

## **EFF CONSTITUTION**

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## **PREAMBLE**

The Economic Freedom Fighters is a radical and militant Economic Emancipation Movement which brings together revolutionary, fearless, radical, and militant activists, worker's movements, non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, lobby-groups under the need to pursue the struggle for economic emancipation.

The Economic Freedom Fighters is a radical, left, anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist movement with an internationalist outlook anchored by popular grassroots formations and struggles. Economic Freedom Fighters will be the vanguard of community and worker's struggles and will always be on the side of the people. The Economic Freedom Fighters will, with determination and consistency, associate with the protest movement in South Africa and will also join in struggles that defy unjust laws.

The Economic Freedom Fighters takes a lesson from the notion that "political power, without economic emancipation, is meaningless". The movement is inspired by ideals that promote and practice organic forms of political leadership, which appreciate that political leadership at whatever level is service, not an opportunity for self-enrichment and self-gratification.

The Economic Freedom Fighters subscribes to the Marxist-Leninist and Fanonian schools of thought on its analysis of the state, imperialism, class and race contradictions in every society. Through organic engagement and a constant relationship with the masses, the Economic Freedom Fighters provides clear and cogent alternatives to the post-colonial economic system, which in many countries perpetuated colonial domination and suppression.

## DEFINITIONS

**National People's Assembly (NPA):** The National People's Assembly is the highest decision-making body convened by the Central Command Team every five (5) years and is constituted of delegates from all EFF branches in good standing, delegates from the Central Command Team, PCTs and SRCTs in a formula decided and communicated by the Central Command Team. The NPA must adopt the programme of the assembly, adopt rules of the assembly, receive and adopt reports, amend the Constitution and elect leadership with the following composition: President, Deputy President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, National Chairperson, Treasurer General and sixty (60) Additional Members to the CCT, and further adopt the resolutions of the assembly.

**National General Assembly (NGA):** The NGA is an assembly of the Economic Freedom Fighters convened, when necessary, through the guidelines and delegation determined by the CCT. It receives political and organisational reports. It discusses political, ideological and policy positions, but it does not override the decisions of the previous assembly.

**Central Command Team (CCT):** The Central Command Team is made up of six (6) elected Officials, sixty (60) additional members, the Provincial Chairpersons and Secretaries, and the President and Secretary General of the EFF Youth Command.

**War Council:** The War Council is made up of fourteen (14) members of the Central Command Team, who, together with the Officials, are responsible for everyday activities of the EFF, ensure proper and timeous implementation of the CCT decisions, submit report to the CCT and meet every two weeks and/or when it is required.

**Provincial People's Assembly (PPA):** The PPA is an assembly held once every four (4) years at a Provincial level in a formula decided and communicated by the CCT. It receives the political report from the Chairperson, the organisational report from the Secretary, and the financial report from the Treasurer. It adopts a programme of action, resolutions and elects a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and twenty (20) additional members.

**Provincial General Assembly (PGA):** The PGA is held when necessary, according to the guidelines and delegation determined by the CCT. It discusses political, ideological and policy positions, but it does not override the decisions of the previous assembly.

**Provincial Command Team (PCT):** The PCT is made up of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer, twenty (20) additional members elected at the PPA, and the Provincial Chairperson and Secretary of the EFF Youth Command.

**Provincial Co-ordinating Command (PCC):** The PPC body is elected at the first meeting after the election of the PCT and consists of six (6) members of the PCT who, together with the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and Provincial Chairperson of the EFF Youth Command, and are

responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Economic Freedom Fighters at a provincial level.

**Sub-Regional People's Assembly (SRPA):** The SRPA is an assembly held once every three (3) years at a sub-regional level in a formula decided and communicated by the CCT. It receives the political report from the Chairperson, the organisational report from the Secretary, and the financial report from the Treasurer. It adopts a programme of action, resolutions and elects a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and fifteen (15) additional members.

**Sub-Regional General Assembly (SRGA):** The SRGA is held when necessary, according to the guidelines and delegation determined by the CCT. It discusses political, ideological and policy positions, but it does not override the decisions of the previous assembly.

**Sub-Regional Command Team (SRCT):** An SRCT is made up of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and fifteen (15) additional members elected at the SRPA.

**Branch People's Assembly (BPA):** A BPA is an assembly held by each branch every two (2) years at a ward level in a formula decided and communicated by the CCT. It receives a political report from the Chairperson, an organisational report from the Secretary, and a financial report from the Treasurer. It adopts a programme of action and resolutions and elects a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and fifteen (15) additional members.

**Branch General Assembly (BGA):** A BGA is a meeting of all branch members and shall meet every three (3) months. It convenes every three months to receive reports on the state of the organisation, fill vacancies and deal with any other issues that affects the branch and its membership.

**Branch Command Team (BCT):** The Branch Command Team is made up of an elected Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and ten (10) additional members, who hold office for two (2) years and meet fortnightly.

**Branch:** A branch is the most basic unit of the Economic Freedom Fighters and is constituted of a minimum of 200 paid-up members who are registered to vote and come from all the Voting Districts of that specific ward; it has gone to a Branch People's Assembly, has a functional Branch Command Team and is approved by the CCT.

**Voting District Co-ordinating Committee:** A Voting District Co-ordinating Committee is made up of ten (10) members registered to vote within the same voting district to oversee the work of the EFF in that specific Voting District.

**Member:** Any South African citizen, not limited to any worker, peasant, revolutionary element or employed person, who has reached the age of 18 and who accepts the Constitution of EFF or any person who comes from the African continent or in the diaspora, who joins a branch of the organisation and works actively in it, carrying out the organisation's decisions, observes its discipline and pays membership dues may apply to be a member of the EFF.

**Public Representative:** A member of the Economic Freedom Fighters deployed to Parliament, Provincial Legislature or Municipal Council.

## **SECTION 1: NAME OF THE ORGANISATION**

1. The name of the organisation is the Economic Freedom Fighters, hereafter referred to as the EFF.

## **SECTION 2: LOGO AND COLOURS**

1. The logo of the EFF shall be the map of the continent of Africa, representing a commitment to its people, resources and humanity. The continent will be coloured in green to signify the land that must be restored to its people. From within the southern tip of the continent will be a black clenched fist signifying the unity in strength of the oppressed of the continent. The fist will hold a red spear signifying the defence of the African revolution mired by the blood of the fallen heroes and heroines of our liberation struggle. At the bottom of the fist shall be a shaft, representing the minerals of the earth, which shall be used for the benefit of all. Finally, at the northern tip of the continent shall be a gold star, representing the progressive internationalist character of our African revolution, international solidarity and the pursuit of total emancipation of the oppressed peoples of the world.

## **SECTION 3: THE CHARACTER OF THE EFF**

1. The EFF is a radical and militant economic emancipation movement that brings together revolutionary, fearless, radical, and militant activists, workers' movements, nongovernmental organisations, community-based organisations and lobby groups under the umbrella of pursuing the struggle for economic emancipation.
2. The EFF takes socialism as the theoretical basis guiding its thinking and development of its political line and identifies itself as a MARXIST, LENINIST and FANONIAN organisation.
3. The basic programme of the EFF is the complete overthrow of the neo-liberal anti-black state as well as the bourgeoisie and all other exploiting classes, the establishment of the dictatorship of the people in place of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and the triumph of socialism over capitalism. The ultimate aim of the EFF is the realisation of socialism through people's power and the establishment of a state that responds to the needs of its people.
4. The EFF is anti-capitalist, anti-racism, anti-sexist and anti-imperialist in its world outlook and is driven by sound democratic socialist values where the leadership is accountable to the members who elected it.
5. The EFF is a vanguard mass organisation leading the revolutionary masses in the fight against the capitalist class enemy.

## **SECTION 4: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To capture political and state power through whatever revolutionary means necessary to transform the economy to benefit all, Africans in particular.
2. To establish and sustain a society that cherishes revolutionary cultural values and to create conditions for the total political and economic emancipation, prosperity and equitable distribution of wealth of the nation.
3. To attain and defend the national integrity and liberation of the oppressed black majority of South Africa.
4. To participate in the global struggle for the complete eradication of imperialism, colonialism, racism and all other forms of oppression and discrimination.
5. To participate in, support and promote all struggles for the attainment of the complete independence and unity of an African state and, by extension, the African continent.
6. To resolutely oppose tribalism, regionalism, religious and cultural intolerance.
7. To oppose the oppression of women, children and all other-gendered people.
8. To oppose patriarchy, sexism, homophobia and any discriminatory practices that promote the oppression of anyone, women in particular.

## **SECTION 5: SEVEN NON-NEGOTIABLE CARDINAL PILLARS**

At the centre of the struggle for economic emancipation are the following seven non-negotiable cardinal pillars:

1. Expropriation of South Africa's land without compensation for equal redistribution in use.
2. Nationalisation of mines, banks and other strategic sectors of the economy without compensation.
3. Building State and government capacity, which will lead to the abolishment of tenders.
4. Free quality education, healthcare, houses and sanitation.
5. Massive protected industrial development to create millions of sustainable jobs, including the introduction of minimum wages in order to close the wage gap between the rich and poor, close the apartheid wage gap and promote rapid career paths for Africans in the workplace.
6. Massive development of the African economy and advocating for a move from reconciliation to justice in the entire continent.



7. Open, accountable, corrupt-free government and society without fear of victimisation by the state defence force, police and other agencies.

These seven non-negotiable cardinal pillars constitute the core programme of the EFF and cannot be amended, and should guide all activists and structures everywhere.

## **SECTION 6: PRINCIPLES OF THE EFF**

### **1. Elected and collective leadership**

- (a) All leaders of the EFF are democratically and transparently elected in People's Assemblies and should always work as a collective.
- (b) Collective leadership means that all leaders of the EFF should carry the obligation to consult the collective before engaging in activities and programmes that have organisational consequences and must not act in silos.

### **2. Powers of the NPA**

- (a) The NPA is the highest decision-making body of the EFF, and all programmes and resolutions adopted at the NPA guide the organisation until the next NPA.
- (b) The CCT, PPAs, PCTs, SRPAs, SRCTs, BPAs, BCTs, and all members must be guided by the resolutions of the NPA.
- (c) The CCT is the highest decision-making body in between NPAs.
- (d) The NPA is the only assembly that can amend and adopt the Constitution.

### **3. Democratic Centralism**

- (a) Democratic Centralism refers to the practice of democratic consultation and engagements before decisions are adopted and once adopted, they are binding on all members and structures of the organisation. The key and non-negotiable themes under democratic centralism are:
  - i) The majority rules over the minority, and once the majority has taken a decision, there is no expression of minority reports and perspectives that contradict the adopted positions.
  - ii) Decisions of upper structures are binding on all lower structures and should be implemented and adhered to without any form of defiance.
  - iii) Once decisions are adopted, they are binding on all members and structures.

#### **4. Mandates, accountability and reporting**

Once members are mandated tasks, they must fulfil the mandate. Whoever is given a responsibility at all levels of the organisation and in deployments is obliged to account for and report on the mandated work. After every meeting, each member of the EFF participating in or belonging to the command team should have absolute clarity on what is expected from them over what period of time.

#### **5. Constructive criticism and self-criticism**

From time to time, members and structures of the EFF should engage in constructive criticism and self-criticism, meaning they should openly and honestly review the work they do and avoid all forms of boastfulness and self-glorification over minor achievements. The people's assemblies, CCT, PCTs, SRCTs, BCTs, deployed members and fighters should periodically review the work they are doing against their own set targets. They should always ask whether they have taken the correct decisions, and whether they have achieved what they intended to achieve within the time periods they decided on.

#### **6. Discipline and hard work**

- (a) Discipline in a revolution is not a side issue; it is an essential ingredient and component of what the EFF seeks to achieve. Without discipline and hard work, all the objectives and aspirations of the EFF will not be achieved. Discipline means utmost adherence to organisational resolutions and programmes. Discipline means punctuality in fulfilling organisational mandates. Discipline means that members and leaders must be able to publicly own up to everything they do in private.
- (b) Hard work means that in addition to fulfilling mandates, leaders are willing to go the extra mile and do constructive and organisational tasks that seek to improve the work of the organisation.

#### **7. Selflessness, loyalty to the organisation and love for one another**

- (a) Selflessness means that members and leaders perform tasks and mandates without expecting financial benefits, promotions or recognition. Selflessness means members and leaders do not claim individual victory for collective work or for work; they did in service of the revolution. Selflessness means that instead of heaping individual praise and worship, members and leaders must always make the organisation shine.
- (b) Loyalty to the organisation means that at all times, members and leaders will not keep quiet when the organisation is unfairly criticised and attacked in private and in public. Loyalty to the organisation means that members will remain active members even when removed from positions of responsibility or deployment. Loyalty means members of the EFF will not join in the opposing and opponent forces who unfairly criticise the organisation and its leadership.

- (c) Love for one another means that all members and leaders should always look after each other and should not amass privileges and wealth when other members of the organisation are living in poverty and suffering.

## **SECTION 7: MEMBERSHIP OF THE EFF**

1. Any South African citizen, not limited to any worker, peasant, revolutionary element or employed person, who has reached the age of 18 and who accepts the Constitution of EFF or any person who comes from the African continent or in the diaspora, who joins a branch of the organisation and works actively in it, carrying out the organisation's decisions, observes its discipline and pays membership dues may apply to be a member of the EFF.
2. All members shall comply with the provisions of this Constitution as well as with the aims, objectives, principles and policies of the EFF, and shall sign the following declaration, which shall be in each membership form.

*"I fighter ..... solemnly declare that I will abide by the aims, objectives and radical policies of the EFF as set out in the Constitution of the EFF. I voluntarily join the EFF without any motive for personal gain or material benefit and understand that I am not entitled to any position of deployment. I will participate in the life of the EFF to strive towards the total emancipation of South Africa, Africa and the oppressed of the world and will do so as a loyal, active and disciplined Economic Freedom Fighter.*

*I further declare to defend the proud and militant legacy of the fallen heroines and heroes. To work towards a South Africa that belongs to all who live in it. Defend the African revolutionary tradition against all forms of tendencies that promote hatred, division, underdevelopment, corruption and social discords. I vow to defend and selflessly pursue the realisation of the seven non-negotiable cardinal pillars as a primary political programme of the EFF contained in the Founding Manifesto.*

*I further commit to abide by the principle of democratic centralism, which is that the individual is subordinate to the organisation, that minority is subordinate to the majority, that the lower level is subordinate to the higher level, and that decisions of the upper structure are binding on the lower structure."*

3. On acceptance, a member shall pay a joining fee determined by the CCT and renewable every two (2) years. If a member does not renew their membership, it shall cease to exist.
4. The EFF, through the CCT, retains the right to accept or reject any membership application.
5. The EFF, through the CCT, retains the right to review any membership.
6. The CCT shall put in place an efficient mechanism for membership systems and membership renewal.

7. All members of the EFF may not join or belong to, participate in or associate with any organisation or political organisation whose aims and objectives are inconsistent with and contradictory to those of the EFF.
8. Any member who attacks the organisation publicly, including on social media, would have defined himself or herself outside the organisation.
9. Any member who leaves the organisation to join another political organisation, or any other organisations that contradict the principles and values of the EFF, will not be allowed to re-join the EFF.
10. Any member of the EFF who disrupts organisational meetings, events and programmes has defined himself or herself outside the organisation.

## **SECTION 8: RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

1. Every member of the EFF shall have the right:
  - (a) To vote and be voted for in any office of the EFF in accordance with the rules, guidelines and regulations adopted by the CCT.
  - (b) To participate in meetings and all other activities organised by the EFF unless decided otherwise by a constitutional structure of the EFF.
  - (c) To make internal constructive criticism and self-criticism without fear or favour.
  - (d) To receive information on all aspects of EFF policies, guidelines and programmes of action.

## **SECTION 9: DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBER**

- (1) Every member of the EFF shall have the duty:
  - (a) To be loyal to the EFF.
  - (b) To observe and respect the policies, resolutions, decisions of the NPA, CCT, and all constitutional structures and rules and regulations of the EFF.
  - (c) To constantly and continuously strive to raise the level of his/her own political consciousness and understanding of EFF policies, resolutions, rules, guidelines and regulations.
  - (d) To strengthen, promote and defend the EFF and to popularise its politics, policies, rules, regulations and programmes.
  - (e) To conduct herself/himself honestly and honorably in dealing with the EFF and the broader public and not to bring the EFF into disrepute or ridicule.
  - (f) To put the interests of the EFF above any other political considerations or personal ambitions.

2. Members of the EFF are accordingly expected to:

- (a) Study and apply the theoretical line of the organisation – Marxist, Leninist and Fanonian philosophical thought and tools of analysis – in a living way.
- (b) Work for the interests of the vast majority of oppressed people in South Africa, Africa and the world.
- (c) Be willing and able to unite with the vast majority, including those who have been wrong in opposing them but are sincerely correcting their mistakes and showing remorse for their previous mistakes. However, members must vigilantly guard against elements of unrepentant opportunism, reactionism and revisionism so as to prevent such bad elements from infiltrating the leadership of the organisation. This is a necessary prerequisite to ensure and guarantee that the leadership of the EFF always remains in the hands of revolutionaries.
- (d) Consult with the masses and investigate the necessary conditions when matters arise.

#### **SECTION 10: HEADQUARTERS OF THE EFF**

1. The site of the National Headquarters of the EFF shall be determined by the CCT.

#### **SECTION 11: EFF STRUCTURES AND ORGANS**

1. The EFF shall consist of the following structures and organs:

- (a) National People's Assembly
- (b) National General Assembly
- (c) Central Command Team
- (d) War Council
- (e) Officials
- (f) Provincial People's Assembly
- (g) Provincial General Assembly
- (h) Provincial Command Team
- (i) Provincial Co-ordinating Command
- (j) Sub-Regional People's Assembly
- (k) Sub-Regional General Assembly
- (l) Sub-Regional Command Team
- (m) Branch General Assembly
- (n) Branch People's Assembly
- (o) Branch Command Team

2. The EFF structures terms of office are:
  - (a) CCT – 5 years
  - (b) PCT – 4 years
  - (c) SRCT – 3 years
  - (d) BCT – 2 years
3. In order to be eligible for election to the respective EFF structures, an individual must have been a member of the EFF for at least the following periods:
  - (a) CCT – 3 years
  - (b) PCT – 2 Years
  - (c) SRCT – 12 months.
  - (d) BCT – 6 months.
4. The quorum of command teams meetings of the EFF shall be fifty percent plus one.
5. The quorum of the assemblies shall be determined by the guidelines of the CCT.
6. Any member of the EFF who misses more than three (3) successive meetings without any apology ceases to be a member of the command and coordinating structures.
7. Any member of the EFF serving in a higher structure is not permitted to be available for election into leadership in a lower structure.
8. Any member who is appointed or elected to a higher structure from a lower structure will immediately cease to be a member of that lower structure.

## **SECTION 12: NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY**

1. The NPA is the highest decision-making body of the EFF, convened by the CCT every five years.
2. The NPA shall be constituted of delegates from all EFF branches in good standing, delegates from the CCT, PCTs and SRCTs in a formula decided and communicated by the CCT, and 90% of these shall be from branches of the EFF.
3. The NPA Steering Committee shall be responsible for the smooth running of the assembly.
4. The NPA shall adopt the credentials, programme, rules, procedures, guidelines and resolutions of the assembly.
5. The NPA shall receive, discuss and adopt the political report, organisational report and Treasurer's report.
6. The NPA shall be the only assembly that amends and adopts the Constitution, policies and programmes of action.

7. The NPA shall elect the President, Deputy President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, National Chairperson, Treasurer General and 60 additional members of the CCT.
8. The NPA shall adopt the People's Declaration.
9. The NPA may consider an application for review of suspension or expulsion.
10. If the CCT loses 70% of its members, the early NPA shall convene within six (6) months unless the NPA is scheduled within that period.

### **SECTION 13: NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The NGA may be held when it is necessary according to the guidelines determined by the CCT.
2. The NGA receives political and organisational reports. It discusses political, ideological and policy positions, but it does not override the decisions of the previous assembly.
3. The NGA shall be the only assembly that replaces an Official who has vacated a position due to resignation, expulsion or death, and in the intervening period, the CCT can appoint an acting person from within its ranks, within six (6) months, unless the NPA is scheduled within that period.
4. Delegation of the NGA shall be determined by the CCT.

### **SECTION 14: CENTRAL COMMAND TEAM**

1. The CCT of the EFF is made up of six (6) elected Officials, sixty (60) additional members, Provincial Chairpersons and Secretaries, and the President and Secretary General of the EFF Youth Command.
2. Any former President of the EFF with membership in good standing is permitted to sit in any constitutional structure of the EFF in advisory roles with no voting rights.
3. The CCT shall be the highest decision-making body in between NPAs and shall have the authority to lead the organisation subject to the Founding Manifesto, Constitution, resolutions and decisions of the NPA.
4. The CCT shall set up a number of necessary bodies and standing sub-teams on different levels in order to guide the overall work of the EFF.
5. The CCT members must belong to committees decided upon by the CCT, and these committees must give periodic reports to the CCT and War Council.
6. The CCT shall implement the policies, resolutions, directives, decisions, and programmes pronounced by the NPA.

7. The CCT shall have the right to co-opt up to ten (10) additional members for whatever reason or purpose in its five-year term.
8. The CCT shall have the right to replace any CCT member who resigns, passes away or is expelled from the EFF. The number of replaced members must not exceed fifteen (15) members in the five-year term of the CCT.
9. The CCT has the powers to recall any deployees of the organisation from any position of deployment including deployment as public representatives.
10. The CCT has the power to remove and replace incompetent members of the CCT, PCTs and SRCTs. Prior to such removal and replacement, the member concerned should be given an opportunity to make representation to the Officials on why they should not be removed and replaced.
11. The CCT has the powers to establish interim or permanent task forces for specific purposes with binding constitutional powers.
12. The CCT shall meet at least once every three (3) months and/or when convened for special purposes by the War Council.
13. The CCT shall be the only elected structure that has the powers to dissolve or put under administration any elected structure of the EFF.
14. The CCT is the principal organ of the NPA and shall consist of the following:
  - 1. The President and Commander in Chief of the Economic Freedom Fighters, who shall:**
    - (a) Be the political head and Commander in Chief of the EFF and the leader of all activities of the organisation.
    - (b) Make pronouncements for and on behalf of the EFF outlining and explaining the policy or attitude of the EFF on any question.
    - (c) Present to the NPA a Political Report on the state of the country, continent and the political situation internationally.
    - (d) Under the overall supervision of the CCT, orientate and direct the activities of the EFF, and be the chief signatory of all contracts and legal obligations binding the EFF.



## **2. The Deputy President, who shall:**

- (a) Together with the President, constitute the presidency of the EFF.
- (b) Assist the President whenever such assistance is required.
- (c) In the absence of the President, represent the EFF and, in the presence of the President, deputise.
- (d) Represent the EFF at important domestic and international forums.

## **3. The Secretary General, who shall:**

- (a) Be a full-time Official of the EFF based at its headquarters.
- (b) Convey, communicate and articulate key decisions of the EFF to all the structures of the EFF.
- (c) Be ultimately responsible for record-keeping and correspondence within the EFF.
- (d) Present to the NPA and the CCT an Organisational Report on the state of the organisation and the administrative situation of the EFF.
- (e) Administer the correspondence of all EFF structures and send out notices of all assemblies and meetings.
- (f) Have the powers to convene any structure of the EFF, to receive reports, take decisions and communicate resolutions.

## **4. The Deputy Secretary General, who shall:**

- (a) Be a full-time Official of the EFF based at its headquarters.
- (b) Assist and deputise the Secretary General whenever the situation demands.
- (c) Assume responsibility for the general administration and staff of the EFF, membership and membership systems.
- (d) Take and present the minutes of the NPA, the CCT and the War Council.

## **5. The National Chairperson, who shall:**

- (a) Preside over and chair all national gatherings and meetings, including meetings of the NPA, the CCT and the War Council.
- (b) Represent the EFF at domestic and international forums as may be requested by the President and/or the CCT.

- (c) Responsible for engagement with external stakeholders and fraternal organisations as may be requested by the President and/or the CCT.

**6. Treasurer General, who shall:**

- (a) Be a full-time Official of the EFF based at its headquarters unless decided otherwise by the CCT.
- (b) Be the chief custodian of the funds and all property of the EFF.
- (c) Be ultimately responsible for all fundraising activities carried out in the name of the EFF.
- (d) Be responsible for compliance with all the financial laws and regulations of the Republic of South Africa or any other territory.
- (e) Be answerable for the employment of competent staff necessary to fulfil his/her obligations.
- (f) Be the Chairperson of the investment arm of the organisation.

**SECTION 15: OFFICIALS**

1. The Officials shall be made up of the President and Commander in Chief, Deputy President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, National Chairperson and Treasurer General.
2. The Officials shall meet every two (2) weeks and/or when it is necessary.
3. The Officials shall have the authority to bind the EFF and/or create any legal obligations and agreements or enter into contracts with third parties on behalf of the organisation.

**SECTION 16: WAR COUNCIL**

1. At its first sitting after being elected, the CCT shall elect fourteen (14) members of the CCT who, together with the Officials, constitute the War Council of the EFF.
2. The War Council is:
  - (a) Responsible for the day-to-day activities of the EFF.
  - (b) Ensure the proper and timeous implementation of CCT decisions.
  - (c) Required to submit a report of its work to the CCT in respect of its activities between CCT meetings.
  - (d) Shall meet every two weeks and/or when it is required

3. The President of the EFF Youth Command shall sit on the War Council as a member.

## **SECTION 17: PROVINCES**

1. For the purposes of EFF structures, the country shall be divided into the following provinces:
  - (a) Eastern Cape.
  - (b) Free State.
  - (c) Gauteng.
  - (d) Kwazulu-Natal.
  - (e) Limpopo.
  - (f) Mpumalanga.
  - (g) North West.
  - (h) Northern Cape and
  - (i) Western Cape.
2. The provincial headquarters will be determined by the PCT of each respective province with the approval of the CCT.
3. The CCT may, from time to time, alter the number, boundaries or the names of the provinces and regions.

## **SECTION 18: PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY**

1. Each province shall hold a PPA once every four (4) years at a provincial level in a formula decided and communicated by the CCT.
2. The PPA shall receive a political report from the Chairperson, an organisational report from the Secretary, and a financial report from the Treasurer.
3. The PPA shall adopt a programme of action and resolutions.
4. The PPA shall elect a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and twenty (20) additional members who will constitute the directly elected members of the PCT.
5. If the PCT loses 70% of its members, the early PPA shall convene within six (6) months unless the PPA is scheduled within that period.

## **SECTION 19: PROVINCIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The PGA may be held when it is necessary according to the guidelines determined by the CCT.
2. The PGA shall be the only assembly that replaces a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Treasurer who has vacated a position due to resignation, expulsion or death within three (3) months unless the PPA is scheduled within that period.
3. The PGA receives political and organisational reports. It discusses political, ideological and policy positions, but it does not override the decisions of the previous assembly and the CCT.
4. The delegation of the PGA shall be determined by the CCT.

## **SECTION 20: PROVINCIAL COMMAND TEAM**

1. The PCT shall be made up of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Treasurer, twenty (20) additional members elected at the PPA, and the Provincial Chairperson and Secretary of the EFF Youth Command.
2. The Provincial Secretary shall be a full-time position based at the relevant provincial office.
3. The PCT shall have the right to replace four (4) members who leave the PCT due to death, expulsion or resignation over the period of the four-year term.
4. The PCT shall have the right to co-opt up to four (4) additional members for whatever reason or purpose in its four-year term.
5. The PCT shall have a PCC, which shall be composed of the Top five (5) plus six (6) members of the PCT.
6. The PCT shall meet every two months and/or when it is necessary.

## **SECTION 21: PROVINCIAL CO-ORDINATING COMMAND**

1. At its first sitting after being elected, the PCT shall elect six (6) members of the PCT who, together with the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Treasurer, shall constitute the PCC of the EFF.

2. The PCC will:
  - (a) Be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the EFF at the provincial level;
  - (b) Ensure the proper and timeous implementation of PCT decisions;
  - (c) Submit a report of its work to the PCT in respect of its activities between PCT meetings.
3. The Provincial Chairperson of the EFF Youth Command shall sit on the PCC as a member.
4. The PCC shall meet every two (2) weeks and/or when it is necessary.

## **SECTION 22: SUB-REGIONS**

1. For purposes of the EFF, sub-regions are demarcated alongside Municipalities or Zones in Metropolitan Municipalities or on demarcation decided by the CCT.
2. The CCT may from time to time alter the number or boundaries of sub-regions.
3. Sub-Regions must convene SRPAs and elect SRCTs to lead and guide the work of the EFF in the Sub-Region.

## **SECTION 23: SUB-REGIONAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY**

1. Each sub-region shall hold an SRPA every three (3) years at a sub-regional level in a formula decided and communicated by the CCT.
2. The SRPA shall receive a political report from the Chairperson, an organisational report from the Secretary, and a financial report from the Treasurer.
3. The SRPA shall elect a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and fifteen (15) additional members who will constitute the directly elected members of the SRCT.
4. The SRPA shall adopt a programme of action and resolutions.
5. If the SRCT loses 70% of its members, the early SRPA shall convene within six (6) months unless the SRPA is scheduled within that period.

## **SECTION 24: SUB-REGIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The SRGA may be held when it is necessary according to the guidelines determined by the CCT.
2. The SRGA shall replace the SRCT Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer who resigns, passes away or is expelled from the EFF.

3. SRGA receives political and organisational reports. It discusses political, ideological and policy positions, but it does not override the decisions of the previous assembly.
4. The delegation of the SRGA shall be determined by the CCT.

#### **SECTION 25: SUB-REGIONAL COMMAND TEAM**

1. The SRCT shall be made up of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and fifteen (15) additional members elected at the SRPA.
2. The Sub-Regional Chairperson and Secretary of the EFF Youth Command shall serve as members of the SRCT.
3. The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the EFF at the sub-regional level.
4. The SRCT shall meet once a month.
5. The SRCT shall have the right to replace three (3) members who leave the SRCT due to death, expulsion or resignation over the period of the three-year term.
6. The SRCT shall have the right to co-opt up to three (3) additional members for whatever reason or purpose in its three-year term.

#### **SECTION 26: BRANCH**

1. A branch is the most basic unit of the EFF and is constituted of a minimum of 200 paid-up members who are registered to vote and come from all the Voting Districts of that specific ward; it has gone to a BPA, has a functional BCT and is approved by the CCT.
2. Branches of the EFF are ward-based according to the ward demarcated by the Municipal Demarcation Board or on demarcation decided by the CCT.
3. A branch must meet once every month and must engage in continuous membership recruitment, community programmes and activities in line with the policies and principles of the EFF. A branch that fails to meet in three (3) successive months ceases to be a branch of the EFF.
4. A branch must establish Voting District Co-ordinating Committees in all voting districts within the specific ward. A Voting District Co-ordinating Committee must be made up of ten (10) members registered to vote within the same voting district to oversee the work of the EFF in that specific Voting District. A branch that does not have a Voting District Co-ordinating Committee in all voting districts ceases to be a branch of the EFF.
5. A branch that has 50% of its membership expired ceases to be a branch of the EFF.

## **SECTION 27: BRANCH PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY**

1. Each branch shall hold a BPA every two (2) years at a ward level in a formula decided and communicated by the CCT.
2. The BPA shall receive a political report from the Chairperson, an organisational report from the Secretary, and a financial report from the Treasurer.
3. The BPA shall adopt a programme of action and resolutions.
4. The BPA shall elect the BCT.

## **SECTION 28: BRANCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The BGA is a meeting of all branch members and shall meet every three (3) months.
2. The BCT shall ensure that all branch members are alerted about the BGA meeting on time.
3. BGA receives political and organisational reports. It discusses political, ideological and policy positions, but it does not override the decisions of the previous assembly.

## **SECTION 29: BRANCH COMMAND TEAM**

1. The BCT shall be made up of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and an additional (10) members who will hold office for two (2) years.
2. Each and every member of the BCT shall be allocated a task and Voting Districts.
3. The BCT shall meet fortnightly.

## **SECTION 30: EFF YOUTH COMMAND**

1. The EFF Youth Command shall be the youth wing of the EFF, which organises youth under the banner of "Economic Freedom in our Lifetime" and is primarily guided by the EFF's Constitution, Policies and Resolutions.
2. The EFF Youth Command shall be an autonomous yet integral part of the EFF in that it shall have its own constitution, programmes, activities, campaigns and will be a legal entity.
3. Membership of the EFF Youth Command shall be open to young people between the age of 14 and 30, whether students, unemployed, or employed, who can actively participate in its programmes and activities.
4. All members who are eligible to register to vote must be registered to vote.

5. The main objective of the EFF Youth Command shall be to rally young people behind the vision of economic freedom in our lifetime.
6. The EFF Youth Command must champion, defend and advocate for the rights, interests and aspirations of young people.
7. The EFF Youth Command will serve as a political breeding ground for the young people of the EFF.
8. The EFF Youth Command shall organise the young employed and unemployed youth in townships, villages, suburbs, institutions of higher learning, high schools and informal settlements and everywhere else where young people are found as a singular unified structure for all youth organising under the EFF.
9. The EFF Youth Command shall incorporate student activism into its broader mandate, which includes organising and advocating for students in high schools, institutions of higher learning and post-secondary education alongside unemployed youth and young workers.

### **SECTION 31: BORROWINGS AND SECURITY POWERS**

1. Officials may borrow or raise, or secure the payment of money in such a manner and on such terms as the Officials shall deem fit, and in particular by way of mortgage upon all or any of the properties, both movable and immovable, vested in them, both present and future; or may enter into Agreements of Lease of property either as a Lessor or Lessee, deeds of servitude either as Grantor or Grantee, or Deeds of Donation either as Donor or Donee, and may do all such other acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects set forth in this section.
2. Officials may invest on good and sufficient security any monies received for investment from any source whatsoever.



## SECTION 32: CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

1. The CCT shall adopt a Code of Conduct, which will be the EFF's guide on how issues of discipline and conduct are handled internally.
2. The Code of Conduct shall be consistent with the organisational principles of the EFF contained in the Constitution.
3. The CCT shall adopt a Code of Conduct for public representatives, which will guide all EFF public representatives, and it is law and legal basis upon which EFF public representatives will be held accountable.

### Signed By



President and Commander in Chief



Secretary General

