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Program

Preface

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), as a historical necessity and a response to a call for the continuation of the Kurdish national struggle of June 1975 under the leadership of 'glory of the nation', President Mam Jalal and the founding comrades founders with a new vision entered into a new era of political struggle. After a year, on June 1, 1976, in order to achieve the wishes and demands of the People of Kurdistan, in the most difficult circumstances, he ignited the torch of a new revolution, here it is, up until now 48 continuous years, this path of struggle initiated and endured by hardship, sacrifice, bloodsheds. leading the way with targeted objectives and clear program, determination and resilience, in pursuit of the rights of the self-determination for the Kurdish people, in the face of oppression, with continuous loyalty is advancing.

In the ever-changing situation in Kurdistan, Iraq and the world, the PUK has made innovative changes in its programs and goals throughout its struggle. However, it has not lost its core direction. The PUK's main approach has consistently been to develop and preserve Kurdish identity as a sacred value. This unwavering pursuit includes achieving the legitimate rights of the Kurdish people, consolidating the principles of democracy, political justice, and social justice, ultimately leading to the final realization of the right to self-determination.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) remains committed to achieving the goals outlined in this program, both now and in the next stages. Through its various organs, institutions, and representatives in the Council of Representatives, the Federal Government of Iraq, the Kurdistan Parliament, the Kurdistan Regional Government, and local councils and administrations, the PUK leverages its rich experience of decades of intellectual and political discourse. Building on the recommendations from its meetings, a hallmark of democratic participation for the broader population, the PUK strives to achieve these objectives.

Part 1

Identity, Vision, Politics

Patriotic Union of Kurdistan

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) is a social democratic party active across Kurdistan, Iraq, and the wider world. Affiliated with the Socialist International (SI), the PUK strives to achieve peace, democracy, social justice, and freedom at local, regional, and international levels. This vision guides their pursuit of self-determination, human rights protection, and a modern life free from class, national, sectarian, and gender discrimination. Additionally, the PUK is committed to promoting and nurturing peaceful coexistence among all social classes and ethnicities in Kurdistan and Iraq. This includes planting the seeds and laying the groundwork for the lasting cooperation and mutual understanding for a more harmonious future.

Part 2

Basic Objectives

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) strives to achieve the following core objectives:

1. Promote peace, democracy, human rights, self-determination, social justice, rule of law, citizenship right, and peaceful coexistence among nations based on mutual respect. The PUK also opposes tyranny, dictatorship, war, colonialism, chauvinism, and terrorism.

2. Safeguard and develop democratic, federal, and parliamentary systems within Iraq.

3. Uphold and advocate for the constitutional rights of all national, religious, and ethnic components of Kurdistan and Iraq.

4. Support a peaceful and democratic resolution to the Kurdish question in the region.

5. Develop a draft constitution for the Kurdistan Region that guarantees the sovereignty of the Kurdistan

Federal Entity, addresses the status of the disputed territories, and is subject to a referendum.

6. Foster stronger relationships and alliances with democratic and nationalist forces, in pursuit of the shared interests of the Kurdish people in Iraq.

7. The Commitment of the Kurdistan Region and the Federal Government of Iraq to all international agreements and declarations relating to human rights, the prohibition of war and weapons of mass destruction, genocide, terrorism and discrimination in all its forms, the protection of the environment, justice, individualism and the common humanitarian concerns that bind the human community together. In this context, the recognition of all the crimes committed against our people in Anfal, chemical attacks and genocide throughout the modern history of the State of Iraq and during the threat of the terrorist organization ISIS and the material and moral compensation of the victims.

8. As a social democratic party, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) firmly believes in the principles of sustainable development. This framework aims to eradicate poverty in all its forms, provide quality education and educational opportunities for all, achieve equality

between men and women, empower women, create suitable employment opportunities for all, encourage innovation, promote social justice, protect the environment, establish strong and active governance institutions, and ultimately achieve all the goals outlined in the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Part 3

First: Current Goals at the Kurdistan Region level

First: The PUK prioritizes the following goals for the Kurdistan Region:

1. Correcting the course of governance through:
 - Election of active and transparent leadership.
 - Implementation of a comprehensive reform program.
 - Strengthening the role of parliament by utilizing all instruments of parliamentary oversight, including approving the general budget and holding the government accountable to representatives, financial oversight institutions, and integrity commissions.

2. Developing, formulating, and adopting a Kurdistan Region Constitution that reflects the authentic spirit of Kurdistan and enshrines the principles of compromise and inclusivity.

Second: National Goals for Iraq

The PUK prioritizes resolving outstanding issues between the Kurdistan Region and the central government based on the principles enshrined in the constitution: reconciliation, mutual understanding, partnership, and balanced governance.

Third: Strengthening core Democratic Principles

The PUK is committed to strengthening good governance principles in Kurdistan. These principles emphasize genuine participation, separation of powers, robust political freedoms and independence, and the advancement of women's rights and youth empowerment. These principles are essential for building a strong democratic and civil society.

Following a people-approved referendum on the constitution, the PUK advocates for implementing these principles, building upon the foundation estab-

lished by the the people-approved Kurdistan constitution.

Fourth: Regarding the disputed territories:

The Patriotic Union of Iraq (PUK) calls for the full implementation of Article 140 of the Iraqi Constitution concerning Kirkuk and the disputed territories. This includes utilizing all available resources at all levels of government and institutions. Implementing the article, which defines the status and borders of these areas, is a constitutional and practical approach to resolving the issue of Kirkuk and the disputed territories. This, in turn, strengthens the PUK and safeguards the principles of peaceful coexistence, cultural, religious, and national diversity within Iraq. Furthermore, it protects against and eliminates national, sectarian, and ethnic discrimination.

Allocation of a designated number of seats in the Kurdistan Parliament for the disputed territories.

Part 4

Economic and Administrative Policy

The Patriotic Union of Iraq (PUK), a social democratic party committed to the development of Kurdistan and Iraq, advocates for the following economic and administrative policies:

First: promoting a responsible free market approach that avoids monopolies. This strategy aims to diversify revenue sources and establish a sound policy for accessing oil and gas resources, all in accordance with the Iraqi constitution and laws governing the country's economic and social development; ensuring the Kurdistan Region receives its fair share of resources for all economic and social development initiatives.

Second: Advocate for the adoption of sound administrative and financial policies to facilitate this development. PUK representatives in elected councils

will be instructed to submit relevant bills that reflect the PUK's governing philosophy and policies. They will then promote and campaign for the approval and implementation of these bills.

Third: The PUK prioritizes establishing a good governance system that upholds professionalism, expertise, transparency, and justice. This system will also facilitate the implementation of administrative reforms.

Fourth: The PUK also advocates for creating a favorable environment to attract both foreign and domestic investment. This will promote diversification of the economic sector, with a focus on agriculture and tourism industries.

Part 5

Social and Cultural Policy

The Patriotic Union of Iraq (PUK) strives for the following social and cultural objectives:

- **Promotion of a pluralistic, democratic, and tolerant society:** The PUK advocates for a society that embraces pluralism, democracy, and tolerance. This includes equality between men and women, rural and urban residents, and people of all religions and sects. The PUK believes that such a society is essential for social and cultural development.
- **Progressive and democratic education:** The PUK supports the adoption of a progressive and democratic education policy that reflects the evolving social and cultural needs of the Kurdish people.

- **Respect for religion and countering extremism:** The PUK upholds respect for the Kurdish national religion and Islam. They also advocate for moderate religious discourse and stand firmly against extremism, ‘**takfiri ideology**’, and terrorism.

Second: The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) also advocates for the development of fine arts and the support of academic and cultural institutions. These institutions should play a key role in promoting the rich and diverse Kurdish culture, both in the Kurdish language and in the languages of other communities within Kurdistan and Iraq.

Third: The PUK also strives to ensure the rights of workers and provide a decent and dignified life for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Fourth: The PUK also prioritizes raising individual and public awareness to prevent domestic violence and child labor. This initiative aims to strengthen family values by promoting the effective enforcement of laws against domestic violence.

Fifth: The PUK also advocates for creating an environment that fosters genuine participation of women in political decision-making. This includes ensuring gender balance in representation within the PUK's own bodies, institutions, and leadership positions.

Sixth: The PUK also supports the establishment of cultural forums and associations. They believe in collaborating with and empowering these organizations to contribute to public service. This includes promoting high art forms by providing them with platforms and institutions to flourish.

Seventh: The PUK also advocates for the development of a diverse media landscape, encompassing both traditional and modern media platforms. This development should be grounded in the principles of freedom of expression, operating within the legal framework.

Eighth: Prioritize the development and promotion of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Encouragement and empowering Kurdistan's youth, both boys and girls, with ICT skills. This will enable them to connect with global culture and contribute to balanced development across all sectors, while upholding traditional values.

Ninth: Prioritize creating opportunities for gifted students by establishing a dedicated scholarship fund.

Tenth: Prioritize the development of higher education and scientific research across all disciplines. This includes strengthening universities and research institutions, while promoting rigorous academic standards. The PUK believes these efforts should be aligned with the needs of the labor market and Kurdish society's development goals. Aiming to create a more standardised education system and achieve international accreditation.

Eleventh: Recognize that youth empowerment is key to development. And, invest in programs that cultivate young people's talents and abilities, creating job opportunities. This includes supporting the transition of sports activities from a purely voluntary and public health focus to a professional sports industry. The PUK encourages private sector investment in sports to further expand these opportunities.

Part 6

Moral Responsibilities

The PUK acknowledges the countless sacrifices made during its struggle and the recent revolution. Upholding loyalty and appreciation, they commit to fulfilling their national and social duties through all levels of government and solidarity organizations. **These include:**

First: The PUK prioritizes supporting the families of martyrs from the revolution, 'Anfal campaign', chemical attacks, the Yazidi genocide, and terrorism. This includes providing them with a decent life and working to compensate victims of these disasters, prioritizing based on needs, capabilities, and available resources.

Second: Prioritize honoring the martyrs and vic-

tims of our people. This includes keeping their names and memories alive through various initiatives. By doing so, the PUK honors their sacrifices and preserves the spirit of their struggle.

Third: The campaign to locate and exhume the mass graves of victims from the Anfal Campaign and the Yazidi people, and to return their remains to their families.

Fourth: Make efforts and work to achieve recognition of the Anfal Campaign, the use of chemical weapons, and the genocide against the Yazidi people.

Fifth: Efforts to hold accountable those responsible for the Anfal Campaign, chemical attacks, and the deaths of the Kurdish people are underway.

Sixth: Implementation of Article 132 of the Iraqi Constitution in the Kurdistan Region.

Seventh: Opening of a memorial and museum dedicated to the victims of the Anfal Campaign and the Yazidi genocide.



Regulation

Introduction:

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), a social democratic force, emerged as a pillar of the Kurdish struggle under the leadership of the revered President (Glory of a Nation) **Mam Jalal**. Following the relaps of 1975, and the PUK's foundation in 1976, the PUK has remained at the forefront of the struggle for a brighter future for all in Kurdistan and Iraq. Guided by principles of patriotism, nationalism, and humanitarianism, it has relentlessly pursued the rights of all and continues to work towards a more prosperous future for every segment of society.

Since the establishment of the modern Iraqi state, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) has advocated for its transformation from a system that historically marginalized certain groups on the basis of religion and ethnicity, towards a democratic and pluralistic nation that respects all communities. Through its leadership in the Kurdish liberation movement, the PUK has helped secure a strong position for Kurdish rights and democrat-

ic principles within the new Iraq.

President Mam Jalal's leadership has undeniably strengthened the Office of The President. He tirelessly championed inclusivity, embracing diverse viewpoints across Iraq, including Kurdistan. To ensure prosperity, dignity, and peaceful coexistence for all Iraqis, he sowed the seeds of peaceful coexistence and collaborative effort, these principles became the cornerstone of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan's approach. In recognition of his significant contributions and unwavering convictions, he was bestowed with the esteemed title of Samam al-Aman (stabilizing force), a highly respected honor within both political and religious circles.

Driven by our unwavering commitment to the national and humanitarian ideals championed by President Mam Jalal, ideals that echo the PUK's legacy and its leader's vision, we, his comrades in the revolution and the city, have undertaken efforts to hold the party's fifth Conference. This Conference will serve as a powerful demonstration of the PUK's commitment to the democratic values, human rights, and social justice enshrined in its founding principles.

Part 1

General Principles

Article (1):

First: Name, The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK)

Second: Area of Activity, the PUK's work and struggle encompass the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, the disputed Kurdish territories, and other areas within federal Iraq, as well as abroad.

Third: Headquarters, the PUK's main headquarter is located in Erbil Governorate, the capital of the Kurdistan Region. Additional headquarters may be established in governorates, independent administrations, and districts within the Kurdistan Region, and in other Iraqi areas as deemed necessary.

Article (2):

First: The Party, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) is a social democratic party committed to promoting good governance and striving to establish lasting peace, social justice, democracy, citizenship, human rights, and self-determination. The PUK upholds the principle of unity and peaceful coexistence, and opposes all forms of racial and religious discrimination.

Second: Slogans, Coats of Arms, Anthems, and Flags

A. Slogan, Peace, Democracy, Human Rights, and Self-Determination

B. Emblem, a hand grasps a tulip, an olive branch, and a wheat stalk.

C. Anthem, the 'Mashkhalan' (the Torch) anthem serves as the official anthem of the party.

D. Flag, the party flag is green with a centered emblem.

Article (3) :

Internal Regulations: The Constitution of the (PUK) Party organizations and organs shall be adhered to at all levels.

Article (4) :

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) has legal personality (legal entities - persona ficta)

Article (5) :

First: Meetings and Voting, meetings of PUK organs shall have a quorum of a majority of their members.

Second: In PUK organs, decisions are made by a majority vote (**50% + 1**) except for those articles where a different voting threshold is explicitly specified.

Part 2

Membership, Discipline, and Recognition

Membership

Article (6):

Any citizen of Kurdistan, the disputed territories, other regions of the Federal Republic of Iraq, or abroad who subscribes to the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan's (PUK) Internal Regulations and procedures and meets the established membership criteria may apply for membership.

Membership Requirements and Conditions

Article (7):

First: Eligibility

- 1. Minimum Age:** Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- 2. Political Affiliation:** Applicants cannot be members of any other political party in the Kurdistan Region or Iraq.
- 3. Criminal Record:** Applicants must not have a history of involvement in treason, corruption, criminal offenses, or any actions deemed morally reprehensible by the party.
- 4. Engagement with the Party:** Applicants are to participate in the activities of a PUK organ.
5. Pay the membership subscription.

Second: Application Process

Kurdistan Students Association members and youth aged 16 and over can join as supporters.

Third: Membership shall be by application.

Fourth: The Leadership Council shall issue a rule on the amount and how to receive subscriptions.

Duties of Members

Article (8):

Responsibilities, PUK members are expected to:

First: Actively Work for PUK Goals, diligently strive to achieve the objectives of the PUK.

Second: Promote Party Unity, Uphold and strengthen the unity of the PUK.

Third: Political and National Awareness, continuously develop their own political and national consciousness, and encourage the same among fellow members.

Fourth: Confidentiality and Loyalty, protect the confidentiality of the PUK and be truthful to the party. Avoid making public or private statements against the PUK's policies and strategies.

Fifth: Defend Party Platform, advocate for the PUK’s program, policies, and its sovereignty.

Sixth: Prioritize the Cause, place the interests of the PUK above personal interests, while always prioritizing the needs of the people and the country.

Seventh: Electoral Participation, actively participate in general election campaigns to ensure the success of the PUK’s list and candidates.

Eighth: Party Growth, endeavor to recruit friends, supporters, and new members to the PUK.

Member Rights

Article (9):

First:

- 1. Candidates for PUK Positions:** Members have the right to nominate themselves for PUK positions within the government, following the established Internal Regulations and meeting the specific criteria for each position.

2. Open Communication: All members have the right to ask questions, make suggestions, express their views, and offer constructive criticism within the PUK framework. These discussions can cover political, organizational, and financial issues relevant to their specific PUK organs.

Second: Right to Defense: In case of internal inquiries within the PUK, members have the right to defend themselves through the **Legal Affairs Center**.

Third: In the event of work-related injuries, illnesses, encountering problems, or sustaining damage, the PUK will compensate all eligible individuals, reserving the right to manage the compensation process.

Fourth: The Leadership Council will approve a Special Remuneration Rule, prepared by the Legal Affairs Center, which outlines a system of material and spiritual rewards for PUK members and cadres based on their performance and activities across all organs.

Loss of Membership

Article (10):

Termination of Membership

A PUK member's membership may be terminated due to the following:

First: Dishonesty, this includes political, national, ethnic, and party-related dishonesty.

Second: Disloyalty, working for other political parties or actively campaigning against PUK candidates during general elections.

Third: Resignation or Expulsion, formally resigning from the party or expulsion.

Fourth: Failure to Meet Membership Requirements, No longer fulfilling the membership conditions outlined in **Article 7**.

Penalties

Article (11):

First: The PUK may impose the following disciplinary measures on members who violate party rules:

- Counseling
- Warning
- Suspension of Membership
- Reduction in Party Rank
- Expulsion

Second: Additional Violations and Consequences, a member may be subject to disciplinary action for the following: **Neglect of Duties**, failure to fulfill their responsibilities as a PUK member. **Misconduct**, engaging in behavior that disrupts order or damages the PUK's relationships with its supporters, other parties, or that jeopardizes the interests of the people and the nation. The severity of the penalty will depend on the nature and seriousness of the violation. Here's a breakdown of

the disciplinary measures:

1. Attention: A formal written notice issued by a higher authority to the member, outlining the violation and explaining the reasons for the Attention.

2. Warning: A formal written warning issued to the member, detailing the violation and the justification for the warning. The relevant PUK body can enforce this warning following the procedures outlined in this section.

3. Suspension: A temporary suspension of membership issued by the relevant PUK body according to its level of authority, for a period of:

- Three months
- Six months
- One year
- Until the next PUK Conference

Removal from Office for Violence Against Women, any PUK member holding a position within the party, government, or parliament will be removed from their

office if they are demonstrably proven to have directly used their position to commit violence against women.

4. Demotion

A PUK member may be demoted from their current position within the party by the Political Office if: They continue to commit other violations on more than three separate occasions. They have received and served disciplinary actions for warnings, reprimands, or suspensions.

5. Expulsion

A PUK member of any rank within the party or its organizations may be expelled for the following reasons:

- **Undermining the Public Interest:** Actions demonstrably working against the best interests of the people and the nation.
- **Disrupting Party Unity:** Engaging in activities that undermine PUK policies or attempt to create divisions within the party.
- **Abusing Authority:** Using a party position for personal gain.

- **Self-Serving Actions:** Prioritizing personal interests over the welfare of the PUK.
- **Breach of Confidentiality:** Disclosing confidential PUK information through social media, media outlets, or any other platform in a way that harms the party's interests.
- **Campaign Disruption:** Actively working against PUK candidates or the party's platform during elections.
- **Serious Crimes:** Any party member, regardless of rank, who is found guilty by a special court of committing a deliberate or dishonorable crime, and for whom a final sentence has been imposed.

Third: Re-entry and Party Rank, a member who has been expelled may regain membership through the established re-election process. However, upon re-election, they will not automatically regain any previous party ranks. They must progress through the ranks again following the established procedures.

Fourth: Application of Disciplinary Measures, the disciplinary measures outlined in this article apply to all PUK organs and will be implemented following the procedures established by the Investigative Committee.

Fifth: Implementation Regulations, the **Legal Affairs Center** will prepare detailed regulations for implementing this article. These regulations will be subject to approval by the **Leadership Council**.

Article (12):

Appeals Process, a complainant (the member who received a disciplinary penalty) has the right to appeal the decision to the Legal Affairs Center within 48 hours of receiving the notification. The appeal must be accompanied by valid legal justifications. The Legal Affairs Center will then issue a final ruling on the matter.

Part 3

Conference, Extraordinary Conference, Plenum, General Meeting Article

Article (13):

The PUK **Conference** is the party's highest authority. It convenes every four years, with a maximum interval of four years between sessions.

Article (14):

The PUK **Conference** has a maximum of 600 members, comprised of the following categories:

First: Founding Members, Individuals who were part of the PUK's **Founding Committee.**

Second: Active Peshmerga (1976 Onwards): Peshmerga fighters who have continuously served within the PUK ranks since 1976.

Third: Leadership and Advisory Bodies: Members of the Leadership Council, the Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK, and the Support Council.

Fourth: All members of the Conference, except those covered by the first, second, and third articles, will be elected. **The High Commission for Conference Preparation** will determine the share of (assign) members within offices and other bodies, and, after the approval of the PUK President, the **Political Office** approves it.

Fifth: The PUK President may appoint up to one hundred (100) additional members to the Conference to ensure balanced representation of communities, youth, women, and various social classes.

Article (15):

First: A High Commission for Conference Preparation will be established by decision of the PUK President, in accordance with Internal Regulations.

Second: The PUK President, with the approval of the **Political Office**, will determine the date of the Conference.

Third: Three months before the Conference, the High Commission for Conference Preparation, in collaboration with the Election Office, Organization Office, Legal Affairs Center, The Center for General Studies, and the relevant parties, shall prepare the percentage of the participating members, the procedures, and all preparations and mechanisms related to the Conference. This plan shall then be approved by the **Political Office** after receiving the endorsement of the PUK President.

Fourth: A quorum of **two-thirds** of the members is re-

quired for a valid Conference session.

Article (16):

First:The High Commission for Conference Preparation will develop and publish a preliminary list of all Conference members.

Second: Any PUK member who objects to the initial membership list may file an appeal within three days of the list's publication.

Third: Appeals will be submitted to the High Commission for Conference Preparation and the PUK Legal Affairs Center, acting as a joint committee. This committee will issue a final decision on each appeal within two days.

Duties and Powers of the Conference

Article (17):

First: The Conference has the following duties and powers:

A. Elect the PUK President.

B. Elect the Leadership Council.

C. Policy Review and Approval: Evaluate and approve the President's general report on PUK activities and policies between Conferences. Decide on new policies to strengthen the PUK's direction and assess the effectiveness of implemented policies in the Kurdistan Region, Iraq, and internationally. A simple majority vote

of attending members is required for approval.

D. Discussion and Decisions: Discuss and make decisions on any issue deemed necessary by the Conference.

F. Recordkeeping: The **Supervisory Committee** will submit all Conference documents and records to the newly elected **Leadership Council**.

Second: Approve party regulations and programs.

Third: the elected Leadership Council will issue the final Conference declaration.

Extraordinary Conference

Article (18):

First: An Extraordinary **Conference** may be convened under the following circumstances; in response to a crisis or critical event significantly impacting the future of the Kurdish people and the PUK.

Second: Upon the request of the PUK President or three-fourths of the Leadership Council members.

Third: at least 15 days' notice will be provided before convening an Extraordinary Conference.

Fourth: the Extraordinary **Conference** will have the same powers and authorities as a regular Conference.

Fifth: the following individuals will automatically become members of the **Extraordinary Conference**:

- Leadership Council Members
- Council for Protecting the PUK's Highest Interests Members
- Support Council Members
- Office and Headquarters Heads
- Office Members and Headquarters Deputies

The Plenum

Article (19) :

First: The Plenum may be convened under the following circumstances: **Presidential Request**, upon the request of the PUK President. **Leadership Council Decision**, by a two-thirds vote of the Leadership Council members.

Second: the following individuals are entitled to participate in the Plenum:

- **Founding Committee Members**
- Peshmergas of 1976 (continuously serving)
- **Leadership Council Members**
- Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK Members
- Support Council Members
- **Office Members**
- Deputy headquarters and secretaries of organizations (Kurdistan Students Association members, youth, women).

Third: Plenum Functions

The Plenum has the following functions:

- **Review PUK Affairs:** Conduct a comprehensive review of PUK activities and matters.
- **Gather Member Input:** Ascertain the majority opinion of members on relevant issues.
- **Potential Leadership Council Restructuring:** The Plenum may replace up to one-fourth of the Leadership Council members, following procedures approved by the Plenum itself.

Fourth: Postponement of the Conference

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a **Conference** cannot be held as scheduled, the Plenum has the authority to:

- **Grant a One-Time Postponement:** Postpone the Conference date only once.
- **Establish High Commission for Conference Preparation:** Establish a High Commission for Conference Preparation.
- **Set New Date:** Determine the date for the next Conference.

PUK General Meeting

Article (20):

First: The PUK holds an annual General Meeting to assess progress and set strategic direction. The President Mam Jalal's Secretariat organizes this meeting, and its outcomes complement the work of the PUK Conference.

Second: The General Meeting serves the following purposes:

- **Developing and Evaluating Strategy:** Develop and evaluate the overall strategic and political work program for the PUK, including all its **offices** and institutions.
- **Project and Proposal Presentations:** Present projects and proposals for practical implementation by the Leadership Council and **Political Office**.

- Presentation of projects and proposals in order to implement them in practice by the Leadership Council, Political Office and the President.

Third:

- **Activity and Project Reports:** All PUK organs will submit reports on their activities and projects.

Fourth:

- **Meeting Details:** A committee within President Mam Jalal's Secretariat will determine the timing, location, and participants for the General Meeting.

Fifth:

- **Report Review:** After the meeting, a committee formed by the **Political Office** will evaluate the submitted report, recommendations, and conclusions to the PUK President.
- **Decision Making:** Based on the evaluation, the **Political Office** will issue necessary decisions.

Part 4

The Supreme Symbol of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK)

Article (21):

To honor the enduring and historic roles of both Kosrat Rasul Ali and Hero Ibrahim Ahmad, they are recognized as supreme symbols of the PUK. Their contributions serve as a strong pillar for the past and present struggles of the Kurdistan People's Liberation Movement.

Part 5

Leadership Council

Article (22):

First: Council Size and Election: The Leadership Council will consist of 61 members (including the PUK President) elected by a free and secret ballot.

Second: Qualifications: Leadership Council members will be elected based on their skills, loyalty, activism, and expertise. Geographical distribution will also be considered according to established terms and conditions.

Third: Voting System: At the **Conference, Leadership Council** members will be elected from a closed list. The list that receives the most votes will win all the seats. If

there is only one list, it will be voted on by open ballot.

Fourth: Inaugural Meeting: Following the **Conference**, the PUK President will convene an inaugural meeting with the newly elected Leadership Council members.

Fifth: Vacancy Appointments: In the event of a vacancy within the Leadership Council, the President may appoint a replacement member, subject to approval by the **Political Office**.

Sixth: Reserved Seats: A designated number of Leadership Council seats will be allocated to political figures, government officials, party figures, and individuals returning to the PUK under an agreement to resume their work within the party. The President will appoint these individuals, subject to approval by the **Political Office**.

Terms and Conditions of Leadership Council Membership

Article (23):

The following are the requirements for Leadership Council membership:

First: Minimum Age, no less than 30 years old.

Second: Political Awareness, demonstrated strong political understanding.

Third: Experience, at least 10 years of experience working within PUK institutions.

Fourth: Organizational Rank, minimum organizational rank of headquarters administrator or equivalent.

Fifth: Education: A high school diploma or equivalent, except for:

- Veteran Peshmerga with Continuous Service
- The battlefield disabled Peshmergas
- Veterans' Organizations
- Political Prisoners

Sixth: Government Positions: In **Conference**, Members of Parliament (MPs), Ministers, and Deputy Ministers cannot run for Leadership Council membership while holding office.

Seventh: Additional Requirements: Meet all other membership conditions outlined in Article (7) of these Internal Regulations.

Duties and Powers of the Leadership Council

Article (24):

First: The Leadership Council holds the following au-

thority and responsibilities:

1. Highest Authority Between Conferences:

The Leadership Council serves as the highest authority between PUK Conferences and has the power to make decisions on critical issues.

2. Implementation of Conference Decisions:

The Council is responsible for overseeing the implementation of decisions and recommendations made by the PUK Conference.

3. Policy Formulation: The Leadership Council formulates the PUK's overall domestic and foreign policy.

Second: Council Meetings

1. Quorum: A simple majority (50% + 1 of the members) constitutes a quorum for Council meetings.

2. Regular Meetings: The Leadership Council will hold regular meetings every 60 days.

3. Extraordinary Meetings: Extraordinary meetings may be convened at the request of

the President or by a petition signed by 21 Leadership Council members to address urgent and critical matters.

Third: Internal Procedural Rules

- The Council may establish its own **Internal Procedural Rules**, provided they do not contradict these PUK Rules.

Fourth: Approval Authority

- The President has the authority to sign significant agreements related to critical issues and the PUK's highest interests, as well as those of the electoral coalition, after obtaining approval from two-thirds of the **Leadership Council** members.

Fifth: Presidential Resignation

- The **Leadership Council** may approve the President's resignation with a **two-thirds** majority vote.

Sixth: Presidential Succession

- In the event of the President's resignation, the **Political Office** will appoint an acting PUK President from among its members.

Article (25):

Every Leadership Council member has the right to freely express their views within the framework of the Council's established Internal Procedural Rules, and will be responsible for their views in the leadership council.

Part 6

President

Roles and Responsibilities

Article (26):

First: The President holds the following roles and responsibilities:

Unity and Internal Rules, The President serves as the defender of PUK unity and works to uphold and implement the internal rules, unity, discourse, and position of all PUK organs, both internally and externally. They also represent the PUK before government and legal institutions.

Second: Leadership Council Membership, The President is a member of the Leadership Council and is elected at the PUK Conference.

Third: Symbol and Advocate, The President serves as a symbol of PUK unity and discourse, both internally and externally. They hold primary responsibility for protecting, strengthening, and developing the PUK.

Article (27):

The following are the eligibility requirements for the PUK President:

First: Minimum Age, no less than 40 years old.

Second: Political Expertise, Possess a strong reputation and expertise in political matters.

Third: Experience, at least 10 years of continuous political and organizational activities within the ranks of the PUK.

Fourth: Criminal Record, No record of conviction for any dishonorable crime.

Election of the President

Article (28):

First: Single Candidate, if only one candidate applies for the PUK Presidency at the Conference, they will be elected by open ballot.

Second: Multiple Candidates, if there are two or more candidates for President, a secret and free ballot will be held, and the candidate with a majority of votes will be elected.

Article (29):

First: Absence, In the President's absence, they may

appoint a member of the **Political Office** to assume their duties.

Second: Resignation, a presidential resignation requires approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Leadership Council members.

Third: Vacancy, if the President resigns or the position becomes vacant for any reason, the **Political Office** will elect an interim President within 60 days. This interim President will serve for a period of 3-6 months.

Fourth: Extraordinary Conference, if an interim President cannot be appointed within the 60-day timeframe, an **Extraordinary Conference** will be convened to address the presidential vacancy.

Duties and Powers of the President

Article (30):

First: Policy and Implementation, The President is re-

sponsible for formulating and overseeing the implementation of PUK decisions and policies, in collaboration with the **Political Office**.

Second: Political Office's President, The President convenes meetings of the **Political Office**. If a majority vote is not reached during a meeting, the President's vote will be decisive.

Third: Oversight, The President oversees financial affairs, communications, and any other matters under their authority.

Fourth: Representation, The President represents the PUK in domestic and international meetings.

Fifth: Coordination, The President facilitates coordination between the Leadership Council, the Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK, and the **Support Council**.

Sixth: Agreement Approval, The President signs political agreements only after approval by the **Leadership Council**

Seventh: Rule Promulgation, The President Promulgates the approved rules.

Eighth: Reporting, The President prepares political and organizational reports to be presented at PUK **Conferences** and meetings.

Ninth: Office of the President, an office, known as the Office of the President, will be established to manage all PUK Presidency affairs related to the President's duties. Its composition and structure will be determined by the PUK's **Internal Procedural Rules.**

Tenth: Linkage and Reporting Lines

The following entities will report directly to the President:

- Financial institutions (expenditure, revenue, audit)
- Center for General Studies
- Legal Affairs Center
- All influential relations in Baghdad and Iraq in general
- Any other relations that significantly impact the PUK

Eleventh: Spokesperson Appointment, The President will appoint a spokesperson from among the Leadership Council members.

Twelfth: The President issues appointment orders for members of the Leadership Council and the heads of all primary institutions, offices, boards, and departments within the PUK's offices and headquarters.

Thirteenth: The President serves as custodian of the PUK's property and finances, ensuring they are not used for personal gain by themselves or their relatives.

Fourteenth: The President has the authority to establish offices dedicated to various areas, such as communities, the Kurdish diaspora, youth, Peshmerga organizations, veterans' groups (including political prisoners, disabled Peshmergas, and Peshmerga veterans), or any other relevant field.

Fifteenth: The President is responsible for upholding and enforcing the PUK's Internal Regulations.

Sixteenth: The President may hold additional duties and powers as outlined in the Internal Regulations.

Spokesman

Article (31):

First, The President appoints the Spokesman from the Leadership Council. The Spokesman's sole responsibility is to act as the official voice of the PUK.

Second, it is the official speaker of the PUK and represents the official opinion of the PUK

Third, Fluency in several languages is a requirement for the Spokesman.

Part 7

Political Office

Article (32): Definition

The **Political Office** is the supreme body within the Leadership Council. It serves as the party's central decision-making authority on all matters concerning the PUK, the Kurdistan Region, Iraq, and the international community.

Article (33): Composition

The **Political Office** comprises the following members:

First: The President of the PUK.

Second: Twelve to fourteen **(12-14)** additional members

from the Leadership Council, nominated by the PUK President and approved by the Leadership Council.

Article (34):

With the exception of holding the PUK's leading positions in parliament, government, presidency, of Republic and Rigeou and the Kurdistan Region, **Political Office** members must dedicate themselves solely to the work of the Office and the party. They cannot hold any external positions.

Powers and Duties

Article (35):

First:The **Political Office** addresses critical party, political, and governmental issues related to the PUK, following a pre-determined agenda for meetings.

Second: It fills any vacancies among its **Political Office** members using the same appointment process.

Third: Implements decisions and recommendations from the Leadership Council and the President.

Fourth: Drafts and executes campaign plans and programs for general elections.

Fifth: Reviews and approves the annual budget of PUK institutions, proposed by the party's expenditure bodies, for final approval by the PUK President.

Sixth: Exercises additional powers outlined elsewhere in these **Internal Regulations**.

Seventh:

1. The Office convenes at least twice monthly for regular meetings.

2. Extraordinary meetings may be called by the President or at the request of half the Office's members.

Eight: A secretariat will be established that supports the **Political Office's** operations. In collaboration with the PUK President's Office, it manages meeting sched-

ules and agendas, tracks decisions and requests, and organizes the Office's deliberations and resolutions.

Part 8

The PUK Offices

Article (36):

First: The PUK's structure is divided into **seven offices** to organize and manage its internal and external work and duties.

Second: Directly Reporting Offices

- Legal Affairs Center
- Center For General Studies
- President's Office
- Financial Institutions

These entities report directly to the PUK President and hold the status and authority of an **Office**.

Third: PUK Offices include

- Secretariat Office of President Mam Jalal
- Organization Office
- Election Office
- Office of Information and Awareness
- Office of Democratic Organizations
- Office of Relations
- Office of Martyrs and Veterans

Article (37):

First: The number of members in an office will be determined based on its specific needs, with a maximum of seven members.

Second: Appointment Process:

- The heads of offices propose the appointment of office heads, department heads, and board members to the **Political Office**.
- The **Political Office** approves these appointments.
- The President then formally grants final approval.

Third: If an Office Head or member resigns or is dismissed without cause and remains inactive for more than 45 days, the same appointment process will be followed to fill the vacancy.

Organizational Office

Article (38):

First: The **Organizational Office** is responsible for

managing the party's organizational affairs within and outside the country.

Second: An exception applies to the rule limiting office size outlined in **Article (37), Section 1 of the Internal Regulaions**, and, due to the unique characteristics and workload of the Organizational Office, it may have a larger number of members **NOT** exceeding (11) eleven members.

Article (39) :

The Organizational Office may establish headquarters in different parts of the Kurdistan Region and Iraq as deemed necessary.

Article (40):

During its reorganization conference, the Organizational Office will define the boundaries (geographical areas of operation), working methods (procedures and practices), structure (organizational framework), duties and responsibilities, and, taking into consideration

the voter registration integration for its various organs.

Centers

Article (41):

First: A PUK **headquarters** within a defined geographical area is the highest party authority within that region.

Second: The headquarters council is the highest governing body within the headquarters and is responsible for implementing the PUK's general activity plan.

Third: The headquarters will have **Three** deputies.

Fourth: The Organizational Office, following its **Internal Procedural Rules** and with the approval of the **Political Office**, will determine the remaining composition of the headquarters, including ranks and numbers of members.

The Office of Relations

Article (42):

First: The Office of Relations is responsible for establishing and strengthening the PUK's relationships with **political parties** and local and international organizations. This work aims to lobby for the PUK's interests and solidify its position in Kurdistan, Iraq, and on the international stage.

Second: Communication experts and linguists are included in the Office of Relations.

Third: The office is divided into two departments:

1. Kurdistan Relations
2. External Relations

Fourth: The composition, number of members, and their specific duties will be determined by the office's **Internal Procedural Rules**.

Office of Information and Awareness

Article (43):

The office consists of two boards:

First: Media (Media and Social media).

1. Includes: (print, broadcast, and new media).

2. Responsibility: Oversees various media channels, , provides content for these media channels based on PUK guidelines.

3. Membership: Composed of individuals with expertise in their respective media fields.

4. Duty: Implements the PUK's media strategy domestically and internationally.

5. Authority: Has the authority to publish newspapers, online publications, magazines, and launch audio/video channels. Operates within the Kurdistan Region, the Federal Republic of Iraq, and abroad in accordance with applicable laws.

Second: Awareness Composition:

A. Department of Archives and History

B. Department of Cultural and Artistic Activities

2. Membership: Members of the Awareness Board will be appointed based on their expertise, abilities, and competence in relevant fields.

Office of Democratic Organizations

Article (44):

First: Structure, it consists of two parts:

Composition

1. Mass Organizations: Focuses on engaging the general population.

2. Professional Organizations: Provides for specific professions.

Second: Formulates PUK policies regarding, Mass organizations, Professional organizations, The Party's organizations.

Third: Engages in activities that benefit both the community and the PUK.

Fourth: The composition, departments, sections, and

their specific procedures will be determined by the office's **Internal Procedural Rules**.

Office of Martyrs and Veterans

Article (45):

The Office of Martyrs and Veterans is composed of two main sections:

- 1. Martyrs, Genocide, and Anfal Affairs**
- 2. Activists and Veterans Affairs**

Article (46):

The office's **Internal Procedural Rules**, departments, and duties will be defined by its rules of procedure.

The Election Office

Article (47):

Consists of:

First: the responsible person for this office must have good expertises in the field of and the subject elections.

Second: that it consists of two main parts:

1. Public Relations.
2. Administration and Election.

Third:

1- It will open election centers in other regions of Kurdistan and Iraq as needed.

2-The organization of the structure of the members of the office and its centers shall be based on their abilities and experience in the field of elections and electoral technology, and the same departments shall be established as the High Electoral Commission. The Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and shall be approved by the president of PUK.

Fourth: The Role of the Election Office

1. Formulate the program and plan for the general elections and prepare them for approval by the Politburo,

as well as supervise the campaigns and issues of the elections.

2. Supervises the local elections of organs, organizations and unions (PUK).

Financial Institutions

Article (48):

The PUK's finances are managed by the following three entities:

First: Revenue, this entity is responsible for generating income for the PUK.

Second: Expenditure, this entity oversees the spending of PUK funds.

Third: Audit Committee, this independent body is responsible for auditing both the PUK's Revenue and expenditure institutions. Comprised of specialists in the field, the committee submits its reports directly to the **PUK president.**

Article (49):

Revenue Agency:

First: The Revenue Agency is a specialized agency responsible for collecting all of the PUK's income from various sources, such as subscriptions and aid.

Second: The Revenue Agency is directly connected and operates under the authority of the PUK president.

Third: The PUK president appoints the head of the Revenue Agency.

Fourth: The head of the agency establishes and implements an annual plan, subject to the PUK president's approval.

Article (50):

Expenditure Agency (Financial Management Agency)

First: This agency oversees the spending of the PUK's management budget, development budget, and all other expenditures.

Second: The Expenditure Agency is directly connected and operates under the authority of the PUK president.

Third: The PUK president appoints the head of this agency. This individual is responsible for developing **Internal Procedural Rules** and a charter for the agency, subject to approval by the PUK president.

Fourth: The agency head prepares an annual plan for expenditures, which requires approval from the PUK president before implementation.

Fifth: The agency has the authority to appoint and dismiss the accounting staff for all PUK departments.

Article (51):

The **Internal Procedural Rules** shall define the internal structure and working methods of the Audit Committee, subject to approval by the President of PUK.

The Secretariat Office of President Mam Jalal

Article (52):

This office serves two primary functions:

First: Preserving and Promoting President Mam Jalal's

Legacy, The Secretariat acts as the principal office of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). Its primary mission is to safeguard and promote President Mam Jalal's political, partisan, historical, and cultural legacy. This includes fostering a comprehensive understanding of his contributions within the PUK, Kurdistan, Iraq, and the wider international community, across all societal spheres.

Second: Consolidation of Responsibilities, the Secretariat will assume all the duties previously held by the office of President Mam Jalal.

Additional Responsibilities:

Third: Kurdistan Women's Union, the Kurdistan Women's Union will be formally linked to the Secretariat Office of President Mam Jalal.

Fourth: PUK Protocol Department, the PUK's protocol department will be integrated with the Secretariat's structure.

Fifth: Sports Board Integration and Restructuring, the Sports Board will be incorporated within the Secretariat's framework. Its composition will be reviewed and reorganized.

Sixth: Internal Governance:

The Secretariat Office of President will establish its **Internal Procedural Rules** through a set of rules of procedure, subject to the President's approval.

Legal Affairs Center

Article (53): Definition

The **Legal Affairs Center** serves as the primary legal body of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). Its core function is to safeguard the legal rights of PUK members within all internal party organs. Additionally, it provides legal representation for PUK members in external legal proceedings.

Article (54): Composition

The Legal Affairs Center shall be comprised of the following members:

- 1. Director:** Appointed by the President of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK).
- 2. Legal Experts:** Composed of individuals with demonstrable expertise and experience in the legal field. A minimum of ten years of continuous experience in law is required for these positions.

Article (55):

Duties:

The Legal Affairs Center is entrusted with the following responsibilities:

First: Leadership and Guidance, provide direction and oversight to **PUK** lawyers and human rights activists across all party organs.

Second: Legal Representation, represent all PUK organs in legal matters concerning party affairs.

Third: Social and Legal Issues, investigate legal aspects of social problems faced by PUK members and provide legal recommendations to the PUK President.

Fourth: Interpretation of Rules, analyze and interpret articles within the PUK's **Internal Regulations**. The Center will then submit its interpretations to the President and the **Political Office**.

Fifth: Complaints and Investigations, Receive complaints from PUK members across all organs regarding violations of **Internal Regulations**. Following a thorough legal investigation, the Center will submit its findings to the PUK President.

Sixth: Committee Formation, establish necessary committees to facilitate the Center's work.

Seventh: Internal Governance, develop and implement **Internal Procedural Rules**, subject to approval by the President.

Center For General Studies

Article (56):

The General Studies Center operates under the following guidelines:

First: Leadership, A Director will be appointed by the PUK President to oversee the Center's operations.

Second: Policy Research and Recommendations, the Center's primary function is to conduct research and develop reports, papers, proposals, plans, and projects related to critical issues impacting the PUK's and Kurdistan Region's strategic interests. These findings and recommendations will be presented to the PUK President, **Political Office**, and Council Leadership.

Third: Internal Analysis and Proposals, the Center will

undertake academic research to evaluate opportunities, challenges, and potential threats affecting the PUK's highest interests and internal unity. Based on this research, proposals will be submitted to the President.

Fourth: Capacity Building, the Center is responsible for developing the capabilities of PUK members across all sectors, including party, government, and organizational roles.

Fifth: Academic Leadership and Collaboration, Under the PUK President's supervision, the Center will provide guidance to PUK academics. Additionally, it will foster strong relationships and collaborative efforts with academics, institutions of higher education, and scientific research centers within and beyond Kurdistan Region and Iraq.

Sixth: Staff Expertise, the Center's core staff will consist of academics and specialists with expertise aligned with the Center's focus areas and duties.

Seventh: Internal Governance, the Center will establish its organizational structure and departmental divisions. These will be outlined in a set of **Internal Proce-**

dural Rules, subject to approval by the PUK President.

Part 9

Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK

Article (57):

Function

The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK serves as a high-level body within the party. Its primary responsibility is to guide the **Leadership Council** and other relevant entities on critical political and strategic issues that directly impact the PUK's core

interests.

Article (58):

Composition and Administration

The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK adheres to the following guidelines regarding its composition and administration:

First: Minimum Membership, the Council shall comprise no fewer than **nine** members.

Second: Leadership, The President of the **The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan** will appoint a Chairperson for the Council.

Third: Appointment Process, following a PUK **Conference**, the President, in consultation with the Council Chairperson, will appoint the Council members responsible for safeguarding the PUK's highest interests.

Fourth: Age Requirement, Council officers and members must be at least 50 years old.

Fifth: Resources, the Council will be allocated a dedicated monthly budget, headquarters, and administrative staff. The budget will be established within the framework of the PUK's overall financial policies.

Duties and Powers

Article (59):

The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK is entrusted with the following:

1. Referral of Projects and Issues: The **Chairperson of the Council** may bring projects and matters concerning the PUK's high interests to the attention of the PUK President.

2. Joint Committee for Sensitive Issues: In instances involving sensitive matters that significantly impact the PUK's core interests, a Joint Committee may be formed. This committee's establishment would require the President's decision

and consultation with the Council Chairperson, the **Political Office**, and the Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK.

3. Participation in Leadership Council Meetings:

The Chairperson of The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK may propose adding a matter or an issue to the agenda of Leadership Council meetings. This requires approval from both the President and a majority vote by the Council members themselves. Additionally, upon the Council's request regarding a specific topic relevant to its mission of safeguarding high interests, the Chairperson may dispatch Council representatives to participate in the relevant Leadership Council meeting.

4. Participation in Negotiation Delegations:

To leverage the experience and capabilities of The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK and to advance the PUK's overall public relations strategy, the Chairperson of the Council after the President of PUK's approval may be included in negotiation delegations.

5. Reporting to the Party Leader: The Chairperson of the Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK is responsible for conveying the Council's observations and recommendations concerning the state of PUK institutions to the party leader. This communication may be delivered through an official letter or during a meeting.

6. Promoting Party Unity: The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK is tasked with playing a vital role in upholding and strengthening unity within the party's ranks across all its organs.

7. Filling Council Vacancies: In the event that a member of The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK is unable to fulfill their duties for any reason, a replacement will be appointed. This process will involve collaboration between the PUK President and the Chairperson of the Council.

8. Transfer Requests: in the event of a vacancy within The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK, a member of the Leadership

Council may express interest in transferring to the Council. This transfer would require approval from both the PUK President and the Chairperson of the Council.

Part 10

PUK Support Council

Article (60): Composition and Appointment

First: The PUK Support Council will be comprised of the following members:

First: Former members of the most recent PUK leadership term, PUK **activists**, PUK youth. The President will appoint the Council's Secretary, Deputy Secretaries, and members. These appointments will be based on a

consideration of the following criteria: Geographical diversity, Relevant skills and experience, Commitment to the PUK's principles. The number of members shall not exceed 100 members.

Second: Responsibilities, the PUK Support Council is tasked with the following: the Council will oversee the operations of PUK Offices, the Council is authorized to communicate directly with the President, the Council will submit reports to the President.

Third: The Council, council members cannot hold positions in other PUK organs.

Fourth: Support, the Council will assist the President and PUK leadership in implementing party policies and decisions.

Fifth: Duties, the President may assign additional party duties to Council members as needed.

Sixth: Internal Procedures, the Council, with assistance from the Legal Affairs Center, will establish **Internal Procedural Rules** and daily works. These rules require approval by the President and the **Political Office**.

Part 11

Final Judgments

Article (61):

At least 25% of all members across the three PUK councils must be women. This requirement takes effect upon the adoption of these Internal Regulations.

Article (62):

All PUK members holding positions in the following bodies are required to submit financial disclosure forms to the relevant authorities:

- Leadership Council
- The Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK
- PUK Support Council

Article (63):

Amending these Regulations, these regulations can be amended after a minimum of six months, or as circumstances require. A committee of relevant experts appointed by the President proposes amendments. Approval requires a vote of the Leadership Council, with at least three-fourths or $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members voting in favor. Importantly, any amendments cannot modify the core principles of these regulations. The President or at least 31 members of the Leadership Council can initiate the amendment process.

Article (64):

Members of the Leadership Council, the Council for the Protection of the High Interests of the PUK, the Support Council, and advanced cadres are prohibited from using their party positions for any personal or joint commercial or economic activities, either for themselves or their close relatives.

Article (65):

All PUK Offices and bodies will establish their own **Internal Procedural Rules** with the assistance of an expert committee from the Legal Affairs Center. These rules require approval by the President.

Article (66):

All members of PUK bodies are obligated to adhere to and implement these regulations.

Article (67):

These regulations come into effect on the date of their



**The Sovereignty, Survival, and
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A handwritten signature in brown ink, which appears to read 'Mam Jalal', is positioned above the printed name.

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