

CONSTITUTION
Of
The Global Afrikan Congress
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PREAMBLE

Whereas Afrikan people still suffer from the continuing legacy of the barbarism and inhumanity that characterized their mass dispersion across the continent of Afrika and the Diaspora through the so-called Transatlantic slave trade, the Holocaust of enslavement, and the Maafa/Maangamizi, and resulted in the horrors of imperialism, genocide, colonialism, neo-colonialism, apartheid, racism, and the subsequent and continuing underdevelopment of our people inside and outside of continental Afrika;

Whereas the forced imposition of artificial barriers by colonial oppressors with a white criminal supremacist world view; and their criminal exploitation and genocidal manipulation of our differences in the areas of language, culture, class, physical characteristics, gender and phenotype gave birth to self-hatred, ethnic and national conflicts, and self-defeating Eurocentric values and world view;

Whereas we have been divided and ruled to our collective global detriment, by the creators of this legacy of racial atrocities and crimes against humanity, who continue to deny the true history of the world;

Whereas our oppressors, entrapped by their inheritance of historical untruths, have adamantly refused to acknowledge their criminal past and their moral and legal obligation to pay restitution and reparations to their victims;

Whereas we acknowledge the grievances of all Afrikan people who are forced to endure the scourges of poverty, mis-education, economic deprivation, physical abuse, political and cultural subordination and the myriad manifestations of the racist paradigm;

Whereas we bear witness to the interconnectedness between white criminal supremacy and institutionalized racism, government and police terror, hate crimes, criminalization, ghettoization, demonization and all and sundry social, psychological, spiritual and medical pathologies stemming from it.

Whereas we recognize that we have been in a war in which we have been ravaged and plundered; and that this war must now be fought with the strongest weapons history has revealed: - unity, truth, mass organization, and reliance on our wealth of human resources;

We consider it necessary to create a legal mechanism within which the affairs of Afrikan

people can be effectively asserted, in order to bring to fruition our collective demand for liberation, reparations, justice, equality and development; and

We hereby establish the Global Afrikan Congress (GAC), as an international network of organizations, designed to be a vigilant and forceful advocate of Afrikan people, in order to achieve the above mentioned objectives and to reflect that the Afrikan genius remains irrepressible, is forever re-generating, and is capable of providing committed and visionary leadership to the masses of Afrikan people throughout our mother continent and the Diaspora.

ARTICLE I

Name, Objectives and Interpretation

Section 1 This body shall be known as the Global Afrikan Congress Inc. “Africa” in the title of this organization shall be spelled with a “k” instead of a “c” as in “Afrikan”. This spelling is based on the following insights:

It is a Pan-Afrikan spelling which relates both to the Afrikan continent and to the Diaspora;

It reflects the spelling of “Afrika” in all Afrikan languages;

It includes the concept of “ka”, the vital energy which both sustains and creates.

Section 2 (a) In this Constitution and associated By-Laws, “Afrikan” shall mean the original Black peoples indigenous to the continent of Afrika, and residing in Afrika;

(b) “Afrikan Descendant” shall mean any Black person resident outside of Afrika, at least one of whose parents’ ancestry originates in the continent of Afrika, and is so self-identified as Black or Afrikan or of Afrikan descent.

Section 3 The objectives of the Global Afrikan Congress shall be to:

a. Serve as a vehicle for the unity and reunification of Afrikan people worldwide; for the political, economic, social, physical and mental transformation of Afrikans and Afrikan descendant people; and as a vehicle for repatriation of Afrikan artifacts and Afrikan people to their homeland;

b. Facilitate mutually supportive liberation, transformation, reparations, and economic development initiatives brought by Afrikans and Afrikan Descendants; establish supportive relationships among Afrikans and Afrikan descendants and build friendships and strategic alliances with non-Afrikan peoples of similar experiences and backgrounds;

c. Pursue and obtain full and complete reparations, of which a significant portion shall be dedicated to economic development and the establishment of an economic development bank;

- d. Be a resource institution for information, technical support, and consultation to member organizations working for social justice, good governance, human and democratic rights, economic parity and the restoration of human dignity; and to also be a resource institution to the Afrikan and Afrikan descendant community and organizations on issues involving white criminal supremacy, colonialism, neo-colonialism, genocide, and other forms of terror and dehumanization;
- e. Empower grassroots movements and Africans and Afrikan descendants to hold the governments under which we live accountable to our people;
- f. Educate Afrikans and Afrikan descendants about all the various Holocausts experienced by Afrikan people in Afrika and around the world, and to bring truth to the world regarding the sources of continuing conflicts in Afrika and among Afrikan people;
- g. Encourage the development of expertise in international law, business, nation building, job creation, trade, finance, and other areas critical to the total liberation, reunification, and economic and social transformation of Afrikans and Afrikan descendants;
- h. Lift up, recognize, and honor the contributions of Afrikan people to the world's many civilizations and to identify and recognize the many ways in which Afrika's human and natural resources have been stolen, exploited and utilized to build up the wealth and power of many nations and institutions.
- i. Gather and protect historical evidence of crimes against Afrikan humanity, to ensure the development of appropriate memorials to the Afrikan Holocaust and recognize and /or establish Afrikan holy days to instill appropriate lessons in our youth regarding the value of Afrikan life and our ability to survive and thrive against all odds.
- j. Protect, nurture, develop and provide the necessary tools for the empowerment of our Afrikan youth.
- k. Work to establish the central role of the Afrikan woman in the reunification and rebuilding process of the global Afrikan nation.
- l. Engage in such other activities as may be necessary and ancillary to complement and ensure the attainment of the objectives and mandate of the GAC.

Section 4 - The GAC shall recognize and practice the guiding principle of regional and male/female equity in the composition and functioning of the structures and organs of the organization.

ARTICLE II

Laws, Executive Authority and Advisory Function

Section 1 The Global Afrikan Congress may enact and enforce rules and regulations

for its governance and for its member organizations, units, chapters and other formations.

Section 2 The rules and regulations of the Global Afrikan Congress shall be comprised in:

(a) The Constitution which shall contain the outlines, fundamental principles and structure of the organization, its jurisdiction and that of member organizations, units, chapters and other formations;

(b) The By-Laws, which shall contain the order of procedure in Congress, the specific duties of officers and committees, and the standing rules pertaining to member organizations, units, chapters and other formations.

Section 3 The reach of the GAC shall extend to all nations and communities where Afrikans and Afrikan Descendants are to be found. The International Congress of Members and the International Working Committee (IWC), herein after referred to, are vested with powers to admit already existing organizations into membership of the GAC and to establish GAC units, chapters and other formations.

Section 4(a) The central management and executive functions of the GAC shall be carried out by an International Working Committee consisting of two representatives of each of the following regions: Europe, North America, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Asia/Oceania, and North, East, West, Central and Southern Afrika. There shall also be two youth representatives on the International Working Committee. All representatives shall be elected at the biennial International Congress of Members and will serve for a period of two years. The representatives of each region and the youth representatives shall be from different countries.

(b) The said regions are further outlined and defined in the appendices attached to this constitution.

(c) The members of the IWC shall elect from among their members, the following executive officers of the GAC – male and female Co-Chairpersons; a Secretary General; a Treasurer; an Ambassador General, a Youth Officer, a Legal Affairs Officer; a Spiritual Affairs Officer; and a Speaker in Congress. All such officers shall hold office for a period of two years, between biennial International Congresses, and shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The IWC shall be entitled to appoint Special Advisors to provide the IWC with advice and technical expertise. Special Advisors will not be entitled to vote at meetings of the IWC, and will not possess decision-making powers. The IWC shall have the power to terminate the appointment of Special Advisors at any time.

Section 5(a) A critical advisory and conciliation function shall be performed within the GAC by an Honorable International Advisory Council of Elders. The Council shall be composed of one elder from each region and members of the Council shall be elected

based on their age, credibility, integrity, wisdom, interpersonal skills, knowledge and demonstrated leadership within the Afrikan and Afrikan descendant community. Such elders shall be fifty-five years of age and over.

(b) Each regional chapter of the GAC shall be responsible for electing its representative to serve on the Honorable Advisory Council of Elders. The term of council members shall run from one International Congress of members to the succeeding Congress and members shall be eligible for re-election.

(c) The Council shall be an arbitration, conciliation and advisory mechanism for disciplinary matters and for major disputes, appeals and controversies referred to it by the International Congress of Members, the International Working Committee or the general membership of the GAC. After due deliberation of any matter referred to it the Council shall proffer advise to the IWC, or other relevant entity of the GAC.

(d) The Council shall have male and female Co-Chairpersons and a Secretary. The IWC shall be responsible for facilitating meetings of the Council.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1 The Global Afrikan Congress is an International organization of organizations – a global Pan-Afrikanist network of organizations.

Section 2 The categories of membership in the Global Afrikan Congress are as follows:-

(a) Member Organizations

Existing organizations which are comprised predominantly of Afrikans and Afrikan descendants, and which are considered by the International Working Committee to genuinely subscribe to the objectives listed in Section 3 of Article 1, may be admitted into the Global Afrikan Congress as member organizations.

(b) G.A.C Units

Where there are individuals in any country or community who are not attached to any member organization of the GAC, but who wish to be admitted into membership of the GAC, such individuals shall be required to be integrated into a geographically or thematically based unit of the GAC, designed to provide a base organization for such un-attached individuals.

GAC units may be established by the International Working Committee upon receipt of an application signed by seven or more individuals who are connected to each other geographically or in terms of the common pursuit of a particular theme of the GAC's agenda, requesting the establishment of a GAC unit.

GAC units will function within the GAC on the same terms and conditions as member organizations, and will possess all the rights and duties of a member organization.

Section 3 (a) In order to be admitted into membership of the GAC, a would-be member organization shall fill out the prescribed application form and submit it to one of the regional representatives of the region within which the organization is located. After vetting the application the regional representative shall forward the application along with their written recommendation about the said application to the International Working Committee, which will, in turn, decide whether to admit the applicant organization into membership of the GAC.

(b) The procedure of admitting an organization into membership of the GAC will only be completed when the organization is issued with and receives a certificate of charter signed by the co-Chairpersons of the International Working Committee, certifying that the organization has been admitted into membership.

Section 4 (a) In order to be admitted into membership of the GAC, a group of seven or more unattached individuals comprising the would-be GAC unit, shall fill out the prescribed application form and submit it to the governing council of the National Chapter, or where appropriate, the governing council of the Sub-Regional Chapter, of the geographical area in which the would-be unit is located. Thereupon, the governing council shall carefully scrutinize the application before making a determination as to whether to accept or reject the application. In the event that the application is rejected, the application shall become null and void. In the event that the application is accepted, the Council shall submit a written recommendation to the IWC through one of their Regional representatives, recommending the establishment of the unit in question. The IWC will, in turn, decide whether to accept the recommendation and to establish the unit and admit it into membership of the GAC.

(b) The procedure of establishing and admitting a unit will only be completed when the group of unattached individuals is issued with and receives a certificate or charter signed by the co-Chairpersons of the International Working Committee, certifying that the group of individuals has been established as a GAC unit and admitted into the organization,

Section 5 Membership in the GAC is prohibited to organizations that represent the coercive forces of the State such as the police, the armed forces, and secret services.

Section 6 (a) The International Congress of Members and/or the International Working Committee may establish thematic working committees as formations designed to assist in carrying out the program of the GAC;

(b) Working groups and themes may change from time to time but in general shall include the following:

- Economic and Community Development

- Gender
- Globalization
- Labor
- Mass Media
- Reparations
- Health and Environment
- Reform of Judicial, Legal and Penal Systems
- Youth
- Afrikan Culture and Spirituality
- Education
- De-Colonization
- Immigrants and Refugees
- Post Traumatic Slavery Syndrome

(c) The Working Group on Reparations shall be officially designated the International Commission on Reparations and shall be guided by the Principles of Unity established at the African and African Descendants World Conference Against Racism and recorded in the Bridgetown Protocol as follows:

1. Our primary goal is to achieve reparations, which includes restitution, and repatriation for Afrikans and Afrikan descendants.
2. The so-called Transatlantic Slave Trade was not trade, but was, in fact, a Maafa/Maangamizi, which is the loss of countless lives, families, cultures, histories and self-identity; and theft of land, resources and human possibilities. This Maafa/Maangamizi, was morally wrong and constitutes a crime against humanity.
3. Afrikans on the continent of Afrika and in the Diaspora are due Reparations, which includes restitution, for the atrocities suffered at the hands of Europeans and others.
4. Members of the International Commission on Reparations will operate in unity and will not accommodate conflicts, functioning as a united front to maintain a unified public posture regarding reparations.
5. In instances where there may be differences of opinion, members will emphasize their commitment to reparations to minimize attempts to divide and neutralize the effectiveness of the united front.

(d) The chairs of the working groups shall coordinate and facilitate meetings of their working group; establish and maintain ties with Working Group members who may be resident in different countries; issue reports on the progress of the Working Group through internet list serves ; and ensure that the mandate of the Working Group is completed and implemented.

ARTICLE IV

Structure

Section 1 The GAC member organizations and units within a country, shall combine together to establish and operate a GAC National Chapter.

Section 2 Each GAC National Chapter shall be governed by a democratically established and run Council in which each member organization and unit shall have an equal stake. Such Councils shall be known as GAC National Councils.

Section 3 Each GAC national Chapter shall include youth representatives on their governing council and shall establish special youth programs within their area of operation.

Section 4 GAC National Councils within any of the regions shall combine together to establish and operate a GAC Regional Chapter, or where appropriate, a GAC Sub-Regional chapter

Section 5 Each GAC Regional or Sub-Regional Chapter shall be governed by a democratically established and run Council in which each National Council shall have an equal stake.

Section 6 The Regional Representatives on the International Working Committee shall have responsibility for ensuring that national and regional chapters and councils are established and functioning effectively. Regional Representatives shall also serve as a liaison between the national and regional chapters and councils and the International Working Committee.

Section 7 The IWC may also appoint national, or where appropriate, state, Ambassadors, to assist the Regional Representatives in carrying out their tasks of mobilization, organization, over-sight and liaison, at the national or state level. Such Ambassadors shall report directly to their Regional Representatives, and shall be coordinated by the Ambassador General on the International Working Committee.

ARTICLE V

International Congress of Members

Section 1 The GAC shall stage an International Congress of Members on a biennial basis. The International Congress of Members shall be the highest policy making and deliberative body of the GAC. No other organ of the GAC shall have the power to override, ignore or flout a decision of the International Congress of Members.

Section 2 Member organizations, units, chapters and other formations of the GAC are entitled to representation in the biennial International Congress of Members, such formations sending one delegate each.

Section 3 Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote in Congress and no proxy shall be allowed.

ARTICLE VI

International Working Committee

Section 1 The International Working Committee shall be elected at the biennial International Congress of Members and shall be invested with the highest executive and managerial authority in the GAC, during all periods of time that the GAC is not sitting in its biennial International Congress of Members. During the sitting of any biennial International Congress of Members, the International Working Committee shall possess the authority and power to manage and oversee the said biennial International Congress of Members.

Appointment of Ambassadors

Section 2 The International Working Committee may appoint Ambassadors and commission them to represent the interests of the organization in specific countries of the world, in which there is no or minimal GAC presence and they shall be coordinated by the office of the Ambassador - General, and shall report directly to their regional representatives.

Male and Female Co-Chairpersons

Section 3 The Co-Chairpersons shall be the male and female working heads of the GAC and he/she shall be held responsible to the IWC for the working and carrying out of the mission of the GAC. He/she shall instruct officers on their duties and see that such duties are properly performed.

The Co-Chairpersons of the IWC shall issue "articles" or "messages" from time to time to the entire body of members of the GAC on questions of moment. He/she shall appear in person to open the biennial Congress and to deliver a speech which shall be called the "Co-Chairpersons' Speech," and which shall be a review of the work and operations of the GAC for the past two years.

In the event of any fundamental disagreement between the male and female co-chairs, the International Working Committee shall have the responsibility and power to resolve the disagreement and to make the final decision on the matter in dispute.

Secretary General

Section 4 The Secretary General shall have in his/her custody all important official correspondence of the GAC. He/she shall have under control all subordinate secretaries and shall conduct the general correspondence of the organization. He/she shall attend Congresses and read reports and answer questions relative to the work of the organization. He/she shall be the spokesperson of the Congress.

Treasurer

Section 5 The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the GAC and shall, under the direction of the co-Chairperson, deposit all funds in some responsible bank. He/she shall attend Congress and deliver the financial report.

Spiritual Affairs Officer

Section 6 The Spiritual Affairs Officer shall be the spiritual adviser of the International Working Committee. He/she shall act as the representative of GAC in conducting the investiture of officials. He/she shall attend Congress at its opening along with the co-Chairperson and open the proceedings with prayers, and libation.

Legal Affairs Officer

Section 7 The Legal Affairs Officer shall be responsible for putting in place and coordinating a legal team to handle the legal affairs of the GAC, and to give legal advice to the International Working Committee.

Ambassador General

Section 8 The Ambassador General shall be the coordinator of the foreign Ambassadors. He/she shall receive their reports and report same to the Co-Chairpersons.

Speaker in Congress

Section 9 The Speaker in Congress shall be selected from the members of the International Working Committee and shall be the Chairman of the International Congress of Members whose order and ruling shall be obeyed in Congress according to the rules of debate. He/she shall prepare with the assistance of the secretariat all orders and arrangements for the convening of Congress. During the rising of congress he/she shall receive from the secretariat all motions, resolutions, or matters to come before the Congress which he/she shall have arranged in order for presentation.

The Assistant Secretary General

Section 10 The Assistant Secretary General shall assist the Secretary General in the performance of such duties of his/her office as shall be assigned to him/her by the Secretary General with the approval of the IWC, and in the event of absence, illness, permanent disability, resignation or death, he/she shall perform all the duties of the Secretary General until such time as the Congress shall have elected a new Secretary

General.

Auditor

Section 11 An Auditor shall be selected by the International Working Committee to be responsible for ensuring that the accounts and books of the Treasurer are audited, and all accounts and books of other Officers and regional chapters annually. He/she shall submit his report to the Co-Chairpersons, who shall cause same to be published in a report to the biennial Congress of Members.

ARTICLE VI

Secretariat

Section 1 (a) The IWC is authorized to establish offices to serve as the secretariat of the GAC. The secretariat and its staff shall serve as an administrative and office unit, assisting the IWC, guided by resolutions passed in Barbados, the Bridgetown Protocol, and the outcomes of the IWC meetings. The secretariat shall be subject to the control and guidance of the Secretary General and the International Working Committee.

(b) The staff of the secretariat may consist of a Secretariat Director and Office Assistants as needed.

(c) The IWC may by resolution provide for compensation of the Secretariat and its officers at a per diem rate, for services provided.

(d) An office of the GAC Secretariat shall, at all times, be maintained in a country on the continent of Afrika deemed suitable and selected by the International Congress of Members or the IWC.

ARTICLE VII

Qualifications For Office

Section 1 The qualifications of candidates for office in the GAC shall be as follows: registered active membership with all dues paid up; shall be an Afrikan or Afrikan descendant; and shall be proven as being committed to the advancement of Afrika, Afrikans and Afrikan Descendants.

ARTICLE VIII

Revenue, Incomes, Etc

Section 1 The Revenue of the GAC shall be derived from subscriptions of member organizations, units, chapters and other formations being authorized dues as well as donations, collections, gifts, profits derived from businesses, entertainments and other functions.

Section 2 Each National Chapter shall, with the consent of the International Working Committee, establish monthly dues for all member organizations, units and other formations within their Chapter, and all such member organizations, units and other formations shall be obligated to pay such dues to the Council of their National Chapter.

Section 3 The Treasurer of each National Chapter shall collect all such monthly dues emanating from member organizations, units and other formations and pay over to the Secretary of the National Chapter, one-quarter (1/4) of all such dues, for transfer to the International Working Committee and another quarter (1/4) of said dues, for transfer to the Regional Chapter or Council. The other one half (1/2) portion of such dues shall be retained by the National Chapter for use in carrying out the work of the National Chapter.

Section 4 All moneys of the International Working Committee of the GAC shall be lodged by the Treasurer in a responsible bank designated by the International Working Committee and drawn only on the signatures of the designated persons.

Section 5 The GAC and all its member organizations, units, chapters and other formations may invest money in any business which to the best judgment of the members of the organization are of such as to yield profit in the interest of the organization

Section 6 No investment in money or stocks shall be made by a unit, chapter or other formations without the consent of the membership of the said formation.

Section 7 The GAC may invest its money wholly or in company with others for the good of the organization.

Section 8 The funds of the GAC as derived from all sources herein mentioned shall be used for the carrying out of the objectives of the organization.

ARTICLE IX **Disciplinary Procedures**

Section 1 It shall be unlawful for any member organization, unit or other formation of the GAC, or for the officers and members of such entities to breach the Constitution or by-laws of the GAC, or to engage in misconduct that poses a substantial danger to the interests of the GAC.

Section 2 In the event of any such alleged breach or misconduct on the part of a member of a GAC member organization, unit or other formation, such person shall be subjected to the disciplinary procedures and liable to the sanctions, established by the said entities. Any person subjected to such discipline shall have the right to appeal to the National Advisory Council of Elders, and ultimately to the International Council of Elders, both of which shall have the power to advise and make recommendations to the member organizations, unit, or other formation and/or to the National, Sub-Regional, or Regional Chapter on the matter.

Section 3 In the event of any such alleged breach or misconduct on the part of a member organization, unit or other formation, the entity in question shall be subjected to the disciplinary procedures, and liable to the sanctions -including suspension and expulsion- of their National Chapter. Any such entity subjected to such discipline shall have the right to appeal to the National Advisory Council of Elders which shall have the power to advise and make recommendations to the National, Sub-regional, or Regional Chapter on the matter. In the event that the affected entity continues to feel dissatisfied with the outcome of the matter, it shall have the right to appeal to the IWC, which shall consult with the International Advisory Council of Elders, and shall be the final court of appeal, with full powers to resolve the matter, including the power to order reinstatement of an expelled entity.

ARTICLE X

African Redemption Fund

Section 1. The GAC shall be empowered to raise a universal fund from all Afrikans and Afrikan Descendants for the purpose of the redemption of Afrika and its Diaspora. Every Afrikan and Afrikan Descendant shall be asked to contribute to this fund a sum of not less than \$100.00. This contribution to the Afrikan Redemption Fund shall be a voluntary contribution by all Afrikans and Afrikan descendants.

Section 2. This fund shall be known as the “GAC’s Afrikan Redemption Fund”.

Section 3. Each and every person who subscribes to this fund shall receive a certificate of loyalty to the cause of “Afrika” and its Diaspora. The certificate shall bear the signatures of the co-Chairpersons.

Section 4. The purpose of the “GAC’s African Redemption Fund” shall be to create a working capital for the organization and to advance the cause for the development of Afrika and the Diaspora.

ARTICLE XI

Amendment to Constitution

Section 1 This constitution may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote of a majority of the delegates of an International Congress of Members entitled to vote who cast an affirmative vote for the proposed amendment at any duly organized International Congress of Members. The proposed amendment must be submitted by mail or fax to the International Working Committee at least 60 days prior to the time of the Congress which is to consider the change. Amendments may first be considered at the Regional and Sub-Regional levels by the members of the GAC at a duly called meeting.

Section 2 Notice of motion to amend shall be given to every member of the GAC, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Congress at which the motion to repeal or amend is to be considered.

Section 3 In order for resolutions to be considered at an International Congress of Members they must first be submitted to the Secretary General of the International Working Committee at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the date of the Congress.

Section 4 By-Laws may be enacted and/or amended by:

- (a) The International Congress of Members of the GAC, provided that such enactments and/or amendments are carried by a simple majority vote;
- (b) The IWC of the GAC, provided that such enactments and/or amendments are carried by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE XII

Liability, Indemnification, Authorization

Section 1 Representatives of the GAC shall not be personally liable for its debts, liabilities or other obligations.

Section 2 The GAC hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless from claim, liability, loss or judgment any agent or officer or legal counsel made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action, suit or proceeding by or on behalf of the GAC to procure a judgment in its favor), brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his/her capacity as officer, employee, representative, or agent of the organization or any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise in which he served at the request of the organization, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal thereof, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the GAC, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable belief that such action was unlawful.

The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not create a presumption that any such officer or agent did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the organization. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to be guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties to the GAC.

Section 3 Any indemnification under this Article shall be made by the organization only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that amounts for which an agent, officer, or representative seeks indemnification were properly incurred and that such agent, officer, or representative acted in good faith and in a manner he/she reasonable believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the GAC, and that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The elected delegates shall make such action by a majority vote.

ARTICLE XIII

Dissolution

Section 1 In the event of the dissolution of the GAC, the IWC shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute, transfer, convey, deliver and pay over to functioning Regions, any of the assets received and held by the Corporation subject to limitations permitting their use only for similar purposes and objectives of the GAC Corporation.

Section 2 Any funds derived from membership dues shall be returned pro rata to the Regional body which contributed them. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in which the principal office of the corporation is located.

APPENDIX A

AFRICA

1. West Afrika Region includes 16 countries :
Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde Islands, Cote d'ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauretania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo
2. The Central Afrika Region includes 9 countries:
Burundi, Central Afrikan Republic, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe
3. Eastern Afrikan Region includes 7 countries:
Comoros Islands, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda
4. Southern Afrikan Region includes 15 countries:
Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Afrika, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
5. Northern Afrika Region covers 6 countries :
Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

APPENDIX B

NORTH AMERICA

The North America Region shall consist of Canada and the United States of America.

There shall be five (5) sub-regions in each of the North American countries of Canada and the United States of America.

APPENDIX C

THE CARIBBEAN

The Caribbean shall consist of the entire chain of Caribbean islands extending from the Turks & Caicos and the Bahamas in the north to Trinidad & Tobago in the south; the island of Bermuda in the North Atlantic Ocean; the Central American territory of Belize; and the South American nation of Suriname.

APPENDIX D

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

The Central and South American Region shall consist of all of the territories of mainland Central and South America; with the exception of Belize and Suriname.

APPENDIX E

EUROPE

The European Region shall consist of all of the nations and territories of the “continent” of Europe.

APPENDIX F

ASIA AND OCEANIA

The Asia and Oceania Region shall consist of all of the nations and territories of the continent of Asia; Australia; New Zealand; and the Asiatic island states and territories of the Pacific and Indian Oceans.