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## **INTRODUCTORY NOTES** *to the Founding Charter*

The enactment of this Constitution on October 28, 2025, marks a pivotal step in the pursuit of legal integrity. Constitution Watchdog (CW) was conceived not merely as an organization, but as a necessary institutional response to the growing fragility of democratic norms worldwide. In an era where the Rule of Law is frequently tested by political expediency and executive overreach, the necessity for a vigilant, independent guardian has never been more acute.

This Organic Statute and Founding Charter serves as the supreme *lex* of the organization. It is the compass that directs our global operations, ensuring that every initiative, from strategic litigation to public advocacy, remains firmly anchored in the principles of Constitutional Supremacy and Absolute Non-Partisanship.

Readers and members will observe that this Constitution is unique in its structural duality. While it establishes a rigorous governance framework through the Executive Committee, it simultaneously institutionalizes the transmission of legal knowledge through the Student Jurist Mandate. By bridging the wisdom of the Global Council of Jurists with the dynamism of the CW Fellows Network, this Charter creates a sustainable ecosystem for the defense of liberty.

The core principles enshrined herein are non-negotiable. They are designed to insulate the organization from external pressure, corporate inducement, and political bias. As we promulgate this Constitution, we reaffirm our collective pledge: to remain unyielding in our defense of the separation of powers and the inherent dignity of the individual.

This text is not static; it is a living instrument, entrusted to the care of the General Office Bearers and the membership, to be upheld with integrity and courage.

**The Drafting Committee**  
Constitution Watchdog (CW)  
October 2025

## **PREAMBLE**

**WE, THE MEMBERS** of Constitution Watchdog,

**RECOGNIZING** that the Rule of Law is the bedrock of civilized society and the ultimate safeguard against tyranny;

**BELIEVING** in the supremacy of constitutional governance, the separation of powers, and the inherent dignity of the individual;

**AFFIRMING** our collective duty to serve as a vigilant, independent guardian against the abuse of power, unswayed by political influence, governmental pressure, or corporate inducement;

**DEDICATED** to the mentorship of the next generation of legal scholars and the promotion of global legal literacy;

**DO HEREBY** adopt, enact, and give to ourselves this Constitution to govern the affairs of our organization worldwide.

# 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

## Article 1: Name and Juridical Personality

- Designation:** The name of the organization shall be Constitution Watchdog, hereinafter referred to as “CW”.
- Legal Personality:** CW shall operate as a non-political, non-profit, and non-governmental international law organization. It shall possess full juridical personality, with the capacity to sue and be sued in its corporate name, acquire property, and enter into binding contracts.
- Headquarters:** The Principal Office shall be located at a place determined by the Executive Committee (EC). The official address shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

## Article 2: Motto and Operational Mandate

- Motto:** The motto of the organization shall be: “Vigilance for the Rule of Law, Accountability for the People”.
- Scope:** The operational mandate of CW shall be global, extending to all territories where the principles of constitutionalism are challenged.
- Language:** The official working language shall be English for international communication and legal drafting.

# 2 PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

## Article 3: Immutable Guiding Principles

CW shall be strictly guided by the following principles:

- (a) **Constitutional Supremacy:** Upholding the sanctity of national constitutions and international treaties above all other considerations.
- (b) **Absolute Non-Partisanship:** Maintaining strict independence from political parties and governments.
- (c) **Rule of Law:** Promoting the principle that all persons and institutions are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated and independently adjudicated.
- (d) **Separation of Powers:** Ensuring distinct operational spheres for the Executive (Management), Global Council of Jurists (Interpretation), and Disciplinary functions.

## Article 4: Aims and Student-Centric Objectives

The definitive aims of CW shall be:

- (a) **Research & Analysis:** To conduct rigorous research into the efficacy of democratic institutions.
- (b) **Strategic Litigation:** To engage in Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and submit amicus curiae briefs.
- (c) **The Student Jurist Mandate:** To serve as a primary training ground for law students, integrating them into high-level legal research and advocacy through the CW Fellows Network.
- (d) **Capacity Building:** To provide technical assistance to emerging democracies in constitutional drafting.

## 3 PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

### Article 5: Operational Programs

CW shall execute the following programs:

- (a) **Constitutional Bench Monitoring:** Tracking and analyzing landmark cases in superior courts worldwide.
- (b) **Legislative Scrutiny:** Reviewing legislation for human rights compliance.
- (c) **The “Future Jurists” Initiative:** A dedicated mentorship program where law students assist in drafting legal briefs under the supervision of the Council of Mentors.
- (d) **Special Investigative Missions:** Conducting on-site fact-finding missions into human rights crises.

## 4 MEMBERSHIP

### Article 6: Membership Categories and Rights

- (a) **General Membership:** Open to legal professionals, academics, and law students who demonstrate a commitment to the Rule of Law.
- (b) **Application Procedure:** Applications must be submitted via Schedule I (Form I) and are subject to a rigorous vetting process.
- (c) **Authority:** The Secretary of Governance & Discipline holds the exclusive authority to grant or reject applications.
- (d) **Rights:** General Members contribute to research and advocacy but shall not participate in the governance of the Executive Committee.

## 5 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GOVERNANCE)

### Article 7: Composition and Authority

- (a) **Supreme Management:** The management of CW vests in the Executive Committee (EC).
- (b) **Composition:** The EC shall comprise a minimum of eleven (11) and a maximum of twenty-one (21) members.
- (c) **Tenure:** Members serve a term of three (3) years.
- (d) **Removal:** An EC member may be removed for gross misconduct by a resolution supported by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the EC.

### Article 8: Executive Authority and The Veto

- (a) **Ultimate Authority:** Notwithstanding the separation of powers, the President holds ultimate authority regarding policy, finance, appointments, and discipline.
- (b) **The Veto Power:** The President may veto any EC resolution. This veto must be recorded in writing.
- (c) **Override Protocol:** A Presidential veto may be overridden by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the EC. If overridden, the resolution becomes binding.
- (d) **The Research Exception:** The Presidential veto shall not extend to the factual findings of peer-reviewed research reports.

### Article 9: Presidential Arbitration (Gridlock Resolution)

To prevent institutional paralysis: In the event of a dispute between the EC, the Global Advisory Council (GAC), or the Council of Mentors (CoM) that remains unresolved for fourteen (14) days, the President shall issue a binding “Executive Order of Resolution” to settle the matter. The President’s ruling in such arbitrations shall be final.

### Article 10: General Office Bearers (GOB) and Secretariats

The EC includes the following portfolios:

- (a) **President:** Chief Executive and Custodian of the Constitution.
- (b) **Vice-Presidents (2):** Deputies to the President.
- (c) **General Secretary:** Chief Administrative Officer; executes EC decisions.
- (d) **Secretary of Governance & Discipline:** Custodian of records and internal compliance.
- (e) **Secretaries of Specialized Secretariats:**

- Constitutional Jurisprudence & Research
- Global Monitoring & Accountability
- Public Interest Litigation & Strategic Advocacy
- International & Comparative Law
- Finance & Resource Mobilization
- Media Relations & Global Communications
- Membership, Training & Capacity Building

## 6 THE GLOBAL COUNCIL OF JURISTS (GCJ)

### Article 11: Mandate and Interpretive Authority

- (a) **Establishment:** There shall be a Global Council of Jurists (GCJ) comprising distinguished jurists and international law experts.
- (b) **Advisory Jurisdiction:** The GCJ shall assist in the interpretation of this Constitution in instances of ambiguity, error, or institutional gridlock. While their advisory opinions shall not be binding, they shall be accorded the utmost respect and serious consideration by the President.
- (c) **Appointment:** Members shall be nominated by the President and must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the EC. Upon ratification, appointment is formalized via Schedule IV (Form IV) for a term of five (5) years. The Council is limited to seven (7) members.

## 7 ELECTIONS AND INTERIM GOVERNANCE

### Article 12: Elections, Appointments, and Interim Governance

- (a) **EC Formation:** Subsequent Executive Committees shall be formed through a structured process involving a public call for applications, nomination by the outgoing GOB, and final appointment by the President.
- (b) **Internal Elections:** Contested GOB positions may be settled by closed-ballot election.
- (c) **Presidential Succession:** In the event of vacancy, the Senior Vice-President assumes the office of Acting President until a formal election is held within thirty (30) days.
- (d) **Interim Committee:** In the event of the dissolution of the Executive Committee for the purpose of elections, an Interim Committee shall be constituted to ensure the administrative continuity of the organization until the new EC is formed. The tenure of the Interim Committee shall not exceed thirty (30) days. However, in the event of unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure (Act of God), this period may be extended to a maximum of sixty (60) days from the date of its formation.

## 8 THE GLOBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (GAC)

### Article 13: Strategic Counsel

- (a) **Role:** The GAC provides strategic foresight and ethical guidance but holds no executive vote.
- (b) **Composition:** Up to fifteen (15) members, including retired diplomats and civil society leaders.
- (c) **Memorandum of Concern:** The GAC may, by a two-thirds majority, submit a formal memorandum to the EC regarding ethical breaches. The President is obligated to provide a written response.

## 9 HUMAN CAPITAL AND MENTORSHIP

### Article 14: The Council of Mentors (CoM)

- (a) **Mandate:** To provide professional coaching to the EC and supervision to the CW Fellows Network.
- (b) **Composition:** Legal practitioners with 10+ years of experience.
- (c) **Non-Interference:** Mentors provide guidance but must not interfere in the operational chain of command.

### Article 15: The CW Fellows Network

- (a) **Student Focus:** A dedicated network for law students and emerging academics to serve as researchers and junior analysts.
- (b) **Appointment:** Fellows are appointed for a term of three (3) years.
- (c) **Supervision:** Fellows shall work under the direct supervision of the CoM and the Research Secretariat.

## 10 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Article 16: Finance and Statutory Meetings

- (a) **Funding:** CW relies on donations, grants, and accredited sponsorships.
- (b) **Transparency:** All accounts shall be audited annually.
- (c) **Annual Statutory Meeting (ASM):**
  - **Mandate:** To review finances and ratify the budget.
  - **Timing:** Held annually between October and December.
  - **Quorum:** A simple majority of current EC members.

## 11 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND DUE PROCESS

### Article 17: Disciplinary Proceedings

- (a) **Initiation:** The GOB may initiate proceedings for constitutional violations.
- (b) **Due Process Guarantee:** No member shall be suspended without:
  - (a) A formal Notice of Allegation; and
  - (b) A mandatory seven (7) day period to submit a written defense.
- (c) **Presidential Authority:** The President acts as the primary review authority and may confirm or modify the penalty. This decision is final regarding the facts of the case.
- (d) **Final Appeal:** In cases of expulsion, the affected member has the right of final appeal to a panel of three (3) members of the GCJ. The GCJ's review is strictly limited to determining if Due Process was followed.

## 12 AMENDMENT AND DISSOLUTION

### Article 18: Constitutional Amendment

- (a) **Proposal:** Amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of Governance & Discipline.
- (b) **Requirement:** Amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the EC.
- (c) **Presidential Veto:** The President may veto an amendment. This veto requires a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the EC to override.
- (d) **Documentation:** Amendments must be documented in formal Appendices.

### Article 19: Dissolution

- (a) **Formal Notice of Dissolution:** Dissolution may only be initiated by the President issuing a "Formal Notice of Dissolution" to all members, seeking written opinions within sixty (60) days.
- (b) **Consensus:** Dissolution requires the unanimous consensus of the General Office Bearers.
- (c) **Asset Transfer:** Remaining assets must be transferred to a like-minded non-profit.

### Article 20: Interpretative Framework

In the event of conflict with local laws, this Constitution shall prevail for internal matters. For external legal conflicts, the Principles of International Law shall serve as the guiding framework.

**SCHEDULES (ANNEXURES)**

**SCHEDULE I: Petition for General Membership (Form I)**

**Reference:** Constitution Article 6 (Membership)

**I. Applicant Details:**

**Full Name (in English):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nationality(ies):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Status:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Statement of Interest:**

(Minimum 200 Words describing commitment to constitutionalism and specific skills.)

**III. Declaration and Oath:**

“I swear that if my petition is accepted, I shall bear my office with faithfulness and the utmost objectivity. I shall obey, uphold, and strictly adhere to the Constitution of Constitution Watchdog and its Code of Conduct, and I shall maintain the organization’s non-partisan and principled stance.”

Petitioner’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE II: Petition for Executive Committee (Form II)**

**Reference:** Constitution Article 12 (Elections)

**I. Applicant Details:**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualification:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EC Tenure Sought:** \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Executive Statement:**

(Min. 500 Words articulating strategic vision, designation preference, and core expertise.)

**III. Oath:**

“I swear that if I am appointed, I shall bear my executive office with the highest standards of faithfulness. I shall respect the separation of powers and shall uphold the President’s ultimate authority and veto power as defined in this Constitution.”

Petitioner’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE III: Renewal of Membership (Form III)**

**Reference:** Constitution Article 6 (Membership)

**I. Member ID & Declaration:**

Affirming adherence to the Code of Conduct and Non-Partisanship.

**II. Activity Report:**

Summary of contributions over the past term.

Member’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE IV: Formal Invitation Papers (Form IV)**

**Reference:** Constitution Articles 11 & 15

**Part A: Global Council of Jurists (GCJ)**

“We cordially request you to accept the role of a Member of the Global Council of Jurists for a term of five years [or as specified in the appointment letter] providing high-level guidance on complex legal positions.”

**Part B: CW Fellows Network**

“We cordially request you to accept the role of a CW Fellow [or as specified in the appointment letter] contributing to research and publications.”

Consenting Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_