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CHAPTER ON THE STATE

- 1. Burma is a sovereign and independent State.
- 2. The State shall be called Republic of the Union of Burma.
- 3. The State is the country in which the various ethnic nationalities collectively live together.
- 4. The sovereignty of the State emanates from the citizens and abides throughout the country.
- 5. The bounds of the State that include the land, sea and air are those that exist at the time when the Constitution comes into force.

FORMATION OF THE STATE

- 1. The State is established on the Union system.
- 2. The State is divided and demarcated as seven Regions, seven States and Union Territories, as follows:
 - i. Kachin State
 - ii. Kayah State
 - iii. Karen State
 - iv. Chin State
 - v. Sagaing Region
 - vi. Tanessarim Region
 - vii. P<mark>egu</mark> R<mark>egi</mark>on
 - viii. Mergui Region
 - ix. Mandalay Region
 - x. Mon State
 - xi. Arakan State
 - xii. Rangoon Region
 - xiii. Shan State
 - xiv. Irrawaddy Region
 - xv. Union Territories
- 3. The respective Regions and State are equal in status.
- 4. For the change of name of a Region or a State, the question shall be put to a referendum of the eligible voting citizens of that Region or State, and shall be changed by the enactment of law.
- 5. The Regions, States, Union Territories, Autonomous Units that are in the country shall never secede from the State.
- 6. In Uniting of the State
 - i. Villages shall be grouped together as a Village Tract;
 - ii. Wards shall be grouped together as a City or Township;
 - iii. Village Tracts and Wards or Cities shall be grouped together as a Township;
 - iv. Townships shall be grouped together as a District;

¹ Burma Lawyers Council, Lack of Democracy, Lack of Equality: Political Analysis of Constitutional Principles Laid down by the SLORC National Convention (1995).

- v. Districts shall be grouped together as a Region or State;
- vi. In the Autonomous Zone, the townships in that Zone shall be grouped together as the Autonomous Districts;
- vii. In the Autonomous Division, the townships in the Division shall be grouped together as districts, and the districts shall be grouped together as the Autonomous Division;
- viii. If in a Region or a State there is an Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone, the Autonomous Division, Autonomous Zone and Districts shall be grouped together as the Region or State; and
- ix. The Regions, States and Union Territories shall be grouped together as the State.
- 7. Alteration of the State's Border
 - a. If it becomes necessary to change the border of the State, the State President shall firstly notify that Chief of the Union Assembly to get the opinion of the Union Assembly concerning the matter.
 - b. On receiving notification from the State President concerning the need for changing of the State's border, Chief of the Union Assembly shall obtain the opinion of the assembly members as follows:
 - i. Affirmative vote of half or more of the members of the Assembly that consists of equal number of members from the Regions and States;
 - ii. Affirmative vote of half or more of the members of the Assembly elected on population basis;
 - iii. Affirmative vote of half or more of the total membership of both the assemblies of the Region or State, whose border is affected.
 - iv. If the respective affirmative votes are achieved as above, Chief of the Union Assembly shall inform the State President to change the border as necessary.
 - v. If according to the procedures specified above, either Assembly or members of both Assemblies of the Region or State concerned, disapprove the change of the border, the opinion of the Union Assembly shall be obtained. If two third or more of the total membership support, Chief of the Union Congress shall inform the State President for changing the border of the State as necessary.
 - vi. On receiving the opinion of the Union Assembly, the State President shall perform as necessary with regard to alteration of the border.
- 8. Alteration of border of a Region or State

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- a. If occasion arises for the border of a Region or State to be altered, the opinion of the electorate of the affected Township firstly be taken.
- b. If an affirmative vote of over half the electorate is not achieved, the alteration of the border shall not be made.
- c. If over half of the electorate of that Township support for change, the opinion of members of Assembly of the Region of State affected shall be taken.
- d. If three fourths and more of the total members of the Region or State Assembly support the change, the State President shall obtain the approval of the Union Assembly and alter the border of a Region or State.
- e. If the affected Region or State Assembly disapproves the alteration of border, decision of the Union Assembly shall be obtained.
- f. If tow thirds or more of the total representatives of the Union Assembly vote in support for change of the border, the State President shall alter the border of a Region or State as necessary.
- g. If occasion arises that village, village tract, quarter, city, township or district, within a Region, State, Autonomous Division, or Autonomous Zone, needs alteration of its

boundary, to be formed or a change of name, the respective Region or State administration authority, shall recommend the matter to the State President, who shall take measures, as necessary.

- 9. If the name of an Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone is desired to be changed, it shall be done in accordance with the same procedure used for changing the name of a Region or a State.
- 10. Designation of Union Territories
 - a. Rangoon, which is the capital of the country, is designated as Union Territory under the direct administration of the State President.
 - b. Coco Island Township, which is under a unique situation, is designated as Union Territory under the direct administration of the State President.
 - c. Due to the need relating to defense, security, administration, economy and etc. of the State, territories under unique situation may be designated as a Union Territory, under the direct administration of the State President, by enactment of a law.

THE LEGISLATURE

1. Legislation

- a. The legislative power of the State² is apportioned to the Union Assembly, the Regional Assemblies and the State Assemblies.
 - The autonomous territories are vested with the legislative power as provided for by the Constitution.

2. The Two Assemblies

- a. The Assembly composed of representatives, elected on the basis of population, and the military personnel, submitted as representatives by Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, shall be know as the People's Assembly; and
- b. The Assembly composed of equal numbers of representatives, elected by the Regions and States, and military personnel, submitted as representatives by Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, shall be known as the National Assembly.
- 3. The Union Assembly: The Union Assembly consists of the following two assemblies:
 - a. The People's Assembly composed of representatives elected on the basis of population and military personnel, submitted as representatives by Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces; and
 - b. The National Assembly composed of equal numbers of representatives, elected by the Regions and States, and military personnel submitted as representatives by Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces.
- 4. Size of People's Assembly: The People's Assembly shall be composed of a maximum of 440 representatives (members)³ as follows;
 - a. No more than 330 representatives elected on the basis of population; and
 - b. No more than 110 military personnel, nominated and submitted as representatives, pursuant to law, by Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces.
- 5. Officers and Deputies of the Assemblies: For the swearing in of the representatives and election of the assembly Chairman and Vice-chairman, at the first session of each new term of the respective Assemblies, the presiding officer shall be referred to as *Thabarpati*⁴, whereas the Chief officer and

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deputy officer of the Union Assembly shall be referred to as Patron and Vice-patron, and the Chief officer and deputy officer of the People's Assembly, the National Assembly, the Regional Assemblies or State Assemblies shall referred to as the Chairman and Vice-chairman.

- 6. Election of *Thabarpati* of the People's Assembly
 - a. At the first session of the new term of the People's Assembly, a member shall be elected as *Thabarpati*.
 - b. The *Thabarpati* shall take oath in the presence of the People's Assembly.
 - c. The *Thabarpati* shall preside over the People's Assembly session, until the People's Assembly Chairman and Vice-chairman shall have been elected.
- 7. Election of People's Assembly Chairman and Vice-chairman
 - a. In the Peoples' Assembly,
 - i. The representatives shall elect from among themselves the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
 - ii. If the office of the Chairman or Vice Chairman falls vacant, the vacancy shall be filled at the next People's Assembly session.
 - iii. When the Chairman is unable to perform his duties the Vice Chairman shall temporarily perform the duties of the Chairman.
 - b. Procedure for election of the People's Assembly Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be regulated by law.
- 8. Functions and dismissal of People's Assembly Chairman and Vice Chairman
 - a. The People's Assembly Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman until the first session of the next term of People's Assembly.
 - b. If the People's Assembly Chairman or Vice Chairman resigns or dies, or is dismissed as a member of the People's Assembly, or is no longer eligible to continue as the People's Assembly member, or is relieved from the duties of Chairman or Vice Chairman by the People's Assembly, he shall have been dismissed as Chairman or Vice Chairman.
- **9.** Duties, powers and rights of Chairman and Vice Chairman of People's Assembly: The Duties, powers and rights of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the People's Assembly shall be regulated by law.
- 10. Status of Chairman and Vice Chairman of People's Assembly: For the purpose of reference in the enactment of law regarding the duties, powers and rights of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the People's Assembly, the status of Chairman is admitted as equivalent to that of the Vice Chairman and the Vice Chairman as that of the Union Minister.
- 11. In the People's Assembly
 - a. Committees of the People's Assembly:
 - i. The People's Assembly shall form, with its members, Committee on Bills, Committee on Budget, Committee on Rights of the Assembly, and Over sight Committee on Guarantees, Agreements and Treaties taken upon by the Government.
 - ii. When Occasions arise for study and report on mattes relating to defense and security or military affairs, the People's Assembly shall form, with its members from the military, a Defense and Security Committee having a fixed term. In forming the Defense and Security Committee, appropriate non-military members may be included, if it is necessary to include them on technical ground.
 - iii. If it is necessary for the People's Assembly for a study and report on matters relating to legislation, administration, ethnic nationalities, economic, finance, social, foreign and others, it may form committees, having fixed terms, with its members.

- iv. The People's Assembly shall specify the size, duties, powers, rights and term of the People's Assembly Committees.
- v. If occasion arises for the People's Assembly to confer with the National Assembly on certain matters, the People's Assembly, for the formation of a Joint-Committee, may elect, form among its members, delegates to the Joint-Committee, which shall consist of equal numbers of representatives from the two assemblies. The term of the Joint-Committee shall extend until the completion of reporting to the respective Assemblies.
- vi. If a matter, that falls outside of the jurisdiction of the Committees, mentioned above, in Paragraph (1) and (2), needs the study of both the Assemblies, the Chairman of the two Assemblies shall negotiate between themselves and may form a joint-Committee, with equal numbers of representatives from the People's Assembly and the National Assembly, to investigate the matter. The People's Assembly may elect representatives, from among its members, to serve on the Joint-Committee. The term of the Joint-Committee shall extend until the completion of reporting to the respective Assemblies.

. Formation of People's Assembly Commissions and Bodies:

- i. Apart from matters studied by the Committee, the People's Assembly may form Commissions and Bodies for other matters, with its members or together with competent citizens.
- ii. When the People's Assembly forms the above mentioned Commissions and Bodies, it shall specify the number of members, duties, powers, rights and terms of the Commissions or the Bodies.

12. Term of the People's Assembly: - The Term of the People's Assembly is five years from the day it holds its first session.

- **13.** The National Assembly: The National Assembly shall be formed with a maximum number of 224 members as follows:
 - i. A total of 168 elected representatives, elected on the basis of 12 per Region, including the Union Territories, and 12 per State, among whom shall be one representative from each Autonomous Divisions or Province;
 - ii. A total of 56 military personnel, whom Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces has nominated and submitted as representatives, pursuant to law, on the basis of four per region, including Union Territories, and four per State.
- 14. Election of Thabarpati of National Assembly
 - a. At the beginning of the first session of the new term of the National Assembly, a member shall be elected as *Thabarpati* of the National Assembly.
 - b. The Thabarpati shall take oath in the presence of the National Assembly.
 - c. The Thabarpati shall preside over the National Assembly session until the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the National Assembly shall have been elected.
- 15. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of National Assembly
 - a. In the National Assembly:
 - i. The National Assembly shall elect from among its members the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Assembly.
 - ii. If the Chairman or Vice Chairman's office falls vacant, it shall be filled at the next National Assembly session.
 - iii. When the Chairman is unable to perform his duties, the Vice Chairman shall temporarily perform the duties of the Chairman.
 - b. Procedures for the election of National Assembly Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be regulated by law.

- 16. Functions and dismissal of National Assembly Chairman and Vice Chairman
 - a. The National Assembly Chairman and Vice Chairman shall perform the functions of Chairman and Vice Chairman until the first session of the new term of the next National Assembly.
 - b. When the National Assembly Chairman or Vice Chairman resigns or dies, or is dismissed from the position of National Assembly member, or is no longer eligible to serve as the National Assembly member, or is relieved from the duties of Chairman or Vice Chairman by the National Assembly, he shall have been dismissed as Chairman or Vice Chairman.
- 17. Duties, powers, and rights of Chairman and Vice Chairman of National Assembly: The duties, powers, and rights of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the National Assembly shall be regulated by law.
- 18. Status of Chairman and Vice Chairman of National Assembly: For reference in the enactment of law regarding the duties, powers and rights of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the National Assembly, the status of Chairman is admitted as equivalent to that of the Vice President and the Status of Vice President is admitted as equivalent as that of the Union Minister.
- 19. Formation of National Assembly Committees
 - a. The National Assembly shall form, with its members, the Bill Committee, people's Budget Committee, Assembly Rights Committee and Over sight Committee on Guarantees, Agreements, and Treaties taken upon by the Government.
 - b. When occasions arise for the study and report on matters relating to defense and security, or military affairs, the National Assembly shall form, with the military representatives of the National Assembly, a Defense and Security Committee, having a fixed term. This Defense and Security Committee, in accordance with necessity of the task, may also include appropriate non-military members of the National Assembly.
 - When it is necessary for the National Assembly to study and report on matters relating to legislation, administration, ethnic nationalities, economic, finance, social, foreign and other matters, it may form Committees, with its members and having a fixed term.

d. The National Assembly shall specify the number of members, duties, powers and rights of the National Assembly Committees.

- e. If occasions arise from the National Assembly to confer with the People's Assembly on certain matters, the National assembly may elect from among its members, representatives to the Joint Committee, which shall have equal number of members from the two Assemblies. The term of the Joint-Committee is to extend until the completion of the reporting to the respective Assemblies.
- f. If a matter, that falls outside of the jurisdiction of the Committee, mentioned above, in Paragraph (1) and (2), needs the study of both the Assemblies, the Chairmen of the two Assemblies shall negotiate between themselves and may form a Joint-Committee, with equal number of members from the National Assembly and the People's Assembly, to investigate the matter. The National Assembly may elect from among its members, representatives, to serve on the Joint-Committee. The term of the Joint-Committee shall extend until completion of reporting to the respective Assemblies.
- 20. Formation of National Assembly Commissions and Bodies
 - a. apart from matters studied by the Committees, the National Assembly may, for other matters, from Commissions and Bodies, consisting of its members or together with competent citizens.
 - b. When the National Assembly forms the above mentioned Commissions and Bodies, it shall specify the numbers of members, duties, powers, rights and terms of the commissions or Bodies.

- **21.** Terms of National Assembly is the same as that of the People's Assembly. The term of the National Assembly expires, as well, on the date on which the term of the people's assembly expires.
- 22. Functions of Patron and Vice-Patron of Union Assembly
 - a. The National Assembly Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve concurrently as the Patron and Vice-Patron of the Union Assembly, for 30 months, starting from the first day of the term of the People's Assembly, whereas Chairman and Vice-Chairmanof the People's Assembly shall concurrently serve as the Patron and Vice-Patron of the Union Assembly for the remainder of the term.
 - b. When the Patron of the Union Assembly is unable to perform his duties, the Vice-Patron shall temporarily perform the duties of the Patron.
- **23.** Formation of Regional and State Assemblies: Regional or State Assemblies shall be formed as follows:
 - a. Representatives elected on the basis of 2 per township in the Regions or States;
 - b. In the Regions, other than those that have already obtained autonomous territories, one elected representative from each ethnic nationality, having a considerable population amounting to zero point one (0.1) percent or more, as recognized by the authorities, of the total population of the State;

In the States, other than those that have already obtained autonomous territories, one elected representative each from every ethnic nationality having a reasonable population amounting to zero point one (0.1) percent or more, as recognized by the authorities, of the total population of the State;

Military personnel, submitted as representatives by Chief of Staff of the Defense forces, pursuant to law, whose number shall be equal to one third of the number of representatives, elected according to paragraph (a) and (b), or (a) and (c).

24. Election of the Thabarpati of Regional or State Assembly

- a. At the beginning of the first session of the new term of a Regional Assembly if State Assenblym a member shall be elected to serve as the Thabapti of the Assembly.
- b. The Thabapti shall take oath in the presence the Regional Assembly or State Assembly.
- c. The Thabapti shall preside over the Regional Assembly or State Assembly session until a Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Regional Assembly or State Assembly shall have been elected.

25. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman of Regional or State Assembly

- a. In the Regional or State Assembly,
 - i. The members of the Regional or State Assembly shall elect a Chairman and Vicechairman of the Regional or State Assembly, from among themselves.
 - ii. In case if vacancy of the Chairman or Vice-chairman office, it shall be filled at the next session of the Assembly.
 - iii. When the Chairman is unable to perform his duties, the Vice-chairman shall temporarily perform the duties of the Chairman.
- b. Procedures for the election of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Regional or State Assemblies shall be regulated by law.

26. Function and termination of duties of Chairman or Vice-chairman of Regional or State Assemblies

- a. The Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Regional or State Assembly shall perform the duties of the Chairman and Vice-chairman until the first session of the next term of the Regional or State Assembly.
- b. When the Regional or State Assembly Chairman or Vice-chairman resigns, or is dismissed as the Region or State Assembly member, or has been relieved from the Chairmanship or Vice-chairmanship by the Regional or State Assembly, or dies, he shall have been terminated as Chairman or Vice Chairman.

- **27.** Duties, powers, and rights of Chairman and Vice-chairman of Regional or State Assembly: The duties, powers and rights of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Regional or State Assembly shall be regulated law.
- **28.** Status of Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Regional or State Assembly: For reference in the enactment of law on the duties, power and right of Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Regional or State Assembly, the status of Chairman of the Regional or State Assembly is admitted as equivalent to that to the Union Minister, whereas the status of Vice-chairman is admitted as equivalent to that of the Regional or State.
- **29.** Formation of Regional or State Assembly Committees
 - a. The Regional or State Assembly may, when necessary, from Committees and Bodies, with respective Regional or State Assembly members to study and report on matters relating to legislation or affairs of the ethnic nationalities, in accordance with powers granted by the Constitution.
 - b. The Regional or State Assembly may include appropriate citizens in the formation of the above Committees and Bodies.
 - c. The Regional or National Assembly shall, on the formation of Committees or Bodies, specify the number of members, duties, powers, rights and terms of the Committees or Bodies.
- **30.** Term of Regional or State Assembly: The term of the Regional or State Assembly shall be the same as that of the People's Assembly. On the day that the term of the People's Assembly expires, so does that of the Regional or State Assembly.
- **31.** Duties, powers and rights of members of People's Assembly, National Assembly and Regional or State Assembly: The duties, powers, and rights of members of the People's Assembly, National Assembly and Regional or State Assembly shall be regulated by law.
- **32.** Qualifications of candidates for People's Assembly: A person having the following qualifications has the right to stand as a candidate in the election to the People's Assembly. A person who:
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 - a. Has attained to the age of 25 years;
 - b. Is a citizen, both the parents of whom are citizens;
 - c. Has resided continuously in the Union of Burma, for at least 10 years, at the time of the election;
 - d. Possess qualifications as stipulated in the election law.
- **33.** Persons not eligible to be candidate in election to People's Assembly: The following persons shall not be eligible to stand as a candidate for election to the People's Assembly. A person who:
 - a. Has been convicted by a court of law for a certain crime and is currently serving a prison term;
 - Has been banned, by the authority concerned, either prior or subsequent to the enactment of this Constitution, for violation damaging his/her own qualification required to be a candidate to the People's Assembly, and the term of the ban against him/her has not yet expired;
 - c. By the relevant law, is categorized as insane;
 - d. Has yet not been released from bankruptcy, as declared by the relevant court;
 - e. Owes allegiance to a foreign government, or a subject of a foreign government or a citizen of a foreign country,
 - f. Is a beneficiary to privileges entitled to the subject of a foreign government or citizen of a foreign country;
 - g. Directly or indirectly receives and uses money, land, house, building, vehicle, property and etc., of a foreign country, or a religious or other organization, or is a member of an organization engaged in such activities;

- h. For policies, uses religion, speaks or gives a speech or issues a statement urging to give or not to give votes, or who encourages such things to be done, or is a member of an organization engaged in such activities;
- i. Is a religious servant;
- j. Is a state servant;
- k. Directly or indirectly receives or uses the State's money, land, house, building, vehicle, property and etc., or is a member of an organization which receives and uses such things;
 - 1. The expression, "State's money" does not include pension, allowances, cash, or the salary, allowances and cash awarded legally by the State for good services to the State;
 - 2. The expression, "State's land, house, building, vehicle, property" does not include the use, pursuant to a certain law or, allowed by the State to use while on duty the use of State-owned land, house, building and room, other building and room, State-owned airplane, train, vehicle, property and etc., or hired with the State's money.

1. Has been banned by authorities concerned, either prior or subsequent to the enactment of this Constitution, from election to the People's Assembly for unbecoming conduct, in violation of the election law, or failed to abide by the provisions of the election law, and the term of ban against him/her has not yet expired.

34. Qualification of military representatives to People's Assembly: - The military personnel nominated and submitted by Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces according to law, shall also have the qualifications as specified for the candidates to the People's Assembly.

35. Qualification of candidates to National Assembly: - Candidates to the National Assembly

- a. Shall have attained to the age of 30 years;
- b. Shall have the same qualification as those specified for the candidates to the People's Assembly, except the age limitation;
- c. Shall also be subjected to the provisions disqualifying candidates in election to the People's Assembly.
- **36.** Qualification of military personnel nominated to National Assembly: The military personnel who are nominated and submitted by Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, according to law, shall also have the same qualifications as specified for the candidates to the National Assembly.
- **37.** Qualifications of candidates to Regional or State Assembly: Candidates in election to the Regional or State Assembly:
 - a. Shall have the same qualifications as specified for candidates to the People's Assembly;
 - b. Shall also be subjected to the provisions disqualifying candidates in elections to the People's Assembly.
- **38.** Qualifications of military personnel nominated to Regional or State Assembly: The military personnel nominated and submitted by Chief of the Defense Forces, according to law, for the Regional or State Assembly, shall also have the same qualifications as specified for the candidates to the Regional or State Assembly.

THE EXECUTIVE

- 1. The Union Government
 - a. Chief of the State Executive is the State President.
 - b. (1) The executive power of the State is apportioned to the Union, the Regions and the States.

(2) The autonomous areas are vested with the executive power as provided for by the Constitution.

- c. In the State, the Union Government is formed with the following officers:
 - i. State President,
 - ii. Vice- President,
 - iii. Union Ministers,
 - iv. Union Attorney General.
- d. The State President, with the approval of the Union Assembly:
 - i. May specify the number of Union ministers, as required, and effect changes to them;
 - ii. May specify the number of Union Minister as necessary and vary the number specified.
- e. Union Ministers shall have the following qualifications:
 - i. Having attained to the age of 40 years;
 - ii. Having the qualifications necessary for candidates to the People's Assembly, except the requirement for age;
 - iii. Being loyal to the State and the citizens.
- 2. Appointment of Union Ministers
 - a. The State President, for the appointment of Union of Ministers:
 - i. Shall nominate appropriate persons, whether from among members of the Assembly or non-members, who have the specified qualifications;
 - ii. Shall obtain the list of names of appropriate members of the armed forces from Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, for the defense, security/home and border affairs ministries;
 - iii. Shall consult with Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, if he so desires to appoint members of the defense forces as ministers of other than defense, security/home, or border affairs.
 - 5. The State President shall submit the list of persons he has nominated and the one received from the Chief of Staff the Defense Forces, to the Union Assembly for approval.
 - The Union Assembly shall not have the right t reject the person whom the State President has submitted unless there is a clear proof that he does not possess the qualifications required to become a Union Minister.
 - d. The State President shall have the right to resubmit a new name for approval in place of the person that fails to receive the approval of the Union Assembly.
 - e. The State President shall appoint the persons who have received the approval of the Union Assembly as Union Ministers. In the appointment, the State President shall specify the ministry or ministries that each individual Union Minister shall be responsible for.
 - f. The State President shall inform the Union Assembly, whenever he appoints a Union Minister.
 - g. The Union Ministers shall be responsible to the State President.
- 3. Appointment of Deputy Ministers
 - a. The State President may appoint persons, with the following qualifications from among assembly members or non-members, as Deputy Ministers for assisting the Union Ministers:
 - i. Having attained to the age of 35 years,
 - ii. Having the qualifications required of the People's Assembly members, except age requirement;
 - iii. Being loyal to the State and the citizens.
 - b. The State President, in the case of appointment of deputy ministers for defense, security/home and border affairs ministries, shall receive a list of appropriate military personnel from Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces.

- c. If the State President wishes to appoint military personnel as deputy ministers for ministries besides the defense, security/home and border affairs ministries, he shall consult with Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces.
- d. In appointing a deputy minister, the State President shall specify the ministry he will be responsible for.
- e. The deputy ministers shall be responsible to the Union Ministers under whom he serves, or to the State President through the Union Minister.
- 4. Impeachment of Union Minister
 - a. Any Union Minister may be impeached for any of the following matters.
 - i. Commission of high treason;
 - ii. Violation of a provision of the Constitution;
 - iii. Misconduct;
 - iv. Impairment in qualifications required for a Union Minister as specified in the Constitution.
 - b. If an impeachment of a Union Minister is required, it shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution specified for the impeachment of the State President or Vice-President.

However, if the impeachment of a Union Minister proves to be valid, and if the Assembly conducting the investigation reaches the decision that he is no longer appropriate to continue serving in the position of a Union Minister, the State President shall terminate the duty of the Union Minister under impeachment.

d. If the Assembly conducting the investigation decides that the impeachment is not true, the Assembly Chairman concerned shall report to the State President on the decision.

5. Term, Resignation, Relief from Duty and Filling Vacancy of Union Ministers and Deputy Ministers

- The term of office of the Union Ministers and Deputy Ministers shall normally be the same as that of the State President.
- b. The Union Minister or Deputy Minister, if, before the end of the term, wishes to resign from office, he shall submit his resignation in writing to the State President and resign from office.
- c. The State President:

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- i. May issue a directive instructing any Union Minister or Deputy Minister who is failing to perform the duties entrusted to him, to resign. If he does not follow the directive he shall be relieved from duty;
- ii. Shall consult with Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces in the case where a military personnel serving as a Union Minister or Deputy Minister is required to resign or to be dismissed from duty.
- d. The State President may appoint a new Union Minister or Deputy Minister according to provisions of the Constitution relating to appointment of Union Minister or Deputy Minister, when a vacancy occurs either due to the resignation or dismissal from duty or death or some other reason. The term of office of the Union Minister or Deputy Minister filling the vacancy shall extend only to the end of the term if the State President.
- e. If the Union Minister or Deputy Minister is a member of either Assembly, he shall be considered as having already resigned as a member of the Assembly concerned, on the day he is appointed to serve as a Union Minister or Deputy Minister.
- f. (1) If the Union Minister or Deputy Minister is a state employee, he shall be considered as having been pensioned off from his employment, in accordance with the rules and regulations governing civil service, from the day he is appointed as the Union Minister or Deputy Minister.

(2) The military personnel appointed as Union Ministers or Deputy Ministers in the defense, security/home and border affairs ministries shall not be required to retire or resign from the armed forces.

- g. If the Union Minister or the Deputy Minister is a member of a political party, he shall not involve himself in the functions of that party during his term of duty, starting from the day he is appointed as a Union Minister or Deputy Minister.
- h. (1) If the office of State President who has appointed the Union Ministers and Deputy Ministries, falls vacant, due to resignation, death or for any other reason, before the end of the term, the Union Ministers and Deputy Ministers shall continue to serve in their positions, until the new State President, elected to fill the vacancy, shall have appointed new Union Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

(2) The term of office of the new Union Ministers and Deputy Ministers shall extend only to the end of the term of the new State President.

- i. The duties, power and rights of the Union Ministries and Deputy Ministers shall be regulated by law.
- 6. The Terminology for Attorney General: He shall be addressed or referred to as Union Attorney General.
- 7. Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Union Attorney General
 - a. The State President, with the approval of the Union Assembly, shall appoint and assign duties to an Assembly member or a non-member, who has the qualifications mentioned below, as the Union Attorney General, for the purpose of acquiring advice on legal matters and entrusting him with duties relating to legal matters.
 - i. Having attained to the age of 45 years;
 - ii. Having the qualifications specified for representatives to the People's Assembly except the age requirement;
 - iii. (aa) Having served for a minimum of five years as a judge of a Regional or State Supreme Court, or (bb) Having served for a minimum ten years in the judiciary or legal service having the status of not lower than a Regional or State, or (cc) Having served as an advocate for a minimum of fifteen years, or (dd) Having been regarded by the State President as a prominent academic in law.
 - iv. Being loyal to the State and the citizens.
- 8. Impeachment of Union Attorney General

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- a. The Union Attorney General may be impeached for:
 - i. Commission of high treason;
 - ii. Violation of a provision of the Constitution;
 - iii. Misconduct;
 - iv. No having the qualification specified, in the Constitution, for the Union Attorney General.
- b. If the impeachment of the Union Attorney General is required, it shall be done according to provisions in the Constitution for the impeachment of the State President or Vice President.
- c. However, if the impeachment of the Union Attorney General proves to be valid, and if the Assembly conducting the investigation reached the decision that he is no longer appropriate to continue to serve as the Union Attorney General, the State President shall dismiss the Union Attorney General from duty.
- d. If the Assembly conducting the investigation decided that the impeachment is not valid, the Assembly concerned shall report to the State President on the decision.
- 9. Appointment of the Deputy Attorney General

- a. The State President shall, at his own discretion, appoint an Assembly member or nonmember, who has the qualifications mentioned below, as the Deputy Attorney General, to assist the Union Attorney General
 - i. Having attained to the age of 40 years;
 - ii. Having the qualification specified for members of the People's Assembly except the age requirement;
 - iii. (aa) Having served for a minimum of five years as a judge of a Regional or State Supreme Court, or

(bb) Having served for a minimum of ten years in the judiciary or legal services having the status of not lower than a Regional or State, or

(cc) Having served as an advocate for a minimum of fifteen years, or

(dd) Having been regarded by the State President as a prominent academic in law.

(ee) Being loyal to the State and the citizens.

- b. The Deputy Attorney General shall be responsible to the Union Attorney General, and, through the Union Attorney General, to the State President, as well.
- 10. Term, Resignation, Relief from Duty and Filling Vacancy of Union Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General
 - a. The term of office of the Union Attorney General shall normally be the same as that of the State President.

b. The Union Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General, if, before the end of the term, so wishes to resign from the office, shall submit his resignation in writing to the State President and may resign from office.

c. The State President may issue a directive instructing the Union Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General who is unable to fulfill the duties entrusted to him to resign from office. If he does not follow the directive, he shall be relieved from duty.

. When the office of the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General falls vacant due resignation, relief from duty, death or any other reason, the State President may appoint a new Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General according to the provisions of the Constitution relating to the appointment of the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General shall extend only to the end of the remaining term of the State President.

- e. If the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General is a member of either Assembly, he shall be considered as having already resigned as a member of the Assembly concerned, the day on which he is appointed as the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General.
- f. If the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General is a state employee, he shall be considered as having been pensioned off from his employment, in accordance with the prevailing rules and regulations, governing the civil service, from the day he is appointed as the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General.
- g. If the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General is a member of a political party, he shall not involve himself in the functions of that political party, during his term of duty, starting from the day he is appointed as the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General.
- h. (1) If the office of the State President who has appointed the Union Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General falls vacant due to resignation or death or for any other reason, before the end of the term, the new State President, elected to fill the vacancy, may retain them or may appoint new Union Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, according to the provisions of the Constitutions. The old Union Attorney General and Deputy

Attorney General may be requested to continue in office, until the new Union Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General shall have been appointed.

(2) The term of office of the new Union Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General shall extend only to the end of the term of the new State President.

- i. The duties, powers, and rights of the Union Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General shall be regulated by law.
- 11. Specification of Status of Union Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General: For reference in the enactment of law relating to the duties, powers, and rights of the Union Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, the Union Attorney General is admitted as having equal to that of Union Minister and the Deputy Attorney General as that of Deputy Minister.
- 12. Terminology and Reference to Auditor General: He shall be addressed and referred to as the Union Auditor General.
- 13. Appointment of Union Auditor General

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- The State President, with approval of the Union Assembly, shall appoint an Assembly member or a non-member, as the Union Auditor general, who shall have the qualifications mentioned below, to examine the State's budget for the submission of it to the People's Assembly and the National Assembly.
 - i. Having attained to the age of 45 years;
 - ii. Having the qualifications specified for members of the People's Assembly except the age requirement;
 - iii. (aa) Having served for a minimum of 10 years as an auditor in a position that is not lower than that of Regional or State audit officer, or

(bb) Having served for a minimum of 20 ears as a registered accountant or people's accountant with certificate, or

(cc) Having been regarded by the State President as a prominent academic in accountancy, statistics or economics.

iv. Being loyal to the State and the citizen.

The Union Assembly shall not reject the person, submitted for approval, by the State President as the Union Auditor General, unless there is concrete evidence to prove that he does not have the qualifications specified for the Union Auditor General.

- c. The State President shall have the right to submit a new candidate to the Union Assembly, for the position the Union Auditor General, in the place of the person failing to receive the approval.
- d. The Union Auditor General shall be responsible to the State President.
- 14. Impeachment of Union Auditor General
 - a. The Union Auditor General may be impeached for any one of the following matters:
 - i. Commission of high treason;
 - ii. Violation of a provision of the Constitution;
 - iii. Misconduct;
 - iv. Failing to have qualifications, specified for the Union Auditor General, in the Constitution.
 - b. If the impeachment of the Union Auditor General is required, it shall be done according to provisions, in the Constitution, for the impeachment of the State President or Vice-President.
 - c. However, if the impeachment of the Union Auditor General proves to be valid, and if the Assembly undertaking the investigation has reached the decision that he is no longer appropriate to continued to serve as the Union Auditor General, the State President shall relieve the Union Auditor General from duty.

- d. If the Assembly undertaking the investigation has decided that the impeachment is not valid, the Assembly concerned shall report to the State President on the decision.
- 15. Appointment of Deputy Auditor General
 - a. The State President, as his own discretion, shall appoint an Assembly member or a nonmember, who has the qualifications mentioned below as, a Deputy Auditor General, to assist the Union Auditor General;
 - i. Having attained to the age of forty years;
 - ii. Having the qualification specified for the People's Assembly Members, except for the age requirement;
 - iii. (aa) Having served for a minimum of 10 years in as an accountant in a position that is not lower than that of Regional or State audit officer, or

(bb) Having served for a minimum of 15 years as a registered accountant or People's accountant, with certificate, or

(cc) Being regarded by the State President as a prominent academic in accountancy, statistics or economic.

- b. The Deputy Auditor General shall be responsible to the Union Attorney General and, through the Union Auditor General, to the State President, as well.
- 16. Term, Resignation, Relief from Duty and Filling Vacancy of Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General

a. The term of office of the Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General normally is the same as that of the State President.

- b. If the Union Auditor General or the Deputy Auditor General, for some reason, wishes to resign from office, before the end of the term, he shall submit his resignation in writing to the State President.
- c. The State President may issue directive instructing the Union Auditor General or the Deputy Auditor General, who is unable to discharge duties entrusted to him, to resign from office. If he does not follow the directive, he shall be relieved from the duty.

When the office of the Union Auditor General or Deputy Auditor General falls vacant due to resignation, relief from duty, death or any other reason, the State President may appoint a new Union Auditor General or Deputy Auditor General according to the provisions of the Constitution relating to the appointment of the Union Auditor General or Deputy Auditor General. The term of office of the Union Auditor General or Deputy Auditor General, thus appointed, shall extend only to the end of the remaining term of office of the State President.

- e. If the Union Auditor General or the Deputy Auditor General is a member of either Assembly, she shall be considered as having already resigned as a member of the Assembly concerned, on the day he is appointed as the Union Auditor General or Deputy Auditor General.
- f. If the Union Auditor General or the Deputy Auditor General is a state employee, he shall be considered as having been pensioned off from the employment, according to existing rules and regulations, starting from the day he is appointed as the Union Auditor General or Deputy Auditor General.
- g. If the Union Auditor General or Deputy Auditor General is a member of any political party, he shall not make himself to be involved in the functions of that political party, during the term of office, starting from the day he is appointed as the Union Auditor General or deputy Auditor General.
- h. (1) If the Office of the State President, who has appointed the Union Auditor General and the Deputy Auditor General, falls vacant due to resignation, or death or for any other reason, before the end of the term, the new President, elected to fill the vacancy, may retain

them, or may appoint new Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General, according to the provisions of the Constitution. If new appointments are to take place, the old Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General may be requested to continue in office, until the new Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General shall have been appointed. (2) The term of office of the substitute Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General shall extend only to the end of the remaining term of the new State President.

- i. The duties, powers, and rights of the Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General shall be regulated by law.
- 17. Status of Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General: For reference in the enactment of law relating to the duties, powers, and rights of the Union Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General, the status of Union Auditor General is admitted as equivalent to that of Union Minister and the Deputy Auditor General to that of Deputy Minister.
- 18. Formation of Union Civil Service Commission
 - a. The State President shall form the Union Civil Service Commission to administer the selection and training of civil servants, formulate rules and regulations of the civil service.
 - b. The State President shall appoint persons, with the qualification mentioned below, as Chairman and Members of the Union Civil Service Commission:
 - i. Having attained to the age of 50 years;
 - ii. Having the qualifications specified for members of the People's Assembly, except the age requirement;
 - iii. Professional experts and academis;
 - iv. Being loyal to the State and the citizens;
 - v. Non-members of political party;
 - vi. Non-members of either Assembly.
 - c. The Chairman of the Union Civil Service Commission shall be responsible to the State President, and Members of the Union Civil Service Commission shall be responsible to the Chairman and, through him, to the State President.
 - The term of office of Chairman and Members of the Union Civil Service Commission normally shall be the same as that of the State President.
 - e. The formation of the Union Civil Service Commission, its duties, powers and rights, and the resignation and relief from duty of the Chairman and Members, shall be regulated by law.
- 19. Status of Chairman of Union Service Commission: For reference in the enactment of law regarding responsibilities, powers and rights of the Chairman of the Union Civil Service Commission, the status of the Chairman is admitted as equivalent to that of the Union Minister.
- 20. Terminology for Chief Minister and Members of Regional or State Government
 - a. The Chief of a Region or State shall be referred to as Chief Minister of the Region or State.
 - b. Members of the Regional or State Government shall be referred to as Minister of the Region or State.
- 21. Formation of Regional or State Government and Appointment of Regional or State Chief Minister
 - a. A Regional Government shall be formed in every Region and a State Government shall be formed in every State.
 - b. The Regional Government shall be formed with the following persons;
 - i. Regional or State Chief Ministers;
 - ii. Regional or State Ministers;
 - iii. Regional or State Legal Chief.
 - c. The State President, with the approval of the respective Regional or State Assembly:
 - i. May specify the number of Regional or State ministries as necessary. In addition, he may alter the number of ministries specified;

- ii. May specify the number of Regional or State ministers as necessary. In addition, he may alter the number specified.
- d. The Regional or State Chief Minister and Ministers shall have the following qualifications:
 - i. Having attained to the age of 35 years;
 - ii. Having the qualifications specified for the members of Regional or State Assembly, except the age requirement;
 - iii. Being loyal to the State and the citizens.
- e. The State President for appointment as the Regional or State Chief Minister shall:
 - i. Select from among the members of the representative Regional or State Assembly, an appropriate member having appropriate member having the specified qualifications;
 - ii. Send the name of the member selected to the respective Regional or State Assembly and obtain its approval.
- f. The State President shall appoint Assembly Member for whom approval has been obtained from the respective Regional or State Assembly, as the Chief Minister of the Region or State.

The Region or State Assembly shall not have the right to reject the person submitted by the State President as a candidate for the post of Chief Minister, unless concrete evidence can be presented showing that the person does not have the qualifications specified for Regional or State Chief Minister.

h. The State President shall have the right to submit a new name to the Regional or State Assembly in place of the candidate, failing to received the approval of the Regional or State Assembly.

22. Appointment of Regional or State Ministers

The Regional or State Chief Minister, for the appointment of respective Regional or State Ministers shall:

- i. Select appropriate Regional or State Assembly members or non-members having the qualifications as specified;
- ii. Request for the names of appropriate military personnel from Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, so as to be able to entrust responsibilities concerning security and border affairs;
- Obtain the list of names of the Chairman of governing bodies of the Autonomous Divisions or Autonomous Territories within the respective Region or States;
- iv. Obtain the list of the names of Assembly members elected to administer the affairs of the ethnic nationalities in the respective Region or State, from the respective election commission.
- b. The Regional or State Chief Minister shall submit the list of the candidates he has selected, together with the list of military personnel obtained from Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, to the Regional or State Assembly for approval.
- c. The Regional or State Chief Minister has the right to submit a new list of names to the respective Regional or State Assembly, in place of the candidates failing to receive approval of the Regional or State Assembly, for appointment as Regional or State Ministers.
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e. The Regional or State Chief Minister shall submit the list of the candidates that have received the approval of the Regional or State Assembly, the Chairmen of the Autonomous Divisions or Autonomous Territories, and Assembly members elected to administer the affairs of the nationalities, to the State President for appointment as Regional or State Ministers.

- f. The State President shall appoint the candidates, whose names have been submitted by the Regional or State Chief minister, as Regional or State Ministers of the respective Region or State. In appointment thus, the State President, in consultation with the Regional or State Chief Minister, allocate each Regional or State Minister the ministry or ministries he shall be responsible for.
- g. The State President shall:
 - i. Entrust the Chairman of Autonomous Division and Chairman of Autonomous Territory, who are Regional or State Ministers, with the responsibility to perform the affairs of the respective autonomous division or autonomous territory.
 - ii. Entrust the Assembly member elected to administer the affairs of the ethnic nationalities, which are Regional or State Ministers, with the responsibilities to serve the respective ethnic nationalities.
- h. In the appointment the respective Chairman or the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Territory or Assembly member elected to serve the affairs of the ethnic nationalities as a Regional or State Minister, the State President may be lenient with regard to age requirement specified for in the Constitution.

The State President, may, in consultation with the Chief Minister, entrust the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Territory or Ethnic Affairs Ministers with the responsibility to concurrently head other ministries.

If the Regional or State Chief Minister wishes to appoint military personnel as ministers for other Regional or State ministries, other than the security and border affairs ministries, he shall request a list of names from Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, obtain approval of the Regional or State Assembly and submit it to the State President.

. The State President shall notify the respective Regional or State Assembly, as well as, the Union Assembly of the appointment of Regional or State Chief Minister and Ministers.

- (1) The Regional or State Chief Minister shall be responsible to the State President.
- (2) The Regional or State Ministers shall be responsible to their respective Regional or State Chief Minister and, through the respective Regional or State Chief Minister, to the State President.
- m. The term of office of the Regional or State Minister and Ministers shall normally be the same as that of the State President.
- 23. Impeachment of Regional or State Chief Minister or a Minister
 - a. The Regional or State Chief Minister or any Minister may be impeached for any of the following matters:
 - i. Commission of high treason;
 - ii. Violation of any provision of the Constitution;
 - iii. Misconduct; and
 - iv. Lack of qualification as specified, in the Constitution for the Regional or State Chief Minister and Minister.
 - b. If the Regional or State Chief Minister or any Minister is to be impeached for the matters mentioned above, a minimum of one forth of the respective members of the Regional or State Assembly shall sign their names and submit their impeachment to the respective Assembly Chairman.
 - c. The respective Assembly Chairman shall form an investigation body and specify time in which to complete the investigation, taking into account the scope of the investigation work.
 - d. When the investigation concerning the impeachment is completed, the Regional or State Chief Minister or Minister, under the impeachment, shall be allowed to right to defense, either personally or through a representative.

e. (1) When the instigation body makes its report on its findings concerning impeachment of a Regional or State Chief Minister or a Minister by the respective Regional Assembly, the Assembly Chairman shall submit it to the respective Regional or State Assembly. If a minimum two thirds of the members decided that the impeachment is valid, and that the person is no longer appropriate to continue to serve as the Regional or State Chief Minister or Minister, the Chairman shall convey the decision to the State President.

(2) The State President, on receiving the submission, shall dismiss from office, the Regional or State Chief Minister or Minister.

(3) If the Assembly concerned decides that impeachment is not true, the Assembly Chairman shall inform the State President of the decision reached.

- 24. Resignation, Relief from Office, and Filling of Vacancy of Regional or State Chief Minister or a Minister
 - a. If a regional or State Chief Minister of a Minister wishes to resign, for any reason, before the end of his term of office, may submit his resignation in writing to the State President and resign from office.
 - b. The State President;

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- i. May issues a directive to the Regional or State Chief Minister or a Minister, failing to perform his duties well, to resign. If the directive is not followed, he shall be relieved from office;
- ii. If the resignation or termination from office concerns a military personnel who is a Regional or State Minister, it shall be done in consultation with Chief of State of the Defense Forces.
- . If the office of the Regional or State Chief Minister of a Minister falls vacant due to resignation or dismissal or death or for any other reason, the State President may, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution, appoint new Regional or State Chief Minister or Minister to fill the vacancy. The term of office of the person appointed, thus, shall extend only to the end of the remaining term of office of the State President.

(1) If the Regional or State Minister is a state employee, he shall be considered as having been pensioned off, according to prevailing rules and regulations governing the civil service, on the day of appointment as Regional or State Minister.

(2) The military personal who are appointed as Ministers in the Regional or State Government to head the Security and Border Affairs Ministries do not need to be pensioned off or resign from the military service.

- e. The duties, powers and rights of the Regional or State Chief Minister or Ministers shall be regulated by law.
- 25. Status of Regional or State Chief Ministers: For reference in the enactment of law relating to the duties, powers and rights or the Regional or State Chief Minister and Ministers, the status of Regional or State Chief Minister shall be admitted as equivalent to that of the Union Minister, whereas the status of Regional or State Ministers as equivalent to that of Deputy Minister.
- 26. Regional or State General Administration Department Chief: The Chief of the Regional or State General Administration Department, in respect of position, is Secretary of respective Regional or State Government. In addition, the Regional or State General Administration Department is also Office of the Regional or State Government.
- 27. Terminology for Regional or State Attorney General: He shall be called the Regional or State Legal Officer General.
- 28. Appointment of Regional or State legal Officer General
 - a. For acquirement of legal advice and entrusting obligations regarding legal matters, the Regional or State Chief Minister, shall submit a member of the Regional or State Assembly or non-member, having qualifications mentioned below, to the State President, with

approval of the respective Regional or State Assembly, for appointment as Regional or State Legal Officer General:

- i. Having attained to the age of 40 years;
- ii. Having qualifications specified for members of Regional or State Assembly, except the age requirement;
- iii. (aa) Having served in a position not lower than that of the Regional or State judicial officer or legal officer for a minimum of five years or having served in a position not lower than that of district judicial or legal officer for a minimum ten years, or (bb) Having worked as an advocate for a minimum 15 years, if he is an advocate.
- iv. Being loyal to the State and the citizens.
- b. The State President shall appoint the person submitted as a candidate for the position of Regional or State Legal Officer General by the Regional or State Chief Minister, with the approval of the respective Regional or State Assembly, as Regional or State Legal Officer General.
- c. The Regional or State Assembly shall not have the right to reject the person who has been submitted by the respective Regional or State Chief Minister as a candidate of Regional or State Legal Officer General, unless there is concrete evidence to prove that he does not posses the qualifications specified for Regional or state Legal Officer General.
 - The Regional or State Chief Minister has the right to submit a new person to the respective Regional or State Assembly, in the place of the candidate failing to received the approval of the Regional or State Assembly, for the position of Regional or State legal Officer General.
- e. The Regional or State legal Officer General shall be a member of the government of the respective Regional or State Government.
- The Regional or State Legal Officer General shall be responsible, through the respective Regional or State Chief Minister, to the State President, or to the Union Attorney General, or to the respective Regional or State Chief Minister.
- . If a matter arises for the impeachment of the Regional or State Legal Officer General, it shall be done in accordance with provisions of the Constitution applicable to the impeachment of the Regional or State Chief Minister of a Minister.
- h. Provisions of the Constitution governing resignation, termination of duties, filling vacancy, considering a state employee as already being pensioned off on appointment of the new position, applied to the Regional or State Chief Minister and Ministers, shall also apply to the Regional or State Legal Officer General.
- i. Duties, powers, and rights of the Regional or State Legal Officer general shall be regulated by law.
- 29. Status of Regional or State Legal Officer General: For reference when enacting law defining the duties, powers and right of the Regional or State Legal Officer General, the status of the Regional or State Legal Officer General is admitted as equivalent to that of the Regional or State Minister.
- 30. Terminology for Regional or State Auditor General: He shall be referred to as Regional or State Auditor General.
- 31. Appointment of Regional or State Auditor General
 - a. To examine the Regional or State Budgets for submitting to the respective Regional or State Assembly, the Regional or State Chief Minister shall, for appointment as Regional or State Auditor General, with approval of the respective Regional or State Assembly, submit to the State President, and assembly member or non-member having the following qualifications;
 - i. Having attained to the age of 40 years;

- ii. Having qualifications specified for Regional or State Assembly members, except the age requirement;
- (aa) Having served in a position not lower than that of a Regional or State audit officer for a minimum of 5 years, or in a position not lower than that of the district audit officer for a minimum of 10 years, or

(bb) Having served as a registered accountant or certified public accountant for a minimum of 15 years.

- iv. Being loyal to the State and the people.
- b. The State President shall appoint as Regional or State Auditor General, the candidate submitted by the Regional or State Chief Minister for the position of Regional or State Auditor General, with the approval of the respective Regional or State Assembly.
- c. The respective Regional or State Assembly shall not have the right to reject the person submitted, for approval, by the Regional or State Chief Minister as Regional or State Auditor General, unless concrete evidence can be produced to show that he does not possess the required qualifications for Regional or State Auditor General.
- d. The Regional or State Chief Minister has the right to submit a new name to the respective Regional or State Assembly, in the place of the person failing to receive approval of the Regional or State Assembly, for the position of Regional or State Auditor General.
 - The Regional or State auditor General shall, through the respective Regional or State Chief Minister, be responsible to the State President, or the Union Auditor General or the respective Regional or State Chief Minister.
- f. If a matters for the impeachment of the Regional or State Auditor General, it shall be done in accordance with provisions of the Constitution applied to impeachment of the Regional or State Chief Minister of Minister.
- g. The Provisions of the Constitution regarding resignation, termination of duties, filling a vacancy, the case of state employee being considered as having already resigned from service, applying to the Regional or State Chief Minister and other Ministers, shall also apply to the Regional or State Auditor General.

 The duties, powers and rights of the Regional or State Auditor General shall be regulated by law.

- 32. Status of Regional or State Auditor General: For reference in the enactment of law relating to duties, powers, and rights of the Regional or State Auditor General, the Regional or State Auditor General is admitted as having the status equivalent to that of the Regional or State Minister.
- 33. Terminology for Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone Governing Body: The governing body of the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone shall be referred to as the Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or Autonomous Territory Supervisory Body.
- 34. Formation of Autonomous Division Supervisory Body and Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body:
 - a. The Autonomous Division and the Autonomous Zone, being self-administrative units, are equal in status.
 - b. In each of the several Autonomous Divisions and Autonomous Zones, the Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or the Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body is formed. These supervisory bodies also exercise the legislative power entrusted to them by the Constitution.
 - c. The Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or the Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body shall have a minimum of 10 Members.
 - d. The Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or the Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body shall be formed with the following persons:
 - i. Regional or State Assembly members elected from the townships that are in the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone;

- ii. The military personnel who have been submitted, according to law, by the Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces for the purpose of undertaking the security or border affairs responsibilities;
- iii. Representatives selected by person mentioned in subparagraph (1) and (2).
- e. Members of Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body, mentioned in Paragraph (d), Subparagraph (1) and (2), above, shall consult among themselves and elect an appropriate Regional or State Assembly Member, elected from the townships in the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone, as Chairman of the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone. The person thus elected shall be submitted to the State President through the Regional or State Chief Minister.
- f. The State President shall appoint the person whose name has been submitted as Chairman of the respective Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone.
- g. The position of Chairman of the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone shall be equivalent to that of the Regional or State Minister. Therefore, provisions applying to Regional or State Ministers shall, with the exception of appointment procedure, shall also apply to Chairman of the Autonomous Division or the Autonomous Zone.

The respective Chairman of the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone and members of the Supervisory Body:

i. Shall select an ethnic representatives from each of the ethnic nationalities, having a reasonable population of at least 10,000 and above as recognized by appropriate authority and living in the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone, a part from the ones that already have an Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone of their own, to be members in the Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body. The persons to be selected thus shall have the qualifications specified for Regional or State Assembly members.

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- ii. If the number of members of the Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or the Autonomous Territory Supervisory Body has not reached the required 10, the needed number of representatives shall be selected from among the appropriate residents of the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone, who have the qualifications specified for members of the Regional or State Assembly.
- i. The Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces may, as necessary, fill up positions for the military personnel whose number in the Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body is at least one fourths the total number of the Supervisory body members.
- j. The military personnel whose names Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces has submitted, according to law, for entrusting responsibilities as members of the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body, shall have the qualifications specified for members of the Regional or State Assembly.
 - i. The respective Autonomous Division Supervisory Body Chairman or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body Chairman shall announce the names of the members of the Autonomous Division Supervisory Body or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body.
 - ii. The Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body Chairman shall be responsible to the respective Regional or State Chief Minister and, through the respective Chief Minister, to the State President.
 - iii. The members of the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body shall be responsible to the Chairman.
 - iv. The specification concerning term of office, disciplinary action, resignation, termination from duties, filling of vacancies of the Chairman or members of the

Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone Supervisory Body shall be regulated by law.

- k. The duties, powers, and rights of the Autonomous Division or Autonomous Zone Chairman and members of the supervisory body shall be regulated by law.
- The respective Chief of the General Administration Department of the Autonomous Division of Zone, shall serve, also, as Secretary to the Autonomous Division or Zone Supervisory Body. Besides, the Autonomous Division or Zone General Administration Department shall also be the Office of the respective Autonomous Division or Zone Supervisory Body.
- m. Among the basis principles laid down at the National Assembly plenary session, in place of Paragraph (1) Sub-paragraph (5) of the principles concerning Legislation and Executive, which reads, "matters mentioned in the above Paragraph (d), Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6), paragraph (g) Sub-paragraph (5) and, Sub-paragraph (4) of this Paragraph are to be implemented by the State by forming a commission," shall be, "matters mentioned in the above Paragraph (d) Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6), Paragraph (g) Sub-paragraph (5) and Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph shall be implemented by the National Assembly at the same time.
- 35. Administration of Rangoon City Union Territory
 - a. Rangoon City, which is the Union territory, includes all the districts and townships that are in the municipality at the time this Constitution comes into force.
 - b. The State President may, as necessary, re-designate the districts and townships in Rangoon City, which is the Union Territory.
 - c. The State President:
 - i. Shall establish Rangoon City Council;
 - ii. Shall appoint persons having the specified qualifications as City Council Chairman and Members.
 - iii. Shall obtain names of military personnel, having the specified qualifications, from Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, for appointing as Council Members and entrusting responsibilities relating to matters of security of Rangoon City.
 - iv. May specify, according to law, the number of members, including Chairman, for the Rangoon City Council, as necessary.
 - d. The Council Chairman and Members shall have the following qualifications:
 - i. Having attained to the age of 35 years;
 - ii. Having qualifications specified for members of the People's Assembly, except the age requirement,
 - iii. Having other qualifications as Specified by the State President.
 - e. The Rangoon City Council Chairman shall be responsible to the State President and the Members shall be responsible to the Rangoon City Council Chairman and, through the Chairman, shall also be responsible to the State President.
 - f. Term of Office, Resignation, Termination from Duties and Filling Vacancies:
 - i. The term of office of the Chairman and Members of the Rangoon City Council shall normally the same as that of the State President.
 - ii. If the Chairman or any Member of the Council wishes, for some reason, to resign from office before the end of the term, he shall inform the State President in writing, and may resign.
 - iii. The State President:

(aa) May issue a directive instructing the Rangoon City Council Chairman or any Member who is unable to fulfill his duties, to resign. If he does not comply with the directive, he shall be relieved from duty. (bb) Shall consult with Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces if it concerns the resignation or relief from duty of a military personnel in the Rangoon City Council.

- iv. Due to resignation, or relief from duty, or death or any other reasons, if the office of the Rangoon City Council Chairman or that of a council member falls vacant, the State President may, according to provisions of the Constitution, relating to the appointment of Council Chairman and Members, appoint a new Council Chairman or Member. The term of office of new Council Chairman or new Member, thus appointed, shall extend only to the end of the remaining term of the State President.
- g. If the Council Chairman or any member is a member of any Assembly, he shall be considered as having already resigned as a member of the Assembly on the day he is appointed as Council Chairman or Member.
- h. If the Council Chairman or any Member is a state employee, he shall be considered as having already resigned from the position of a state employee according to prevailing public service rules and regulations on the day he is appointed as Council Chairman or Member.
- . The military personnel, that have been appointed as Council Members for, security matters of Rangoon City, shall not be required to retire or resign from the military.
- If the Council Chairman or any Members is a member of a political party he shall not involve himself in the activities of the political party from the day he is appointed as Council Chairman or Member through out his term of office.
- k. Formation of the Rangoon City Council, the duties, powers and rights of the Council Chairman and Members shall be regulated by law.
- 1. The Chief of Rangoon City Council General Administration Department is, in term of position, shall be the Secretary of the City Council. The Rangoon City Council General Administration Department shall be the Secretariat of City Council.
- 36. Specification of Status of the Rangoon City Council Chairman and Members: For reference in the enactment of law concerning duties, powers, and rights of the Rangoon City Council Chairman and Members, the status of Council Chairman is admitted as equivalent to that of Union Minister.
- 37. Administration of Coco Island Union Territory: The Administration of Coco Island Township, which is a Union Territory, shall be incorporated with the administration of Rangoon City, which is also a Union territory.
- Administration at District and Township Levels: The administration at district and township levels shall be entrusted to the civil service employees.
- 39. Administration at Ward or Village Tract Level: For ward or village administration, a person enjoying the respect of the local inhabitants and having moral integrity shall be appointed, according to law, and entrusted with the duties.

THE HEAD OF STATE

- 1. The Head of State is the State President.
- 2. The State President represents the State.
- 3. The State President receives the highest position among all the citizens through the Union of Burma.
- 4. Qualifications of the State President and Vice Presidents
 - a. The State President shall be a person loyal to the State and the citizens.
 - b. The State President, himself, and both parents must be indigenous Burmese citizens, born in the jurisdiction of the State.
 - c. The candidate for the State President shall have attained to the minimum age of 45 years.
 - d. The State President shall be a person having vision concerning national affairs, such as politics, administration, economy, military, and others.

- e. The State President shall be a person who has resided in the State continuously for a minimum of 20 years, at the time of election as the State President.
- f. The State President, either of his parents, his spouse, any legitimate child or the spouse of any of the legitimate child, shall not be a loyal subject to any foreign government or a person under the influence of a foreign government or citizen of an alien country. They shall not be beneficiaries of privileges and loyalties enjoyed by persons under the influence of a foreign government or citizens of an alien country.
- g. In addition to the qualifications specified for Assembly Members, the State President shall have the special qualifications specified for the State President.
- h. The Vice-President shall have the qualification specified for the State President.
- 5. Election of the State President and Vice-Presidents
 - a. The State President shall be elected by the Presidential Election Body.
 - b. The Presidential Election Body shall be formed of three groups of Members of the Assemblies, as follows:
 - i. The group of elected Assembly Members from the Assembly which is composed of equal number of members from the Regions and the States;
 - ii. The group of elected Assembly Members of the Assembly which is composed of members elected on population basis;
 - iii. The group of military personnel, who have been submitted by Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, to serve as assembly members, in the above mentioned two assemblies.
 - Each group shall elect a Vice-President each either from among the Assembly Members or non-Member.
 - 1. A body that comprises of Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs of the Union Assembly, and the National Assembly and People's Assembly, shall scrutinize whether the Vice-Presidents elected have the qualifications specified for the State President.
 - The Presidential Election Body that includes all the Members of the Union Assembly shall elect from among the three Vice-Presidents the State President.
 - f. A statute shall be enacted to regulate the election of the State President.
- 6. Term of office of State President or Vice-Presidents
 - a. The term of office of the State President or Vice-President is five years.
 - b. The State President and Vice-Presidents shall continue to serve their duties until the end of election of a new State President at the completion of their term in office.
 - c. The State President and Vice-Presidents shall not serve for more than two terms.
 - d. Serving as the State President or Vice-President for an interim period shall not be regarded as a term.
 - e. If, for a certain reason, office of the State President or Vice-President becomes vacant, and the vacancy is filled by a by-election, the term of office of that new State President or Vice-President shall extend till the end of the remaining term of office, only.
- 7. The State President or Vice-President shall not be a member of any of the two Assemblies.
 - a. If the State President or Vice-Presidents are members of Assembly, or state employees, they shall be considered as having resigned or retired on the day they are elected as State President or Vice-President.
 - b. If the State President or Vice-Presidents are members of a political party, they shall not take part in the activities of that political party, from the day they are elected as the State President or Vice-Presidents and throughout their term of office.
- 8. Swearing in of State President and Vice-Presidents: To Solemnly proclaim and swear that he shall:
 - a. Be loyal to Republic of the Union of Burma and the citizens;

- b. Always dedicate to the prevention of disintegration of the Union, prevention of disintegration of the union among the ethnic nationals, maintenance of sovereignty;
- c. Abide by the Constitution and also obey and practice the country's law;
- d. Perform his duties with honesty and with utmost diligence;
- e. Promote the natural laws of justice, freedom and equality in the Republic of Burma;
- f. Sacrifice his life for the State and for the benefit of the Republic of the Union of Burma.
- 9. Duties, Powers, and Rights of State President and Vice-Presidents: The State President and Vice-Presidents shall exercise the duties and powers entrusted by the Constitution and other laws.
- 10. The State President and Vice-Presidents shall not accept any other position that receives salary, expenses and other benefits.
- 11. The State President and Vice-Presidents shall submit to the Chief of the Union Assembly the list of land, houses, buildings, business, money saves, other valuable properties, with estimated value, commonly owned by their families headed by them.
- 12. The State President and Vice-Presidents shall receive the specified salary, expenses and decorations. They shall also receive a decent housing.
- 13. The State President and Vice-Presidents, except in the case of impeachment and dismissal from office, shall receive reasonable pension and support, on retirement at the completion of duties.
- 14. Impeachment of State President or a Vice-President: The State President or any of the Vice-Presidents may be impeached for any of the following reasons:
 - i. High treason,
 - ii. Violation of provisions of the Constitution,
 - iii. Misconduct,
 - iv. Lack of qualification of the State President or Vice-Presidents as specified in the Constitution.
- 15. If impeachment against the State President or a Vice-President is to be made, at least one fourth of the total membership of any one of the two Assemblies of the Union Congress shall sign their names and submit their proposal to the respective Assembly Chief.
- 16. The impeachment shall proceed only at the support of at least two thirds the total membership of that assembly.
- 17. If one Assembly supports the impeachment proposal, the other Assembly shall begin to defend himself personally or through representative.
- 18. A the time of the investigation, the State President or Vice-President shall have the right to defend himself personally or through representative.
- 19. At the completion of the investigation, if at least two thirds of the total membership of the Assembly, that has undertaken the investigation or has authorized the investigation, decides that there is reason for impeachment, and that it is no longer appropriate for the State President or Vice-President to continue in office, that Assembly shall submit to the Chief of the Union Assembly, a proposal for the dismissal from office of the State President or Vice-President.
- 20. The Chief of the Union Assembly shall, on receiving the proposal, immediately issue a promulgation dismissing the State President or Vice-President from office.
- 21. Vacancy of Office of the State President and Vice-President: If the State President or any Vice-President wishes to resign before the completion of his term he shall be permitted to resign.
- 22. If the office of State President becomes vacant, due to resignation, death or permanent incapacitation, before the end of this term, the Vice-President receiving the second highest vote at the time of the election of the State President shall serve as Acting State President.
- 23. If the vacancy of the State President office occurs at ht time when the Union Assembly is in session, the State President shall immediately notify the Chief of the Union Assembly so at to enable the Union Assembly to elect a new State President within seven days.

- 24. On receiving the notification from the Acting State President, Chief of the Union Assembly shall arrange fro the group of Assembly Members who had, initially, elected the State President and Vice-Presidents, to elect a new Vice-President.
- 25. Following the election of a new Vice-President, the Union Assembly shall elect the State President from among the three Vice-Presidents.
- 26. If the occurrence of vacancy is not during a session of the Union Assembly, the Chief of the Union Assembly, on receiving the notification from the Acting State President, shall convene the Union Assembly within 21 days and elect the new State President, according to the procedures mentioned above.
- 27. If, before the end of the term, a Vice-President office becomes vacant during the session of the Union Assembly, due to resignation, death, or permanent disability, or for any other reason, the State President shall immediately notify the Chief of the Union Assembly, so as for the electoral body consisting of assembly members, that has elected the Vice-President in question, shall in seven days elect a new Vice-President.
- 28. If the Union Assembly is not in session, the Chief of the Union Assembly shall, within 21 days, after receiving the notification from the State President, convene the Union Assembly, for the respective electoral body consisting of assembly members to elect a new Vice-President, according to specified procedures.

THE JUDICIARY

1. Distribution of State Judicial Power: The State judicial power is distributed among:

- a. The Supreme Court of the Union, the High Courts of the Regions, the High Courts of the States, the Courts of the Autonomous Divisions, the Courts of the Autonomous Zones, the District Courts, the Township Courts, other Courts, established according to law, and Justices appointed according to the Constitution or other laws;
- b. Military Courts established according to the Constitution or other laws;
- **c.** The Constitutional Tribunal.
- 2. Supreme Court of the Union
 - a. Supreme Court of the Union in established in the State. The Supreme Court of the Union, without prejudice to the Constitutional Tribunal and the Military Court, is the Union's highest Court.
 - b. (1) Chief of the Union Supreme Court shall be called the "Chief Justice of the Union"; (2)
 A minimum of seven and maximum of eleven Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union, including Chief Justice of the Union, may be appointed.
 - c. (1) The State President shall appoint the Chief Justice of the Union, with the approval of the Union Assembly. (2) The Union Assembly shall not have the right to reject candidate for Chief Justice of the Union, submitted by the State President, unless there is concrete evidence to prove that the candidate fails to possess qualifications specified by the Constitution for Chief Justice of the Union. (3) The State President shall have the power to submit a new candidate for the position of Chief Justice of the Union, in place of the one rejected by the Union Assembly. (4) The State President shall appoint the candidate approved by the Union Assembly as Chief Justice of the Union.
 - d. (1) The State President, in consultation with Chief Justice of the Union, shall submit a list of candidates to the Union Assembly for approval, for positions of Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union. (2) The Union Assembly shall not have the right to reject, unless there is concrete evidence to prove that the candidates do not have the qualifications, specified by the Constitution, for justices. (3) The State President shall have the right to submit a new candidate, in place of the one rejected by the Union Assembly. (4) The State President

shall appoint the candidates approved by the Union Assembly as the Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union.

- 3. Qualifications for Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union: Chief Justice of the Union and the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union shall have the following qualifications:
 - a. Not younger than 50 years and not older than 70 years of age;
 - b. Possess the qualifications specified for members of the People's Assembly, with the exception of the provision for age;
 - c. (1) Having served a minimum of five years as a Regional or State High Court Judge; or (2) Having served a minimum of ten years as a judicial officer or law officer in an office with a status not lower than the Region or State level; or (3) Having worked for a minimum of 20 years as an advocate; or (4) A person regarded by the State President as a famous and dignified expert in law.
 - d. Being loyal to the State and the citizens;
 - e. Not being a political party member;
 - f. Not being an Assembly Member.
- 4. Empowerment of the State President:
 - a. The State President may impeach the Chief Justice of the Union or a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union for any of the following matters;
 - i. Commission of high treason;
 - ii. Violation of any provision of the Constitution;
 - iii. Gross misconduct;
 - iv. Failing to have qualifications for the Chief Justice of the Union of an Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union, as specified by the constitution.
 - b. If the State President has to impeach the Chief Justice of the Union of Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union, he shall submit his proposal for impeachment to the Patron of the Union Assembly.

The Patron of the Union Assembly shall form an investigation body and direct it to conduct an investigation, according to law.

- d. An equal number of the People's Assembly and the National Assembly members shall be included in the body. A suitable member from among these shall be entrusted with duties of the chairman of the investigation body.
- e. A time period shall also be designated, taking into account the magnitude of the investigation to be conducted.
- f. The State President, may either in person or through a representative, witness the impeachment before the investigation body. He shall also have the right to present evidence and witness.
- g. The Justice under impeachment shall be granted the right to defend himself in person or through a representative during the investigation period.
- h. When the investigation body presents its findings, the Patron of the Union Assembly shall submit them to the Union Assembly.
- i. If two-thirds of the total membership of the Assembly decide that the impeachment is valid and that the person is no longer suitable to serve as the Chief Justice of the Union of Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union, the Patron of the Union Assembly shall notify the State President of the decision.
- j. On such notification, the State President shall dismiss the Chief Justice of the Union or the Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union.
- k. If the Union Assembly decides that the allegation is not true, the Patron of the Union Assembly shall notify the State President of the decision.

- 5. Impeachment of Chief Justice or any Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union.
 - a. The Chief Justice of the Union or a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union may be impeached for any of the following matters:
 - i. Commission of high treason;
 - ii. Violation of any provision of the Constitution;
 - iii. Gross misconduct;
 - iv. Failing to have the qualifications for Chief Justice of the Union or a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union, as specified by the Constitution.
 - b. Impeachment of Chief Justice of the Union or a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union shall be undertaken, in accordance with the Constitution.
 - c. If the investigating Assembly decides that the impeachment is valid and that the person is not longer suitable to continue in office, the State President shall dismiss the Chief Justice of the Union or Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union.
 - d. If the investigating Assembly decides that the allegation is not valid, the respective Assembly Chairman shall notify the State President of the decision.
- 6. Term of office of the Chief Justice and the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union.: The Chief Justice of the Union or Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union may, unless any of the following matters occurs, remain in service, until the attainment of the age of 70 years:
 - i. Resignation from office on his own free will;
 - ii. Termination of service in the office, as a result of impeachment;
 - iii. Termination of service, on the recommendation of the medical body, established according to the law, that he is permanently disabled either physically or mentally;iv. Death.
- 7. Independence of Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union
 - a. Chief Justice of the Union and the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union shall be independent from party politics.
 - b. If the Chief Justice of the Union or a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union is a State employee, he shall be regarded as having been pensioned, according to the existing rules and regulations of the civil service, from the day he is appointed as Chief Justice or a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union.
- 8. Duties, powers and rights of Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union: The duties, powers and rights of Chief Justice of the Union and the Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union shall be regulated by law.
- 9. Status of Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union: For purposes of reference on enactment of law concerning the duties, powers and rights of Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union, the status of Chief Justice shall be admitted as equivalent to that of the Vice-President and the status of Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union shall be admitted as equivalent to that of Union Ministers.
- 10. Formation of High Court of a Region or State
 - a. A High Court is established in every Region and State.
 - b. (1) The Chief of the High Court of a Region or that of a State shall be called Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or the State. (2) A minimum of three and a maximum of seven Justices of the High Court of the Region or State, including the Chief Justice, may be appointed in the High Court of the Region or the State.
 - c. (1) The State President, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Union and the respective Chief Ministers of the Regions or State, shall prepare a list of candidates for the positions of Chief Justice of the High Courts of the Regions and the States and submit it to the respective Regions and States. The Chief Ministers of the Regions and States, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Union, shall prepare a list of candidates for

positions of Justices of the High Court of their respective Regions and the States and submit them to the respective Region or State Assemblies. (2) The Region or State Assembly shall not have the right to reject the candidate the State President, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Union and the Respective Chief Minister of the Region or State, has nominated as the Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or State. It neither shall have the right to reject the candidates nominated by the Chief Minister, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Union, for positions of Justices of the High Court of the Region or State, unless concrete evidence can be supplied that the candidate or candidates fails to possess qualifications for Chief Justice or Justices of the High Court of the Region or State, as specified by the Constitution. (3) A new candidate or candidates can be submitted according to the procedure mentioned in sub-paragraph (2), in place of a candidate or candidates rejected. (4) The State President shall appoint the persons approved by the respective Region or State Assemblies as the Chief Justice and Justices of the High Court of the respective Regions or States.

11. Qualifications for Chief Justice and Justices of High Courts of Regions or States: - The Chief Justices and Justices of High Courts of the Regions or States shall have the following qualifications:

a. Being not younger than 45 years and not older than 65 years of age;

- b. Having qualifications specified for Regional or State Assembly Members;
- c. (1) Having served at least for five years as a judicial officer or law officer at a level not lower than that of the Region or State, or having served at least for ten years a judicial officer or law officer, in an office that has a status not lower than that of the district; or (2) Having worked for a minimum of 15 years as an advocate; or (3) Being regarded by the State President as a famous and dignified expert in law;
- d. Being loyal to the country and the citizens;
- e. Being not a political party member;
- f. Being not an Assembly Member.
- 12. Empowerment of State President and Chief Minister of the Region or State: The State President may impeach the Chief Justice of a High Court of a Region or State, and the Chief Minister of a Region or State may impeach any of the respective Justices of the High Court of the Region or State, for any of the following matters:
 - a. (1) Commission of high treason; (2) Violations of any provisions of the Constitution; (3) Gross misconduct; (4) Failing to have the qualifications for the Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or State, as specified by the Constitution.
 - b. If the State President has to impeach the Chief Justice of a High Court of a Region or State, or if the Chief Minister of a Region or State has to impeach any of the respective Justices of the High Court of the Region or State, he shall submit his proposal for impeachment to the Chairman of the Regional or State Assembly.
 - c. The Chairman of the Region or State Assembly shall form an investigation body and direct it to conduct an investigation, according to the law.
 - d. The investigation body is to be formed with Members of Regional or State Assembly. A suitable person from among the members shall be entrusted with duties of the Chairman of the investigation body.
 - e. A time period shall also be designated taking into account the magnitude of the investigation.
 - f. The State President or respective Chief Minister of the Region or State, may either in person or through a representative, witness the prosecution before the investigation body. He also has the right to present evidence and witness.
 - g. The person under impeachment shall be granted the right to defend himself in person or through a representative during the investigation period.

- h. When the investigation body presents its finding, the Chairman of the Region or State Assembly shall submit it to the Region or State Assembly.
- i. If two-thirds of the total membership of the Assembly Members decide that the impeachment is valid and that the person is no longer suitable to serve in the office as Chief Justice or a Justice of the High Court of the Region or State, the Assembly Chairman shall submit the decision to the State President, if it is the Chief Justice, or to the Chief Minister if it is a Justice. The Chief Minister of the Region or State, on receiving such report, shall forward it to the State President.
- j. On receiving such a report, the State President shall dismiss from office, the Regional or State High Court Chief Justice or Justice, concerned.
- k. If the Regional or State Assembly decides that the impeachment is not valid, the Chairman of the Region or State Assembly shall inform such a decision, in the case of the Chief Justice, to the State President, and in the case of a Justice, to the Chief Minister of the Region or State.
- 13. Basis for Impeachment of Chief Justice or a Justice of High Court of Region or State.
 - a. The Chief Justice or a Justice of the High Court of a Region or State may be impeached for any of the following reasons:
 - 1. Commission of high treason;
 - 2. Violation of any provisions of the Constitution;
 - 3. Gross misconduct;
 - 4. Lack of qualifications for Chief Justice or a Justice of the High Court of the Region or State as specified by the Constitution.
 - b. If there is a need to impeach the Chief Justice or Justice of the High Court of a Region or State, a minimum of one-fourth of the total membership of the respective Regional or State Assembly shall sign their names, and submit the proposal to the respective Chairman of the Region or State Assembly.
 - Chairman of the Region or State Assembly, concerned, shall form a body for investigation and direct it to conduct an investigation. A time limit for the investigation shall also be designated, taking into account the magnitude of the investigation required.
 - d. During the investigation period, the person under investigation shall be allowed to present a defense either personally or through a representative.
 - e. When the investigation body presents its findings, the Assembly Chairman shall submit it to the respective Regional or State Assembly. If two-thirds of the total membership decide that the impeachment is valid and that it is no longer appropriate for the person, in question, to serve in office of the Chief Justice or as a Justice of the High Court of the Region or State, the Assembly Chairman shall submit such a decision to the State President, it is the Chief Justice, or to the Chief Minister, it is a Justice of the High Court of the Region or State. On receiving such a report, the Chief Minister shall forward it to the State President.
 - f. On receiving such a report the State President shall dismiss from office, the Chief Justice or Justice, concerned, of the High Court of the Region or State.
 - g. If the Region or State assembly decides that the impeachment is not correct, the Chairman of the Regional or State Assembly shall inform such decision, in the case of the Chief Justice, to the State President, and in the case of a Justice, to the Chief Minister of the respective Region or State.
- 14. Term of office of Chief Justice or Justice of High Court of Region or State: The Chief Justice or a Judge of the High Court of the Region or State may sere in office, until the attainment of the age of 65 years, unless any of the following matters occurs:
 - i. Resignation on his own free will;

- ii. Dismissal from office after impeachment, according to provisions of the Constitution;
- iii. Dismissal from office, on recommendation by a medical body established according to law, for permanent disability, either physically or mentally;
- iv. Death.
- 15. Independence of Chief Justice or Justice of High Court of Region or State
 - a. Chief Justice or a Justice of the High Court of a Region or State shall be independence from party politics.
 - b. If the Chief Justice or a Justice of the High Court of a Region or State is a State employee, he shall be regarded as having been pensioned, according to the existing rules and regulations of the civil service, from the day he is appointed Chief Justice or a Justice of the High Court of the Region or State.
- 16. Duties, powers and rights of Chief Justice or a Justice of High Court of a Region or State: The responsibilities, powers, and rights of the Chief Justice or a Justice of the High Court of a Region or State shall be regulated by law.
- 17. Status of Chief Justice or a Justice of High Court of a Region or State: For reference in enactment of law regarding the duties, powers and rights of the Chief Justice or a Justice of the High Court of the Region or State, the status of the Chief Justice is admitted as equivalent to that of a Union Minister, whereas the status of a Justice is admitted as equivalent to that of a Deputy Minister.
- 18. Formation of Subordinate Courts under High Court of Region or State: Under the High Court of the Region or State, various levels of Courts are formed as follows:
 - a. If there is no autonomous territories in the Region or State:
 - i. District Courts
 - ii. Township Courts;
 - If there are autonomous territories in the Region or State:
 - i. In an Autonomous Divisions:
 - 1. Divisional Courts;
 - 2. Township Courts.
 - ii. In an Autonomous Zone:
 - 1. Autonomous Zone Courts;
 - 2. Township Courts.
 - iii. In the remaining Region:
 - 1. District Courts;
 - 2. Township Courts.
 - c. In the Union Territory:
 - 1. District Courts;
 - 2. Township Courts.
 - d. Other Courts, established according to law.
- 19. Appointment, duties, powers and rights of Justices
 - a. Appointment of Justices, empowerment of them with judicial rights, specification of duties, powers and rights of the sub-ordinate Courts of the High Court of a Region or State shall be according to law.
 - b. The formation of employees associations, including the office employees and other levels of employees of the Supreme Court of the Union, High Courts of the Region or State and other Courts, and the specification of responsibilities, powers and rights shall be according to law.