

**THE CONSTITUTION OF
GABUNGAN DEWAN PERNIAGAAN DAN
PERINDUSTRIAN CHINA MALAYSIA
(THE ASSOCIATED CHINESE CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF MALAYSIA)**

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I. GENERAL

ARTICLE 1 : NAME

The name of this Association shall be called Gabungan Dewan Perniagaan dan Perindustrian China Malaysia [The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia, hereinafter referred to as the "ACCCIM"].

ARTICLE 2 : LOGO

The logo of ACCCIM shall consist of two arcs perpendicularly subscribing a concentric circle, with a common diameter providing the linkage [hereinafter referred to as the "Logo"]. The Logo shall be gold in colour, as shown below:



ARTICLE 3 : ADDRESS

The registered address of ACCCIM shall be at the Lot 6.05 & Lot 6.06, 6th Floor, Menara Promet, Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur. The place of any meeting or function organised by ACCCIM shall be at the registered address or at such other place as the National Council, Executive Council or Working Committee concerned, as established under Articles 13, 14 and 15 herein respectively, may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE 4 : OBJECTIVES

- (1) To promote liaison and cooperation among the various Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, trade and/or industrial associations and/or business corporations in Malaysia for the protection and advancement of the interests of their members in respect of commerce, industry, primary industries and other economic activities;
- (2) To study and formulate views, observations and recommendations of the Malaysian Chinese business community in respect of the nation's socio-economic development, so as to promote better understanding between the community and the Government and other public/private sector organisations, and in furtherance of this objective, to contribute towards the development of national economy and promotion of national unity;
- (3) To collect, collate and disseminate information relating to commerce, industry and other economic sectors;
- (4) To liaise with other Chambers of Commerce or economic organisations, in particular to organise or participate in meetings relating to economic matters, trade missions, exhibitions and other activities relevant to the promotion of economic cooperation;
- (5) To promote social welfare activities as well as organise or sponsor manpower training programmes or seminars beneficial to the economic development of the nation;
- (6) To arbitrate in the matter of disputes between members of ACCCIM (with the consent of both parties);
- (7) To receive and/or accept donations, gifts, grants, subsidies, securities listed in the stock exchange and any other instruments of value and to hold the same for investment and/or deal with the same; and
- (8) To perform any other services pertinent to the functions of ACCCIM.

II. MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 5 : MEMBERS

- (1) The members of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the "Members"] shall comprise of the following categories, namely:-

(a) Constituent Members

Any Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry or Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry at State level in Malaysia is eligible to apply to become a constituent member of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the "Constituent Members"]. Notwithstanding this provision, all Chinese Chambers of Commerce which are presently Constituent Members shall continue to be Constituent Members.

(b) Associate Members

Any trade and/or industrial association of a national level in Malaysia may apply to become an associate member of ACCCIM, [hereinafter referred to as the "Associate Members"], provided that the majority of membership of such association shall comprise of Malaysian Chinese.

(c) Corporate Members

Any company duly incorporated, with a registered office or a place of business in and carrying on business in Malaysia, may apply to become a corporate member of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the "Corporate Members"], provided that the majority of the shareholdings or equity interests of such company shall be at all time held and/or controlled by Malaysian Chinese.

(d) Eminent Members

ACCCIM may invite any individual, company or association to become an eminent member for a term to be determined by the ACCCIM. There are 3 types of Eminent Members comprising:

- i. Eminent Member I
- ii. Eminent Member II
- iii. Eminent Member III

ARTICLE 6 : PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Application for membership (Constituent, Associate and Corporate) shall be submitted to the Secretary-General who shall present the same to the National Council for consideration. The National Council reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason whatsoever therefor.

ARTICLE 7 : ENTRANCE FEE

Any organisation whose application for membership under Article 5(1)(a) to Article 5(1)(c) has been duly approved shall pay Ringgit Malaysia Five Thousand (RM5,000.00) only as entrance fee to ACCCIM upon admission.

Any individual/ company/ organisation whose application for Eminent Membership under Article 5(1)(d) has been approved shall be exempted from paying any entrance fee to ACCCIM.

ARTICLE 8 : ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (1) The annual subscription for each Constituent Member shall be Ringgit Malaysia Three Thousand (RM3,000.00) only, which shall be paid by the end of April of the current year.
- (2) The annual subscription for each Associate Member shall be Ringgit Malaysia Two Thousand (RM2,000.00) only, which shall be paid by the end of April of the current year.

- (3) The annual subscription for each Corporate Member shall be Ringgit Malaysia Five Thousand (RM5,000.00) only, which shall be paid by the end of April of the current year.
- (4) The National Council shall reserve the right to terminate the membership of any member who defaults in payment of subscription for two (2) consecutive years.
- (5) The annual subscription for each type of Eminent Membership shall be as follows:
 - i. Eminent Member I - Ringgit Malaysia One Hundred Thousand (RM100,000.00) only;
 - ii. Eminent Member II - Ringgit Malaysia Fifty Thousand (RM50,000.00) only;
 - iii. Eminent Member III - Ringgit Malaysia Ten Thousand (RM10,000.00) onlywhich shall be paid by the end of April of the current year.

ARTICLE 9 : SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION AND FUNDS

- (1) If and when deficiencies in ACCCIM's working expenses arise, the National Council shall request all members and their affiliates, including individuals, to give special subscriptions.
- (2) ACCCIM may establish a building fund and funds for social welfare, charitable and economic purposes, and implement projects for raising the respective fund from the public, subject to approval of the relevant authorities if required. The management and regulations governing the funds, including the building fund, shall be the prerogative of the National Council.

ARTICLE 10 : WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Any Member may withdraw from membership of ACCCIM by giving prior notice in writing to the President and upon discharging all its liabilities including but not limited to all subscriptions due (if any) by such Member. In any event its withdrawal shall become effective upon the approval of the National Council.

ARTICLE 11 : RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- (1) All Constituent Members shall have the right to speak, vote, elect and be elected at General Assembly and to submit proposals for discussion by the National Council or General Assembly and to enjoy all the services provided by ACCCIM.
- (2) All Associate, Corporate and Eminence Members shall have the right to attend the General Assembly (their delegates shall be Malaysian Chinese) and submit proposals for discussion by the National Council or the General Assembly, and to enjoy all the services provided by ACCCIM but not the right to vote, elect or be elected at the General Assembly.
- (3) All Constituent, Associate, Corporate and Eminence Members shall abide by the Articles herein and all procedures, rules and/or resolutions of the General Assembly or National Council.

III. ORGANISATION

ARTICLE 12 : GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The general assembly of ACCCIM including Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting [hereinafter referred to as the "General Assembly"] shall constitute the supreme authority of ACCCIM.

ARTICLE 13 : NATIONAL COUNCIL

- (1) The national council of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the "National Council"] shall consist of not more than forty-three (43) council members [hereinafter referred to as the "National Council Members"] comprising the following:-
 - (a) The seventeen (17) current presidents of all the Constituent Members;
 - (b) Eighteen (18) National Council Members to be elected in accordance with Article 13(2)(b); and
 - (c) A maximum of eight (8) National Council Members to be appointed by the President with the concurrence of the National Council.
- (2) (a) In order to be eligible for election, candidates must be current serving:-
 - (i) council/committee members of a Constituent Member;
or
 - (ii) council/committee members of a registered society(ies) which is currently represented in the central committee of a Constituent Member;
- (b) The seventeen (17) current presidents of the Constituent Members shall elect the eighteen (18) National Council

Members pursuant to Article 13(1)(b). In the absence of any of the presidents of the Constituent Members, Article 18(3)(c) shall apply.

- (c) In the event that an elected National Council Member is subsequently elected as president of a Constituent Member, his position as an elected National Council Member shall automatically cease thereupon.
- (3) The seventeen (17) National Council Members as stipulated in Article 13(1)(a) shall elect among themselves once every three years at an Annual General Meeting (The year in which elections are held shall be referred to as an "Election Year") the following positions of ACCCIM:-
- The President
 - The Deputy President
 - Six (6) Vice-Presidents
- (4) (a) The National Council may appoint the past President(s) to be life honorary president(s) of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the "Life Honorary President(s)"].
- (b) The National Council may appoint up to a maximum of ten (10) prominent individuals who have made special contributions or rendered meritorious services to the Chamber to become honorary president(s) [hereinafter referred to as the "Honorary President(s)"].
- (5) The National Council may appoint prominent individuals or ex-office bearers of ACCCIM to be honorary adviser(s) of ACCCIM [hereafter referred to as the "Honorary Adviser(s)"]. Specific duties or assignments for Honorary Adviser(s) shall be determined by the National Council.
- (6) The National Council shall implement the objectives of ACCCIM and the directions as determined by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 14 : EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- (1) The executive council of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Council"] shall consist of the President, the Deputy President, Six (6) Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer.
- (2) The Executive Council shall manage the affairs of ACCCIM and carry out any other duties as may be directed by the National Council.

ARTICLE 15 : WORKING COMMITTEES

- (1) The President shall, with the concurrence of the National Council, establish relevant working committees [hereinafter referred to as the "Working Committees"] as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the objectives of ACCCIM. The Working Committees include:
 - (a) Finance and Planning;
 - (b) Socio-Economic Research;
 - (c) Small and Medium Enterprises and Human Resource Development;
 - (d) Commerce;
 - (e) Construction and Property;
 - (f) Agriculture and Primary Industries;
 - (g) Legal Affairs;
 - (h) ASEAN Affairs;
 - (i) Public Relations;
 - (j) Genuine Joint Venture;
 - (k) Information and Communications Technology;
 - (l) Infrastructure and Privatisation;
 - (m) International Trade and Industry;
 - (n) Logistics and Transport; and
 - (o) Any other working committee(s) as may be established from time to time.
- (2) The chairmen and deputy chairmen of such Working Committee(s) shall be appointed by the President with the concurrence of the National Council.

- (3) The chairmen of Working Committees shall be entitled to attend and speak ex-officio at meetings of the National and/or Executive Councils, PROVIDED however, they shall have no voting rights by virtue thereof unless they are National Council Members and/or Executive Council Members, as the case may be.
- (4) The Terms of Reference of Working Committees shall be as follows:

4.1 Finance and Planning

To study matters relevant to the financial aspects of ACCCIM organisation and make appropriate recommendations to the National Council on the strengthening of ACCCIM's financial position. On the direction of the National Council to assist the Treasurer in discharging his duties.

4.2 Socio-Economic Research

- (a) To review prevailing and new pronouncements of socio-economic policies and their implications on commercial and industrial sectors;
- (b) To consider and recommend to the National Council of ACCCIM appropriate responses to socio-economic policies, where appropriate, for the mutual benefit of the government and the private sector;
- (c) To participate in forums, seminars and conference relevant to socio-economic issues with a view to bringing about closer understanding and cooperation between the government and the private sector in the formulation of public policies.

4.3 Small and Medium Enterprises and Human Resource Development

- (a) To identify issues and problems affecting the small

and medium enterprises; to propose measures and take appropriate actions for their development and advancement in line with the national economic development plan;

- (b) To identify issues and problems relating to human resource development, in particular, to highlight the problems of shortage of skilled and semi-skilled labour, to propose measures and take appropriate action to develop and train manpower, to upgrade manpower resources in technical and vocational fields in line with the national human resource development programme;
- (c) To make appropriate recommendations on (a) and (b) above to the ACCCIM National Council for consideration and on its direction, take appropriate actions on recommendations;
- (d) To encourage all trade associations/industry groups under the aegis of the respective Constituent Members to act in furtherance of (a) and (b) accordingly.

4.4 Commerce

- (a) To study and formulate views on issues pertaining to government policies, legislations, regulations, taxes and other factors affecting the wholesale, retail, import and export, finance, insurance, company registration, and the other related services;
- (b) To make appropriate recommendations in respect of commercial sector development and balance between interests of businesses and consumers to the National Council and on the direction of the latter organise or arrange specific functions thereon.

4.5 Construction and Property

- (a) To study and formulate views on issues pertaining to policies, legislations, regulations and other factors affecting the construction and property development sector;
- (b) To make appropriate recommendations in respect of construction and property development to the National Council, and on its direction, organise, arrange specific functions or implement the work programmes thereon.

4.6 Agriculture and Primary Industries

- (a) To study and formulate views on issues pertaining to policies, legislations, regulations and other factors affecting food, agriculture, forestry and primary commodities sectors;
- (b) To make appropriate recommendations and propose various measures on agricultural development to the National Council; and on the direction of the latter organise or arrange specific functions thereon.

4.7 Legal Affairs

To deal with a variety of subjects and activities pertinent to law and its interpretation, in particular to study the implications of selective legislations on economy and business, to organise or participate in activities with a view to promote better understanding of laws by the Chinese business community and to assist in arbitration of disputes involving members. All these are to be done on the direction or supervision of ACCCIM's National Council.

4.8 ASEAN Affairs

- (a) To act on behalf of the ACCCIM National Council in respect of all ASEAN matters not requiring a policy decision;

- (b) To coordinate and monitor ACCCIM's participation / representation in all activities of NCCIM Working Committees on ASEAN matters and NCCIM / ASEAN vis-a-vis Third Country Business / Economic Councils;
- (c) To make appropriate recommendations whenever deemed necessary for the consideration of the ACCCIM National Council pertaining to (a) and (b) above and on its direction take action on accredited recommendations.

4.9 Public Relations

- (a) To plan and organise social functions and events on the direction of the National Council;
- (b) To carry out Public Relations functions in conformity with the objectives of ACCCIM;
- (c) To receive and meet with visitors and visiting missions from at home and abroad.

4.10 Genuine Joint Venture

- (a) To promote economic cooperation between Bumiputera and non-Bumiputera;
- (b) To promote greater business co-operation and interaction between members and Bumiputera entrepreneurs;
- (c) To formulate and implement programmes or activities relating to promotion of economic cooperation between Bumiputera and non-Bumiputera on the direction of National Council.

4.11 Information and Communications Technology

- (a) To cooperate with the government in its efforts to actively develop information and communications technology; to lead, awake, encourage and assist Chinese business community on the use of information and communications technology so as to enhance their competitiveness edge, and progress in line with the government plan on information and communications technology development;
- (b) To upgrade the standard of information and communications technology of ACCCIM and Constituent Members, and provide the relevant consultancy services;
- (c) To study and identify issues on information and communications technology development, and make appropriate recommendations and proposals to the National Council, and on the direction of the National Council, carry out specific actions or activities thereon.

4.12 Infrastructure and Privatisation

- (a) To study and formulate views on issues pertaining to the nation's infrastructural development and privatisation policy and programmes;
- (b) To study the impact of infrastructural development and privatisation on private sector and consumers at large;
- (c) To make appropriate recommendations and proposals relating to the above to the National Council and on the direction of the National Council, carry out specific actions or activities thereon.

4.13 International Trade and Industry

- (a) To promote the development of manufacturing and services industries in line with the government objectives under the industrial development plans and Malaysia Plans etc.
- (b) To collect, collate, store, disseminate and use related information / data;
- (c) To promote export of Malaysian products and services;
- (d) To promote Malaysian joint-venture investments overseas in developing countries including ASEAN, with Malaysian materials / components / consultancy services;
- (e) To promote joint-ventures in Malaysia between Malaysian and foreigners with high-tech products / processes for domestic and overseas markets;
- (f) To study issues that may impede the above and propose remedial measures;
- (g) To coordinate relevant activities with other working committees, external organisations, or government agencies.

4.14 Logistics and Transport

- (a) To study and formulate views on issues pertaining to policies, legislations, regulations and other factors affecting transportation (air, sea and land);
- (b) To promote an efficient, safe and integrated transportation system (air, sea and land) to accelerate the socio-economic development of the country;
- (c) To promote the use of local ports and related facilities;

- (d) To make appropriate recommendations and propose various measures on transportation and traffic system to the National Council and on the direction of the latter organise and arrange specific function thereon.
- (5) The Working Committee(s) shall carry out their duties in accordance with the direction of the National Council and/or Executive Council.

ARTICLE 16 : SECRETARIAT

- (1) The secretariat of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the "Secretariat"] shall comprise of:-
 - (a) An Executive Director; and
 - (b) Any other supporting staff as may be determined by the Executive Council.
- (2) The functions and duties of the Secretariat shall be determined by the Secretary-General from time to time.

ARTICLE 17 : NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES
FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

(1) Nomination of Candidates

- (a) Any Constituent Members may nominate candidates to stand for election on the prescribed nomination form which must be signed by both the president and the secretary-general of the respective Constituent Members.
- (b) Any Constituent Member may nominate candidate(s) from any other Constituent Member by using the prescribed nomination form which must be duly signed by both the president and secretary-general of the nominating Constituent Member.
- (c) Completed nomination forms shall be submitted to the Secretary-General at least seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting of an Election Year.

(2) Voting

Voting shall be by secret ballot.

(3) Procedures and Rules

The National Council shall be empowered to determine, modify and amend such procedures and rules applicable under this Article from time to time.

(4) Election / Appointment Process

- (a) Elections shall be held in the following order:-
 - (i) **Election of the eighteen (18) National Council Members:-**

The seventeen (17) presidents of the Constituent Members shall elect eighteen (18) National Council Members in accordance with Article 13(2)(b) hereof.

(ii) Election of the President, Deputy President and six (6) Vice-Presidents:-

Candidate(s) shall be current president(s) of the Constituent Member(s) and voting shall be exercised by the seventeen (17) current presidents of the Constituent Members in accordance with Article 13(3).

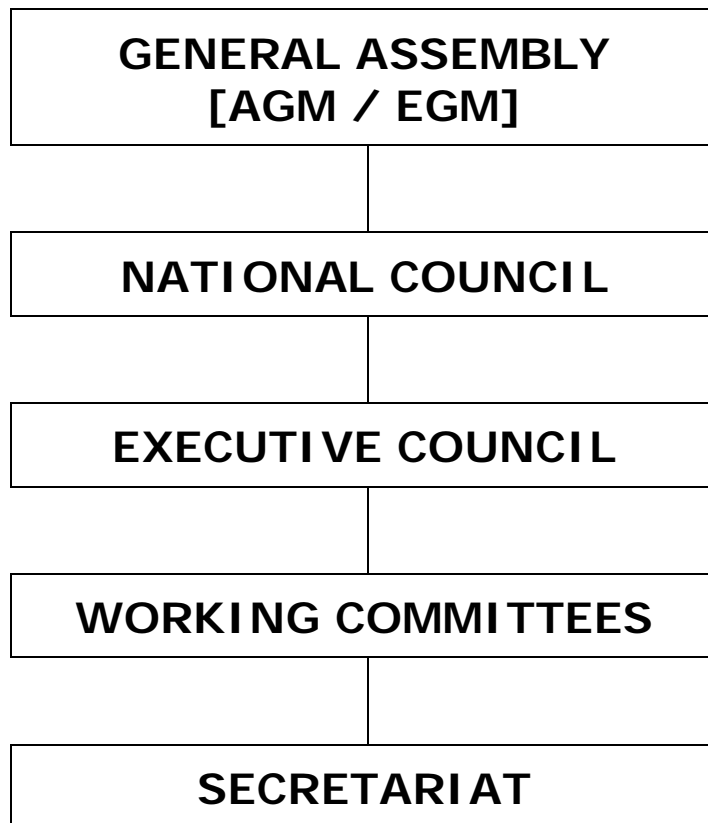
(iii) Appointment of the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer:-

The President with the approval of the majority of the National Council Members shall appoint the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer from the thirty five (35) National Council Members as provided for under Article 13(1)(a) and (b).

(iv) Appointment of eight (8) National Council Members:-

The President, subject to the approval of the majority of the National Council Members at any time after the first meeting of the National Council, shall be entitled to appoint up to a maximum of eight (8) individuals to be National Council Members in accordance with Article 13(1)(c) herein.

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IV. MEETINGS

ARTICLE 18 : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) An annual general meeting of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the Annual General Meeting] shall be convened yearly before the end of July, and may be convened at a venue as determined by the National Council. No less than thirty (30) days' notice of an Annual General Meeting together with the audited accounts of the preceding financial year shall be given to all Members before the date of such meeting. Each Constituent, Associate or Corporate Member may send any number of representatives to the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) The quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be nine (9) Constituent Members.
- (3) The rules and procedures for the conduct of the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:-
 - (a) Each Constituent Member shall nominate a chief delegate and a deputy chief delegate to represent that Constituent Member at the Annual General Meeting and shall notify the Secretariat of the same in writing not less than seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting;
 - (b) Representatives of a Constituent Member other than its chief delegate and deputy chief delegate shall have the right to speak subject to obtaining prior consent from their respective chief delegate;
 - (c) Only the chief delegate or in his absence the deputy chief delegate of each Constituent Member present shall be entitled to vote;
 - (d) Each Constituent Member present shall have one (1) vote in each voting instance;

- (e) Save for matters relating to election of Office-Bearers, the President shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie;
 - (f) In the case of election of Office-Bearers, voting shall be supervised by a panel of three (3) scrutineers to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) The agenda for every Annual General Meeting shall include the following:-
- (a) To confirm, and if approved, to adopt the minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting;
 - (b) To discuss matters arising from Article 18(4)(a);
 - (c) To receive, and if approved, to adopt the annual report and the audited accounts for the preceding financial year;
 - (d) To discuss any proposed resolutions duly submitted by the Constituent Members;
 - (e) To elect Office-Bearers in accordance with Article 13, when applicable;
 - (f) To appoint a qualified and licensed auditor;
 - (g) To decide the venue for the next Annual General Meeting;
 - (h) To consider any other business that may be brought before the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Articles herein.
- (5) (a) Proposed resolutions in writing by Constituent Members shall be submitted and received by the Secretariat at least seven (7) days before the date of Annual General Meeting. The National Council reserves the right to reject any proposed resolution(s) which in its view contravenes or in conflict with the Articles herein or those proposed resolutions submitted after the closing date.

- (b) The National Council shall have the right to consolidate, modify or reject any proposed resolutions.

ARTICLE 19 : EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- (1) The President may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting whenever he deems necessary.
- (2) An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened at the joint request of at least four (4) Constituent Members provided that the matter to be discussed shall not contravene any provisions of the Articles herein. Notice of meeting shall be given to all Members within twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of such request.
- (3) The quorum, procedures and rules of the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be the same as that of the Annual General Meeting as stipulated in Article 18(2) and (3) herein.

ARTICLE 20 : NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- (1) The National Council shall meet at least three (3) times during the period between the last and the next Annual General Meeting. At least ten (10) days' written notice of meeting shall be given to all National Council Members and the quorum shall be not less than one-half (1/2) of the total number of the existing National Council Members at the material time.
- (2) An Emergency National Council Meeting may be convened at the written requisition by at least one-thirds (1/3) of the National Council Members, stating the Agenda for the meeting, and duly communicated and received by the ACCCIM Secretariat.

Notice of the meeting shall be given to the Council Members at least 48 hours before the meeting. The quorum shall be not less than one-half (1/2) of the total number of the existing National Council Members at the material time.

V. OFFICE-BEARERS

ARTICLE 21 : OFFICE-BEARERS

(1) Office-Bearers

The positions as described under Article 21(2) hereof shall be the office bearers of ACCCIM [hereinafter referred to as the "Office-Bearers"].

(2) Duties and Powers

(a) President

- (i) To lead ACCCIM and supervise the management and affairs of ACCCIM;
- (ii) To be the principal representative of ACCCIM in dealing with external affairs;
- (iii) To convene and preside at all General Assemblies and National Council Meetings;
- (iv) To establish and/or dissolve Working Committee(s) and honorary post(s) whenever necessary; to nominate, appoint and/or terminate Honorary Advisers, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, the chairmen and deputy chairmen for respective Working Committees for approval of the National Council;
- (v) To engage, suspend or dismiss any staff and to deal with matters pertaining to remuneration and fringe benefits of the staff with the approval of the Executive Council provided that the power to engage, suspend or dismiss the Executive Director shall not be exercised

without the prior approval of the National Council;
and

- (vi) To establish or dissolve Ad Hoc Committee(s) for the smooth running of ACCCIM, when necessary.

(b) Deputy President

To assist the President in carrying out his duties, deputise and/or act for the President when the latter is absent and/or disabled, and to perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President.

(c) Vice-Presidents

To assist the President in carrying out his duties. When both the President and the Deputy President are absent and/or disabled, the Executive Council shall elect by a simple majority decision one of the Vice-Presidents during the period of the said absence and/or disability to discharge those duties of the President as assigned by the Executive Council.

(d) Secretary-General

To attend to the affairs of ACCCIM both internally and externally as delegated by the President and/or assigned by the National Council and supervise the staff.

(e) Deputy Secretary-General

To assist the Secretary-General in carrying out his duties.

(f) Treasurer

To be responsible for the financial matters of ACCCIM, including but not limited to its monies, voucher and accounts, submit monthly statement of income and expenditure to the National Council, prepare and present the duly audited accounts for the financial year for the approval of the National

Council and the Annual General Meeting and formulate its budget for approval of the National Council.

(g) Assistant Treasurer

To assist the Treasurer in carrying out his duties.

(h) Chairmen of Working Committees

To be responsible for their respective Working Committees and to attend the National Council meetings to present reports on the activities and progress of the respective Working Committees.

(i) Deputy Chairmen of Working Committees

To assist the Chairmen of the respective Working Committees in carrying out their respective duties.

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| VI. TENURE OF OFFICE |
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ARTICLE 22 : TENURE OF OFFICE

- (1) All Office-Bearers, Honorary President(s), Honorary Adviser(s) and members of all Working Committees shall hold office for three (3) years or until the next election of the National Council whichever is earlier [hereinafter referred to as a "Term"] and shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment except that the President shall not hold office for more than a total of six (6) consecutive years.
- (2) Notwithstanding Article 22(1) above, the President shall only hold office for as long as he is the president of a Constituent Member, failing which his office shall fall vacant. Such vacancy shall be filled by way of an election at an Emergency General Meeting to be

convened in accordance with Article 19 herein within forty-five (45) days from the date of the occurrence such vacancy.

- (3) Notwithstanding Article 22(1) above, the Deputy or Vice-President(s) shall only hold that office for as long as he is the president of a Constituent Member, failing which his office shall fall vacant. Such vacancy shall be filled in an acting capacity by his successor to the post of president of the Constituent Member until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (4) Notwithstanding Article 22(1) above, all appointed Office-Bearers shall hold office for three (3) years or until the next election of the National Council, whichever is earlier.

VII. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

ARTICLE 23 : FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- (1) All monies received shall be deposited in the name of ACCCIM in financial institution(s) designated by the National Council. All cheques drawn on the financial institution(s) shall be signed jointly by any two (2) of the following signatories:-
 - (a) The President;
 - (b) The Treasurer;
 - (c) The Secretary-General; or
 - (d) Any one (1) of the members of National Council duly authorised in writing by the National Council.
- (2) The Treasurer may keep in his custody at any time a sum of money not exceeding Ringgit Malaysia One Thousand (RM1,000.00) only as petty cash.

- (3) The President, the Secretary-General or the Treasurer shall have the power to authorise payment of annual budgeted expenses and at any one time sanction any non-budgeted expenses not exceeding Ringgit Malaysia Five Thousand (RM5,000.00) only for a particular item or purpose. Any such non-budgeted expenses exceeding Ringgit Malaysia Five (5) Thousand (RM5,000.00) only shall require the prior approval of the National Council.

VIII. ASSETS

ARTICLE 24 : ASSETS

- (1) All immovable properties of ACCCIM shall be registered in the name of ACCCIM.
- (2) All instruments relating to any dealings of immovable properties of ACCCIM shall be executed by the President, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer whose appointments shall be authenticated by a certificate issued by the Registrar of Societies and affixed with the seal of ACCCIM.
- (3) No transfer, charge, lease or any other dealing(s) involving any immovable property(ies); or movable property(ies) or investment(s) exceeding single item value of Ringgit Malaysia One Hundred Thousand only (RM 100,000.00) of ACCCIM shall be effected except with the approval of the General Assembly.

IX. AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 25 : AMENDMENTS

- (1) The Articles herein may be amended on the proposal of the Executive Council and/or any four (4) Constituent Member with the prior approval of the National Council and by a vote of at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting at a General Assembly. Any amendments as are approved by such General Assembly shall be submitted to the Registrar of Societies for approval within sixty (60) days thereof, and shall only become operative upon the approval by the Registrar of Societies.
- (2) The National Council shall have the power to deal with any matter(s) within the context and spirit of the Articles herein which are not specifically provided, and any decision made and/or action taken thereof shall be binding on all members unless and until resolved otherwise in a General Assembly.