

- (i) to strive constantly to explain the Aims and Objectives, policies and the political direction of the Party to the masses;
 - (j) to promote and exercise criticism without fear and self-criticism with a view to overcoming any defects, errors or deviations in the Party;
 - (k) to be sincere and honest; and
 - (l) to protect the Party's secrets.
- (3) SWAPO Party members, whether individual, affiliate or permanent shall not, whilst members, actively propagate, support or belong to, a movement, organization or entity, regardless of whether such a movement, organization or entity is registered or is not a juristic personality, whose aims and objectives are contrary to those of SWAPO Party or inimical to the objects of SWAPO Party or its government.

CHAPTER 3

National Party Structures

Article 11 The Congress

Congress, which is the Supreme decision-making organ of the Party shall be composed of:

- (a) All members of the Central Committee; inclusive of permanent members of the Central Committee;
- (b) Ten (10) delegates elected from each of the Regional Executive Committees by the Regional Conferences of whom five (5) shall be women;
- (c) Four (4) delegates elected from each of the District Executive Committees by the District Conferences of whom two (2) shall be women;

- (d) Sixteen (16) delegates from SWAPO Party Youth League duly elected by their Congress, of whom eight (8) shall be women;
 - (e) Sixteen (16) delegates from SWAPO Party Elders Council duly elected by their Congress, of whom eight (8) shall be women;
 - (f) Twenty (20) delegates from SWAPO Party Women's Council who have been duly elected by their Congress;
 - (g) Sixteen (16) delegates from each of the Affiliate Organizations, of whom eight (8) shall be women;
 - (h) With the exception of an Extra-Ordinary Congress, thirty (30) specially invited personalities of whom fifteen (15) shall be women, who must have made an outstanding contribution to the work and development of SWAPO Party but are not office-bearers of the Party in any structure or organ.
- (2) The personalities referred to in Sub-Article (1)(h) *supra* shall have the right to participate fully in the deliberation of the Congress, but shall not have the right to vote.
 - (3) In the event of an Extra-Ordinary Congress of SWAPO Party, where the holding of Congress by Party Wings and Conferences by Party Regional and District structures, may not be feasible due to financial constraints or the urgency of the subject matter to be discussed, SWAPO Party wings, regions, and districts shall be entitled to adopt a different formula from that which is prescribed in this Article or selecting delegates to the Extraordinary Congress; provided that such formula has been agreed with the Secretary-General. During the elections to the membership of the Central Committee, Congress shall ensure that women constitute 50%. This shall be achieved by adopting a zebra style election system.
 - (4) The Congress shall have the power to set the policy of the Party, review and assess the overall activities and development of the Party.

- (5) The Congress shall have the power to confirm, amend, repudiate or revoke any decision made by any organ of the Party including a decision of any Wing.
- (6) The Congress shall evaluate the work of the Central Committee, consider, adopt, amend, or reject reports including financial reports and recommendations, thereof.
- (7) The Congress shall determine the programmatic orientation of the Party.
- (8) The Congress shall have the power to adopt and amend the Constitution of the Party. A two-thirds majority of the votes shall be required for such purpose. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be forwarded to the Central Committee not later than three (3) months prior to the holding of the Congress.
- (9) The Congress shall elect the Central Committee, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General of the Party.
- (10) The Congress of the Party shall be held after every five (5) years.
- (11) The Ordinary Congress shall be called by the Central Committee not later than three months prior to the holding of such Congress.
- (12) The Central Committee may on its own initiative, or at the request of at least two-thirds majority of all Regional Executive Committees, convene an Extraordinary Congress of the Party.
- (13) The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress shall be proposed by the initiators of such a Congress.
- (14) The Extraordinary Congress shall be held not later than two months after proposal for its convocation has been made.
- (15) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution which requires a two-thirds majority, the quorum of the Congress shall be simple majority or more than half of the voting delegates.

- (16) The Congress shall elect its officials and frame rules for its proceedings, provided that during the election of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary General, and the Deputy Secretary General, the Congress shall ensure that two of such positions are held by women.