

Political Parties Act 1998

In the name of Allah the Compassionate , the merciful,

In pursuance to the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Sudan,

the National Assembly has passed and the President has signed the Act hereunder providing,

Chapter I

Preliminary Provisions

Title and Commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Political Parties Act 1998 and shall come into force from the first day of January 1999.

Interpretation

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires,

"Organization" means a combination of persons formed by voluntary affiliation, joining together for the purpose of political expression and to compete in elections for public authority in accordance with law.

"Registrar" means the registrar of the Political Parties according to section 7.

Chapter II

3.1. The organization shall be bound in its form by freedom, **Shura** and democracy and that shall be,

- a. by free and voluntary choice of to join as a member, through the advice of members and through direct and indirect election for federal, state and local bureau's and supreme commanders.
- b. No one shall be compelled to join, purchase or tempt y money to support or be bound by and the organization, nor shall they be discriminated against on the basis of colour, origin, social status, ascendancy, sex, prestige or locality.

3.2. The organization in its political movement shall be bound by the fundamentals relating to the principles and provisions of the Constitution and laws and shall not adopt any methods or measures for the purposes of realising any doctrine to amend such fundamentals save by the manner and proceeding required by the Constitution or legal provisions.

3.3. The relationship between organisations shall be based on competition for the purposes of manifesting opinions and/or taking over authority and shall be restricted to safe and peaceful means and it reaction shall be peaceful without recourse to violence, force, aggression or tyranny which is in contravention with the rule of law, for the purpose of achieving any competition or political victory.

Chapter III

Capacity and Establishment

4. Any number no less and one hundred citizens having the right to vote in elections according to law and the leader of the organisation according to section 1, may establish an organisation and submit the application of its registration in accordance with the provisions of this law.

Membership Capacity

5. Any citizen has the right to join any organisation but he may not participate in the membership if he is prohibited by law from joining any party.

Memorandum

6. Any organisation shall have a memorandum in accordance with the Constitution and law, which includes the rules by which its work is organised, the organisation of financial and administrative affairs and its own distinctive principles and objects and without prejudice to the generality of the aforementioned, the memorandum shall include the following:

-the name of the organisation, provided that it shall not conform to the name of another organisation;

-the main office, which shall be inside Sudan;

-conditions of membership and withdrawal, in addition to the provisions concerning membership in article 3.1. above;

-the principles and policies and methods of work of the organisation, which must be in accordance with article 3.2. and 3.3; and

-the financial system of the organisation including the various procedures regarding payment, bookkeeping and accounting.

Chapter IV

Registration

Appointment of the Registrar

7. The President of the Republic shall appoint, with the consent of the National Assembly, a person or merit and experience as registrar for organisations and the order of appointment shall specify his emoluments and privileges.

7.1. The term of office shall be seven years from the date of appointment.

Registrar's Oath

8. The registrar shall take the following oath before taking his office:

"I swear by the Almighty God that I shall perform my duties as a registrar for the political organisations without being a member of any organisation, independently, without being influenced by any authority and without fear and bias and that I shall be bound by Justice."