Coalition or shall be injurious to interests of the Coalition, or
 - iii. If the Steering Committee shall for any other good reason require that a member be expelled such member may, by a Resolution of the Steering Committee, be suspended from membership provided that they shall have been given notice of the intended resolution for expulsion and shall have been afforded an opportunity of giving orally or in writing to the Steering Committee any explanation or defense as they may think fit.

CHAPTER THREE: ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

Article 11: The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting, composed of members, shall be the apex organ of TCDD. It shall meet annually to:

- a) Approve/amend/enact or otherwise take action on TCDD's Constitution, policies, rules and regulations as the case may be;
- b) Appoint member organizations to serve as Chairperson;
- c) Appoint member organizations to serve on the Steering Committee;
- d) Approve or disapprove admission of new members;
- e) Confirm the appointment of the Executive Director upon the recommendation of the Steering Committee;
- f) Approve yearly action plans and activities of TCDD;
- g) Receive and approve the annual narrative and financial reports and
- h) Expel members

Article 12: Steering Committee

- a) The steering committee shall consist of permanent member organizations and other member organizations elected by the Annual General Meeting to implement the decisions of the Annual General Meeting and to handle other matters of the business of TCDD.
- b) The Committee shall be responsible for:
 - i) Overall management of TCDD activities through the Executive Director;
 - ii) Implementing decisions and resolutions made by the Annual General Meeting ;
 - iii) Preparing reports on TCDD activities to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting ;
 - iv) Supporting the TCDD Secretariat;
 - v) Recruit and fire the Executive Director;
 - vi) Approve the staff recruited by the Executive Director;
 - vii) Fire all staff of TCCD.

Article 13: The Secretariat

The Secretariat shall be composed of Executive Director and supporting staff. The secretariat shall be accountable to the Steering Committee and take responsibility for:

- a) Managing on a full time basis the day-to-day affairs of the TCDD;
- b) Developing strategies for fund raising and submitting them to the Steering Committee for approval;
- c) Organizing and implementing day-to- day activities of TCDD in collaboration with other members;
- d) Maintaining a data base of TCDD member organizations;
- e) Calling quarterly and ad-hoc meetings;
- f) Keeping safe custody of TCDD funds and physical assets;
- g) Producing quarterly financial and narrative reports and submitting them to the Steering Committee.

CHAPTER FOUR: GOVERNANCE

Article 14: General Meetings

- a) The Coalition shall in each year hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) as its yearly meeting in addition to any other meetings in that year and shall specify the meetings as such in the notices calling them.
- b) Not more than 15 months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting of the Coalition and that of the next.
- c) So long as the Coalition holds its first Annual General Meeting within 18 months of its incorporation, it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in the following year. Subject to article 14 (e), the Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and at such place in Tanzania as the Steering Committee shall appoint.
- d) All Annual General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary Meetings.
- e) The Steering Committee may, whenever they think fit, convene an Extraordinary Annual General Meeting. If at any time there are not sufficient Steering Committee Members capable of acting to form a quorum any two members of the Committee may convene an Extraordinary AGM in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the Steering Committee.
- f) The quorum for Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be 1/2 of total number of members for that meeting.

Article 15: Notice of Annual General Meeting

- a) Annual General Meeting called to pass a special resolution shall require at least 21 days' written notice exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given.
- b) The notice shall specify the place, the day and the hour of meeting and, in the case of special business the general nature of business, and shall be given in a manner hereinafter mentioned to such persons as are under this Constitution entitled to receive notices from the Coalition.
- c) The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of notices of a meeting by any member entitled to receive the notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting. Notice under this Article shall be deemed to have been served if it is sent by post or by means agreed by member(s) in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 15 (a) and Article 15 (b) of this Constitution whether or not it is actually received by the member intended to be served with such notice.

Article 16: Proceedings at General Meetings

- a) All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary Meeting, and also all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the consideration of
 - i. the accounts, balance sheets and the reports of the Steering Committee and Auditors;
 - ii. the election of Steering Committee members in the place of those retiring;
 - iii. the reappointment of the retiring Auditors and the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors.
- b) No business shall be transacted at any Annual General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; save as herein otherwise provided.
- c) If within one hour from the time appointed for the Meeting a quorum is not present, the AGM, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved: in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Steering Committee may determine, and if at the adjourned AGM a quorum is not present within one hour from the time appointed for the AGM, the members present shall be a quorum.
- d) The Chairperson of the Steering Committee shall preside over as chairperson at every Annual General Meeting of the Coalition, or if there is no such Chairperson, or if he is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the Steering Committee Members present shall elect one of their member to be Chairperson of the AGM.
- e) If at any Annual General Meeting no Steering Committee Member is willing to act as Chairperson or if no Steering Committee Member is present within one hour after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their member to be Chairperson of the Annual General Meeting.
- f) The Chairperson may, with the consent of any Annual General Meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall, if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the Annual General Meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned Annual General Meeting other than the business left unfinished at the Annual General
- g) Meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- h) When the AGM is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjournment shall be given as in the case of the original AGM. Save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjourned Annual General Meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned AGM.
- i) At any Annual General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the AGM shall be decided on a show of hands unless a secret ballot is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:-
 - i. by the Chairperson, or
 - ii. by at least three members present.
- j) Unless a secret ballot is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or lost and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of

proceedings of the Coalition shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

- k) Except as provided in section 16 (l) if a secret ballot is duly demanded it shall be taken in such a manner as the Chairperson directs and the result of the secret ballot shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the secret ballot was demanded.
- l) Where there is an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or secret ballot, the Chairperson of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the secret ballot is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- m) A secret ballot demanded on the election of a Chairperson, or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A secret ballot demanded on any other questions shall be taken at such time as the Chairperson of the AGM directs, and any business other than that upon which a secret ballot was demanded may proceed pending the taking of the secret ballot.
- n) A resolution in writing signed by all members for the time being entitled to attend and vote on such resolution at an Annual General Meeting shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as if the resolution had been passed at a Annual General Meeting of the Coalition duly convened and held, and if described as a special resolution shall be deemed to be a special resolution within the meaning of this Constitution.
- o) Every member shall have one vote.
- p) No member shall be entitled to vote at any Annual General Meeting unless all money's immediately payable by them to the Coalition have been paid.
- q) No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the Annual General Meeting or adjourned Annual General Meeting at which the voter objected to is given or tendered, any every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairperson of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
- r) Votes may be given by proxy. The proxy must be a member of the Coalition.
- s) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or of their attorney duly authorized in writing, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorized.
- t) The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed shall be deposited at the office or at such other place as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Annual General Meeting or adjourned Annual General Meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case of a secret ballot, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the secret ballot.

- u) An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances permit:-

[Name of the Coalition]

We, being a member/members of the Tanzania Coalition on Debt and Development, hereby appoint.....as our proxy to vote on our behalf at the (annual or extraordinary,) Annual General Meeting of the Coalition to be held on the..... day of20.. and any adjournment thereof.

Signed this..... day of..... 20.....

*This form is to be used *in favour of /against the resolution. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy will vote as he thinks fit. [*Strike out whichever is not desired.]*

- v) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot.

Article 17: Powers and Mandate of the Steering Committee

- a) The business of the Coalition shall be managed by the Steering Committee, who may exercise all such powers of the Coalition as are not by this Constitution required to be exercised by the Coalition in Annual General Meeting subject nevertheless to the laws of the United Republic of Tanzania and this Constitution and to such directions, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid provisions, as may be given by the Coalition in Annual General Meeting.
- b) No direction given by the Coalition in Annual General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Steering Committee which would have been valid if that direction had not been given.
- c) The Steering Committee may, from time to time and at any time by power of attorney, appoint any firm or person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Steering Committee to be the attorney or attorneys of the Coalition for such purposes and with powers, authorities and discretions and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit. Any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Steering Committee may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in them.
- d) The quorum for steering committee shall be 1/2 of all members of the committee.

Article 18: The Chairperson

- a) There shall be a Chairperson who will be elected by the steering committee among the permanent members and shall be approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Chairperson shall preside over at all meetings of the Annual General Meetings and the steering committee meetings. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote at all meetings.

- c) In consultation with the Executive Director shall call Steering Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings.
- d) He/she will be the spokesperson of the Coalition on policy issues.
- e) In his/her absence the Chairperson may appoint any member of the steering committee to chair a meeting on his/her behalf.

Article 19: Annual Subscription

- a) The Steering Committee shall be entitled from time to time to determine any Annual subscriptions to be payable by any member of the Coalition. Such subscriptions shall be payable in advance of the 1st day of January in each year.
- b) A civil society organisation becoming a member of the Coalition after the 1st day of January in any year may be required by the Steering Committee to pay the entire Annual Subscription in respect of that year.
- c) In the event that any member shall cease to be a member prior to the 1st day of January in any year that member shall not be entitled to any rebate of their Annual Subscription paid for that year.

Article 20: Minutes

The Steering Committee shall cause minutes to be made in books provided for the purpose:-

- i. of all appointments of officers made by the Steering Committee;
- ii. of the names of the Steering Committee Members present at each meeting of the Steering Committee;
- iii. of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Coalition and the Steering Committee.

Article 21: Rotation

- a) At the first Annual General Meeting subsequent to the expiry of four years after the date of registration of the Coalition and in every period of four years, all ordinary members of the Steering Committee shall retire from office.
- b) A retiring Member of the Steering Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The time limit for serving as a member shall not exceed two terms. A **term** for purpose of this article means four years of serving as member.
- c) The Coalition, at the Annual General Meeting at which a Steering Committee member retires in the manner aforesaid, may fill the vacated office by electing a member thereto, and in default the retiring member shall, if offering themselves for re-election, be deemed to have been re-elected, unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office or unless a resolution for the re-election of such member has been put to the meeting and lost.
- d) No member of the Coalition other than a member retiring at the Annual General Meeting shall, unless recommended by the Steering Committee, be eligible for re-election to the office of Steering Committee Member at any Annual General Meeting unless not less than three nor more than 21 days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting, there has been left at the office in writing,

signed by a Member duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which notice is given, of their intention to propose such a member for election, and also notice in writing signed by that member of their willingness to be elected.

- e) The Coalition may from time to time by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Steering Committee Members, and may also determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number is to go out of office.
- f) The Steering Committee shall have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any member to be a Steering Committee member either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Steering Committee Members, but so that the total number of Steering Committee Members shall not at any time exceed the number fixed in accordance with this Constitution. Any member so appointed shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting, and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the Steering Committee Members who are to retire by rotation at such Annual General Meeting.
- g) The Coalition may by ordinary resolution remove any Member of the Steering Committee before the expiration of their period of office, notwithstanding anything in this Constitution or in any agreement between the Coalition and such member. Such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim such member may have for damages for breach of any contract of service between them and the Coalition.
- h) The Coalition may by ordinary resolution appoint another member in place of a member removed from office under article 20(f) of this paragraph. Without prejudice to the powers of the Steering Committee under article 20 (g) the Coalition in Annual General Meeting may appoint any member to the Steering Committee, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Member.
- i) A member appointed in place of a Steering Committee Member so removed or to fill such a vacancy shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if they had become Steering Committee member on the day on which the member in whose place they are appointed was last elected a Member of the Steering Committee.

Article 22: Proceedings at the Steering Committee

- a) The Steering Committee may meet for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit.
- b) Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. Where there is any equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
- c) A Steering Committee Member may, and the Executive Director at the request of a Steering Committee Member shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Steering Committee.
- d) If the Steering Committee Members so resolve it shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of the Steering Committee to any Steering Committee Member who is for the time being absent from the country.

- e) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Steering Committee may be fixed by the Steering Committee Members and unless so fixed shall be a simple majority.
- f) The continuing Steering Committee Members may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to this Constitution of the Coalition as the necessary quorum of the Steering Committee Members, the continuing Steering Committee Members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Steering Committee Members to that number or of summoning a Annual General Meeting of the Coalition, but for no other purpose.
- g) If the Chairperson is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for holding a meeting, the Steering Committee Members present may choose one of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting.
- h) The Steering Committee Members may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of the Steering Committee as they think fit; any committee so formed shall, in exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Steering Committee.
- i) A committee may elect a Chairperson of its meetings; if no such Chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting the Chairperson is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the members present may choose one of their member to be the chairperson of the meeting.
- j) A committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meetings shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and when there is an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
- k) All acts done by any meeting of the Steering Committee or of a committee of the Steering Committee or by any person acting as a Steering Committee Member shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Steering Committee Member acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Steering Committee Member.
- l) A resolution in writing, signed by all the Steering Committee Members for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Steering Committee, shall be as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Steering Committee duly convened and held.

Article 23: The seal

The seal shall be used only by the authority of the Steering Committee or the Secretariat being authorised by the Steering Committee in that behalf, and every instrument to which the seal shall be affixed shall be signed by a Steering Committee Member and shall be countersigned by the Executive Director or by a second Steering Committee Member or by some other person appointed by the Steering Committee Member for that purpose.

Article 24: Disqualification of the Steering Committee Member

The position of Steering Committee Member shall be vacated if the member resigns their office by notice in writing to the Coalition Executive Director; or are directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the Coalition and fail to declare the nature of their interest.

CHAPTER FIVE: FINANCE

Article 25: Income and Property

- a) The income and property of the Coalition shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main object(s) as set forth in the Memorandum of Association. No portion of the Coalition's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Coalition.
- b) No Member shall be paid any salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Coalition. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Coalition of:
 - i. reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Coalition for any services rendered to the Coalition;
 - ii. reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any member in connection with attendance to any matter affecting the Coalition.

Article 26: Accounts

- a) The Steering Committee shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept relating to:-
 - i. all sums of money received and expended by the Coalition and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
 - ii. all sales and purchases of goods and services by the Coalition; and
 - iii. the assets and liabilities of the Coalition.
- b) Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books of account as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Coalition's affairs and to explain its transactions.
- c) The books shall be kept at the office or at such other place as the Steering Committee think fit, and shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Steering Committee Members.
- d) The Steering Committee shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Coalition or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being Steering Committee Members, and no member (not being a Steering Committee Member) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document except as conferred by law or authorised by the Steering Committee or by the Coalition in Annual General Meeting .
- e) The Steering Committee shall from time to time cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Coalition such balance sheets and reports as are required to be prepared and laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Coalition.
- f) A copy of every balance sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Coalition together with a copy of the

Steering Committee Members' report shall, not less than 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, be sent to every member entitled to receive them.

Article 27: Audit

Auditors shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting and their duties regulated in accordance with the law of the United Republic of Tanzania.

CHAPTER SIX: WINDING UP

Article 28: Dissolution

If upon the dissolution of the Coalition there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Coalition but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the main object(s) of the Coalition. Such institution or institutions shall be determined by the members of the Coalition at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable cause.

CHAPTER SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 29: Amendments to the Constitution

- a) No amendment to this Constitution shall be made unless notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been given in writing to the Steering Committee at least two months before Annual General Meeting is convened and the Steering Committee shall have notified each member of the TCDD of the proposed amendment(s) at least one month before the said Annual General Meeting. Such proposed amendment(s) shall not be adopted unless approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at the said Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Annual General Meeting shall decide the date when such amendments shall come into effect.

Article 30: Interpretation to the Constitution

The Steering Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution or of any regulations/policies made from time to time, and the decision of the Steering Committee upon any question of interpretations shall be final and binding on the Coalition.