THE FEDERAL ALLIANCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION

Institution Specification No. 007

THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT

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STATUS

The Office of the Federal President is established by the Federal Constitution as the principal constitutional officer of the Federal Alliance.

The Federal President safeguards the Alliance.

The Office exists in Constitutional Trust.

The Office shall never become supreme over the Constitution.

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1. PURPOSE

The Federal President exists to preserve the unity, constitutional integrity, and continuity of the Federal Alliance.

The Office exists to safeguard.

Not to dominate.

Not to centralise.

Not to replace the Sovereign States.

The Federal President serves the Alliance.

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2. CONSTITUTIONAL DEFINITION

The Federal President is the constitutional head of the Federal Executive.

The Federal President administers the constitutional responsibilities delegated to the Federal Alliance.

The Office derives its authority solely from the Federal Constitution.

No authority exists beyond the Constitution.

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3. THE CONSTITUTIONAL TRUST

The Federal President holds the Office in Constitutional Trust.

The Office belongs neither to the individual nor to a political organisation.

It belongs to the Alliance.

Every decision shall therefore be exercised for:

The Sovereign States.

The People.

The Constitution.

Future Generations.

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4. THE OFFICE

The Federal President shall:

Safeguard the Constitution.

Safeguard the Alliance.

Preserve constitutional unity.

Chair the Board of Three.

Chair the Board of Ten.

Chair the Board of Twenty.

Convene the Board of Forty.

Represent the Alliance internationally.

Oversee implementation of Federal Executive decisions.

Coordinate emergency constitutional responses.

Promote peace between States.

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5. THE PRINCIPLE OF LEADERSHIP

Leadership within the Alliance shall always be exercised according to service.

The Federal President shall therefore:

Lead with humility.

Govern with justice.

Exercise restraint.

Promote cooperation.

Protect constitutional liberty.

Strengthen every Sovereign State.

Seek consensus before compulsion.

The Office exists to unite.

Never to divide.

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6. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution governs the Federal President.

The Federal President safeguards the Constitution.

The Office possesses no authority to suspend, ignore or reinterpret the Constitution outside the constitutional processes established by law.

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7. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATES

The Federal President shall respect:

The Constitutional Guardians.

The State Presidents.

The Sovereignty of every State.

The Federal President may advise.

The Federal President may coordinate.

The Federal President may mediate.

The Federal President shall not administer State Government.

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8. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARDIANS

The Constitutional Guardians preserve the historical continuity of their Nations.

The Federal President preserves the constitutional continuity of the Alliance.

These Offices cooperate in mutual constitutional respect.

Neither Office diminishes the authority of the other within its constitutional sphere.

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9. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE PRESIDENTS

The Federal President shall promote cooperation among State Presidents.

The Office shall encourage common standards.

Coordinate shared initiatives.

Promote constitutional development.

Assist where requested.

The Federal President shall never replace the constitutional authority of a State President.

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10. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE

The Federal President shall remain accessible to the Citizens of the Alliance.

The Office shall promote transparency.

Integrity.

Constitutional education.

National unity.

Hope.

The Office exists for the benefit of the People.

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11. POWERS

The Federal President may exercise only those constitutional powers expressly delegated by the Federal Constitution.

These include:

Convening the Federal Boards.

Implementing Board decisions.

Representing the Alliance internationally.

Signing Federal instruments.

Declaring constitutional emergencies where authorised.

Coordinating common defence.

Facilitating constitutional mediation.

Promulgating Federal legislation.

No additional authority shall exist without constitutional amendment.

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12. LIMITATIONS

The Federal President shall not:

Suspend the Constitution.

Dismiss Constitutional Guardians.

Dismiss State Presidents.

Interfere with People's Tribunals.

Assume State Executive authority.

Exercise powers reserved to the States.

Create Ministries beyond constitutional authority.

Govern by decree.

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13. VACANCY

Where the Office becomes vacant:

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

The Constitution shall prescribe the process for confirming or electing a new Federal President.

The continuity of the Alliance shall never be interrupted.

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14. OATH

Every Federal President shall publicly affirm:

Standing before God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and the Sovereign People’s of this Alliance:

> I accept this Office in Constitutional Trust.
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> I shall faithfully safeguard the Federal Alliance.
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> I shall uphold the Constitution above myself.
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> I shall preserve the liberty of every Sovereign State.
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> I shall serve the People with justice, humility and integrity.
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> I shall faithfully discharge the responsibilities entrusted to this Office for both present and future generations.

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15. CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE

The Federal President safeguards the Alliance.

The Office exists to preserve unity through service.
