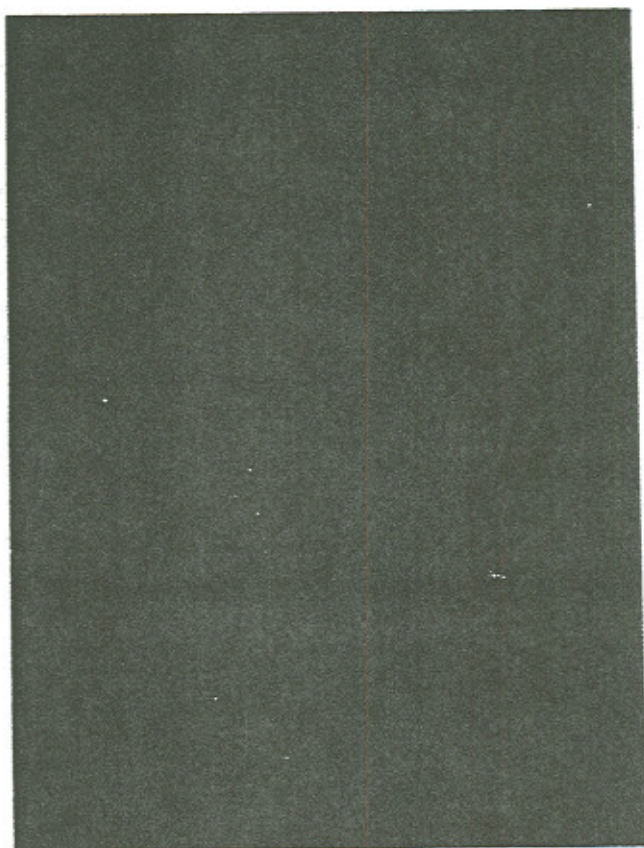


Appendix A

Constitution of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada

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ARTICLE 1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Constitution,

"Association" means the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada;

"date", with reference to a national meeting, means the date on which the meeting commences;

"national meeting" includes general and special meetings of the Association, conventions for the selection of a National Leader of the Party and national policy conferences;

"Party" means the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in this constitution that are defined in the Canada Elections Act, as amended from time to time, shall have the same meaning herein as in that Act.

1.3 This Constitution shall govern the affairs of the Association and, in the event of any conflict between this Constitution and any Constitutional document of any association, body or organization recognized herein or hereunder, this Constitution shall prevail.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE, AIMS AND PRINCIPLES.

2.1 The purpose of this constitution is to provide for procedures and practices which are democratic and efficient to the end that all Progressive Conservatives may participate meaningfully and effectively in the deliberations and activities of the Party. To fulfil that purpose, resolutions passed at a policy session held in conjunction with a general meeting will be adopted as policies of the Party until the next general meeting.

2.2 The aims and principles of the Party as set forth in the following words at the National Convention on December 14, 1956 are:

"We believe in freedom of worship, speech and assembly; loyalty to the Queen of Canada; and the rule of law. Believing these things, we hold, with history, that vigilance over such parliamentary institutions is the best guarantee of such traditional freedoms."

"We believe that the state should be the servant of the people and that our national progress depends on a competitive economy, which, accepting its social responsibilities, allows to every individual freedom of opportunity and initiative and the peaceful enjoyment of the fruits of his/her labour."

"We believe that progress and stability can best be achieved by building on the firm foundation of those things proved good by experience."

"We believe in Canada, founded on these principles, a nation of many creeds and many cultures, united in its aims and accepting its obligations among the nations of the world."

2.3 We further believe that the quality of the environment is a vital part of our heritage to be protected by each generation for the next.

2.4 As a further matter of principle, the Association commits itself, in all its activities at the constituency and national levels, to strive to ensure the equality of men and women and to reflect the demographic composition of the constituencies individually and of the country as a whole.

2.5 We also believe that individuals have the right to own property.

ARTICLE 3. CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

3.1 There shall be maintained at National Headquarters a permanent list containing the names and addresses of the elected officers of each federal constituency association recognized by the Association. Such recognition shall be extended to each federal constituency association which:

3.1.1 actively supports and promotes the aims and principles of the Party;

3.1.2 actively encourages the admission of all bona fide Progressive Conservative supporters to its membership, with full rights as members and without unreasonable delay, unreasonable procedure or unreasonable fee;

3.1.3 holds at least two (2) meetings of the executive in each calendar year;

3.1.4 holds at least one (1) general meeting of members in each calendar year for the election of officers and the transaction of other business and gives adequate public notice of such meetings; and

3.1.5 adopts a constitution; a copy of the constitution and all amendments shall be forwarded to National Headquarters immediately after approval; such constitution shall provide that only members having principle residence within the constituency or members of the constituency association executive on the date of such selection shall be entitled to vote on:

3.1.5.1 the selection of a candidate for election to the House of Commons; and

3.1.5.2 the selection of delegates and alternates to any national meeting; and

3.1.5.3 the election of the executive of the constituency association.

3.2 Each constituency association which has been so recognized shall have the right to

select the official candidate of the Party at a general meeting of the members of the association unless there has been an appeal under Article 17 prior to such nomination, in which case the nomination may, at the discretion of Steering Committee, be cancelled or adjourned until the validity of the protest is determined.

ARTICLE 4. RECOGNITION OF AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

4.1 Recognition as an affiliated organization may be granted to any active Progressive Conservative organization whose principle activity and purpose are to support and promote the aims and principles of the Party and which is independent of and, except in the case of youth constituency organizations, unrelated to a constituency association.

4.2 Recognition of affiliated organizations shall be granted by the Steering Committee except in the case of youth constituency and campus organizations which shall be recognized by the appropriate officers of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation as designated in the Youth Constitution of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation of Canada.

4.3 Recognition shall be granted for a period of one (1) year, renewable annually and shall not be granted unless the organization:

4.3.1 files with the appropriate body a constitution approved by the membership of such organization: such constitution shall be approved only if it meets the standards prescribed by the appropriate body;

4.3.2 files with the appropriate body a list of at least twenty five (25) members in good standing, certified by the organization president and secretary as being accurate; and

4.3.3 conforms to such other general criteria not inconsistent with this Constitution as may be prescribed from time to time by the appropriate body.

4.4 Prior to and upon recognition of a youth constituency organization, the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation of Canada shall advise the appropriate constituency president and secretary, enclosing a copy of the relevant documentation.

ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

5.1 A general meeting of the Association shall be held every other year and the Executive Committee shall make all procedural arrangements with respect thereto, except that the Executive Committee has the authority to postpone the general meeting in any calendar year in which there may be a general election, leadership convention of the Party or other reason which justifies such postponement.

5.2 The National Executive has the authority to call a special meeting of the Association at any time.

5.3 The Executive Committee has the authority to call a policy conference of the Party at any time, and shall hold, in conjunction with every general meeting, a policy session at which delegates will debate and vote upon policy resolutions submitted by the Steering Committee and the co-chairs of the Policy Advisory Council. Those resolutions passed are to be adopted as policies of the Party until the next general meeting.

5.4 The Executive Committee has the authority to make all procedural arrangements with respect to all national meetings.

5.5 The Executive Committee shall establish the registration fees to be paid by each voting

member at all national meetings. Such fees shall be pooled and such portion thereof as may be designated by the Executive Committee shall be paid out to such voting members enumerated in paragraph 13.4 as the Executive Committee shall designate, to assist with transportation costs which they incur in travelling from the constituency in which they are ordinarily resident to the national meeting.

ARTICLE 6. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

6.1 The National Executive of the Association shall consist of:

6.1.1 the National Leader of the Party;

6.1.2 the Deputy National Leader of the Party, if one be appointed, and/or the National Leader's representative;

6.1.3 former National Leaders of the Party and past presidents of the Association.

6.1.4 the president, to be elected at each general meeting by a majority of the votes cast by the voting delegates;

6.1.5 the following, to be elected at each general meeting by a plurality of the votes cast by the voting delegates;

6.1.5.1 five (5) national vice-presidents, one (1) from each region, of whom one (1) must be fluent in the official language which is not the 'mother tongue' of the president; for the purposes of this paragraph, there shall be five (5) regions, namely Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Western (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories) and Pacific (British Columbia and the Yukon Territory);

6.1.5.2 the secretary;

6.1.5.3 the treasurer;

6.1.6 the following, to be elected at each general meeting by a plurality of the votes cast

by the voting delegates from the province or territory:

6.1.6.1 one (1) vice-president from each province or territory;

6.1.6.2 two (2) directors from each province and one (1) director from each of the Yukon and Northwest Territories;

6.1.7 the following, to be designated by the Parliamentary Caucus from the province or territory, except that in any case where the required number of members is not available, Progressive Conservative candidates may be substituted:

6.1.7.1 two (2) Progressive Conservative Members of the House of Commons from each province and one (1) from each of the Yukon and Northwest Territories;

6.1.7.2 one (1) Progressive Conservative Senator from each province and territory.

6.1.8 the Chairman and three (3) members of the Parliamentary Caucus, to be elected by that body;

6.1.9 the presidents and first vice-presidents of the National Progressive Conservative Women's Federation and the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation of Canada;

6.1.10 the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of each province and territory;

6.1.11 the presidents of the Progressive Conservative association of each province, the Yukon, Western Arctic and Nunatsiq;

6.1.12 the presidents of the recognized Progressive Conservative Women's organization of each province, the Yukon, Western Arctic and Nunatsiq;

6.1.13 the presidents and first vice-presidents of the recognized Progressive Conservative Youth organizations of each province, the

Yukon, Western Arctic and Nunatsiq:

6.1.14 the national director and the associate national director;

6.1.15 the Chairman of the Policy Advisory Council, the National Campaign Committee and PC Canada Fund.

6.2 No person elected under the provisions of 6.1.4 to 6.1.6 inclusive shall hold such office for more than two (2) consecutive full terms.

6.3 The National Executive shall meet in conjunction with each national meeting and otherwise at the call of the president. In the event of neglect or refusal of the president to call a meeting, a meeting may be called at the request of twenty-five (25) or more members of the National Executive. A quorum shall consist of thirty (30) members thereof.

6.4 Except as otherwise provided herein, the government, management and control of the affairs of the Association are vested in the National Executive.

6.5 Excepting the president, if any member of the National Executive elected at a general meeting ceases to perform the duties of that member by reason of resignation, death or other cause, the Steering Committee shall appoint a member of the Association as a replacement. If the president ceases to perform the duties of that office by reason of resignation, death or other cause, the Executive Committee shall forthwith elect one (1) of the national vice-presidents to fill the office.

ARTICLE 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Executive composed of:

7.1.1 The National Leader of the Party;

7.1.2 the Deputy National Leader of the Party, if one be appointed, and/or the National Leader's representative;

7.1.3 the president of the Association;

7.1.4 the national vice-presidents;

7.1.5 the provincial and territorial vice-presidents;

7.1.6 the secretary;

7.1.7 the treasurer;

7.1.8 the immediate past-president;

7.1.9 the national director and the associate national director;

7.1.10 the Chairman and three (3) members of the Parliamentary Caucus, to be elected by that body;

7.1.11 the Chairman of the Policy Advisory Council, the National Campaign Committee, and PC Canada Fund; and

7.1.12 the presidents and first vice-presidents of the National Progressive Conservative Women's Federation and the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation of Canada.

7.2 The Executive Committee shall meet twice each calendar year and otherwise at the call of the president. In the event of the neglect or refusal of the president to call such meetings, they may be called at the request of five (5) or more members of the Executive Committee. A quorum shall consist of ten (10) members thereof.

7.3 The Executive Committee shall have all the powers of the National Executive between its meetings except that the decisions of the Committee shall be subject to review by the National Executive whose members shall receive copies of the minutes of each meeting of the Committee.

7.4 Among the duties of the Executive Committee shall be adopting an annual budget for financing the activities of the Party.

ARTICLE 8. STEERING COMMITTEE

8.1 There shall be a Steering Committee of the Executive Committee composed of:

8.1.1 The National Leader of the Party;

8.1.2 the Deputy National Leader of the Party, if one be appointed, and/or the National Leader's representative;

8.1.3 the president;

8.1.4 the national vice-presidents;

8.1.5 the secretary;

8.1.6 the treasurer;

8.1.7 the national director;

8.1.8 the Chairman of the Parliamentary Caucus;

8.1.9 the Chairman of PC Canada Fund;

8.1.10 the presidents of the National Progressive Conservative Women's Federation and the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation of Canada;

8.2 The Steering Committee shall meet twice each calendar year and otherwise at the call of the president. In the event of the neglect or refusal of the president to call a meeting, it may be called at the request of three (3) or more members of the Steering Committee. A quorum shall consist of six (6) members thereof.

8.3 The Steering Committee and the co-chairs of the Policy Advisory Council shall be responsible for the promotion and maintenance of the policy process of the Party, encouraging all recognized federal constituency associations, recognized

provincial or territorial organizations and recognized affiliated organizations to hold regular policy conferences, to submit passed resolutions to the Steering Committee and to ensure that resolutions passed at policy sessions held in conjunction with general meetings are adopted as policies of the Party until the next general meeting.

8.4 The Steering Committee and the co-chairs of the Policy Advisory Council shall submit to policy sessions held in conjunction with general meeting resolutions which reflect the content of all resolutions submitted to the Steering Committee by recognized federal constituency associations, recognized affiliated organizations or provincial policy conferences.

8.5 The Steering Committee shall have all the powers of the Executive Committee between its meetings except that the decisions of the Steering Committee shall be subject to review by the Executive Committee which shall forthwith receive copies of the minutes of each meeting of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 9. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

9.1 There shall be maintained in Ottawa, a national headquarters of the Party under the supervision of the national director. The national headquarters shall serve as the organizational, administrative and coordinating centre for all branches of the Party.

9.2 The national director shall be appointed by the Steering Committee on the recommendation of the National Leader of the Party.

ARTICLE 10. COPIES OF MINUTES

10.1 Copies of the minutes of all meetings of the bodies referred to in paragraphs 6.3, 7.2 and 8.2 shall be sent to the voting membership

of the Association as enumerated in paragraphs 13.4.2-3 and 13.4.7-8-9 inclusive and the presidents and secretaries of the recognized federal constituency associations.

ARTICLE 11. REMUNERATION OF PRESIDENT

11.1 The president of the Association, so long as the president is not a Member of Parliament, shall be offered remuneration equal to that of a Member of the House of Commons, in direct proportion to the amount of time the president gives to the responsibilities of office, as is determined from time to time by the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 12. LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS AND REVIEWS

12.1 In the case of a vacancy in the office of National Leader, the Executive Committee shall call a convention at the earliest convenient date and make all procedural arrangements with respect thereto, including the appointment of a convention chairman.

12.2 At the first general meeting of the Association after a federal general election in which the Party did not form the government, and only at such meetings, the voting delegate shall be asked by secret ballot:

"Do you wish to have a leadership convention?"

12.3 In the event that more than fifty per cent (50%) of the votes cast indicate a desire for a leadership convention, the Executive Committee shall call a leadership convention at the earliest convenient date and make all procedural arrangements thereto, including the appointment of a convention chairman.

**ARTICLE 13. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING
AT NATIONAL MEETINGS**

13.1 Every person who:

13.1.1 is a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;

13.1.2 maintains his or her principle residence within the constituency or is a member of the constituency association executive;

13.1.3 actively supports the aims and principles of the Party; and

13.1.4 has attained the age of fourteen (14); shall be eligible for membership in the federal constituency association.

13.2 Every member in good standing of any recognized federal constituency association who is qualified under 13.1 or of a recognized affiliated organization shall be deemed to be a member of the Association and entitled as such to attend any national meeting upon payment of the prescribed fee.

13.3 Notwithstanding any provision of the constitution of a federal constituency association or recognized affiliated organization, every person qualified under 13.2 shall be entitled to vote and stand as a candidate for delegateship at any meeting called by his or her association or organization for the selection of delegates to national meetings.

13.4 The membership of the Association entitled to vote at national meetings of the Association consists of the following:

13.4.1 Progressive Conservative Privy Councillors;

13.4.2 Progressive Conservative Members of the Senate;

13.4.3 Progressive Conservative Members of the House of Commons, and official

candidates in the last federal election unless a new candidate has been nominated, in which case the new candidate shall be the qualified voting delegate under this paragraph;

13.4.4 Elected Progressive Conservative Members of provincial or territorial legislatures or who are leaders of a recognized provincial or territorial Progressive Conservative party;

13.4.5 current and past federal and recognized provincial Progressive Conservative Party leaders;

13.4.6 past presidents of the Association;

13.4.7 presidents in each province and territory of the recognized Progressive Conservative Association, Progressive Conservative Women's organization and Progressive Conservative Youth organizations;

13.4.8 all members of the National Executive of the Association;

13.4.9 members of the Board of Directors of PC Canada Fund, not to exceed fifteen (15) in number and provincial and territorial fundraising chairmen, not to exceed fifteen (15) in number;

13.4.10 ten (10) members of the Policy Advisory Council;

13.4.11 fifteen (15) members of the National Campaign Committee;

13.4.12 six (6) constituency delegates from each recognized federal constituency association elected by the general membership of the recognized federal constituency association after due notice of meeting to select delegates, one (1) of whom, in the normal case, shall be the constituency-association president, at least two (2) of whom shall be women and two (2) of whom shall be men, each constituency should also elect four (4) alternate delegates, at least one (1) of whom shall be a woman and one (1) of whom

shall be a man, and designate these as to their seniority as voting delegate substitutes;

13.4.13 three (3) constituency delegates from each recognized federal constituency association who shall be under the age of thirty (30), elected by the members of the recognized constituency Progressive Conservative Youth organization which has been so recognized for at least the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of the national meeting or, if no such organization exists, by the general membership of the federal constituency association; and two (2) alternate delegates who shall be under the age of thirty (30) and designated as to their seniority as voting delegate substitutes;

13.4.14 one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate delegate to be elected by each recognized affiliated organization, other than youth constituency organizations, which has been so recognized for at least the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of the national meeting, and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate delegate for each fifty (50) members over and above the prescribed minimum, to a maximum of three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates for each recognized affiliated organization;

13.4.15 delegates-at-large to be appointed by the recognized Progressive Conservative association of each province equal in number to one half (1/2) the number of federal constituencies in the province; provided that there be not less than five (5) such delegates for each province and provided that at least twenty per cent (20%) of such delegates for each province shall be under the age of thirty (30) and who shall be selected from a list provided by the recognized Progressive Conservative Youth organizations in each province;

13.4.16 two (2) delegates-at-large to be appointed by the Progressive Conservative Association of the Yukon and two (2) delegates-at-large from the Northwest Territories, one (1) to be appointed by each of the Progressive Conservative constituency associations in the Northwest Territories;

13.4.17 members of the National Executive of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation of Canada and the National Progressive Conservative Women's Federation, not to exceed ten (10) delegates from each organization.

13.5 No member of the Association shall be entitled to more than one vote even if he or she qualifies as a voting delegate under more than one (1) of the categories under paragraph 13.4.

ARTICLE 14. VALIDITY OF VOTING LISTS

14.1 Written lists of official delegates and alternates elected or appointed under 13.4.9 to 13.4.17 inclusive must be received at the office of the national director not later than twenty-one (21) days before the date of each national meeting. The validity of delegate lists submitted shall be certified as follows:

14.1.1 PC Canada Fund delegates, by the chairman of PC Canada Fund;

14.1.2 Policy Advisory Council delegates, by the chairman of the Policy Advisory Council;

14.1.3 National Campaign Committee delegates, by the chairman of the National Campaign Committee;

14.1.4 constituency delegates and constituency youth delegates, by the president and secretary of the appropriate body;

14.1.5 delegates of recognized affiliated organizations, by the president and secretary of the recognized affiliated organizations;

14.1.6 provincial or territorial delegates-at-large, by minutes of the recognized Progressive Conservative Association executive meeting in the province or territory signed by the president and secretary thereof;

14.1.7 Progressive Conservative Youth Federation of Canada national executive delegates, by the minutes of the executive meeting signed by the president and secretary thereof;

14.1.8 National Progressive Conservative Women's Federation executive delegates, by the minutes of the executive meeting signed by the president and secretary thereof.

ARTICLE 15. DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

15.1 For the purpose of selecting delegates to any national meeting, all recognized federal constituency associations and recognized affiliated organizations shall:

15.1.1 open their membership rolls to allow the recruitment of new members for a period of not less than eight (8) weeks prior to the end of the membership recruitment period as prescribed by the Executive Committee;

15.1.2 observe, as the cut-off date for the admission of new members, the date prescribed by the Executive Committee;

15.1.3 observe the period prescribed by the Executive Committee between the cut-off date for the admission of new members and the commencement of the delegate selection meetings, during which no such meetings shall take place; such period to be a minimum of one (1) week and a maximum of two (2) weeks; and

15.1.4 hold a delegate selection meeting within the period prescribed by the Executive Committee; such period to be a minimum of

two (2) weeks and a maximum of three (3) weeks in length and to end at least five (5) weeks before the date of the national meeting.

15.2 All recognized federal constituency associations, recognized provincial or territorial organizations and recognized affiliated organizations shall hold a policy conference after the cut-off date for the admission of new members but prior to or concurrently with a delegate selection meeting for the purpose of a general meeting. At that delegate selection meeting, policy resolutions will be debated and voted.

15.3 In the event of circumstances deemed by the Executive Committee to be unusual, it has the power to alter, abridge or suspend the minimum and maximum time periods prescribed in 15.1.

ARTICLE 16. CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS

16.1 Each official candidate of the Party for election to the House of Commons shall be chosen by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voting members of the recognized federal constituency association at a nomination meeting.

16.2 Notice of such meeting shall be given to all members of the constituency association either by mail or by publication in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the constituency, at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of such meeting.

16.3 In the event of circumstances deemed by the Executive Committee to be unusual, it has the power to alter, abridge or suspend the minimum time period prescribed in 16.2.

ARTICLE 17. RIGHT TO APPEAL

17.1 Any ten (10) Party supporters resident in a federal constituency may assert in writing to the national director that the requirements of Article 3 are not being met by the executive of their constituency association.

17.2 When such appeal is received, the national director shall immediately:

17.2.1 notify the president and secretary of the federal constituency association and the president of the Association in writing, enclosing:

17.2.1.1 a copy of the appeal; and

17.2.1.2 a list of the protesters and their addresses;

17.2.2 consult:

17.2.2.1 one representative of the protesters;

17.2.2.2 the constituency Progressive Conservative Member of the House of Commons or, where none exists, the official Progressive Conservative Candidate in the last federal election unless a new candidate has been validly nominated, in which case such new candidate;

17.2.2.3 the president of the constituency association; and

17.2.2.4 the provincial or territorial vice-president of the Association in the province or territory in which the constituency is located;

17.2.3 after the notification and consultation aforementioned, conclude whether or not there is prima facie substance to the appeal and immediately notify the parties referred to in 17.2.2 hereof in writing of such conclusion.

17.3 If the national director concludes there is no prima facie substance to the protest, the protest shall for the purpose of Article 3 be determined unless reversed on appeal to the

Steering Committee after notice of appeal in writing received by the national director no later than fifteen (15) days, or in the case of an appeal during a federal election, forty-eight (48) hours, after receipt by the appellant of the notice prescribed in paragraph 17.2.3 hereof.

17.4 If the national director concludes there is prima facie substance to the appeal, the national director shall immediately attempt to persuade the constituency association executive to comply with this Constitution and, if such compliance is not made within ten (10) days of the notice under paragraph 17.2.3 hereof or if there is an appeal under paragraph 17.3, the national director shall immediately report to the Steering Committee which, upon receipt of the report, in the case of an appeal under paragraph 17.1 may confirm in the national director's conclusion and determination, or in all other cases, determine whether or not there is substance to the assertion and, if substance is determined to exist, it may, if satisfied that all reasonable attempts to obtain compliance have been taken, withdraw official recognition from the constituency association or take such action, not inconsistent with this Constitution, as the Steering Committee may deem appropriate and, in any case, the Steering Committee shall immediately notify the parties referred to in paragraph 17.2.2 hereof in writing of the action taken.

17.5 Upon the determination and action of the Steering Committee aforesaid, the appeal shall for the purposes of Article 3 be finally determined if the decision of the Steering Committee is made during the period of a federal election writ, and finally determined at all other times unless reversed on appeal to the Executive Committee after notice of appeal in writing received by the national director no later than fifteen (15) days after receipt by the appellant of notice of the decision of the Steering Committee.

17.6 The reasonable travel expenses of one representative of each constituency associations and of the appellants at appeal hearings before the Steering Committee may be defrayed out of the funds of the Association at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

17.7 The provisions of paragraphs 17.1 to 17.6 inclusive shall also apply to affiliated organizations recognized by the Steering Committee under paragraph 4.2 except that under paragraph 17.2.2.3, the president of the appropriate affiliated organization shall be consulted.

ARTICLE 18. AMENDMENTS

18.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any general or special meeting of the Association.

18.2 Notice of any amendment must be received by the secretary at least six (6) weeks before the date of any such meeting. The secretary shall send copies of proposed amendments so received to all voting delegates of record twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of the meeting.

18.3 In lieu of such notice, an amendment will be considered and voted on only if it has supporting signatures from one (1) or more delegates from at least one hundred (100) recognized federal constituency associations.

18.4 The Constitution shall not be amended unless a motion to amend is carried by two thirds (2/3) of all delegates present and voting on the motion to amend.