THE FEDERAL ALLIANCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION

Institution Specification No. 003

THE PREMIER

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STATUS

The Office of the Premier is established by the Federal Constitution as the executive administrative authority of a Sovereign State.

The Premier governs through constitutional authority delegated by the people.

The Office exists in Constitutional Trust.

The Office shall always remain subordinate to the Federal Constitution.

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1. PURPOSE

The Office of the Premier exists to administer the Sovereign State on behalf of its citizens according to the Federal Constitution.

The Premier is entrusted with the daily administration of government.

The Office exists to serve.

It does not exist to rule.

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2. CONSTITUTIONAL DEFINITION

The Premier is the democratically elected Head of Government of a Sovereign State.

The Premier exercises executive authority within the constitutional limits established by the Federal Constitution.

The Premier administers government independently of the Constitutional Guardian while remaining accountable to both the Constitution and the People.

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3. THE OFFICE

The Office of the Premier exists in Constitutional Trust.

It is entrusted with the administration of:

- Government.
- Public Administration.
- Treasury.
- State Infrastructure.
- Economic Development.
- Agriculture.
- Education.
- Health.
- State Peace Keeping.
- Emergency Management.
- Public Works.
- Constitutional Implementation.

The Office possesses no authority beyond that granted by the Constitution.

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4. CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER

The Premier shall remain:

Constitutionally faithful.

Publicly accountable.

Politically responsible.

Financially transparent.

Morally responsible before God and the Constitution.

The Office shall never become an instrument of personal enrichment or political domination.

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5. SOURCE OF AUTHORITY

The authority of the Premier originates through the constitutional mandate of the People.

The exercise of that authority remains subject at all times to:

- The Federal Constitution.

- Constitutional Law.
- Common Law.
- Decisions of the People's Tribunals.
- Constitutional decisions of the Federal Alliance.

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6. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Premier shall:

Administer the Government.

Prepare the State Budget.

Implement Constitutional Law.

Maintain Public Administration.

Promote Economic Prosperity.

Protect State Infrastructure.

Coordinate the State Peace Keeping Force.

Implement Tribunal Judgments.

Promote Education.

Promote Healthcare.

Promote Agriculture.

Protect Public Finances.

Serve all Citizens equally.

Represent the State within the institutions of the Federal Alliance when constitutionally required.

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7. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARDIAN

The Constitutional Guardian safeguards the Nation.

The Premier administers the Government.

Neither Office exercises the constitutional functions of the other.

The Constitutional Guardian shall not administer executive government.

The Premier shall not assume the constitutional role of the Guardian.

Both Offices exist in mutual constitutional respect.

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8. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE

The Premier governs through the confidence of the People.

Public authority exists only for the public good.

Every decision shall be exercised according to the Constitutional Trust.

Government shall remain accessible to the Citizens.

Government shall remain accountable to the Citizens.

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9. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL ALLIANCE

The Premier shall cooperate faithfully with the Federal Alliance.

The Office shall:

Implement Federal Constitutional Standards.

Participate in Federal Programmes.

Support Federal Defence obligations.

Support Constitutional Unity.

Promote cooperation between Sovereign States.

The Federal Alliance shall not administer the daily affairs of the State except where expressly authorised by the Constitution.

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10. LIMITATIONS OF THE OFFICE

The Premier shall not:

Suspend the Constitution.

Interfere with People's Tribunals.

Assume the authority of the Constitutional Guardian.

Exercise powers reserved to the Federal Alliance.

Conduct foreign policy independently where the Constitution assigns that responsibility to the Alliance.

Use public resources for private benefit.

Exercise authority beyond constitutional limits.

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11. STATE EXECUTIVE

The Premier shall appoint Ministers to administer the departments established by the Constitution and the Federal Administrative Code.

Every Minister shall serve in Constitutional Trust.

Every Department shall exist solely for public service.

No Department may exist without constitutional authority.

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12. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Premier remains personally accountable:

To the Constitution.

To the People.

To the People's Tribunals.

To the Federal Alliance in matters of constitutional compliance.

Public office does not grant immunity from constitutional responsibility.

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13. REFERENDUM

Where the constitutional confidence of the People has materially broken down, the continuation of the Premier in office shall be determined through Constitutional Referendum.

The Referendum shall be conducted according to procedures established by the Federal Constitution and the Federal Administrative Code.

The Constitutional Guardian shall not remove the Premier.

Removal derives solely from the constitutional will of the People.

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14. VACANCY

Where the Office becomes vacant through death, resignation, permanent incapacity, or constitutional removal:

The Vice-Premier shall immediately assume the Office in an acting capacity.

A constitutional election shall be conducted according to the Federal Constitution.

Government shall continue without interruption.

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15. OATH OF OFFICE

Before assuming Office, the Premier shall publicly affirm:

> I accept this Office in Constitutional Trust.
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> I shall faithfully administer the Government entrusted to my care.
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> I shall uphold the Federal Constitution.
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> I shall protect the liberties of the People.
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> I shall administer public resources honestly and transparently.
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> I shall faithfully serve both present and future generations.

CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE

The Office of the Premier exists for one purpose only:

> **To administer Government faithfully under the Constitution for the benefit of the People.**
