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CONSTITUTION OF THE
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SALVATION OF YEMEN

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INTRODUCTION

The National Union for the Salvation of Yemen arises from the depths of a homeland subjected to occupation, fragmentation, and systematic plunder. It is born in occupied South Yemen as an expression of historical necessity, forged by the accumulated experience of struggle against colonialism, reaction, and imperial domination. In a moment when foreign powers seek to dismantle Yemen into zones of influence, and when mercenary fronts masquerade as representatives of the people, the Union stands as a declaration that the Yemeni nation endures—unified in its history, indivisible in its future, and irreconcilable with occupation in all its forms.

The Union affirms that the unity proclaimed on 22 May 1990 was not an accident nor a temporary political arrangement, but a progressive national milestone achieved through decades of sacrifice and struggle. It represented the convergence of two revolutionary trajectories and the overcoming of imposed colonial and reactionary divisions. That this unity was later distorted by authoritarian rule, monopolized by a corrupt ruling clique, and violently assaulted during the 1994 war does not negate its historical legitimacy or progressive character. The brutal campaign waged by Ali Abdullah Saleh against the South inflicted deep wounds and entrenched injustice, but history does not end with defeat.

Wounds inflicted by oppression can heal through justice and renewed struggle, and unity—once deformed—can be rebuilt on firmer, more egalitarian foundations.

The Union rejects the cynical exploitation of these unresolved wounds by foreign occupiers and their local clients. Saudi and Emirati imperialism seek to convert legitimate grievances into instruments of fragmentation, advancing a colonial separatist project that negates sovereignty and reduces the South to a militarized dependency. The leadership of Aidarous al-Zubaidi and the so-called Southern Transitional Council represents neither the revolutionary heritage of the South nor the interests of its people. It is a mercenary structure, sustained by occupation and directed against the very unity that historically empowered Yemenis to confront colonial domination.

The Union recalls that Yemen's liberation struggles have always advanced most decisively through unity. The October 14 Revolution of 1963 against British colonialism in the South could not have achieved its historic impact without the support and solidarity of North Yemeni republican forces, who only a year earlier had overthrown the feudal imamate and established an Arab republic. This convergence of anti-colonial and anti-feudal struggle demonstrated that Yemen's destiny is collective, and that division serves only external domination and internal reaction.

The Union further affirms that scientific socialism once made the South a beacon of progress, dignity, and militant resistance. In the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, scientific socialism provided not merely a governing doctrine, but a comprehensive framework for social transformation, national sovereignty, and internationalist solidarity. That state stood firmly against imperialism and Zionism,

aligned itself with global liberation movements, and grounded its legitimacy in the interests of workers, peasants, and the oppressed. Crucially, the PDRY understood southern independence not as an end in itself, but as a stage in a broader historical project: the pursuit of unity with the North to establish a single, indivisible, sovereign, and progressive Yemeni republic.

The National Union for the Salvation of Yemen situates itself within this historical continuum. Guided by scientific socialism, it approaches reality through material analysis rather than illusion, through organization rather than spontaneity. It seeks to educate the masses about the objective conditions of exploitation, occupation, and class domination, and to transform popular anger into conscious, disciplined national action. Liberation, unity, and social justice are inseparable tasks, and none can be achieved in isolation from the others.

The Union exists for a single, uncompromising purpose: to awaken, unify, and organize the popular masses as the decisive force in national salvation. It rejects all forms of foreign tutelage, mercenary politics, and comprador elites, and commits itself to building a broad national front rooted in the working people of Yemen. In this spirit, it extends its hand to all genuine national forces committed to sovereignty, unity, and liberation, chiefly toward the Yemeni capital Sana'a. Yemen's future will not be decided by occupiers or their agents, but by the organized will of its people, acting with clarity, discipline, and revolutionary purpose.

CHAPTER I:

ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 The National Union for the Salvation of Yemen is a revolutionary socialist organization working to liberate the occupied South and restore the full sovereignty of the Yemeni Republic. It unites all progressive forces, workers, and intellectuals who reject partition and aim to achieve the historical mission of national salvation.

ARTICLE 2 The Union believes that the working masses—the alliance of workers, peasants, and the revolutionary intelligentsia—are the sole legitimate source of all authority, rejecting the legitimacy of warlords and foreign-appointed councils.

ARTICLE 3 The Union is of the opinion that tribal confederations and tribal leaders may play a progressive role in the struggle for a unified, sovereign, republican Yemen free of foreign influence and colonial schemes.

A The Union affirms and conditions, that people from diverse social origins and tribal affiliations—including those previously engaged in internecine conflict—have consciously abandoned narrow loyalties, parochial rivalries, and the primitive frameworks that once constrained them, in favor of an all-encompassing national democracy grounded in collective citizenship, political unity, and a shared commitment to the common good.

- ARTICLE 4** Members of the Union operate throughout all Yemeni lands, organizing within the occupied South and building solidarity with the liberated North, as well as mobilizing the Yemeni diaspora to support this sacred national cause.
- ARTICLE 5** The Union aims for immediate national liberation from the Saudi and Emirati occupation and the dismantling of their mercenary tools, specifically the separatist Transitional Council. It seeks to eliminate colonial influence and the hated systems of economic dependency and foreign political guardianship that prevent Yemen's reunification and progress.
- ARTICLE 6** The National Union for the Salvation of Yemen works to re-establish a unified, progressive republican system. It rejects the falsification of the republic by corrupt cliques and strives for a national democratic government that heals the wounds of the past through justice rather than division.
- ARTICLE 7** The Union affirms its peninsular identity and Yemen's important contribution to the unified peninsular struggle, recalling the Mutawakilite Kingdom's support of the national democratic Hejazi bourgeoisie, and later with the sentiments and proclamation of the Republic of the Arabian Peninsula. The deep unity and commonalities of the people of the Peninsula are revealed even in counterrevolutionary projects like the GCC.
- ARTICLE 8** The Union pledges, after the expulsion of the occupiers, to assist in the creation of a new national framework that aligns with Yemen's revolutionary history. It aims to play a general role in the rejuvenation and salvation of Yemen's

unified Republican system, to which the Yemeni people have struggled and sacrificed for.

ARTICLE 9 The Union affirms that scientific socialism is the only just system capable of dismantling the comprador class and ensuring the rights and dignity of the Yemeni people. It views the public ownership of resources as essential to guaranteeing the welfare and happiness of the Yemeni society.

ARTICLE 10 The Union believes that a unified Yemen is an inseparable part of the great Arab Homeland and that the defense of Yemen's unity is the first line of defense against the fragmentation of the entire Arab world.

ARTICLE 11 The Union believes that the struggle against imperialism and Zionism, and the support of global liberation movements, is a sacred moral and national duty. It views the current battle in Yemen as part of the wider international struggle against hegemonic domination.

ARTICLE 12 The Union adheres to a foreign policy of positive neutrality and peaceful coexistence, refusing to allow Yemen to be used as a theater for foreign influence, while reserving the absolute right to armed defense of national sovereignty.

ARTICLE 13 The Union works to spread scientific revolutionary awareness, combatting the illusions of separatism and reactionary thought. It is committed to making education compulsory, free, and accessible at all stages to arm the masses with consciousness.

CHAPTER 2:

CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 14 Membership in the Union is a right for every Yemeni male and female citizen, provided that:

- A** They believe in its constitution and system.
- B** They maintain the unity of the Union, develop it, and spreads its principles and goals among the masses of the people.
- C** They adhere to the regulations of the Union and commits itself to discipline and precision in executing the duties entrusted to them with all honesty and sincerity.
- D** They strengthen their connection with the people and work to spread revolutionary awareness in their ranks.
- E** They preserve the secrets of the Union, which is considered one of the most important duties of the member.
- F** The member must work to raise their intellectual and cultural level and arm themselves with the revolutionary spirit and noble morals.

CHAPTER 3:

MEMBERSHIP PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 15 Keep your secrets.

ARTICLE 16 The interest of the homeland requires you to obey the orders of the Union and execute them with precision.

ARTICLE 17 Be wise in your actions, honest, and clean of heart, hand, and tongue.

ARTICLE 18 Do not fear, and be brave.

ARTICLE 19 Be cautious and watch out for spies, intruders, and eavesdroppers: expose them and warn your brothers about them, for courage does not contradict caution.

ARTICLE 20 Wherever you are, you have a positive, effective role to play. If not today, then tomorrow. So prepare yourself physically, mentally and academically, for you are an asset to your homeland.

ARTICLE 21 Let these principles penetrate your spirit and deepen them through study and understanding. Be an advocate for them everywhere, and always care for revolutionary culture.

ARTICLE 22 Reject division and cast aside partisanship, fanaticism, selfishness, and self-love. Apply the principle of self-criticism in all of your work. Our path is one of love, brotherhood, revolution, and freedom.

ARTICLE 23 The son of Aden is the brother of the son of Sana'a, and they are brothers to the Hadrami, the Taizi, the Tihami, the Mahri, and the Sa'adi. There is no distinction between them. The tribesman and the city-dweller are equal, and there exists no difference between the Zaydi and the Shafi'i, nor between the Northerner and the Southerner. All are one fist raised against the occupation, working for liberation and struggling to rebuild the unified Yemeni Republic on strong, egalitarian foundations.

ARTICLE 24 **"I am a unionist, I am a republican. I am a revolutionary."** Let this be your slogan in the morning and in the evening, indeed at all times, here and there, indeed everywhere.

ARTICLE 25 If any matter is presented to you, analyze it in the light of the slogan: Does it contradict the fundamental foundation and role of the union, the spirit of republican patriotism and unionism, the spirit of morality, the spirit of the revolution, or the spirit of the East? If it does not contradict them, then proceed: otherwise, reject that matter.

ARTICLE 26 Finally, remember that you are saving a homeland, and he who saves and builds the homeland must be honorable, revolutionary, truthful in speech, and chaste of tongue.

ARTICLE 27 Read these statutes and principles again. Read them with all your soul, with all your senses, with all your mind. Consider yourself a member of the Union, for the Union is the People, and the People are the Union.

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AND SOCIALISM OUR PATH TO LIGHT!

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