

PART III

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES

(s. 6(2)(e))

We, the Party Officials of..... (Name of Party),
whose signatures are subscribed hereto, do hereby solemnly declare that—

1. Our political party shall, pursuant to Articles 91 and 92 of the Constitution and section 8 of this Act, subscribe and observe this code of conduct.
2. This code of conduct shall regulate the behavior of members and office holders of political parties, aspiring candidates, candidates and their supporters, promote good governance and eradicate political malpractices.
3. Political competition and co-operation shall be regulated under this code of conduct on the basis of rule of law and universally accepted best practices.
4. Our political party shall—
 - (a) promote policy alternatives responding to the interests, the concerns and the needs of the citizens of Kenya;
 - (b) respect and uphold the democratic process as they compete for political power so as to implement their policies;
 - (c) promote consensus building in policy decision making on issues of national importance.
5. Our political party shall—
 - (a) respect the right of all persons to participate in the political process including youth, minorities and marginalized groups;
 - (b) respect and promote gender equity and equality, human rights and fundamental freedoms; and
 - (c) be tolerant and inclusive in all their political activities.
6. Our political party shall—
 - (a) respect, uphold and defend the Constitution of Kenya;
 - (b) respect and uphold this Act and any other written law relating to elections and political parties;
 - (c) respect, uphold and defend their respective political party constitutions, political party election rules, political party nomination rules and any other political party rules and regulations developed and agreed upon in accordance with this code of conduct;
 - (d) respect, uphold and promote human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness and non-discrimination and protection of the marginalized;
 - (e) respect, uphold and promote human rights and the rule of law;

- (f) promote national patriotism and national unity;
- (g) respect, uphold and promote democratic values and principles, performing inclusive participation of party members and accountable representation in governance for the development of the country;
- (h) respect, uphold and promote good governance, integrity, respect, tolerance, transparency and accountability;
- (i) promote cooperation in the political competition;
- (j) promote sharing and devolution of power and resources;
- (k) respect, uphold and promote democratic practices through regular free, fair and credible elections within the political party and among others have a democratically elected governing body and political party organs;
- (l) respect, uphold and promote democratic practices through free, fair and credible political party nominations;
- (m) respect, uphold and promote leadership and integrity as prescribed in the constitution of Kenya; and
- (n) perform transparency and accountability in all its legislation and regulations, structures, procedures and performance.

7. Our political party shall not—

- (a) engage in or encourage violence by its members or supporters;
- (b) engage in or encourage any kind of intimidation of opponents, any other person or any other political party;
- (c) engage in influence peddling, bribery or any other form of corruption;
- (d) accept or use illicit or illegal money;
- (e) accept or use public resources other than those allocated to the political party through the political party fund;
- (f) advocate hatred that constitutes ethnic incitement, vilification of others or incitement to cause harm;
- (g) obstruct, disrupt, break-up or in any other way whatsoever interfere with a meeting, rally or demonstration of another political party or its leadership;
- (h) establish or maintain a para-military force, militia or similar organisation or having any links with such organizations; and
- (i) use state resources for partisan campaigns.

8. Our political party shall promote inter-party relations by—

- (a) ensuring free competition among political parties in respect of different political views and principles;
- (b) fostering trust and confidence through mechanisms for co-operation;
- (c) managing and mitigating political differences through constructive dialogue enhancing harmony among the parties; and
- (d) promoting national reconciliation and building national unity.

This declaration is made to the best of our knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this day of 20

Names and signatures of three party officials:

1. Name

Signature

ID/Passport No.

2. Name

Signature

ID/Passport No.

3. Name

Signature

ID/Passport No.

In the presence of

Commissioner of Oaths/Magistrate