

GREEN PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES

PREAMBLE

We, who come together in the spirit of solidarity and good faith as citizens of the Philippines and the Earth, under the banner of a political party; who commit to the noble mission of engaging in a political process that mobilizes citizens towards good governance and sustainable development; and who hereby swear to pursue this task with courage, fervor and determination through peaceful means, resisting all ideologies that run counter to peaceful resolution; do ordain and promulgate this Constitution and By-Laws.

Article I

NAME OF THE PARTY

Section 1. The Party shall be called Green Party of the Philippines (GPP-KALIKASAN MUNA)

Article II

STATEMENT OF POLITICAL AGENDA

The Green Party of the Philippines (GPP-KALIKASAN MUNA) is guided by the following 10-Point Green Political Agenda. In the next 25 (2020 to 2045) years, it will push the following:

Section 1: Climate Change Actions that recognizes the reality of the climate change emergency endangering biodiversity, the gains of sustainable development & critical communities with high vulnerabilities. The country's development goals, its national budget & programs should be prioritized for climate adaptation that also leads to mitigation. We will also pursue reparation for loss & damages and the rehabilitation & resettlement of all survivors and expected victims; especially coastal communities.

Section 2: Safe Food and Food Security that will ensure public safety, empowerment of farming & fishing communities and achieve agricultural biodiversity conservation by shifting the country's food production to 100% organic agriculture with full support to small farmers and fisherfolks especially those within marine and farming protected areas. This will demand shifting away from conventional chemical agriculture, and rejection of genetically engineered crops, will require that government subsidizes farmers who contributes in this shift to organic food production and will ensure that agriculture prioritizes food security for Filipino above the global market.

Section 3 : Biodiversity Conservation in Sustainable Habitats that requires management and use of land, freshwater, wetlands, coastal, marine & other ecosystems be along ecological parameters, with soil, flora & fauna protected from degradation & exploitation & all natural resources protected from over utilization; and that rehabilitation, expansion and consolidation through

biodiversity corridors of all watersheds and protected areas be prioritized with substantial subsidy from government. To do this, deployment of 75% of our armed forces in permanent ecosystem rehabilitation work, the mandatory mobilization of all public servants in scheduled rehabilitation work, mobilization of all students and 4Ps program beneficiaries in reforestation and the training, deputization, funding from national government and mobilization of Barangay and IP tribal environmental enforcers with the PNP and the Philippine Coast Guard on call to assist will be done. Where possible and for isolated small islands, jails will be decongested with low risk prisoners serving time in minimum security conditions relocated to conduct voluntary eco conservation and rehabilitation work in these islands. Furthermore, Also as part of this agenda, we will push for a nationwide moratorium on all land conversion until a national sustainable land use policy is adopted and institutionalize.

Section 4: Sustainable Forest Cover ensured by the strict enforcement of a nationwide logging ban, and a nationwide ban on cutting of trees in all watersheds; with exception when done sustainably by IPs and other traditional users. This will also require the reforestation/afforestation; using rainforestation approach & utilizing native tree species, of at least at least fifty per cent (50%) of all land area of all our major islands.

Section 5: Swift Shift to Renewable Energy that will maintain our current renewable energy sources and develop new renewable sources of energy, phasing out our dependence on fossil fuels through a moratorium on additional power plants using nonrenewable sources and a 25 year shift to 100% renewable energy source while remaining critical over the nuclear energy option.

Section 6: Ecological Solid Waste Management & Pollution Control by fully implementing all waste management and pollution related laws within 3 years with failing local executives and other government regulatory offices to be suspended, recalled and replaced for failure to implement these laws. This will include failure to stop importation, sale & distribution of toxic items in households, industrial and agricultural products. Also as part of this agenda pass a national legislation for the phase out of importation, manufacture, sale and use of single use plastics in packaging of food & consumer products.

Section 7: Greening Human Settlements by moving emphasis and state resources away from urbanization in favor of state subsidized & supported green communes in the rural areas where alternative low carbon, green sustainable living and local green economic and cultural systems may be tested out, starting with communities already affected by the impacts of climate change that will be voluntarily resettled in these communes. For those not yet ready or who will not shift into these settlements, a variety of urban greening efforts will be conducted; such as: a) state subsidized shift to electric mass transport systems while strictly regulating towards reduction of ownership of private vehicles, b) revival of existing and development of new, bigger greenbelts that will promote local products, slow food & will have car free and walkable cultural revival areas, & c)

requiring all building rooftops to either or both have urban food/ herb gardens & solar panels.

Section 8: National moratorium on all forms of mineral mining for 20 years until all natural resource valuation of all our islands are completed and no go areas for any form of mining is identified nationwide with full free, prior, informed consent of local communities or IPs are secured by the government for such declarations. Prior to this, all mining operations will be given a maximum of 3 years to conclude their operations paving way for the rehabilitation of these mining areas afterwards. A comprehensive review of all mining operations will be conducted in the 1st 6 months and those who violated mining laws and guidelines will be penalized immediately or closed down depending on the level of violations. During the period of moratorium, a national land use policy must be implemented & institutionalized rationalizing any future mining operation areas. Furthermore, a 100 year sustainable development plan must be drawn up to specifically identify the mineral resources our sustainable development will actually require, if any and how down stream industries for processing these minerals for our own use will be setup. All these to be embodied in a new national mining law that will be passed and implemented to ensure that ore only and export oriented mining will no longer be the norm and that we achieve national consensus derive from FPIC from local communities for mining in the Philippines is achieve before the moratorium is lifted.

Section 9: Sustainable development through green governance by re nationalizing all basic utilities including electricity, water, mass transport system and gas & oil resources not only to ensure strict enforcement of environmental laws on these operations but also to mobilize national resources to go to agro ecological development driven by empowered local communities to manage, conserve and develop their ecosystems. Tax and other financial, legal and administrative incentives will be implemented to move private sector and OFW remittances into investments to create green jobs and green industries and businesses. DepEd, CHED and TESDA will redesign its curriculum to produce graduates to drive this green entrepreneurial national process. DAP and other government training institutions will be redesigned to train government officials and employees on sustainable development and green governance. All national debts will be reviewed and renegotiated to find creative ways to setup debt for nature swap condonation and other modalities to condone, reduce or postpone payments of debts so we can have more resources for our sustainable development.

Section 10: Full protection and support to Indigenous Peoples, the Bangsamoro and Cordillera Peoples for their self governance and sustainable development by full completion of ancestral domain delineation and recognition of their ancestral domain claims within the first 3 years and the full subsidy for the 1st years of implementation of the ADSDPP (Ancestral Domain Strategic Development & Protection Plans) of every IPs (including the Cordillera peoples) and similar plans within the Bangsamoro.

It is explicitly inherent that the above Green Agenda can only be implemented by a government where massive corruption is curtailed and public servants, elected or otherwise would be fully accountable and compliant to all our anti graft and corruption laws. As such, the Green Party subscribes to the highest degree of anti graft and corruption standards and will fully support any and all efforts so that government become graft and corruption free.

Article III OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The general objectives of the Party are:

1. To act in synergy to advance party ideals through peaceful political means.
2. To uphold the environmental issues as the key political agenda among decision makers in government and other sectors of society
3. To create a constituency of people from all sectors that respects all life forms in nature
4. To foster ecological standards of personal behavior for all for the protection of the environment

Section 2. The specific political objectives of the Party are:

1. To support candidates in the local and national levels with sound environmental platforms and good environmental governance performance.
2. To formulate and lobby for the enactment of laws that would conserve, rehabilitate and protect our environment and enhance our life support systems and cultural integrity towards sustainable development.
3. To advocate against unfair business and industrial practices by multi-national corporations which have a direct and deep impact on the state of the environment and demand for exact corporate accountability and responsibility.
4. To push adequate funding for effective implementation and strict enforcement of the existing laws on the environment.
5. To work with other green movements at all levels, local, national and international.

Article IV PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Party is a privilege and a responsibility.

Section. 2. Regular Membership. Any applicant for Party membership shall be eligible as a Regular Member if he/she is:

1. A Filipino citizen;

2. 18 years and above;
3. Who declares commitment to Party principles and agenda; and
4. Willing to submit to Party discipline

Section. 3. Associate Membership. Any applicant for a Party membership shall be eligible as an Associate Member if he/she is:

1. A Filipino citizen
2. Below 18 years old. Those below 18 will also be referred youth wing of the Party
3. With existing membership in another political party
4. Those whose application has been screened by the membership committee but for whatever justifiable reasons cannot be bestowed full membership at this point
5. Who declares commitment to Party principles and agenda; and
6. Willing to submit to Party discipline

Section 4. Organizational Membership. Any organization can apply for organizational membership to the Green Party of the Philippines (GPP-KALIKASAN MUNA). The organization should agree to the following:

1. The 10-Point Green Agenda of the party
2. They agree to provide a representative to the National Executive Council (as long as their organization is National in scope and membership is 1,000 and above). Non-national organization will be given a seat in Regional, Provincial. Municipal and City Party Executive Councils based on minimum membership requirements determined by the local councils.
3. Provide a list of members which contains name of members, contact number and location.

Section 5. All membership should be processed upon application. There shall be no automatic membership and everyone must apply and be subject to screening by the membership committee using guidelines and standards approved by the general membership of the party.

Section 6. Only regular members have the right to vote on all matters about the party and be voted upon in elective position in the party. Associate members have no right to vote on all matters within the Party.

Section 7. In case of organizational members, the party leadership shall provide for an equitable representation and voting for them.

Section 8. Only regular members may be selected by the party to run in electoral exercises carrying the party; Associate members cannot be selected by the Party to run in any electoral exercises; but can become members of certain committees

Section 9. Regular Individual Membership should not hold any dual membership with another party. Those who hold membership in other parties' may be considered as associate members only.

Section 10. Any application for membership must be acted upon in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of filing.

Section 11. No applicant shall be accepted for Party Membership if he is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

Section 12. Membership in the Party shall be terminated by resignation, expulsion, disaffiliation and temporary suspension with cause and due process.

Section 13. The National Council shall prescribe the amount of membership fee and monthly dues.

Article V RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Section 1. A Party Member in good standing shall have the following rights:

1. Regularly and actively participate in official activities and functions of the Party;
2. Be fully informed on official Party matters.
3. Access to services, facilities, and other Party resources
4. A membership identification card and certificate, and such other documents which attest to bona fide Party membership;
5. Vote and be voted for in appropriate Party organizations and positions subject to limitations set in relevant provisions of Article IV; and,
6. Initiate or petition the imposition of disciplinary measures on erring party officers and members.

Section 2. The National Council shall formulate and issue the implementing policy, administrative and operational guidelines and procedures for the exercise of these rights.

Section 3. A Party member in good standing shall;

1. Conduct himself/ herself, at all time, in accordance with ethical standards of personal behavior in government, business, the professions, livelihood activities, and community service.
2. Pay his/her membership fees, monthly dues, and other special assessments as may be prescribed by the National Council,
3. Actively promote Party ideals and programs;
4. Regularly attend official Party activities and functions;
5. Actively support and campaign for the official candidates of Party, and
6. Abide by the final decisions of the Party.

Article VI PARTY DISCIPLINE

Section 1. A party member may be disciplined, suspended, or removed from the Party on the following grounds:

1. Engaging in activities that run counter to the objectives and interests of the Party or of deliberate failure to support any of its fundamental decisions;
2. Abandonment of duties and responsibilities as a Party member for a prolonged period of time;
3. Taking a stand contrary to the declared policies of the Party in public gatherings, in radio and TV and in print media and the internet
4. Embezzling assets belonging to the Party
5. Maliciously sowing intrigues against members and officials of the Party;
6. Membership in another political party; either act or deed except in the case of Associate members
7. Engaging in environmentally destructive business activities and performance of governance functions and roles

Section 2. A Party member who is subject to disciplinary proceedings shall enjoy the right of due process.

Section 3. The National Council shall formulate the implementing guidelines for imposing Party Discipline. The Chapter Councils may motu proprio or acting upon a complaint executed by any Party member, investigate and decide on the case whose decision may be appealed to the higher Chapter Councils until the National Council whose decision will be final.

Section 4. A party member may be suspended for a period not exceeding one (1) year

Article VII LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The basic policy-making and governing body of the Party shall be the Chapters. There shall be city, municipality and school/institutional chapters.

Section 2. The Chapters are subject to the supervision, control and direction of the National Council.

Section 3. The functions of the Chapters shall be as follows:

- 3.1. Formulate and executive programs and measures that would promote increase consciousness and actions of the citizens in the party's political agenda.

- 3.2. Develop and implement local chapter political agenda and initiate politically pro-active activities that will link these agenda and actions to national & international policies and programs
- 3.3. Screen and nominate to the National Governance Committee, prospective candidates for succeeding national & local elections who are environmental champions, subject to the criteria, rules and regulations prescribed by the National Council and may be based on the recommendation/s of the respective chapter Governance Committee.

Section 4. The Chapters shall be convened annually at a regular date set by their respective members and duly communicated to the National Council

Section 5. The members of the Chapters shall elect from among themselves the Chapter Councils to act as implementing body of the decisions of the Chapter. This Chapter Council shall be composed of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary-General and four (4) Committee Coordinators, as enumerated in the succeeding sections.

Section 6. Additional officers can be decided upon by the Chapters depending on their specific needs but only those mentioned in Section 5 shall form part of the Executive Council of the Chapter.

Section 7. The Chairperson shall be the presiding officer of the Chapter Assembly and the Chapter Council.

Section 8. The Vice Chairperson shall succeed as Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term in case of vacancy therein. She/he shall also preside in meetings in case the Chairperson is absent

Section 9. The Secretary-General shall take the minutes of the all the meetings of the Chapter Assembly and the Chapter Council and shall be the custodian of all its records

Section 10. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and other properties of the Chapter

Section 11. The Coordinators of the Chapter Committees shall be responsible for the planning, organizing, implementing projects to wit:

- 11.1. Membership and Organization: In charge of the processing of membership applications and active in the creation of propaganda materials that promote the Party's ideology.
- 11.2. Advocacy: Conceptualization and execution of effective meta-legal and legal strategies to push the political agenda of the Party and counteract local development aggression

11.3. Finance and Economic Affairs: In charge of creative, local fund raising and business enterprise

11.4. Governance Committee. Shall provide technical and capacity building support to Party members who have been elected or appointed in local government positions to ensure that he/she shall perform his/her government function under the highest standard set-forth in our guiding principles and policies as well as our platform of governance. During elections, this committee shall take lead in any and all electoral campaigning support of the Green Party candidates and shall provide support to the work of the Party Primary Elections system in nominating and electing Party candidates to national and local elections

Section 12. The Chapter may add in the roster of officers listed herein, create other positions suited to local demand or as the need requires

Section 13. Chapters shall constitute at least 50 members. At the organizing stage of the Chapter, five (5) core group members can initiate Chapter building.

Section 14. Chapter Chairpersons shall be convened and consolidated at the district, provincial and regional levels through its respective divisions. The convenor of each division shall be elected from among its members composed of chapter chairpersons. Regardless of the size of membership of each chapter, at the district levels, each chapter will have one vote. Divisions are convened for purposes of consulting chapters on issues covering the divisions and to facilitate engagement of the party in various governance and advocacy opportunities at the level of the districts, province and regions.

Article VIII NATIONAL PARTY ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The highest governing body of the Party is the National Assembly

Section 2. The National Chairperson and the National Council shall convene the National Assembly at least once every three (3) years, at least a year before the next elections of the country.

Section 3. The National Assembly can be called in physically or on any alternative means as long as the requisites for the required agenda of the assembly is met.

Section 4. All members of the Party are entitled to receive notification and to participate in the National Assembly.

Section 5. While all full members may attend and participate in the National Assembly, only the official delegates from each of the Chapters and members of the National Council will have voting rights. Every Chapter can designate one (1)

delegate to the National Assembly who shall have one (1) vote. Each of the elected National Council members will also enjoy one (1) vote.

Section 6. Gender equality and gender balance shall be observed during the National Assembly especially in the voting and election process.

Section 7. The Chapters are required to consult all their respective members on all positions to be taken by their delegation during the National Assembly.

Section 8. The Chapters shall be fully liable to their members on all positions and decisions that their delegation will take during the National Assembly.

Section 9. All Chapters are required to send official delegations to the National Assembly. Non-representation of the any Chapter in two (2) succeeding National Assembly will automatically dissolve said Chapter.

Section 10. A simple majority of all Chapter Delegation and all members of the National Council, taken together, is sufficient and necessary to declare a quorum.

Section 11. After a quorum is declared, the total number of Chapter Delegation and members of the National Council registered will be used for subsequent computations of majority. The National Assembly needs a simple majority of those registered to make decisions.

Section 12. If no quorum is reached, the National Assembly may not elect a new National Council. However, it may still propose decisions if a simple majority of the Chapter delegates and members of the incumbent National Council registered for the National Assembly vote in favor of the proposals.

12.1. The proposals must then be submitted in a written referendum to all Chapters through the Chapter Councils, who will vote on each proposal through a meeting called for the purpose.

12.2. Approval by a simple majority of all Chapters will ratify a proposed decision as if it had been approved in a National Assembly.

Section 13. The National Council shall submit the following written reports to the National Assembly. Copies of these reports should be made available to all members at least thirty (30) days before the National Council.

13.1. A detailed Party organizational report

13.2. A report on the national situation

13.3. A consolidated financial report of the Party

13.4. A three-year Party Program of Action considering all Chapter Operational and Strategic Plans

Section 14. The regular agenda of every National Assembly shall include:

14.1. Presentation and adoption of the Executive Reports from the National Council

14.2. Presentation and adoption of a 6-year Mid-Term Strategic Plan and 3-Year Operational Plan of the Party

14.3. Presentation and adoption of the Party's "State of the Philippine Society and Environment"

14.4. Election of the National Council

14.5. Completion of the Party Primary Elections and the public declaration of the National and Local Green Candidate Slate of the Party for the next Philippine National and Local Elections

Article IX NATIONAL COUNCIL

Section 1. In between National Assembly, the highest governing body of the Green Party is the National Council. It is also the lead implementing body of all National Assembly decisions

Section 2. The National Council shall be composed of the following

1. National Chairperson
2. Vice Chairperson
3. National President
4. Party Secretary (Corporate Secretary)
5. National Secretary-General
6. National Deputy Secretary-General
7. National Treasurer
8. National Spokesperson
9. National Auditor
10. Regional District Convenors
11. Sectoral Convenors as follows:
 - Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) Sector
 - Fisherfolk Sector
 - Youth Sector (KALIKAS - Green Youth Philippines)
 - Farmers Sector
 - Women Sector
 - Entrepreneur Sector

- Young Professionals Sector
- Media Sector
- Senior Citizen Sector
- Indigenous People Sector
- LGBTQIA+ Sector
- Urban Poor Sector
- NGO Sector
- Academe Sector
- Lawyer Sector

Section 3. The roles and responsibilities of the members the National Council shall be as follows:

3.1. The Chairperson shall be the presiding officer of the National Assembly. He/She shall be the National Leader of the Party and shall represent it in any national and international bodies and gatherings that require our participation.

3.2. The Vice Chairperson shall succeed as Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term in case of vacancy therein. She/he shall also preside in meetings in case the Chairperson is absent The Vice Chairperson shall automatically be nominated from Aksyon Kalikasan (Eco-Actions PH), Inc., a key partner organization of the party.

3.3. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of th Party. He/she shall lead and convene the National Council and its meetings and processs. He/she shall also convene the National Executive Committee

3.4. The Corporate Secretary or Party Secretary shall be in charge of all the legal documents, and taking care of the party internal affairs. He/She shall also take the minutes of the all the meetings of the National Assembly and the National Council and shall be the custodian of all its records.

3.5. The Secretary-General shall be the Chief Operating Officer of the Party and shall take charge of the operations of the National Secretariat and the day to day operations of the party.

3.6. The National Deputy Secretary-General shall assist the Secretary General in its function as the the Chief Operating Officer of the Party.

3.7. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and other properties of the Party and co-signatory of the President or the Secretary General for the disbursement of funds

3.8. The National Spokesperson shall be the public voice of the Party on all matters regarding our campaigns and activities. He/She will take charge of our relationship with media.

3.9. The National Auditor shall conduct an annual internal audit of the financial and management system of the Party and submit his/her report to the National Council.

3.10. The Convenors of the Regional Districts shall represent the interest of their respective Regions. From among the Regional Convenors there will be each a Coordinating Convenor for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao which will be part of the National Executive Committee.

3.11. The Sectoral Convenors shall represent the sector for which they are representing.

Section 4. The National Chairperson, National Vice Chairperson, National President, Party Secretary, National Secretary-General, National Deputy Secretary General, National Treasurer, National Spokesperson and National Auditor shall be elected during the National Assembly. The Convenors of the Regional Districts are elected by their respective district members. The Sectoral Convenors are appointed by the National President upon approval of the National Council.

Section 5. The National Council shall serve for a term of three (3) year

Section 6. No member shall hold more than one (1) elective party position

Section 7. The National Council shall also include in ex-officio capacity the representatives of the Party Institutes and the Youth Wing of the Party.

Section 8. The National Council shall be convened at least three (3) times a year.

Section 9. In case of vacancy or resignation in any position in the National Council except for the National Chairperson, National Vice Chairperson and National President, the National President can appoint a replacement subject to the approval of the majority of the National Council.

Article X

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The day-to-day functions of the National Council is hereby delegated to a National Executive Committee (NEC).

Section 2. It shall be composed of the National Chairperson, National Vice Chairperson, National President, National Party Secretary, National Secretary-General, National Deputy Secretary General, National Treasurer, National

Spokesperson, National Auditor, Coordinating Convenor for Luzon, Coordinating Convenor for Visayas and Coordinating Convenor for Mindanao.

Section 3. The National Executive Committee shall be convened every quarter or more frequently if necessary.

Section 4. The National Executive Committee can decide on matters of implementation by the party with a quorum of $\frac{1}{2} + 1$ of its members. This decision includes party official statements, appointments, and activities among others.

Article XI NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. To support the work of the National Council, four (4) National Committees of the National Assembly are hereby created as coordinating units as well as policy-recommending body as follows:

1.1. Membership and Organization: In charge of reviewing membership-related and coalition-building programs and policies. They also support Chapter Membership Committees in the creation of propaganda materials that promote the Party's ideology. The committee shall also be responsible for facilitating expansion of the Party in new areas.

1.2. Advocacy: Conceptualization and execution of effective meta-legal and legal strategies at the national and international levels to push the political agenda of the Party.

1.3. Finance and Economic Affairs: In charge of creative, national and international fund raising and business enterprise

1.4. Governance Committee. Shall provide technical and capacity building support to Party members who have been elected or appointed in national government positions to ensure that he/she shall perform his/her government function under the highest standard set-forth in our guiding principles and policies as well as our platform of governance. During elections, this committee shall take lead in any and all electoral campaigning support of the Green Party candidates and shall provide support to the work of the Party Primary Elections system in nominating and electing Party candidates to national elections

Section 2. Additional committees as deemed necessary may be organized and formed by the party upon approval of the National Council.

Article XII
PARTY INSTITUTES

Section 1. To support the policy research and capacity building on governance of the Party and our leaders, including those who will be appointed and elected in government positions, Party Institutes shall be set-up.

Section 2. The Institute shall be composed of Party leaders given their individual expertise to provide the above services to the Party.

Section 3. To ensure accountability of the Institute to the Party, the Party National Council and the Board of Trustees of the Institutes shall cause the execution of parallel resolutions ensuring an interlocking leadership in both the Party National Council and the Institute Board of Trustees.

Section 4. The administrative and financial management of the Institutes shall remain independent of the Party but shall be reported as part of the Executive Report of the National Council to the National Assembly.

Section 5. The strategic and operations plans of the Institutes shall take into consideration the similar plans of the Party in order to ensure that the Institute operations directly benefit the needs of the Party

Article XIII
PARTY YOUTH WING

Section 1. To ensure that the youth; which already comprises majority of Philippine society, is properly represented in the Party, a Party Youth Wing shall be set-up.

Section 2. While remaining organizationally and administratively autonomous from the Party, the Party Youth Wing shall abide fully to the Party's Political Agenda and this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3. The Party youth Wing shall be represented in the National Council subject to article IV of this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 4. Each Party Chapter shall host and support the setting up of local chapters of the Party Youth Wing.

Section 5. During the annual Chapter Assemblies, the Chapter Council shall ensure that at least 20% of their official delegates to every National Assembly shall be youth between 18 to 30 years old.

Article XIV
THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Section 1 The National Secretariat, under the control of the Secretary-General-General shall be the central coordinative, administrative, and operations support body of the Party. It shall perform other specific functions, as may be prescribed by the National Assembly, National Council and the National Executive Committee.

Section 2. The National Secretariat shall set-up regional coordinating centers in locations deemed most appropriate and accessible by members and officers thereof. A National Secretariat Coordinating Center will be set up in Metro Manila. The National Secretary-General shall take charge of the professional staffing of the National Secretariat subject to the administrative policies to be adopted by the National Executive Committee

Article XV PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION SYSTEM

Section 1. Two (2) years before National and Local Elections in the Philippines, the Party shall execute its Party Primary Election System through the Governance Committees of the Chapters and the National Assembly.

Section 2. This system shall integrate within the regular operations of the Party a 6-month to a year series of selection, nomination and eventually internal primary elections among Party members across all Chapters to select the best Party members to be our official candidates in Philippine local and national elections.

Section 3. This system shall be open to the participation and scrutiny of the public and shall accept 20% of the final votes considered from non-Party members who will join the primary elections

Section 4. The final primary elections at the Chapter levels shall be done during the last Chapter Assembly prior to the National Assembly held at least eight (8) months before any National and Local Elections in the Philippines. The National Party Primary Elections shall be held during that same National Assembly.

Article XVI GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. For purpose of transacting business, the presence of $\frac{1}{4}$ of all members of any party organ shall constitute a quorum

Section 2. Vacancies in the Party organs shall be filled by the corresponding committee of Party organ unless otherwise provided in this Constitution

Section 3. The National Council shall adopt the appropriate implementing policies, rules, regulations and procedures to carry out the provision of this Constitution and By-Laws

Section 4. All decisions of the governing bodies of the Party must be put in writing and circulated to all members

Section 5. Within each Party organ, decisions shall be arrived at by consensus. If consensus is not possible and a decision is necessary, majority rule will be followed, after sufficient discussions. The minority should respect the majority decision and abide by it. On important issues, the minority will be allowed to reserve its opinion but they should not oppose the decision publicly. The next higher Party organ must be notified of all major decisions.

Section 6. All dissenting opinions shall be respected and noted down, as long as they are consistent with our vision. This is important because better ideas often start as minority opinions. On major and recurring internal debates within the Party, the majority can allow the minority view to be tried out in a limited area, to clarify the issues and facilitate the resolution of the debate based on actual experience.

Article XVII AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS

Section 1. Except for the Articles I and II, this Constitution & By-Laws may be amended by the National Assembly if two-thirds (2/3) or more of all National Assembly delegates and members of the incumbent National Council vote in favor of the amendment, or if two-thirds or more of the general membership approve the proposed amendment in a referendum called by the National Council.

Section 2. Amendments to Article I and II. The official name of the Party as well as our Political Agenda may be amended if three-fourths (3/4) or more of the National Assembly delegates and members of the incumbent National Council who registered in the National Assembly vote in favor of the amendment, or if three-fourths (3/4) or more of the general membership approve the proposed amendment in a referendum called by the National Council.

Unanimously approved and adopted by the delegates of the 1st National Assembly of the Green Party of the Philippines held 5 October 2019 in Makati City.

With amendments approved by the National Council on its regular meetings and includes modification of National Officers to facilitate more functionality.

