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# **CONSTITUTION OF PLANKAN BACHUR GLOBAL**

## **PREAMBLE**

We the people and descendants of Chur, with a view to fostering brotherhood, unity and understanding amongst us; promoting and keeping alive our good cultural practices and language; facilitating the generation, sharing and dissemination of ideas, knowledge, techniques and opportunities and; sensitising, encouraging and empowering our people to take their destiny in their hands and participate fully in all aspects of life in the countries they live in, do hereby establish this Federation and ordain this constitution for Plankan Batchur Global.

## **CHAPTER 1: NAME, PURPOSE, AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Article 1: Name**

- 1.1. This Federation shall be called Plankan Bachur, hereinafter referred to as PB.

### **Article 2: Nature and Purpose**

- 2.1.1 Plankan Bachur (PB) is a Federation of the Associations of the original inhabitants and speakers of the Manjaku Chur dialect ,still resident in the sector and across the world.
- 2.1.2 PB is a non-profit social organisation, secular, non-partisan, governed by this constitution and other normative provisions thereof, and subject to the laws in force in the countries where it is incorporated and or operates.

### **Article 3: Country of Incorporation, Domicile ,Scope of Operation and Life Span and official language**

- 3.1. **PB** shall be registered in and have its official headquarters in Chur sector, Cacheu Region, Guinea-Bissau.
- 3.2. The correspondence address shall be in Bissau or wherever the Executive deems appropriate.
- 3.3. The headquarters of the Federation may be transferred to any other Country, subject to the approval of 75% of its members in a referendum.
- 3.4. PB currently has its constituent members in different countries of the world, including The Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Republic of The Gambia, Republic of Senegal, France, United Kingdom, Portugal, Luxemburg. USA, Canada, among other countries.
- 3.5. PB has an indefinite life span.
- 3.6. The official language of PB shall be the Chur dialect of the Manjaku language.

#### **Article 4: Goals**

The main goals of PB are to :

- 4.1. Promote socio-cultural activities with a view to strengthen the unity, friendship, brotherhood, and collaboration amongst all Bachurr, wherever they may be in the world.
- 4.2. Promote and encourage sharing of ideas, knowledge, techniques, and opportunities amongst Bachur.
- 4.3. Promote the learning and use of the Manjaku language dialect of Chur, especially by younger generations.
- 4.4. Promote the study and research into the socio-cultural and geographical history of Bachur.
- 4.5. Encourage and help Bachur people to learn about and participate more actively in all aspects of life in the countries they live in, especially in business, politics, sports, music, and the professions such as accountancy, law, engineering and medicine.
- 4.6. Promote and encourage co-operation amongst its members in the different social, economic, and cultural areas.
- 4.7. Establish a co-operative relationship with public and private institutions of national or international scope without jeopardising the principles and purposes of PB.
- 4.8. Support socio-economic and cultural development of Chur District and the Country.
- 4.9. Support and promote improvement of the quality of education, health, and sustainable agriculture in all countries in general and in the Chur district in particular.
- 4.10. Promote and support as far as possible, the resolution of socio-economic and cultural problems that affect or interest its members.
- 4.11. Defend, outside and within the judicial court system, the territorial integrity of the Chur District, in accordance with the law.
- 4.12. Promote and encourage solidarity and friendship amongst the members of the Federation, in the resolution of any matter of interest to them.
- 4.13. Promote activities aimed at the conservation and dissemination of cultural, environmental and peace values.
- 4.14. Encourage and promote activities aimed at protecting the environment.
- 4.15. Promote activities aimed at sensitising the youths on reproductive health and sexually transmitted diseases.
- 4.16. Promote sports activities in the different villages that constitute the Chur District.
- 4.17. Undertake any other activities and pursue any other objectives that the members shall in future agree on.

## **Article 5: Strategies, Programs and Activities**

In order to achieve its goals, PB shall.

- 5.1. Organise projects that will enhance the welfare of the district and our people across the world.
- 5.2. Sensitise and educate our people through seminars, lectures, conversations and exchange of information in any way possible and through any platform available in order to empower and encourage them to participate fully in the life of the communities in which they live.
- 5.3. Provide counselling and career advice to increase awareness of a wide choice of excellent and progressive career paths and healthy living.
- 5.4. Improve physical infrastructure that will contribute to the health, welfare and development of our people.
- 5.5. Organise lectures and training delivered through face-to-face meetings or via social media platforms or circulation of useful literature.
- 5.6. Source informative and educative material including books, journals, videos and share these in any suitable format via any communications platform.
- 5.7. Promote interaction amongst members and between members and the wider society through social occasions at national and international level.
- 5.8. Promote the learning and retention of the Chur language by providing classes and by restricting all conversation between members during their interactions to use only Chur language.
- 5.9. Promote Chur language and culture by organising social activities and encouraging competition on the knowledge and practise of the language and culture during all and including social media interactions.
- 5.10. Maintain dialogue and cooperation with all entities, agencies, institutions, and individuals involved in the determination and implementation of the development policies of the Chur District.
- 5.11. Establish all forms of co-operation and partnership with different public and private institutions in favor of PB objectives.
- 5.12. Promote debates, editing and dissemination of publications, the media and other information related to the organisation's activity.
- 5.13. Sign partnership agreements with the Central Government, regional and district administrative bodies, national and international organisations for the interests and objectives recommended by PB.
- 5.14. Conduct the legal activities and businesses that are necessary to achieve the social objectives of the Federation.
- 5.15. Acquire and possess assets of any kind, within a legal framework for the purposes of the Federation.

## **Article 6: Sources of Income and Resources**

The main sources of revenue and other resources of PB shall be:

- 6.1. Member subscriptions and contributions
- 6.2. Funds raising activities,
- 6.3. Monetary and in-kind Sponsorships from organisation and individuals
- 6.4. Monetary and in-kind donations from members, non-members, and organisations
- 6.5. Any inheritance of which it is a beneficiary.

## **Chapter II: MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1<sup>o</sup>: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, RULES**

#### **Article 7: Membership Eligibility Criteria and Rules**

- 7.1. Only Bachur chapters/organisations are eligible to register as direct members of Plankan Bachur**
- 7.2. A Bachur chapter/organisation may be allowed to register as a fully registered member of Plankan Bachur on:**
  - 7.2.1. Putting in place an Executive Committee for the chapter/organization.**
  - 7.2.2. Putting in place a constitution or statutes for their chapter/organization.**
  - 7.2.3. Incorporation in their constitution or statutes, the membership eligibility criteria and rules for individuals described in the following points of this article.**
  - 7.2.4. Establishing a definitive list of members of their chapter/organisation**
- 7.3. Individuals are only eligible to indirect membership of Plankan Bachur via their membership of the constituent member chapters/organizations.**
- 7.4. To be eligible to be a member of Plankan Bachur, a person must:**
  - 7.4.1. First, be a member of one of the Bachur chapters/organisations registered with Plankan Bachur**
  - 7.4.2. Be at least 18 years old.**
  - 7.4.3. Be a chur dialect person or**
  - 7.4.4. Be a non-chur dialect woman married to a chur dialect person.**
  - 7.4.5. Be committed to participate in the activities of Bachurr chapter they are registered in and in PB**
  - 7.4.6. Be committed to complying with rules and regulations of Plankan Bachur chapter they registered in and to those of PB.**
- 7.5. A chur dialect person is someone born of:**
  - 7.5.1. A Chur dialect of father and mother.**
  - 7.5.2. A Chur dialect father and a non-Chur dialect mother.**
  - 7.5.3. A Chur dialect mother but no officially identified or known father, and the mother declares him/her to be a chur dialect person.**
  - 7.5.4. A person legally adopted by a chur dialect man or woman or both.**

### **SECTION 2<sup>o</sup>: TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS**

- 7.6. There are two types of members of any Plankan Bachur:**
  - A. Full members**
  - B. Honorary members**
- 7.7. Full Membership of Plankan Bachur is automatically granted to natural persons only and is subject to the applicant's satisfaction and compliance with eligibility criteria and rules of CHAPTER II, SECTION 1**
- 7.8. They are entitled to all rights and benefits of membership and subject to all the obligations and responsibilities of membership except for those explicitly stated in Article 10.**

- 7.9. Honorary membership of Plankan Bachur could be granted by Plankan Bachur, to a natural or legal persons who.**
- (i) Showed by their deeds, interest in the objectives and activities of Plankan Bachur movement and
  - (ii) have provided support, resources and services to at least one of the PB chapters or PB Federation itself.
- 7.10 Honorary membership could be granted only by the approval of Executive Council on the application by a Constituent Chapter of Plankan Bachur.

#### **Article 8: Admission of Members**

- 8.1. The Executive Council of each Plankan Bachurr National or Regional Chapter has the power to decide on the admission of members into their Organisation.
- 8.2. In case of refusal of the request for the member's admission by the Executive Council of Plankan Bachurr, the applicant may appeal to the PBG Parliament within 30 days of the date of rejection of his or her admission by the Executive Council.
- 8.3. The reasons for rejection of admission of the person by the Executive Council of the relevant Plankan Bachurr chapter or the PBG Parliament must be given in writing.
- 8.4. The Executive Council shall make a ruling on the appeal with 30 days of its being made.

### **SECTION IIº: RIGHTS AND DUTIES /RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Article 9: Rights**

The Full members of PB have the right to:

- 9.1. Participate in all acts relating to the life of PB, in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and other regulatory provisions of the association.
- 9.2. Elect and be elected to the member bodies of PB.
- 9.3. Benefit from information, documentation, projects, and funding allocated to the association.
- 9.4. Submit to the association the suggestions deemed appropriate for the achievement of the statutory objectives and request their intervention to defend the interests of the members.
- 9.5. Enjoy all the other benefits provided by the Federation to which they are entitled.
- 9.6. Attend the meetings and use all their services in the conditions defined by the Executive Council.
- 9.7. Honorary members enjoy only those rights and benefits granted to them at the discretion of the Executive Council.
- 9.8. Honorary members shall not have any voting rights and cannot be elected to any position in the Executive Council or Parliament.

## **Article 10: Duties/Responsibilities**

The duties of the full members are.

- 10.1. Pay subscriptions and contributions required of members in accordance with the terms laid down by the rules of their respective Plankan Bachur chapter and PB.
- 10.2. Perform functions in the positions for which they are elected or appointed.
- 10.3. Attend meetings and perform all activities required of members and their position.
- 10.4. Provide effective collaboration with all initiatives that contribute to the prestige and development of the Chur District and PB in general.
- 10.5. Comply with decisions emanating from the governing bodies, as well as those emerging from this constitution.
- 10.6. Any other obligations that the Federation shall in future agree on.
- 10.7. Full Members below 25 and above 70 years of age are exempted from obligatory subscriptions to Plankan Bachur projects ONLY. They are however, obliged to make other contributions.**

## **CHAPTER III: ORGANS OF THE FEDERATION**

### **Article 11: Composition**

Plankan Bachur (PB) shall have the following constituent bodies.

- 11.1. National Chapters (PBNC)
- 11.2. General Assembly of Members (PBAM)
- 11.3. Parliament (PBP)
- 11.4. Executive Council (PBEC)
- 11.5. Sub-committees
  - i. Advisory Committee
  - ii. Audit Committee
  - iii. Elections Committee
  - iv. Disciplinary Committee

### **Section I<sup>o</sup>: PLANKAN BACHUR NATIONAL CHAPTERS (PBNC)**

#### **Article 12: Definition**

- 12.1. Plankan Bachur National or Regional Chapters (PBNC) are the Bachur Associations in each country or region where there is a community of Bachur and or their descendants
- 12.2. Each chapter shall have its own constitution, membership rules , members, governance and management structure
- 12.3. All Chapter constitutions, membership rules , governance and management structure must be consistent with and compliant to Plankan Bachur Constitution, rules and values.
- 12.4. The members of PBNC automatically become members of PB

## **SECTION II: PLANKAN BACHUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS (PBGAM)**

### **Article 13: Definition**

- 13.1. There shall be a General Assembly of Members, which shall consist of the members of all the Constituent Plankan Bachur or Churr Association National or Regional Chapters in the world.
- 13.2. **The Plankan Bachurr Assembly of Members, hereafter called PBAM),** is the supreme of ORGAN of the Federation. Membership of PB is acquired indirectly, via membership of one of the PB National Chapter
- 13.3. ALL and ONLY the members of each of the constituent national or regional chapters of PBG are automatically members of the Plankan Bachur Assembly of Members.
- 13.4. The PBAM reserves all legislative powers and functions of the Federation to itself
- 13.5. Supervisory and judicial powers and functions shall be delegated to the PB Parliament and its members
- 13.6. Executive powers and functions shall be delegated to the Executive Committee and its members

### **Article 14: Powers and Functions**

- 14.1. All the powers of Plankan Bachur (PB) reside in the Plankan Bachur Assembly of Members (PBAM).
- 14.2. Plankan Bachur Assembly (PBAM) powers and duties include but are not limited to:
  - 14.2.1 Ratifying the constitution of PB
  - 14.2.2 Defining the general guidelines on the life and conduct of PB, as well as the policies aimed at pursuing its objectives.
  - 14.2.3 Compel Plankan Bachur Parliament ( PBP) or Plankan Bachur Global Executive Council (PBEC) to debate and resolve any issue presented as a petition signed by at least 50 members
  - 14.2.4 Assess and ratify amendments to the constitution and rules of procedure of PBG.
  - 14.2.5 Approve supplementary regulations to improve PB activities.
  - 14.2.6 Electing members of Plankan Bachur Executive Council (PBEC) from among members of Plankan Bachur Parliament (PBP)
  - 14.2.7 Delegate any power, authority or task it deems fit to any of the organs of PB organs or members
  - 14.2.8 Evaluate and approve plans of activities, activity reports and financial reports of PB.
  - 14.2.9 Review and approve proposed subscriptions and contributions payable by the members.
  - 14.2.10 Deliberate on approve motions for the dissolution of PB.
  - 14.2.11 Lay down any matters submitted to them under the legal and statutory provisions.
  - 14.2.12 Dissolve organs of PB
  - 14.2.13 In the event section 14.2.12 takes place, appoint a committee with the same composition as the replaced body which shall perform the corresponding functions until further election.
  - 14.2.14 Have the mandate to ratify or otherwise the policies, programs and financial reports of the Federation advanced by the

- Executive Council
- 14.2.15 Be the body responsible for approving the affiliation of the Federation with any Association with any other similar organisation, national or international.
- 14.2.16 Have the authority to dissolve the Executive Council, Parliament, or any sub-committee, and to remove any Officer from his/her position if it deems it necessary by vote. of two-thirds of the members of the Federation present at a properly constituted emergency meeting called for the purpose.
- 14.2.17 Call the emergency General assembly meetings following rules stipulated by the byelaws of the Federation.
- 14.2.18 Have the power to dissolve the Federation if considered fitting. And in case of dissolution, the general Assembly is empowered to decide what happens to the bank accounts and other assets of the defunct Federation

### **Article 15: Annual General Meetings**

- 15.1. The First General Meeting of PB shall be at Congress and is to ratify the constitution and appoint members of the Electoral committee of the Federation
- 15.2. It shall be convened by the Congress planning committee and shall be held at such time as may be determined by the committee members
- 15.3. Thereafter, a General meeting shall be summoned at the Congress by the Electoral committee to elect an Executive Committee
- 15.4. Subsequent Annual General Meetings shall be held at a date to be determined by PBEC each year,
- 15.5. Notice, in writing or through the Federation's Social media App, must be given to every paid member at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
- 15.6. All members of the Federation may submit motions for discussions at the AGM.
- 15.7. The Secretary must receive such motions not later than two days prior to the meeting.

### **Article 16: Special General Meeting**

- 16.1 A Special General Meeting may be called by the EC or at the request PBP or on submission of a petition signed by 50 Ordinary members of the Federation, delivered to the Secretary General
- 16.2. The President must call such a meeting within two weeks from the date of receipt of such request.
- 16.3. Only the business stated in the request may be debated at the SGM, and details of the said business should be included in the notice of the meeting sent to all members

### **Article 17: Convening an Annual or Special General Meeting**

- 17.1. Subsequent Annual General or Special Meeting shall be called by the respective President or his legal substitute, by posting information on an agreed social media platform to each of the members or by other means that they find most effective for the dissemination of notices, indicating the day, time and place of the meeting and the respective agenda.
- 17.2. The members Physically present at Plankan Bachurr Congress meeting shall constitute the quorum for that meeting.
- 17.3. A quorum for an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be physical or virtual attendance by 51% of the registered members on first call.

- 17.4. If the quorum is not reached, the meeting shall be re-convened, and all members informed of the new date.
- 17.5. Those present physically or virtually, at the re-convened meeting on the Second call shall constitute a quorum.
- 17.6. At the General Meetings, each member will have one vote only.
- 17.7. Proxy votes are acceptable.
- 17.8. Voting at all General and Special Meetings shall be by a show of hands or other method agreed at the time of the meeting.

### **Article 18: Decision making in General Meeting**

- 18.1. Except as provided specifically in other articles, the resolutions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast.
- 18.2. With regard to the amendment of the Constitution, a majority of not less than 60% of the members who voted in meeting where the quorum is met, is required to approve the amendments.
- 18.3. The resolutions on dissolution and liquidation of PB require a favorable vote of not less than 75% of the majority of the members who voted in meeting where the quorum is met.

## **SECTION 111<sup>o</sup>: PLANKAN BACHUR PARLIAMENT (PBP)**

### **Article 19: Definition**

- 19.1. **Plankan Bachurr Parliament (PBP) shall be the supervisory and judicial body of PB. It ensures scrupulous compliance with the rules of procedure and the resolutions emanating from the General Assembly of PB.**

### **Article 20: Powers and Functions**

Plankan Bachur Parliament:

- 20.1. Is the custodian of the Constitution of PB movement and Federation
- 20.2. Has the power to review the legality of the actions of the governing bodies of PB and may of its own accord propose to the General Assembly the annulment of any illegal act.
- 20.3. Apply disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the offences committed by the member.
- 20.4. Appointing members of the Election Sub-committee
- 20.5. Appoint the members of the Audit Sub-committee.
- 20.6. May suspend or impeach any member of the Executive Council including the President, from of his or her duties for negligence of his or her mandate, gross violation of the constitution, deceitfulness, ineffectiveness, and outright refusal to accept the decisions of the general assembly or of that of the executive committee or for any other reason perceived adequate in the eyes of the federation. Any member of the Executive Council who is not pleased with his or her suspension may appeal to the General Assembly
- 20.7. May require the Executive Council to submit for examination and verification of books, records, and documents as well as information and clarification on the course of the activities conducted.
- 20.8. Attend as observers, without voting rights, meetings of the PBG Executive Council whenever it deems it appropriate.

- 20.9. Ensure compliance with the law, statutes, rules of procedure and other normative provisions of the Federation.
- 20.10. Propose, in case of absolute need, the convening of the extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly and presenting its activity report in this meeting.
- 20.11. Issue opinions on the reports on activities and accounts of the Executive Council

#### **Article 21: Election to PBGP**

- 21.1. The members of Plankan Bachur Parliament shall emanate from each Plankan Bachur national Chapter
- 21.2. Each Plankan Bachur National Chapter shall elect three (3) members of the to Plankan Bachur Global Parliament. These elected representatives could include members of the Chapter's Executive Council.
- 21.3. There must be at least one male and one female of the three members elected by each PBNC.
- 21.4. Members of Parliament cannot be members of the Executive Council concurrently.

#### **Article 22: Composition and Administrative Structure**

- 22.1. The members of the Plankan Bachurr Global Parliament shall elect four (4) of their members into the following offices to perform the administrative functions of the body:
  - i. Chairperson of the Parliament
  - ii. Vice Chairperson
  - iii. Secretary
  - iv. Assistant Secretary

#### **Article 23: Functions of The Chairperson**

The Speaker shall:

- 23.1. Presiding over all proceedings and our meetings of Parliament.
- 23.2. Coordinate all the duties of Parliament.
- 23.3. Sign the resolutions and the reports of Parliament and other documents on the performance of its functions.

#### **Article 24: Functions of the Vice-Chairperson**

The Vice-Chairperson shall:

- 24.1. Assist and advise the Speaker in the exercise of his/her functions,
- 24.2. Perform the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.
- 24.3. In case of impediment to the Chairperson, replace him/her in the performance of the duties of the B office of Chairperson.
- 24.4. Replace the Speaker of Parliament, in case of definitive resignation or termination of the Chairperson.

### **Article 25: Functions of the Secretary**

The Secretary shall:

- 25.1. Perform the functions of the Secretary are to take and read minutes of the meetings.
- 25.2. Produce reports of the activities inherent in the functions of Parliament.

### **Article 26: Functions of the Assistant Secretary**

The Assistant Secretary shall:

- 26.1. Assist the Secretary in the performance of his/her duties,
- 26.2. Perform the tasks delegated to him/her by the Secretary.
- 26.3. Take over the functions of the Secretary in his/her absence

### **Article 27: Ordinary Members of Parliament**

- 27.1. Shall represent their National Chapters in performance of the functions of Parliament
- 27.2. Shall Serve in PBG Sub-committees

### **Article 28: Meetings of Plankan Bachur Global Parliament (PBG)**

- 28.1. The Parliament should meet as often as is necessary but at least twice in a calendar year.
- 28.2. Meetings shall be convened by the Speaker or Vice-Speaker in the absence of our delegation by the Speaker.
- 28.3. Every member of the Parliament shall have only one vote
- 28.4. Voting shall be by a show of hands, or any method agreed by the members at each meeting
- 28.5. A quorum for a Parliamentary meeting to take place or make binding decisions is the participation in the meeting of at least 60% of the elected members

### **Article 29: decision making in Parliament.**

- 29.1. All decisions at a Parliamentary meeting shall be resolved by a simple majority vote of those present
- 29.2. In the event there is a tie in resolving any matter, the chair of that meeting shall cast a deciding vote

## **SECTION 1V: PB EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

### **Article 30: Definition**

- 30.1. There shall be an Executive Council which shall be the highest Executive and Administrative body of the Federation which shall be called.
- 30.2. Plankan Bachur Executive Council, hereafter referred to as PBEC, is the Executive organ of PB Global.
- 30.3. The General Management of the affairs of the Federation shall be vested in PB Executive Council, who shall perform all such acts, as may be deemed necessary or expedient to further the objects of the Association.

### **Article 31; Functions of Plankan Bachur Executive Council (PBEC)**

Plankan Bachur Executive Council shall have the following functions, and powers:

- 31.1. Implements, Co-ordinates and manages the activities and programs of the organisation.
- 31.2. Prepare and submit, annually, to the General Assembly a report on accounts and activities of the previous year, as well as the budgets on the programs of the following year.
- 31.3. Create work committees to implement the activities and ongoing programs.
- 31.4. Establish and develop co-operation and exchange relationships with similar national and international organisation .
- 31.5. Implement the guidelines defined by the general meeting.
- 31.6. Represent PB in and outside the court.
- 31.7. Manage the organization's assets.
- 31.8. Perform all acts which are appropriate to the purposes of the Federation in accordance with the general terms of this constitution and its regulations.
- 31.9. Have the mandate and power to draw up programs and policies for the Federation subject to their ratification by the General Assembly of members .
- 31.10. Be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the federation and for ensuring approved policies and programs are on course.

### **Article 32; Election to Plankan Bachur Executive Council**

- 32.1. Members of Plankan Bachur Executive Council shall be elected from among the two Candidates Elected and nominated by each Chapter in their Primary Election in accordance with the provisions of Article 32.7 below.
- 32.2. PBEC must have at least one male and one female member
- 32.3. An EC shall serve for a maximum of two terms of THREE years each.
- 32.4. The first PB Executive shall be elected at the Congress
- 32.5. Subsequent elections shall be held at Annual General Meeting, during or outside Congress ,after the end of its three-year mandate.
- 32.6. Where an EC has been dismissed by the General Assembly of Members, an election for a new Executive shall be held at the date set by PB Parliament within 3 months of the dismissal of the previous Executive Council.
  
- 32.7. The election to the Executive Council shall take place in two stages-A PRIMARY STAGE and FINAL STAGE.
- 32.7.1. A PRIMARY STAGE ELECTION shall take place in each Plankan Chapter.
- 32.7.2. Each chapter shall elect two persons from among the Chapter's members to be presented to the General Assembly as candidates to represent the chapter in the Plankan Bachur Executive Council. These two candidates could be the Chapter's Executive or Non- Executive members.
- 32.7.3. A FINAL STAGE ELECTION shall take place at Congress or non-Congress General Assembly Meeting.
- 32.7.4. The Candidates at the FINAL Election Stage shall ONLY BE THOSE ELECTED BY EACH CHAPTER in the Primary Election stage (32.7.1)

- 32.8. The Election to all the Primary/key positions shall be conducted first. The Election to the Deputy or Assistant positions shall take place ONLY AFTER all the Primary/Key positions have been filled.
- 32.9. Each Primary/Key Position must be filled by a Candidate from a different Plankan Chapter. No Chapter shall have more than one person filling the Primary/Key positions.
- 32.10. There must be a fresh contest for every position- Primary or Assistant. A runner-up cannot be automatically considered duly elected to an Assistant or any other position.

### **Article 33: Powers/Authority**

- 33.1. Subject to the overriding authority of the General Assembly , all decisions of the Executive Council shall be binding on all members of the Federation.
- 33.2. These resolutions must be evidenced by two signatures,
- 33.3. One of the signatures must be that of the President or Vice – President if delegated for that purpose and one other members of the Executive.
- 33.4. In the case of documents relating to cash and accounts, the second signature must be the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer in the absence of the former
- 33.5. PBEC may take disciplinary measures against any member including warning, fines, suspension, expulsion if the member is found guilty of conducting inimical to the principles and interests of the Federation.

### **Article 34: Composition**

Plankan Bachur Executive Council shall be composed of the following Elected positions and roles:

- 34.1. President
- 34.2. Vice-President
- 34.3. Secretary General
- 34.4. Assistant Secretary General
- 34.5. Treasurer
- 34.6. Deputy Treasurer
- 34.7. Public Relations Officer
- 34.8. Deputy Public Relations Officer
- 34.9. Cultural Activities Promoter and Organizer
- 34.10. Assistant Cultural Activities Promoter and Organiser
- 34.11. Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser
- 34.12. Assistant Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser
- 34.13. Director of Chur Dialect Training & Promotion
- 34.14. Assistant Director of Chur Dialect Training & Promotion
- 34.15. Director of Career & Entrepreneurship Advisory Council
- 34.16. Assistant Director of Career & Entrepreneurship Advisory Council

### **Article 35: Functions of the President**

The President shall :

- 35.1. Be the Executive leader of the Federation
- 35.2. Be responsible for coordinating of PB and all Executive members
- 35.3. Be the official spokesperson of the federation or designate another member of the Executive Council to serve in that capacity
- 35.4. Have the mandate to convene and chair all Executive Council and General and Special Meetings of the Federation
- 35.5. Represent PB or cause it to be represented in functions where it is invited
- 35.6. Set the agenda of the meetings in consultation with the Secretary General
- 35.7. Be the principal signatory to all accounts of the Federation. Alongside the Secretary General and Finance Manager
- 35.8. Ensure the Finance Manager prepare and present accounts to the Executive Council for scrutiny periodically but at least before presentation at meetings
- 35.9. Have the authority to counter sign all cheques , vouchers and letters of the Federation before despatching them
- 35.10. Present all activity reports of the Federation at the Annual General Meetings
- 35.11. Preside over the handing over of all Executive offices to a succeeding Executive Council at the end of his/her Council's tenure and to present a complete handing over note to the incoming President.

### **Article 36: Functions of the Vice-President**

The functions of the Vice-President of the Executive Council are:

- 36.1. To assist and advise the President in the performance of his/her function.
- 36.2. Performing the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.
- 36.3. In case of impediment of the President, replace him/her in the performance of the duties of the office of the President.
- 36.4. Replace the President, in case of definitive resignation or termination of the President.

### **Article 37: Functions of The Secretary General**

The functions of the Secretary General are:

- 37.1. He/she is the administrative head of the Plankan Bachurr Movement in the World.
- 37.2. He/she maintains all the administrative, excluding financial records of the movement.
- 37.3. To take and maintains minutes of the meetings PB the Executive Council and PB Assembly of Members
- 37.4. Hershel produces and maintains reports of the activities inherent in the functions of the Executive Council and General Assembly of Members
- 37.5. He/she is one of the Signatories of PB bank accounts
- 37.6. Shall maintain all the Associations statutory documents
- 37.7. Shall maintain a register of members
- 37.8. Shall take and maintain all the Associations minutes
- 37.9. Shall be responsible for disseminating relevant organisational information to members
- 37.10. Shall be responsible for the Associations correspondence
- 37.11. Be responsible for the issue of notices of the Executive and general meetings
- 37.12. Perform any other duties assigned to him/ her by the Executive Council

### **Article 38: Functions of The Assistant Secretary General**

The functions of the Deputy Secretary General are:

- 38.1. To assist and advise the Secretary General on the performance of his/her functions.
- 38.2. Performing the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.
- 38.3. In case of impediment to the Secretary General, replace him/her in the temporary performance of the duties of the office of the Secretary General.
- 38.4. Replace the Secretary General, in case of definitive resignation or termination of the Secretary General.

### **Article 39: Competence and Functions of the Treasurer**

The Finance Manager :

- 39.1. Must have solid accounting experience.
- 39.2. Must Record all the financial transactions of PB.
- 39.3. Shall maintain all the Association's financial records. These shall include a ledger for each member, deposit slips and receipt books
- 39.4. With the approval of the President , shall be in charge of paying money on behalf of the federation and keeping precise record of all financial transactions of PB
- 39.5. Produce and present financial reports for the PB at least every Quarter ,and at the end of each Calendar year for the PB Assembly of Members
- 39.6. Prepare Budgets and forecasts for programmes and activities of PB
- 39.7. Produce and present an Audit Pack for the Auditor appointed by the PB AM
- 39.8. Be one of the signatories of PB bank accounts

### **Article 40: Functions of The Assistant Treasurer**

The Assistant Treasurer:

- 40.1. Must have accounting experience
- 40.2. Shall assist and advise the Finance Manager in the performance of his/her functions,
- 40.3. Shall Perform the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.
- 40.4. In case of impediment to the Finance Manager, shall replace him/her in the temporary performance of the duties of the office of the Finance Manager.
- 40.5. Shall Replace the Finance Manager, in case of definitive resignation or termination of the Finance Manager.

### **Article 41: Functions of the Public Relations Officer**

**The functions of the Public relations Officer are to:**

- 41.1. Planning publicity strategies and campaigns.
- 41.2. Publican Plankan Global events using various media
- 41.3. Writing and producing presentations and press releases.
- 41.4. Dealing with enquiries from the public, the press, and related organisations.

#### **Article 42: Functions of the Assistant Public Relations Officer**

The functions of the Assistant Public Relations officer are:

- 42.1. To assist and advise the Public Relations Officer in the performance of his/her functions,
- 42.2. Performing the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.
- 42.3. In case of impediment of the Public Relations Officer, replace him/her in the temporary performance of the duties of the office of the Public Relations Office.
- 42.4. Replace the Public Relations Officer, in case of definitive resignation or termination of the Public Relations Officer.

#### **Article 43: Functions of Cultural Activities Promoter and Organizer**

The functions of the **Cultural Activities Promoter and Organizer** are:

- 43.1. Set up and lead a Traditions and Cultural Practices review Committee
- 43.2. The committee shall brainstorm, research and come up with recommendations and policies on what practices to improve, preserve and nurture
- 43.3. Come up with ideas on how to educate the members, especially the young, about good traditions, customs and cultural practices
- 43.4. Encourage debate on cutting costs on traditional cultural practices.
- 43.5. Ensure that good and relevant Bachurr Cultural practices survive and grow
- 43.6. Identify cultural activities of bachurr
- 43.7. Promote the organisation of Cultural events in all PB member national Chapters

#### **Article 44. Assistant Cultural Activities Promoter and Organiser**

The functions of the Assistant Cultural Activities Promoter and Organiser are:

- 44.1. To assist and advise the Cultural Activities Promoter and Organiser in the performance of his/her functions,
- 44.1 Performing the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.
- 44.2 In case of impediment of the Public Relations Officer, replace him/her in the temporary performance of the duties of the office of the Public Relations Office.
- 44.3 Replace the Cultural Activities Promoter and Organiser, in case of definitive resignation or termination of the Promoter and Organiser.

#### **Article 45. Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser**

The functions of Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser are:

- 45.1 Set up and lead a committee responsible for mobilising the youth to join Bachur organisations and activities
- 45.2 Brainstorm, research and come up with ideas and activities that will inspire Bachur Youths to gain a sense of strong Chur identity
- 45.3 Promote and organisation of sporting events among Bachur Youths

#### Article 46. Assistant Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser

The functions of the Assistant Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser are:

46.1 To assist and advise the Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser in the performance of his/her functions,

46.2. Performing the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.

46.3. In case of impediment of the Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser, replace him/her in the temporary performance of the duties of the office

46.4. Replace the Youth Mobiliser and Sports Organiser, in case of their definitive resignation or termination.

#### Article 47. Director of Manjaku Chur Dialect Training & Promotion

The functions of the Director of Manjaku Chur Dialect Training & Promotion are:

47.1 Set up and lead a committee responsible for promoting the speaking of the dialect

47.2 Brainstorm, research and produce a plan of action on how the dialect can survive and grow

47.3 Produce interesting, attractive and interactive Manjaku Chur Dialect learning and teaching programs and material

47.4 Organise classes and competitions for young Bachur in the different chapters, on speaking the dialect

47.5 Identify threats to the survival and growth of the language and measures to mitigate these threats

#### Article 48. Assistant Director of Chur Dialect Training & Promotion

The functions of the Assistant Director of Chur Dialect Training & Promotion are:

48.1. To assist and advise the Director of Chur Dialect Training & Promotion in the performance of his/her functions,

48.2. Performing the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.

48.3. In case of impediment of the Director of Chur Dialect Training & Promotion, replace him/her in the temporary performance of the duties of the office

48.4. Replace the Director of Chur Dialect Training & Promotion, in case of their definitive resignation or termination.

#### Article 49. Director of Career & Entrepreneurship Advisory Council

The functions of the Director of Career & Entrepreneurship Advisory Council are:

49.1 Set up and lead a committee responsible for providing Career & Entrepreneurship Advise

49.2 Brainstorm, research and produce a report on career and entrepreneurship opportunities

49.3 Seek partnerships with educational institutions and employers to help place our people in jobs

49.4. Provide relevant advice on pathways to various careers and entrepreneurship options

Article 50. Assistant Director of Career & Entrepreneurship Advisory Council

50.1 To assist and advise the Director of Career & Entrepreneurship Advisory Council in the performance of his/her functions,

50.2. Performing the tasks and functions delegated to him or her.

50.3. In case of impediment of the Director of Career & Entrepreneurship Advisory Council, replace him/her in the temporary performance of the duties of the office

50.4. Replace the Director of Career & Entrepreneurship Advisory, in case of their definitive resignation or termination.

**Article 51: Meetings of Plankan Bachur Executive Council**

**51.1. The EC shall meet as and when the members deem necessary**

**51.2.** Any two Executive Committee members may call a meeting of the EC by giving verbal or written notice to the Secretary General.

**51.3. The President shall chair all EC meetings or in their absence, the Vice-President**

**51.4.** A quorum for an Executive Council meeting to take make binding decisions shall be the participation of eleven members of the EC, including at least two of either the President, Secretary General or Finance manager.

**51.5.** The Secretary General shall take minutes of meetings and records of attendance is or his or her absence, the Assistant will assume responsibility

**51.6.** Every member of the Executive present shall have only one vote

**51.7.** Voting shall be by a show of hands, or any other method agreed by the members

**Article 52: Decision made by PB Executive Council**

52.1. All decisions at an Executive Council meeting shall be resolved by a simple majority vote of those present

52.2. In the event there is a tie in resolving any matter, the chair of that meeting shall cast a deciding vote

## **CHAPTER 1V: SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1: PBG ADVISORY COUNCIL**

#### **Article 53: Definition**

- 53.1. This is the Sub-committee responsible for providing counsel to the Organs of PB Global movement as and when required.

#### **Article 54: Composition and Appointment**

- 54.1. Members are appointed by the Executive Council in Consultation with the Parliament from among the General Assembly of Members as and when necessary, on a temporary/ad hoc basis
- 54.2.** The Advisory Council consists of the following:
- i. Chairperson
  - ii. Secretary
  - iii. Ordinary members
- 54.3. The Chairperson and Secretary of the Council are appointed by the members of the Advisory Council

#### **Article 55: Functions of the Advisory Board**

##### **The functions of the Advisory Board are:**

- 55.1. To assist Plankan in developing a better understanding of the culture and traditions of Bachur.
- 55.2. To provide “wise counsel” on issues raised by members
- 55.3. Act as a resource for Parliament and the Executive Council and their members

#### **Article 56: Functions of Chairperson**

- 56.1. To chair all meetings of the Advisory Board
- 56.2. To present recommendations of the Board to other organs of PB

#### **Article 57: Functions of The Secretary**

- 57.1. The functions of the Secretary are to take and maintain the minutes of the meetings of the Board.
- 57.2. To perform duties delegated to him or her by the Chairperson
- 57.3. To perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence

#### **Article 58: Meetings of the Advisory Board**

- 58.1. The Advisory Board shall meet whenever necessary and possible at the request of members of other bodies of Plankan Bachurr
- 58.2. Their decisions are of an advisory nature only and therefore non-binding.
- 58.3. The Board does not require a quorum- any number of members can meet, discuss, and issue advice.

## **SECTION 11: AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### Article 59: Definition

59.1. The Audit Committee is a group of three members appointed by PB Parliament to audit the financial statements of the Federation at least once a year.

### **Article 60: Functions of the Audit Committee**

- 60.1. Examine and determine the accuracy of the financial statements and records.
- 60.2. Review the operation of financial accounting practices of the Federation
- 60.3. Ensure that these are compliance with the procedures and controls set up by the Federation
- 60.4. Ensures that appropriate policies and processes are in place for the prevention and identification of misappropriation of money fraud, and corruption

### **Artilec 61: Comosition and Appointment**

- 61.1. Shall be composed of:
  - i. The Auditor and
  - ii. Two Assistant Auditors
- 61.2. Should include at least one individual who understands, and can ask meaningful questions regarding, audited financial statements.
- 61.3. Shall be appointed by the Parliament of PB
- 61.4. No one with management responsibilities may serve on the audit committee
- 61.5. **The members must have good accounting experience.**

### **Article 62: Functions of the Auditor**

The Auditor:

- 62.1. Is the Leader of the Audit Committee?
- 62.2. In conjunction with the Assistants, devise tests and methods which the committee may use to perform their work.
- 62.3. Present the Audit report to the EC for presentation to the General Assembly

### **Article 63: Functions of Assistant Auditors**

- 63.1. Participate in the work of the Audit committee under the direction of the Auditor

## **SECTION 111: ELECTORAL COMMITTEE**

### **Article 64: Definition**

64.1. The Electoral Committee is a group of five members appointed by PB Parliament to conduct the Elections to the Executive Council of the Federation at the Congress and subsequent elections

### **Article 65: Powers and Functions**

- 65.1. Compile a voter's register from the lists of registered members of PB.
- 65.2. Agree on the voting system and prepare the rules and regulations for the election.
- 65.3. Publish all vacant elected offices of PB as well as dates and regulations of the electoral process well before the due date for the commencement of the electoral process procedures as may be stipulated in the by-laws of the Federation
- 65.4. Scrutinize all candidates for eligibility for aspired offices and prepare a list of candidates for each position
- 65.5. Conduct the polls
- 65.6. Compile and declare the results of the elections

### **Article 66: Composition and Appointment**

- 66.1. The Electoral Committee shall be composed of.
  - i. The Returning Officer
  - ii. Secretary to The Electoral Committee
  - iii. Two Polling Officers
- 66.2. No one contesting in an election shall serve in the electoral Committee for that election

### **Article 67: Functions of the Returning Officer**

The Returning Officer

- 67.1. Shall be Leader of the Committee
- 67.2. Shall preside over all the operations of the committee.
- 67.3. Together with all the members of the committee design and implement all election procedures.
- 67.4. Together with the other members of the committee, conduct the elections.
- 67.5. Shall certify and declare election results.

### **Article 68: Functions of Secretary to Electoral Committee**

- 68.1. Shall maintain the minutes of all deliberations of the committee.
- 68.2. Shall perform a duty delegated to him/her by the Returning Officer
- 68.3. Shall support the Presiding Officer in the performance of his/her duties and functions.
- 68.4. Shall replace the Returning Officer in his /her absence

## **Article 69: Functions of Polling Officers**

- 69.1. Shall support the Returning officer and the Secretary in the performance of their duties
- 69.2. Shall perform and duties delegated to them by the Returning Officer or the Secretary

## **SECTION 1V: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

### **Article 70: Definition**

- 70.1. This is the Sub-committee responsible for dealing with disciplinary matters of PB.**

### **Article 71: Composition and Appointment**

- 71.1. Members are appointed by Parliament from among the members of the General Assembly**
- 71.2. The Disciplinary Committee consists of the following:
  - iv. Chairperson
  - v. Secretary
  - vi. 3 Ordinary members
- 71.3. The Chairperson and Secretary of the Council are appointed by the members of the Disciplinary Committee**

### **Article 72: Functions of the Disciplinary Committee**

- 72.1. The functions of the Disciplinary committee are to deal with disciplinary matters including :**
- 72.2.** hearing cases,
- 72.3.** investigating and establishing the validity of evidence
- 72.4.** Passing judgement
- 72.5.** Determining and imposing appropriate sanctions
- 72.6.** Enforcing sanctions

### **Article 73: Functions of Chairperson**

- 73.1. To call and chair all meetings of the Disciplinary Committee
- 73.2. To preside over cases presented to the committee.
- 73.3. To sign off judgements and sanctions imposed by the committee.

### **Article 74: Functions of The Secretary**

- 74.1. The functions of the Secretary are to take and maintain minutes. of the meetings and proceedings of the Committee
- 74.2. To perform duties delegated to him or her by the Chairperson
- 74.3. To perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence

### **Article 75: Meetings and Sessions of the Disciplinary Committee**

- 75.1. The Disciplinary committee shall meet to hear and rule on cases not later than 14 days after the case has been lodged with them

## **CHAPTER V: BY-LAWS**

### **SECTION 1: ELECTIONS**

#### **Article 76: Elected officials**

- 76.1. All members of Plankan Bachur Parliament ( PBGP) shall be each of those elected by each Plankan Bachur National Chapter in which they are members
- 76.2. All members of Plankan Bachur Executive Council ( PBEC) shall be elected by members of Plankan Bachur General Assembly from among the two candidates elected by each Plankan Chapter in the Primary Election to represent the chapter.

#### **Article 77: General Eligibility Rules and Procedures**

##### **To be eligible for election to PB Parliament and PB Executive Council, the candidate must:**

- 77.1. Be a fully and properly registered member of his or her Plankan Bachur national or Regional Chapter
- 77.2. Be active in his or her PB National Chapter
- 77.3. Be committed and able to create time and attend Plankan meetings and activities
- 77.4. Have fully paid up all his or her contributions to PB national Chapter and PBG
- 77.5. Be able to speak and understand Manjaku Churr dialect
- 77.6. Be able to understand, read and write at least one of the following languages: Portuguese, French, English , except that for Parliament, the prospective members do not need to be literate .
- 77.7. Have a means to attend virtual meetings and communicate through atleast one online platform
- 77.8. Have indicated his/her willingness to stand for an office
- 77.9. Be nominated and seconded by two people
- 77.10. The services rendered in any position in the governing bodies are free. of charge but may justify the reimbursement of the expenses incurred on behalf of the Federation.

#### **Article 78: Election Procedures**

- 78.1. The First Election to PBEC shall conducted by an Electoral Sub-committee appointed by Congress Planning Committee
- 78.2. All subsequent Elections shall be conducted by an Electoral Committee appointed by Parliament
- 78.3. All voting to PBEC shall be conducted by way of secret ballot during PBG Congress or General Meeting
- 78.4. All voting to PBP shall be conducted by way of secret ballot during the General Meeting of the respective National Chapter
- 78.5. After voting, the Electoral Commissioner shall declare the results of the voting for every position stating
- 78.6. the total number of votes casted,
- 78.7. the number received by each a candidate and.
- 78.9. the number of ballots declared to be null and void
- 78.10. The winner

## **SECTION 11: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE AND REPORTS**

### **Article 79: Financial Management Procedures**

- 79.1. The Association shall have a bank account into which all monies received shall be lodged.
- 79.2. The President, Secretary General and Finance Manager would be appointed as authorised persons to open and manage the Association's bank accounts.
- 79.3. All payments shall be authorised by any two of the President, Secretary General and Finance Manager
- 79.4. A mechanism to permit authorisation of payments by at least two persons must be explored and adopted.
- 79.5. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCE shall any payment be authorised and made by ONLY one person.

### **Article 80: Financial and Operational Reports**

- 80.1. The Executive Council shall prepare and present the Financial Statements of the Federation of the previous year to the Audit Committee not more than two months after the year end
- 80.2. **The** Audit Committee shall audit the financial statements and submit them. their report to Executive Council not later than one month after they have been presented with the Financial Statements
- 80.3. The Executive Council shall present the Audited Financial Statement at the next Annal General Meeting but not more than six months after the end of the financial reporting period
- 80.4. The activity and account report shall be submitted to the chairperson. of the general meeting and sent at least fifteen to the members. days in advance of the date of the meeting of the ordinary general meeting.
- 80.5. According to paragraph 73. 4 of these articles, the adoption of the activity and accounts report required an absolute majority of votes. of those presents.
- 80.6. The General Assembly of Members shall review and if satisfied adopt the audited Financial Statements of the Federation for the previous year.

## **SECTION 111: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

### **Article 81: Disciplinary Offences**

- 81.1. Failure to comply with any of the duties laid down in Article 10 of this constitution constitute an offence.
- 81.2. It is for the Disciplinary Committee to deliberate, pass judgement and penalize the offender according to the gravity of the offence.
- 81.3. The rulings of the Disciplinary Committee on disciplinary matters shall be appealed to Parliament or to the General Assembly.

### **Article 82: Types of Sanctions**

- 82.1. Disciplinary offences provided in the preceding article shall be punished with the following penalties.
  - i. Verbal or written warning
  - ii. Fine
  - iii. Suspension
  - iv. Expulsion
  - v. Any other measures to be decided by the General Assembly

### **Article 83: Suspension of membership**

- 83.1. A member may be suspended or lose the membership of PB if found guilty of.]
- 83.2. committing acts contrary to this constitution of this association or acts which may seriously affect their prestige.
- 83.3. Any charges as prescribed in the association's rules of procedure.
- 83.4. In the case of suspension of the member in these terms, It is the responsibility of Parliament to rule on a proposal from the Executive Council.
- 83.5. In the case of the loss of quality of membership in these terms, It is incumbent upon the General Meeting on a proposal from Parliament.
- 83.6. The excluded member loses the right to social property. and the respective contributions he has paid.
- 83.7. The suspension may not exceed one year and shall be proportionate. to the gravity of the facts.
- 83.8. Prior to suspension or exclusion, members shall be granted opportunity. to defend themselves against the charges of which they are being accused.

### **Article 84: Dissolution of the Federation**

- 84.1. The Federation may be dissolved only by the vote of not less than 75 % of those present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, provided a quorum has been reached
- 84.2. The dissolution shall not be affected until all the liabilities have been discharged and the net assets have been transferred to an agreed charity. In the event of insufficient funds to clear the liabilities, the existing members shall contribute the deficiency in equal shares.

### **Article 85: Heritage**

- 85.1. It constitutes the assets of Plankan Bachur (PB), all assets and rights allocated to the realization for its purposes acquired by it free of charge or for consideration.

### **Article 86: Indemnity of The federation Officials**

- 86.1. All Officers of the Federation shall be indemnified by the Federation for any expenses incurred in executing their duties on behalf of, and on the direction of the Executive Committee of the Federation.

### **Article 87: Acceptance of Rules**

- 87.1. Membership of the Federation shall imply the acceptance of each and all of these rules, and any additions and or alterations, which may be agreed to at General Meetings.

### **Article 88: Interpretation of The Constitution**

- 88.1. This constitution shall be the highest and exclusive legal document of PB  
88.2 In a case where there is a contradiction between it and any of its articles and the law of the country in which the PB is seated, the latter shall override.  
88.3 Any complementary rule which contradicts the provisions of this constitution, without prejudice to Article 88.1 , that provision shall be regarded as null and void  
88.4 The PB Parliament shall be the legal custodian of this constitution  
88.5 In a situation where the Parliament's interpretation of the constitution is contested by any member of the Federation, the matter shall be subject to a vote at a Special Meeting of the General Assembly  
88.6 A simple/absolute majority of the number of votes casted by the members present shall be required to override the Parliaments interpretation

### **Article 89: Amendments of the Constitution**

- 89.1. This constitution shall not be amended, added to or otherwise altered in any way, save with the consent of at least 67% of the members present and qualified to vote at the Annual General or Special Meeting called for that purpose in accordance with these rules.  
89.2. A petition proposing amendments of the constitution, must be signed by at least 25 members and submitted to the Executive Council.  
89.3. The Executive Council must then call an Executive Meeting to discuss and decide to submit amendments to the General Assembly to vote on and ratify or otherwise reject the proposed amendments.  
89.4. The Executive Committee for the time being shall have power to decide any question for which no provision is made for in these rules, and shall be responsible for proposing the appropriate amendments at the earliest possible time.

### **ARTICLE 90: RATIFICATION**

- 90.1. We the members of Plankan Bachur , following a referendum in which the majority of members voted to accept this constitution, do hereby adopt and ratify this amended constitution as the supreme legal instrument of PB this 25th day of April in the year 2025.**

