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PROSPERITY PARTY BY-LAWS

INTRODUCTION

It is necessitates to widen the changes that have registered in politics, economy and social fields under the leadership of EPRDF and the affiliate parties in redressing the mistakes and to undertake a reform to create a party that struggle for the interest and benefit of the current and the coming generation. Because,

The EPRDF and the affiliate parities have been ruling and building the country almost with similar goal, plan and political directions over the years

The blending of all parties help to bring our potential in to one area and work together towards similar goal by strengthening ourselves and correcting the mistakes so as to pass in to the next chapter of struggle

Though the agenda of blending the parties has been raised during the party's conference, it the decision has not been made and implemented. But on the 11th session of the party's conference made a decision of blending the parties and passed decision to make the necessary preparation for its implantation

Ethiopia is a country where nations and nationalities have a common value and visions which the want to develop together

It is necessitates build a single socio-economic society and to insure fair and inclusive economic development and equal benefit

It necessitates to insure sustainable prosperity through inclusive social development on the bases of the foreign policy that maintain the sovereignty of the country

It necessitates to insure a prosperous Ethiopia where the rule of law in maintained, the right of individuals and groups is respected keeping its equilibrium, groups' identity and diversity developed through strong national unity

It necessitates to come together and struggle in unison with the idea of *medemer* and build a great the Ethiopia that we all aspire to see

The council of EPRDF and the affiliate parties approved the bylaw of Prosperity Party according to the election proclamation of Ethiopia, the registration of political parties and election code of conduct number 1162/2011 based on the 11th session of the EPRDF conference

CHAPTER ONE

General rules

Article 1. Short Headline

This bylaw is called the bylaw of the Prosperity Party.

Article 2. The name of the party

The name of the party is called Prosperity party

Article 3. Logo of the party

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Article 4. The meaning of the Logo

The logo depicts the idea of multi –nationalism, national unity, national pride, peace, democracy and prosperity.

Article 5. The working language of the party

The party gives recognition to all the languages in the country

The regions can decide the working language of the party in accordance with federal and the Region's respective constitution.

The offices of the party at different ladder can use at least one language as the additional working language of the party based on the existing circumstances

Article 6. The abridged name of the party

- 1) The abridged name of the party is prosperity
- 2) The abridged name of the party can be given in several languages
- 3) Taking what has mentioned under this article, paragraph (2) as it is; it can also be given in other languages in the country and languages outside of the country.

Article 7. The office of the party

- 1) The head office of the party is in Addis Ababa/Finfinne
- 2) Taking what has mentioned under this article, paragraph (1) as it is; the party will also have offices in the regions, city administrations, zones, *Woredas* and *Kebeles*.
- 3) The party can also open its office abroad when necessary.

Article 8. The Vision, Mission and values of the party

1) Vision

The party has the following visions

- A. Building a country which has a strong government, democracy and acceptance
- B. Building inclusive economic development which ensures equal benefit
- C. Building social development which insures general prosperity
- D. Formulating a foreign policy which base on the interest and the sovereignty of the country

2) Mission

- A. Appealing to people's interest
- B. Democracy
- C. Rule of law
- D. Development and equal benefit
- E. National unity and multi-nationalism

3) Values

The party will have the following values

- a. Respect for citizens and peoples
- b. Truth
- c. Fraternity
- d. Mutual respect and tolerance
- e. Unity in diversity

4) Rules and principles

The party will have the following rules and principles

- a. The party performs its activities by respecting the law of the country, regions, the constitution and other laws
- b. The members of the party have the responsibility to implement, respect and make others to respect the rules that mentioned under article 8/1 to 8/3
- c. While the right to advance their own thought is intact, members of the party have the duty and responsibility to implement and insure the implementation of the party's decision
- d. Any member of the party has equal say in the party and a single vote in the process of decision making in the party
- e. The party's decisions will tried to be made collectively after the deliberations are held in a democratic way and consensus is reached.
- f. Issues which cannot be decided collectively will be decided through majority vote. And the decision is also implemented by the body who passed it and the lower structures.
- g. Unless another rule is made the decision of the party can pass only if it get more than 50% votes. In case the votes are equal the vote of the leader decide the winner**
- h. Unless another rule is made the meeting of the members of the party in any of the party's structure would said to be full only if the participants are 50+ 1 and above.

- i. In every meeting, especially during the emergency session, all members have the obligation to avail themselves. It is forbidden to intentionally make the general assembly to miss the required number. And the one who did so will face the disciplinary measure.
- j. When 1/3rd of the participant members raise question and demand answer on the decision passed at any structure of the party meeting the questions become open to discussion and the decisions can be reversed and remade.
- k. When appeal is made against a decision passed at a given stage and the decision is approved to remain intact, there will be no more appeal. After the appeal is failed it is only possible to lodge complaint on assembly/conference of the party, or by collecting signature while also implementing the decision.
- l. When a demand to appeal against the decision made has surface once again, it is only presented in written form to the body who passed the decision.
- m. The compliant lodge his appeal to the leader of the council in a written form. The leader presents the appeal to the upper echelon with the signatures of the bodies who demand the appeal. When 1/3rd of the pertinent bodies sign on the appeal the issue will get attention on the regular session or emergency meeting
- n. The party's action bases on transparency and democracy
- o. All decisions and directions made by the upper echelon of the party and would poses visible pressure on the public would be kept secret by the body who passed the decision and made public to the party members or the general public when necessary.
- p. The decisions and directions passed on the meeting or conferences of the party are documented according to the minutes of the meetings / conferences
- q. The details of the procedure in which the issues that needs to be kept in secrete identified will be prepared
- r. The leaders of the party at different levels bear the responsibility for the decisions they passed individually or collectively. In addition, failing the responsibility of implementing the decision or acting contrary of the decision made cause responsibility
- s. Political or administrative measures will be taken when necessary based on the law of the country or the party by-law
- t. The bodies of the party in each level should prepare and present their action plan.
- u. The members and structures of the party will have stage on which they share experiences
- v. The party will follow the system in which it awards and encourages the members , leaders and structures who register higher performance
- w. The party will follow the system and procedures on how to increase the participation of youth and women in the party.
- x. The relation the party will have with other parities will be decided at the national or the middle level
- y. The part of the society which are small in number and needs special support can have representation in the party membership at different organizational levels and become beneficiary.
- z. The goals, programs and plans of the party will be implemented at the head office of the party, at regional, cities and at the offices of the party in different levels and also at the offices of the party abroad.

AA) disciplinary measures which taken against party members and candidates is to develop Party discipline, redress mistakes and errors and to maintain the strength and quality of the party.

Article 9. Procedures and rules of party election

- 1) The election of the central committee members, executive committee, the president, deputy president, secretary, deputy secretary, inspection and control commission is held in a free and transparent way in a secret ballot
- 2) The election should maintain the gender balance on the prime position in the party
- 3) Any member of the party has the right to contend for election per the party's election rule mentioned in the bylaw of the party under article 19, paragraph (8, e), national election, regional election and by-election.

CHAPTER TWO

MEMBERSHIP

Article 10. Member to the party

- 1) anyone who can fulfill the following criteria and who is a citizen of Ethiopia can be the member of the party
 - A) One who has the willing and resolution to accept the party's by-law and prove himself/herself in implementing it
 - B) One who has a good disciple and acceptance among the public
 - C) One who highly believe in national unity and unity in diversity and who struggle against the attitude and practice of extremism with unwavering stand.
 - D) One who serves all citizens and the public equally ,give priority for the public interest, and distance himself from bad practices and struggle against similar issues
 - E) One who accepts the party's vision and values and have a determination to implement the rules and responsibilities
 - F) One who has the willing to pay the membership fee
 - G) One whose age is 18 and above
 - H) One who is not a member of other parties
 - I) One who is not inhibited by law for not become a member of a party and one whose right is not limited by court's rule
 - J) He /she will become a full member of the party after concluding the period of his/her candidacy according to the by-law
- 2) The by-law which determine the highest age limit of membership and honorary membership will be issued by the central committee

Article 11. Applying for membership

- 1) Any citizen who decided to be a member of the party can submit his membership application letter to a nearby office of the party.
- 2) As it is mentioned under this article paragraph (1) the party can select a person who can be trusted and a person who struggle primarily to implement the party by-law
- 3) According to this article of paragraph (1) and (2) a person who selected by fulfilling the criteria of membership would remain as a candidacy to the party until six months
- 4) The party cell can examine the performance of the candidate and approve his/her full membership or can extend his or her candidacy for not more than three months period
- 5) The period of the candidacy would not extend more than one and then canceled from the list of candidacy.
- 6) A candidate implements the responsibility given to him/her by the party during the period of his/her candidacy
- 7) The central committee issues the rule concerning the selection of members, assignment, dispatching and suspension of members.

Article 12. The right of members

- 1) Any full member can have the following rights
 - A) Have full right to elect and to be elected in the election held at different levels in the party
 - B) Participate on the legal assemblies of the party, meetings and discussions that passes decisions and vote on the issues. And can express his/her idea on any legal stages either in word or written forms.
 - C) Present critique on any member of the party based on tangible evidence
 - D) Anyone who has a concern on any decision made by the party can present his/her case according to the bylaw of the party to different bodies of the party
 - E) The right to get briefing and answers on any issues to have clarity about the party from the pertinent bodies as far as from the central committee
 - F) Promoting the party bylaws, programs and decisions and making others to understand these and work for their implementation.
 - G) Can leave the party any time by returning the parties properties after submitting a letter of resignation
- 2) Any candidate member of the party has no right to participate in the election in the party, the right to be elected and the right to vote. But can exercise other rights in the party for members. Abide by the party rule.

Article 13. The duty of members

Any member of the party has the following duties

- 1) A member has the duty to know the party bylaw, rules, programs, decisions and accept, respect and abide by it at any time any place. And also play a leading role for its implementation.
- 2) Fully participate to maintain the political idea of the party at any level in the positions
- 3) Respecting the rules, values and discipline of the party and guarding the safety of the public and the sovereignty of the country.

- 4) Respecting the different laws in the country and government decisions
- 5) Exposing any practice that affects the party' unity and strength
- 6) Refraining from promoting the stand of an individual or a group in the party as if it the stand of the party
- 7) Refraining from affecting the good relations between party's members
- 8) Paying the membership fee as per article 9, paragraph(8)
- 9) Protecting the party's property
- 10) Avoiding malpractices and refraining from bias and struggle to prevent them
- 11) While leaving his/her regular job or transfer to another job position he/she should notice party structure where he/she is transferred to and return the document and properties

Article 14. Measures that taken against members because of discipline problem

- 1) Measures from giving a warning up to cancelling from party membership can be taken against any of the party members as follows
 - A) Disciplinary measures can be take on a member or a candidate who didn't respect the party's program, bylaw, decisions and directions
 - B) If any member fail to pay the membership fee for six months and refuse to pay the backlogs as well it would be considered as if left the party on his own will
 - C) Any member who recruited members and expel them without legal rule and incriminate members without any base will face disciplinary measure
 - D) It is forbidden to provide false report against another member
 - E) It is forbidden to form a group in the party and to cause division in the party
 - F) A member who is identified as a member of another party will be cancelled from the list of the party membership.
 - G) The following disciplinary measures will be taken against members and candidates
 - 1) Members
 - a) advice
 - b) warning in verb
 - c) warning letter
 - d) removing from the position
 - e) suspending from membership
 - f) suspending from position
 - g) stay as a member only
 - 2) Candidates
 - a) Extending the period of the candidacy for some times
 - b) Cancelling from the candidates list
 - c) Taking what has mentioned under this article ,paragraph (1) as it is , a member or a candidate who measure has taken against him/her can present his complain to the structures at each levels and if response is not satisfying he/she can lodge the complaint to the inspection and control commission.
 - 3) The procedure of taking measure against disciplinary problem will be implemented on the bases of the rules which the central committee issues
 - 4) The measure taken against the shortfall of a member will be implemented on the bases of the rules which the central committee issues

CHAPTER THREE

Article 15. Organization and structure of the party

- 1) The party's organization and structure is based on the constitution and implemented as such. Accordingly the organization of the party will take place as follows
 - A) Federal
 - B) Region
 - C) Zone/city administration
 - D) *Woreda*/special *woreda*/town
 - E) *Kebele*
- 2) The party will have the following permanent structures
 - A) Regular meeting
 - B) Central committee
 - C) Executive committee
 - D) President
 - E) Deputy president
 - F) Inspection and control commission
 - G) Head office of the party
 - H) Party offices in the regions
 - I) Offices in at Zone , city, *Woreda* and *Kebele* level
- 3) The party cell will be established wherever the members exist

Article 16. The structure of the party's council and conferences in Zone, Town, *Woreda* and *Kebele*

- 1) The council of the party is held at the federal level
- 2) The conference is held at the regional level and it will be held also in zones, *woredas* and *kebeles* where necessary
- 3) The representation in the conference primarily bases on the number of the members which based on the representation of nations and nationalities
- 4) The regular meeting and the different conferences involves new members who have good capacity.

Article 17. The regular council of the party

- 1) The regular council of party is the highest echelon of the party
- 2) The regular council of the party would be held every two and half years
- 3) The regular council of the party would be held in less than three years
- 4) The number of participants who take part in the council is above 500, taking in to account of the fair distribution of representatives from the group of the society who have small number of population

- 5) It would be possible to call for an emergency meeting when 1/3rd of the central committee approves
- 6) The inspection and control commission of the party can held an emergency meeting if the members of the commission approves the meeting with 1/3rd approves
- 7) Member who participated in the first council of the party will also directly take part in the emergency meeting
- 8) The council meeting can be held when 2/3rd of the members of the party councils are available
- 9) The emergency meetings of the council is held when 50+ members are available
- 10) Members of the central committee and the inspection and control commission will directly take part in the meeting
- 11) The representation in the meeting is based on the number of the party members and nations and nationalities per the details and the procedure issued by the central committee
- 12) The agenda of the emergency meeting and the place should be announced prior to the meeting

Article 18. The role and power of the party's council

- 1) The party's council have the following roles and responsibilities
 - a) Approve the party's bylaws, improve and change it when it is necessary
 - b) Put in place directions and decisions by which the party is governed by
 - c) Choose and determine the number of the central committee and the inspection and control commission
 - d) Listen the reports presented by the central committee and the inspection and control commission and approve it.
 - e) Approves the decision of the party on issue of forming coalition with other parties or forming a front
 - f) Pass decision on suspension of the members of the central committee and the inspection and control committee
 - g) Approve , improve and change the name and logo of the party
 - h) Choose the party's president and deputy president
 - i) Analyses and improves the agendas and points presented for the meeting prior to the beginning of the regular council meeting
 - j) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (1) as it is, the council can give its roles and responsibility fully or by half to the central committee

Article 19. The central committee of the party

- 1) The central committee is answerable to the regular council and the committee continues as the highest authority of the party until next council meeting
- 2) The central committee is formed and elected by the secret ballot by the members of the council
- 3) The number and distribution of the central committee will depend on the number of the members

- 4) The central committee held meetings every six months. But the emergency meeting can be held in less than this time if the central committee believe and 1/3rd of the member of the central committee demands
- 5) The general council of the central committee is held when 50+ members are available
- 6) Every decisions made by the central committee is applicable to all except the members of the inspection and control commission
- 7) The central committee is led by the president and the deputy president or the representative
- 8) The central committee have the following roles and responsibilities
 - A) Insure the implementation of programs , bylaws and decisions passed by the council
 - B) Leads, issues policies and programs, and directions for implementation based on the decisions and directions made by the party
 - C) Listen to the report of the executive committee , scrutinize it and pass decision on matters that needs it
 - D) Implement the agreements made by the president of the party
 - E) Issue the rules of the party's election system
 - F) Approves the strategies for the election and organize a committee that leads the process of the election
 - G) Layout the necessary structures of the party
 - H) Decide the number and distribution of the executive committee
 - I) Choose members of the executive committee
 - J) Approves the annual work plan and budget
 - K) Issue directions concerning the type and payment of the membership fee
 - L) Pass decisions on the controversies raised with regard to the bylaw.
 - M) Implement additional jobs which are necessary in addition to the party's program and bylaw
 - N) The organizer of the meeting of the party organizes committee from among the members of the executive committee, the inspection and control commission
 - O) Suspend the members of the central committee who are not abide by the party's bylaw and those who have no leadership capacity by 2/3rd vote.
 - P) Approves rules for the implementation of this law
 - Q) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (8) as it is, the central committee can share his authorities and responsibilities to the executive committee by half

Article 20. The executive committee of the party

- 1) The executive committee is selected from among the central committee through secrete voting and is answerable to the central committee
- 2) The executive committee is led by the party's president
- 3) The meeting of the central committee is held every three month
- 4) It is possible to call for the meeting with in less than three month when it is demanded by the executive committee of the party's president and approved by 1/3rd
- 5) 50+ members of the executive committee should be available
- 6) The executive committee have the following roles and responsibilities
 - a) Provide leadership, approve and follow the implementation of plans, direction and decisions made by the central committee

- b) Follow the implementations , invent ways and show directions based on the decision of the central committee to change people's life and to make the creation of a community a single political economy possible
 - c) Following and supporting the implementation of strengthening the federal system and national unity
 - d) Issuing rules that can be implemented together with the inspection and control commission on the bases of the bylaw to strengthen the internal party democracy more
 - e) Make performance report to the central committee
 - f) Support , follow and lead the activities of party leaders on each level
 - g) Provide work directions to the office the party on the daily bases
 - h) Leads activities and structures in the party. prepare rule and implement it
 - i) Prepares agendas of the central committee meeting
 - j) Layout strategies and follow up that programs, direction and decisions made by the party are accessible to members and the wider public
- 7) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (A – j) as it is, the executive committee can share his role to the president of the party by half.

Article 21. President of the party

- 1) The president of the party is answerable to the central committee of the party, and has the following roles and responsibilities
 - a) Chairs the meeting of the central committee and executive committee
 - b) Organize the jobs of the central and executive committee
 - c) Implement the decision of the central and executive committee
 - d) Can make work relation with different bodies and sign agreements on behalf of the party
 - e) Present report to the executive committee
 - f) Implement additional jobs given to him by the central and executive committee

Article 22. Deputies of the party

- 1) The party will have deputies
- 2) The deputies are answerable to the president of the party and they have the following roles and responsibilities
 - a) The deputy works on behalf the president in his absence
 - b) Implement missions that given to him by executive committee and the president

Article 23. The party inspection and control commission

- 1) The inspection and control commission is formed being elected on the regular meeting of the council. The number of the commission is determined by the council and is also based on the number of the members. Small number of the society will have also representatives in the commission. the details for its implantation will be issued
- 2) The commission is answerable to the regular council
- 3) The mission which the party give to the members of the commission should not contradict with their formal job

- 4) The commission will have its office and expert
- 5) The commission will have its own structure and organize structures at different level of the party's office
- 6) The office of the commission has the following responsibilities
 - a) The commission follows the implementation of the party's bylaw
 - b) Follows the implementation of the party's decisions
 - c) Follow the whether the members and candidates of the part are disciplined and respects the party's bylaw
 - d) Follow whether the party's jobs are being done according to the rule and the bylaws of the party
 - e) Make the necessary follow up to strengthen the party and insure the quality of the party
 - f) Follow whether the benefit of the party's members and other bodies are maintained
 - g) Accepts the complains coming from the members , investigates them and presents proposal of correction mechanism to the complains to the executive committee
 - h) Checks whether the party's capital and properties are used properly and the members are paying their membership fee or not
 - i) Suspends members who do not abide by the bylaw when 2/3rd of the commission members vote on the issue
 - j) Issue the working procedure of the commission on the bases of the party bylaw
- 7) The commission held its regular session once every three months
- 8) The commission can run its job by preparing its own plan
- 9) If the proposals presented to the executive committee by the commission are rejected by the committee the proposal will pass again to the central committee. The decision made on the issue by the central committee serve until the next session of the council meeting
- 10) The commission elects its own chair, deputy and secretary and announce it to the council

Article 24. The party's head office

- 1) The party's head office is answerable to the president of the party. It leads the politics, public relations and make international analysis. It serve as a center of research.
- 2) The head office will have head and deputy head
- 3) The office prepares work plans and their implementation and present to the party's president
- 4) Identify candidate for different offices in the regions by discussing with the party President or regional authorities and presenting them to the Executive Committee
- 5) Prepare work plans for the party's head office and regions and present to the central committee
- 6) The office will have the following roles and responsibilities
 - a) The office prepare work plans on the bases of the directions and decisions made by the executive , central committee and the president and follow up their implementation

- b) Manage the party's document, finance and properties and follow up whether it is properly used
 - c) Conduct research and public relations. Organize members and political activities
 - d) Form a relation with the third party on behalf of the president on the bases of the directions the president provides
 - e) Name committees of the party by discussing with the president
 - f) Manage the budget that approved by the party
 - g) Disseminate the party's programs and directions to the public using mass media and others
 - h) Sign agreements on behalf of the party and can sue and be sued
 - i) Hire , head and suspend the workers of the office on the bases of the human resource management rule
 - j) Organize advisers of the party council
 - k) Implement jobs given to it by the executive , central committee and president of the party
- 7) Taking what mentioned under this article paragraph (6) as it is , prepare other directions and present to the president
- 8) Taking what mentioned under this article paragraph (6) as it is, the head office can share authority to offices of different regions

CHAPTER FOUR

PARTY'S REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

Article 25. Party's organizational structure

- 1) The regional organization of the party office is answerable to the head office and the regional office of the party is named as follows
 - a) Oromia prosperity party office
 - b) Amhara prosperity office
 - c) SNNPR Prosperity party office
 - d) Somali prosperity party office
 - e) Tigray prosperity party office
 - f) Afar prosperity office *woreda*
 - g) Benishangul Gumuz prosperity party office
 - h) Gambella prosperity party office
 - i) Harari prosperity party
- 2) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (1) as it is , the office of the party also established in Addis Ababa, Dire *Dawa* cities and at the town and level
- 3) The party's office at zone , town and *woreda* are answerable to the regional office
- 4) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (1 – 3) as it is , the offices in different levels will have inspection and control commission

Article 26. The working system of region's party conference

- 1) The party's conference at regional , zonal, *woreda*, and *kebele* level will serve as the stage for the political mobilization of the party's members
- 2) The representation of the members at regional, zonal, *woreda* and *kebele* level are determined by the members of the party's conference
- 3) The regional, zonal, *woreda* and conference are held by the organizers of the party at each level. The regional conference is held once a year, the zone and *woreda*/special *woreda* held twice a year, and the *kebele* three times a week
- 4) The inspection and control commission of the region review the general activities of the conference

Article 27. The role and responsibility of the party's conference

- 1) Insures the implementation of the parties bylaw at each level
- 2) Insures the party's programs and directions are properly implemented
- 3) Work to build the capacity of members
- 4) Selects members for the party's council and conference on the bases of party's directions
- 5) The inspection and control commission listen, review and approve the report of the party's organizing committee

Article 28. The organizing committee of the party

- 1) The regions organizing committee is answerable to the executive committee of the party
- 2) The zone, *woreda*, town, *kebele* party committee is answerable to the higher level of the party committee at each level.
- 3) The organizing committee of the party at the regional level held its meeting once a month and a the town , *woreda*, and *kebele* level twice a month
- 4) The organizing committee at each level will have the following roles and responsibilities
 - a) Organize political activities and party structure at its centers
 - b) Properly implementing the decisions made by the higher body. Preparing working plans follow and check its implementation
 - c) Presents the appointment of the organizing committees of the party to the higher bodies at each level and assign them when approved
 - d) Presents the performance report the organizing committee

Article 29. Offices of the party

- 1) The offices of the party will serve as the centers of political and public relations
- 2) The offices of the party are answerable to the higher offices at each level
- 3) The offices can have head , deputy head and organizing committee named according the offices at different levels
- 4) The offices will have the following roles and responsibilities
 - a) They plan the structures and political activities at the regional level and follow up its implementation
 - b) Properly manage and administer the party's document , finance , and properties
 - c) Implement the organization of party members, political structure, public relations and other jobs
 - d) Make agreement with the third party on behave of the party based on the direction given by the party's head office
 - e) Discloses the programs, directions, action plans and implementations to the public through mass media based on the direction given by the party's office

- f) Higher , administer, manage and suspends the workers of the office based on the directions of the human resource and management rules
- g) Implement additional jobs given by other office at different levels
- h) Prepare reports and present to the offices at different levels on timely bases

Article 30. The inspection and control commission of the party

- 1) The inspection and control commission is answerable to the higher offices at each level
- 2) The inspection and control commission will have the following roles and responsibilities
 - a) Check and follow up if the members are disciplined , respects and abides the party's bylaw , programs and directions
 - b) Follow up if the decisions and directions of the party are properly implemented
 - c) Make the necessary follow up to insure the quality and strength of the party
 - d) Accepts and investigate complaint coming from members
 - e) Follow up and insure if the party's document , finance and properties are properly managed and used
 - f) Follow up if the membership fee is collected on time and properly
 - g) Present performance report to the conference committee and the inspection and control commission higher to the office at each level

Article 31. Party's women and youth organization

- 1) The Women and youth organization at all level of the party's organization will have political , social economic participation that insures their benefit
- 2) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (1) as it is , directions will be issued by the central committee

CHAPTER FIVE

OTHER BYLAWS

Article 32. Tenure

- 1) The limit of the tenure for the head and deputy head will be 10 years. the tenure of other heads will be decided based on the decision made by the central committee
- 2) The age limit to be on the leadership position is 65

Article 33. Transition rules

- 1) The dissolving of the EPRDF member parties and the inclusion affiliate parties is done according to this bylaw per the decisions made and directions set during the 11th session of EPRDF

- 2) The right and responsibilities the members of the individual parties of EPRDF used to have has now handed down to Prosperity party.
- 3) The EPRDF council , the central committee and the inspection and control commission will continue providing leadership until the Prosperity party held its conference
- 4) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph(3) as it is , the number of the affiliate parties members who will participate in the council and executive committee will be decided by the executive committee
- 5) The EPRDF parties women and youth league structures will continue as the supporters the Prosperity party
- 6) Members of EPRDF and the affiliate parties will remain as members of the Prosperity party without any conditions

Article 34. Party's sources of finance

The sources of the party's finance comes from the membership fees, donations from the supporters of the party.

Article 35. Human resource, resource, finance and audition system of party.

- 1) Administered based on the rule issued by the human resource, finance and resource branch of the central committee
- 2) The party will have full account sheet and make audition by internal and external auditors once a year.
- 3) The central committee can allow the executive committee the authority to make decision on the party's finance on its behalf

Article 36. The Party's internal problem solving mechanism

- 1) The problems that would happen in the party should be resolved according to the rules set out in this bylaw
- 2) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (1) as it is , if the problem cannot be solve accordingly , it will be solved according the political parties code of conduct and electoral board's law

Article 37. The mechanism of how the party blend, form a coalition, or front

- 1) The party can blend, form a coalition or front with other party or parties
- 2) The rule that has mentioned under this article paragraph can be implemented according to the proclamation of national electoral board, registration of political parties and the electoral code of conduct when the central committee approves it
- 3) The party can blend , form a coalition or front when the central committee present the case to the party's conference and prove that the issue is handled in accordance with national electoral board, registration of political parties and election code of conduct

Article 38. Dissolution of the party

The party council can dissolve the party with 3/4th vote

Article 39. The council of the highest advisory of the party

- 1) To insure the party's political , economic and social activities the executive committee can form the advisory council which drawn from different profession and prominent persons who are selected by the party's president
- 2) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (1) as it is , the advisory council at the region can be selected and formed by the regional head of the party

Article 40. The supremacy of the party's bylaw

- 1) The party bylaw is the supreme rule of the party and is implemented on the members of the party
- 2) If a contradiction happen between the bylaw and other documents of the party, the bylaw will have a supremacy over the other

Article 41. The authority to issue rule

Given the authorities given to different bodies according to this bylaw as it is, the central committee can issue rules which help to implement the bylaws

Article 42. Improving, changing and cancelling the bylaw

- 1) It is only the council of the party who can improve, change and cancel the bylaw
- 2) Taking what has mentioned under this article paragraph (1) as it is , improving the bylaw can be suggested by ;
 - a) The president or
 - b) 1/3rd vote of the central committee or
 - c) Majority vote of the executive committee or
 - d) ½ vote of the inspection and control commission or
- 3) According to this article paragraph (2) the suggestion of improving the bylaw can be presented to the council of the party when it get the support of the majority vote of the central committee
- 4) According to this article paragraph (3) the bylaw can be improved when the suggestion to improve the bylaw secure the majority vote of the central committee

Article 43. Approval of the bylaw

This bylaw is approved starting from the day the council of EPRDF and the representatives of the affiliate parties passed the decision based on the decision of the 11th EPRDF council

