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PREAMBLE

WE THE MEMBERS OF THE LONDON TARI CLUB, HAVING CONSTITUTED INTO A CLUB FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOSTERING THE UNITY AND WELL BEING OF OUR MEMBERS AND OUR FAMILIES, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY ENACT THE FOLLOWING AS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB.

BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE CLUB

THE **LONDON TARI CLUB** ('LONTAR' FOR SHORT) IS STRICTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY A PRIVATE MEMBERS CLUB WHOSE UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY IS TO PROMOTE CLOSE SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL RELATIONSHIP AMONGST ITS SPECIALLY VETTED MEMBERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES. ITS ACTIVITIES ARE EXPRESSLY NON-POLITICAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, NON-PARTISAN AND NON-SECRETIVE. IT IS A HIGH PROFILE SOCIAL CLUB OF CLOSE FRIENDS BASED IN LONDON, UK.

THE CLUB WAS FOUNDED IN LONDON ON SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 1997 BY A GROUP OF FRIENDS. THE UNDERLYING DRIVING SPIRIT BEHIND THIS INITIATIVE WAS THE DESIRE TO FORMALY RECOGNISE AND BUILD UPON OLD AND HIGHLY TREASURED SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE GROWN AND MATURED OVER THE YEARS. AS OF NECESSITY, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS LIMITED TO A PRE-DETERMINED MAXIMUM. ANY NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER HAS TO BE RECOMMENDED BY AN EXISTING MEMBER.

ARTICLE 1 : CLUB NAME

THE CLUB SHALL BE KNOWN AND CALLED THE “LONDON TARI CLUB” OR “LONTAR” OR “THE LONTAR CLUB” OR “LONTAR CLUB”.

ARTICLE 2: AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB ARE:

- (a) TO FORMALISE, FOSTER AND BUILD UPON EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT, SUPPORT FOR ONE ANOTHER, EQUALITY AND LOVE OF MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
- (b) TO PROMOTE A HIGHLY RESPECTABLE ORGANISATION WITH ORIGINS FROM RIVERS STATE, BAYELSA STATE AND WESTERN IJAW AREAS OF THE NIGER DELTA.
- (c) TO PROMOTE A PURELY SOCIAL AND HARMONIOUS FORUM FOR MEMBERS TO MEET AND INTERACT PERIODICALY, GETTING AWAY FROM THE RIGOURS OF ROUTINE WORK AND SIMPLY SHARING SOME QUALITY TIME WITH CLOSE FRIENDS.
- (d) TO PURSUE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES THAT ARE TRANSPARENTLY NON-POLITICAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-PARTISAN. UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY WAY OF EXCEPTION TO THIS ARTICLE, MEETINGS OF THE CLUB AND FUNCTIONS SHALL NOT BE USED AS PLATFORMS FOR DISCUSSION OR PROMOTION OF POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.
- (e) **EXCEPTION PROVISION:** ARTICLE 2(d) ABOVE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS PROHIBITING THE CLUB FROM EXERCISING DISCRETION OR FLEXIBILITY ON THESE MATTERS BY WAY OF A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT AT A PROPERLY CONSTITUTED MEETING. TOWARDS THIS, THE CLUB RESERVES THE RIGHT TO APPROVE A GENUINE PROMOTION, DISCUSSION OR INVOLVEMENT BY MEMBERS, WHETHER COLLECTIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY, IN ANY MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE CLUB AND ITS MEMBERSHIP. SUCH DECISION BY THE CLUB AND THE UNDERLYING JUSTIFICATION MUST BE FORMALLY RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE DAY’S MEETING.
- (f) TO ORGANISE SOCIAL EVENTS, (E.G., PARTNERS’ NIGHT-OUT, DINNER NIGHTS, CHILDREN’S DAY-OUTS ETC.) FOR MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AIMED AT CREATING THE IDEAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR MEMBERS, CHILDREN AND SPOUSES TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
- (g) TO SET UP A WELFARE FUND TO SUPPORT MEMBERS AND FAMILIES IF AND WHEN NECESSARY. THIS SHALL INCLUDE POWERS TO SUPPORT FRIENDS OF THE CLUB AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLUB’S MEMBERSHIP. THIS

SHALL BE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE CLUB'S STRONGLY HELD ETHOS OF "A FRIEND OF A MEMBER IS A FRIEND OF THE WHOLE CLUB".

- (h) TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP CLOSE CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AMONGST ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
- (i) TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS THAT WILL FACILITATE THE ATTAINMENT OF THE CLUBS'S AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS BREAKING NEW GROUNDS.
- (j) TO ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST ITS MEMBERS IN ASPIRING TOWARDS HIGHER ACHIEVEMENTS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE, WHETHER IN THE UK, NIGERIA OR ELSEWHERE AROUND THE WORLD.
- (k) TO CO-OPERATE WITH OTHER REPUTABLE ORGANISATIONS AS AND WHEN NECESSARY IN WORKING TOWARDS INFLUENCING DESIRABLE CHANGES AND FORMULATING STRATEGIES FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF COMMON GOALS.
- (l) **CHARITIES:** AS PART OF ITS OVERALL REACHING OUT STRATEGY AND AT THE DISCRETION OF ITS MEMBERS, TO MAKE PERIODIC DONATIONS TO NOMINATED CHARITIES.
- (m) TO CREATE AVENUES FOR SECOND GENERATION NIGERIANS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER AND COLLABORATE IN PROMOTING THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE
- (n) TO PROMOTE A FOCUS GROUP FOR BUSINESS NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AIMED AT ENCOURAGING RESOURCEFULNESS AND MUTUAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

- (a) THE TOTAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP SHALL NORMALLY BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 10 MEMBERS. THIS UPPER LIMIT SHALL HOWEVER BE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REVIEWS AS NECESSARY BY THE ENTIRE MEMBERS.
- (b) MEMBERS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHT TO NOMINATE INTERESTED PERSONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP. UPON ADMISSION, A MEMBER SHALL BE INVESTED WITH A CLUB SHIELD.
- (c) ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE PERSONS ORIGINATING FROM EITHER RIVERS STATE, BAYELSA STATE AND ALL OTHER IJAW AREAS OF THE NIGER DELTA.
- (d) A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER SHALL BE MARRIED OR IN A STABLE RELATIONSHIP.

- (e) EACH MEMBER SHALL BE IN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT OR HAS A REASONABLE MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD KNOWN TO ANY OF THE OTHER MEMBERS.
- (f) EACH MEMBER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE AND BE COMMITTED TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB INCLUDING AND IN PARTICULAR:
- PROJECTING AND PROMOTING A POSITIVE IMAGE AT ALL TIMES;
 - REGULAR AND PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE AT ALL MEETINGS;
 - TIMELY PAYMENT OF ALL AGREED FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AND
 - ALWAYS BEING THERE IN FULL AND DEMONSTRATIVE SUPPORT OF A FELLOW MEMBER WHEN INVITED TO OCCASIONS OR WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES SO DEMAND.
- (g) A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER'S AGE SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN 30 (THIRTY) YEARS OLD.
- (h) A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER SHALL BE SPONSORED BY AN EXISTING MEMBER, WHO SHALL INFORM THE REST OF THE MEMBERS AND UPON AGREEMENT ISSUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM TO THE CANDIDATE TO FILL IN FOR CONSIDERATION.
- (i) EACH NEW APPLICATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE HOUSE. THE DECISION OF THE EXISTING MEMBERS ON THE MATTER SHALL BE FINAL.
- (j) UPON ADMISSION TO THE CLUB, EACH NEW MEMBER SHALL PAY A **NON-REFUNDABLE** MEMBERSHIP FEE IN THE SUM OF £300. THIS SUM SHALL BE REVIEWED BY THE HOUSE FROM TIME TO TIME AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. THIS SUM SHALL BE PAID TO THE CLUB ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF HIS FIRST FULL CLUB MEETING.
- (k) IT IS STRESSED THAT A MEMBER WHO FOR WHATEVER REASONS VOLUNTARY RESIGNS FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE FORFEITED ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP FROM DATE OF RESIGNATION. NO MONIES OR ASSETS OF ANY SORT, WHETHER FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, LEVIES OR ANY OTHER FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS DURING MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE REFUNDABLE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

(l) MEMBERS RIGHTS & PRIVILEGES

- (i) RIGHT TO CONTEST ELECTIONS TO ANY POSITION IN THE CLUB'S MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES.
- (ii) RIGHT TO ATTEND AND VOTE IN ANY MEETING OF THE CLUB TO WHICH MEMBERS MAY ATTEND.
- (iii) RIGHT TO ATTEND OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, SEMINARS, AND TRADE-FAIRS OF THE CLUB. THE MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE

SHALL DECIDE IF FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE REQUIRED FROM MEMBERS TOWARDS PARTICULAR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

- (iv) RIGHT TO ATTEND CLUB MEETINGS, CARRY A MEMBERSHIP CARD OF THE CLUB, HOLD THE CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP SHIELD AND VOTE AT ALL CLUB MEETINGS.
- (v) RIGHT TO SPONSOR APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.
- (vi) RIGHT TO RECEIVE MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE CLUB IN TIMES OF NEED AS SET OUT UNDER ARTICLE 9 BELOW.

(m) MEMBERS WELFARE ENTITLEMENTS / FINANCIAL SUPPORT

ENTITLEMENT TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR AMOUNTS AND/OR VALUES UNDER ANY ASSETS DISTRIBUTION WHATSOEVER (E.G. UNDER ARTICLE 11) SHALL BE GRADUATED ON A PRO-RATA BASIS LINKED TO LENGTH OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP SINCE FORMATION ON 9th MARCH 1997. SUCH ENTITLEMENT SHALL BE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

(i) MEMBERSHIP OVER 5YRS.....100%	(FULL) ENTITLEMENT
(ii) MEMBERSHIP OVER 4 UP TO 5YRS.....90%	OF FULL ENTITLEMENT
(iii) MEMBERSHIP OVER 3 UP TO 4YRS.....80%	OF FULL ENTITLEMENT
(iv) MEMBERSHIP OVER 2 UP TO 3YRS... ..60%	OF FULL ENTITLEMENT
(v) MEMBERSHIP OVER 1 UP TO 2YRS.....40%	OF FULL ENTITLEMENT
(vi) MEMBERSHIP UP TO 1YR.....20%	OF FULL ENTITLEMENT

NB: Also see Article 8 (Club Support) for other Financial support provisions in trying times.

ARTICLE 4: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A PERSON SHALL CEASE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CLUB.

- (a) BY DELIVERING HIS RESIGNATION IN WRITING TO THE PRO OF THE CLUB AND SHALL GIVE ONE MONTH NOTICE OF HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN FROM THE CLUB.
- (b) UPON HIS DEATH.
- (c) UPON NOT BEING A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

A MEMBER NOT IN GOOD STANDING IS DEFINED AS ONE WHO HAS FAILED TO PAY HIS MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTIONS, FEES, OTHER LEVIES OR DEBTS DUE AND OWING BY HIM. HE SHALL REMAIN A MEMBER NOT IN GOOD STANDING AS LONG AS SUCH DEBTS REMAIN UNPAID.

- (d) THE CLUB SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY, BY A VOTE OF THREE-QUARTER OF THOSE PRESENT, TO EXPEL A MEMBER WHOSE CONDUCT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE VISION, OBJECTIVES AND SPIRIT OF THE CLUB. A TYPICAL EXAMPLE SHALL BE WHERE A MEMBER'S BEHAVIOUR IS DEEMED BY THREE QUARTERS OF THE MEMBERSHIP AS HAVING BROUGHT THE REPUTATION OF THE CLUB INTO DISREPUTE.
- (e) THE SANCTION OF EXPULSION SHALL BE APPLIED ONLY AS A LAST RESORT AFTER NO LESS THAN TWO WRITTEN WARNINGS HAD BE GIVEN TO THE OFFENDING MEMBER, SETTING OUT THE CONSEQUENCIES OF NON-IMPROVEMENT IN CONDUCT.
- (f) UPON THE PASSING OF A VOTING EXPELLING A MEMBER:
- THE CLUB SHALL ALLOW AN APPEAL FROM THE AFFECTED MEMBER, IF HE WISHES TO SUBMIT ONE.
 - AN EXPELLED MEMBER MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN APPEAL SETTING OUT HIS GROUNDS FOR APPEAL.
 - THE APPEAL SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CLUB FOLLOWING RECEIPT BY THE PRO OF SUCH AN APPEAL.
 - FOLLOWING THE AFOREMENTIONED APPEAL HEARING, THE DECISION OF THE CLUB SHALL BE FINAL.
 - IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, WHERE THE PRO IS THE AFFECTED PARTY, ALL LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE MATTER SHALL BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE PRESIDENT, UNLESS THE CLUB DECIDES OTHERWISE AT A GENERAL MEETING PROPERLY CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE CLUB UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THIS CONSTITUTION.
- (g) IT IS HEREBY STRESSED THAT THE CLUB HAS AN EXPRESSED POLICY OF NOT REWARDING BAD BEHAVIOUR IN ANY MANNER OR FORM. ACCORDINGLY, A MEMBER WHO IS EXPELLED, HAVING GONE THROUGH THE DUE PROCESS SET OUT IN THIS ARTICLE (I.E, ARTICLE 4) SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO A REFUND OF ANY MONIES OR OTHER ASSETS OF THE CLUB.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS / DUTIES

(a) THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB SHALL CONSIST OF:

- (i) PRESIDENT
- (ii) VICE PRESIDENT
- (iii) PUBLICITY RELATIONS OFFICER (PRO)
- (iv) TREASURER
- (v) WELFARE OFFICER

(b) THE CLUB MAY APPOINT ASSISTANTS OR DEPUTIES TO ANY POST AT ANY TIME AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE CLUB ADMINISTRATION. ALSO, WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, IT MAY COMBINE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TWO POSTS AND ASSIGN THESE TO ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL, WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT

(c) ARRANGEMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 5(b) ABOVE SHALL NOT BE REGARDED AS PERMANENT FEATURES BUT KEPT UNDER ANNUAL REVIEW IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE CLUB.

5.1 PRESIDENT

(a) THE PRESIDENT SHALL CONVENE AND PRESIDE OVER ALL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB.

(b) HE SHALL HAVE A CASTING VOTE IN THE EVENT OF A TIE IN A VOTING PROCESS.

(c) HE SHALL TOGETHER WITH THE PRO AND TREASURER BE SIGNATORIES TO ALL CLUB DOCUMENTS INCLUDING CHEQUES.

(d) UPON APPOINTMENT, HE SHALL TAKE CUSTODY OF THE CLUB'S PRESIDENTIAL TROPHY. THIS REPRESENTS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL OF HIS PRESIDENCY AND A CONSTANT REMINDER OF HIS DUTY TO PROMOTE THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB WHILE IN OFFICE. IT SHALL BE HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE SAFE-KEEPING OF THE TROPHY DURING HIS PERIOD IN OFFICE. HE MUST PASS THE TROPHY OVER TO HIS SUCCESSOR IMMEDIATELY AT THE EXPIRATION OF HIS PRESIDENCY.

5.2 VICE PRESIDENT

(a) THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL ASUME THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE LATTER.

- (b) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLUB, THE DUTIES OF THIS POST MAY BE COMBINED WITH THOSE OF WELFARE CO-ORDINATOR.

5.3 PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER

- (a) HE SHALL BE THE “LINCH-PIN” OF THE CLUB’S ADMINISTRATION AND MUST BE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH EVERY ASPECT OF THE CLUB’S ROUTINE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SECRETARIATE, PUBLICITY, PROTOCOLS, AND INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS.
- (b) HE SHALL BE A GOOD ORGANISER AND A GOOD PROMOTER WHO CAN BE RELIED UPON TO HELP BUILD AND SUSTAIN A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE CLUB UPON WHICH FUTURE ADMINISTRATIONS CAN RELY.
- (c) HE SHALL HAVE A PETTY CASH FLOAT OF £50 TO COVER THE SECRETARIAL EXPENSES. THE FLOAT SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON AN IMPREST SYSTEM.
- (d) ALL ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE SHALL BE SUPPORTED WITH VALID RECEIPTS UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER. WHERE A RECEIPT CANNOT BE PROVIDED, THE CLUB EXPENDITURE VOUCHER MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPROPRIATELY SIGNED.
- (e) HE SHALL PREPARE AND MAINTAIN MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS, ISSUE NOTICES OF MEETINGS, MAINTAIN A REGISTER OF ALL MEMBERS AND RECEIVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB.
- (f) HE SHALL CO-ORDINATE THE PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE CLUB, DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEWSLETTERS, BROCHURES, CALENDERS AND ANY OTHER CLUB PUBLICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- (g) **CLUB’S INTERNET WEBSITE:** IT SHALL ALSO BE A KEY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRO TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE OF THE CLUB’S WEBSITE AT HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. HOWEVER, FOR PRACTICAL REASONS (E.G. SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE BY A PARTICULAR MEMBER) AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CLUB, THIS ROLE MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP, BE ASSIGNED TO A SPECIALLY DESIGNATED “WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR”.

5.4 TREASURER:

- (a) HE SHALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANAGING THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CLUB.

- (b) HE SHALL BE THE CUSTODIAN OF THE CLUB'S FUNDS AND OTHER PROPERTY AND RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION OF MONIES DUE TO THE CLUB.
- (c) HE SHALL KEEP TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, WHICH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLUB, SHALL BE AUDITED PERIODICALLY.
- (d) HE SHALL PAY INTO THE CLUB'S BANK ACCOUNT ALL MONIES RECEIVED, PREFERABLY, BY THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY OR FAILING THIS, WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS AT THE LATEST.
- (e) HE SHALL NOT HONOUR FOR PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT, ANY BILLS OR VOUCHERS UNLESS THESE ARE COUNTERSIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OR ONE OF THE OTHER OFFICIALS.
- (f) HE SHALL PRESENT TO THE CLUB AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS SHOWING ALL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR OF HIS STEWARDSHIP.

5.5 WELFARE CO-ORDINATOR

- (a) WHERE THE CLUB SO DECIDES IN A PARTICULAR ELECTION YEAR, THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THIS POST MAY BE COMBINED WITH THOSE OF THE VICE -PRESIDENT.
- (b) THE WELFARE CO-ORDINATOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WELFARE FUNCTIONS OF THE CLUB. THESE SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
 - (i) PROMOTION AND CO-ORDINATION OF WELFARE AWARENESS AMONGST ALL MEMBERS.
 - (ii) CO-ORDINATION OF CLUB'S REACTION TO KEY EVENTS AFFECTING MEMBERS SUCH AS CELEBRATIONS AND BEREAVEMENTS. THE WELFARE CO-ORDINATOR SHALL ACT AS THE INITIAL POINT OF CONTACT FOR MEMBERS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF AN EVENT FOR WHICH THE CLUB NEEDS TO RESPOND IN SOME MANNER.
 - (iii) RECOGNISING, ACKNOWLEDGING BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES OF MEMBERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY. THIS SHALL INCLUDE SENDING OUT BIRTHDAY CARDS, ANNIVERSARY, GET-WELL, SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATORY CARDS AS THE OCCASION DEMANDS.
 - (iv) CO-ORDINATE ANY ACTIVITIES OF A CHARITABLE NATURE OF THE CLUB AND ANY OTHER DUTIES RELATING TO WELFARE VISITS AS CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND.

ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THIS COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE PRESIDENT, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, TREASURER AND WELFARE OFFICER. WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CLUB AT MONTHLY MEETINGS, ANY OTHER MEMBER/S MAY BE CO-OPTED IN AS NECESSARY, EITHER ON A ONE-OFF OR AN ON-GOING BASIS.

6.1 FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- (i) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CLUB.
- (ii) IT SHALL ACT IN SAFE-GUARDING AND CARRYING OUT THE INTEREST OF THE CLUB.
- (iii) IT SHALL BE ITS DUTY TO FORMULATE POLICIES FOR THE CLUB.
- (iv) IT SHALL ACT WITHIN THE EXPRESSED DECISIONS, APPROVALS OR RATIFICATIONS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE PRESCRIBED BY THE CLUB.
- (v) IT SHALL HAVE POWERS TO ACT AND RECOMMEND ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB IN ANY EMERGENCY AND LATER REPORT ITS ACTIONS TO THE CLUB AT THE NEXT MEETING.

6.2 THE LIFE SPAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) THE LIFE SPAN OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE TWELVE CALENDAR MONTHS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, COMMENCING IN APRIL AND ENDING IN MARCH UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING.
- (ii) THE CLUB SHALL ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION AT THE END OF ITS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE. THE TEAM'S PERFORMANCE SHALL BE MEASURED IN TERMS OF PROGRESS MADE IN ADVANCING THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB. UNLESS THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS NOT TO DO SO, IT SHALL BE THE NORMAL POLICY OF THE CLUB TO FORMALLY RENEW ALL OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. HOWEVER, NO OFFICER SHALL SERVE IN THE SAME POST FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, EXCEPT WHERE, FOR EXCEPTIONAL REASONS AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CLUB, THE WHOLE HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY DECIDES TO WAIVE THIS RESTRICTION.
- (iii) ALL OUT-GOING OFFICERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION TO ANY OFFICE OTHER THAN THE ONE THEY ARE

VACATING FOLLOWING THEIR TWO YEARS IN OFFICE [SUBJECT TO THE CAVEAT IN 6.2 (ii) ABOVE].

ARTICLE 7: GENERAL MEETINGS:

- (a) GENERAL MEETINGS SHALL BE ATTENDED BY ALL REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.
- (b) VOTING SHALL BE BY SHOW OF THE HANDS (ONE) OR SECRET BALOTS WHEN NECESSARY.
- (c) DECISIONS TAKEN IN GENERAL MEETING SHALL BE BINDING ON ALL MEMBERS.
- (d) GENERAL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD ON EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH; AND AT A MEMBERS RESIDENCE ON ROTATIONAL BASIS, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT.
- (e) NO DECISION INVOLVING IMPORTANT ISSUES OF FINANCE OR POLICY SHALL BE RESCINDED AT THE SAME MEETING UNLESS BY A TWO-THIRD MAJORITY VOTING OF ELIGIBLE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHEN THE QUESTION OF RESCISSION IS BEING CONSIDERED.
- (f) ALL GENERAL MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) SHALL NOT LAST FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) HOURS. NORMAL MONTHLY MEETING TIME SHALL BE **3.30PM FOR 4PM**. EVERY MEMBER HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PUNCTUAL TO ENABLE MEETINGS TO COMMENCE AT 4PM PROMPT.
- (g) EXCEPTIONALLY, AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THOSE PRESENT, DURATION OF THE MEETING MAY BE EXTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT TO ENABLE COMPLETION OF CLUB BUSINESS ALREADY COMMENCED.
- (h) **QUORUM:** TWO-THIRD (TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER) OF THE REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR HIS NOMINATED DEPUTY, SHALL FORM A QUORUM. FOR THIS PURPOSE, A NOMINATED DEPUTY MAY BE EITHER THE VICE PRESIDENT OR ANOTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBER AGREED UPON BY PRIOR CLUB ARRANGEMENT.

ARTICLE 8 CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS – CLUB’S SUPPORT

- (a) **WEDDING:** ANY MEMBER THAT GETS MARRIED, PROVIDED THE CLUB IS INVITED, SHALL BE GIVEN THE SUM OF £50, A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS PLUS ANY OTHER VOLUNTARY SUPPORT AS MAY BE RECOMMENDED BY THE CLUB.
- (b) **CHILD BIRTH:** UPON THE BIRTH OF A MEMBER’S CHILD, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SHALL PAY A VISIT TO THE MEMBER’S FAMILY WITHIN **2 DAYS** OF HEARING THE NEWS, BEARING A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS TO THE VALUE OF **£20** AND A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE CARD. THE CLUB SHALL ALSO PRESENT THE FAMILY WITH **£50** DONATION.
- (c) **BIRTHDAYS:** WELFARE CO-ORDINATOR SHALL SEND ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY A BIRTHDAY-CARD ON THEIR BIRTHDAY.
- (d) **BEREAVEMENTS:** UPON BEREAVEMENT OF A MEMBER’S IMMEDIATE FAMILY, THE CLUB SHALL SEND A CARD AND ARRANGE A CONDOLENCE VISIT TO THE BEREAVED HERE IN LONDON ON SAME DAY OR AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THE MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE CLUB:
- (i) **PARENTS (MOTHER AND FATHER).....**SUM OF £300 TOWARDS THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.
 - (ii) **BROTHERS AND SISTERS....**SUM OF £300 TOWARDS THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.
 - (iii) **WIFE:** THE CLUB SHALL GIVE THE SUM OF £700 TOWARDS THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS OF MEMBER’S WIFE BY LEVY AND £300 FROM THE CLUBS ACCOUNT.
 - (iv) **WIVES’ IMMEDIATE RELATIVES (I.E, PARENTS, BROTHERS & SISTERS)** THE SUM OF **£100** SHALL BE GIVEN TOWARDS FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.
 - (v) **CHILD:** THE CLUB SHALL GIVE THE SUM OF **£500** TOWARDS THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.
 - (vi) **OTHER SUPPORT:** MEMBERS SHALL BE OBLIGED TO ATTEND ALL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY OF THE BEREAVED.
- (e) **BEREAVEMENT OF MEMBER:**
THE CLUB SHALL CONTRIBUTE THE SUM OF £2,000 (TWO THOUSAND POUNDS) TOWARDS THE AFFECTED FAMILY’S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THIS COST COMMITMENT SHALL BE MET THROUGH ANY ONE OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS.

- (i) AN EMERGENCY FUND SET UP FOR SUCH PURPOSE
- (ii) A TERM ASSURANCE MAINTAINED FOR MEMBERS (IF IN EXISTENCE).
- (iii) LEVYING ALL MEMBERS.
- (iv) MEMBERS SHALL OBSERVE A WAKE-KEEPING AT THE HOME OF THE DECEASED UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE FAMILY.
- (v) MEMBERS SHALL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND A FAREWELL CHURCH SERVICE ORGANISED BY THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED TO PAY THEIR LAST RESPECT.
- (vi) MEMBERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ASSUME AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ORGANISING ALL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE BEREAVED FAMILY.

(f) MEMBER(S) IN HOSPITAL:

MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE SHALL PAY AN INITIAL VISIT WITH CARD AND NICETIES UP TO THE VALUE OF £20. THEREAFTER DRAW UP A ROTA AMONGST MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FOR VISITS AT REGULAR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT.

(g) MEMBER(S) IN CUSTODY:

- (i) UPON NOTIFICATION, THE CLUB SHALL PROVIDE EVERY NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE MEMBER UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT HE IS ABLE TO ATTEND THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. WHERE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BY THE CLUB, INTERIM ASSISTANCE SHALL INCLUDE ARRANGING FOR THE MEMBER TO SPEAK TO AN APPROPRIATE FIRM OF SOLICITORS. THE CLUB SHALL BEAR THE INITIAL SOLICITOR'S COSTS.
- (ii) THEREAFTER THE WELFARE CO-ORDINATOR SHALL DRAW UP A ROTA AMONGST MEMBERS FOR VISITS AT REGULAR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT.
- (iii) HAVING HEARD DETAILS FROM THE AFFECTED MEMBER, CONTINUED CLUB INVOLVEMENT SHALL BE KEPT UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW AND SHALL DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND IN THE LIGHT OF LEGAL OPINION.

(h) **OTHER EVENTS:**

CLUB'S REACTION TO ANY OTHER EVENT AFFECTING A MEMBER BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE AS DIRECTED BY THE MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CLUB.

ARTICLE 9: POWERS OF THE CLUB

- (a) TO BE ABLE TO RAISE FUNDS WITH THE AGREEMENT OF TWO-THIRD OF THE CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP.
- (b) TO GRANT SECURITIES AND MORTGAGES OVER IT'S PROPERTIES.
- (c) TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE, LEASE OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.
- (d) TO SELL, LEASE OR OTHERWISE DEAL WITH ITS PROPERTIES OR ANY PART OR PARTS THEREOF PROVIDED ALWAYS THE FOREGOING POWERS SHALL BE EXCERCISABLE ONLY WITH APPROVAL OF THE CLUB THROUGH RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY MAJORITY OF NOT LESS THAN 2/3 VOTES CAST UPON SUCH RESOLUTION AT A GENERAL MEETING.
- (e) TO ESTABLISH OTHER BUSINESS AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.
- (f) ALL POWERS UNDER ARTICLE 10 SHALL BE EXERCISED SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS UNDER ARTICLE 7(b) ABOVE REGARDING VOTING METHODOLOGY.

ARTICLE 10: SALE OF AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

- (a) IN THE EVENT OF ASSETS OF THE CLUB OR ASSETS HELD FOR ITS BENEFITS AND THAT OF THE MEMBERS FOR ANY REASON BEING SOLD, THE PROCEEDS AFTER DEDUCTION OF ASSOCIATED COSTS, FEES AND EXPENSES, SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELATIVE VALUES OF THE RIGHTS HELD BY THE MEMBERS. THE PRO-RATA CRITERIA SET OUT UNDER ARTICLE 3(m) SHALL APPLY.
- (b) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANY DISTRIBUTIONS, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ARTICLE 3(l) AND 3(m), THE VALUE OF A MEMBER'S FINAL ENTITLEMENT SHALL BE ARRIVED AT ONLY AFTER DEDUCTION OF ALL AMOUNTS OWED TO THE CLUB BY THAT MEMBER AS AT DATE OF DECISION GIVING RISE TO THE EVENT (I.E. RESIGNATION, EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP, ASSETS DISPOSAL, ETC.)

ARTICLE 11 AMENDMENTS

- (a) THE CLUB SHALL HAVE THE POWERS TO AMEND ITS CONSTITUTION BY LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS HERETO PROVIDED.
- (b) NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PRO TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AND SHALL BE IN WRITING CONTAINING PRECISE STATEMENTS AND REASONS FOR THE AMENDMENT.
- (c) A WRITTEN MOTION FOR AMENDMENT (WHICH MUST BE SECONDED BY ANOTHER MEMBER) SHALL BE LODGED WITH THE PRESIDENT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING AND CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS.
- (d) THE MEETING WILL THEN DEBATE THE MOTION WHICH THEN MUST BE CARRIED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT.
- (e) THE CONSTITUTION WILL THEN BE FORMALLY AMENDED AND REVISED VERSION CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS (BY THE PRO) AND POSTED ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE.

ARTICLE 12 DESOLUTION:

- (a) THE REGISTERED FULLY PAID-UP CLUB MEMBERS ARE THE ONLY AUTHORISED PERSONS ENTITLED TO PROPOSE OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY PROCEDURES TO DISSOLVE THE LONDON TARI CLUB.
- (b) DISPOSITION OF THE CLUB'S ASSETS SHALL BE BY TWO-THIRD "YES VOTES" AT A SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT THROUGH THE PRO AND AT WHICH THE ISSUE OF DISSOLUTION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS HAS BEEN TABLED AND NOTIFIED TO ALL MEMBERS.
- (c) IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION THE CLUB'S ASSETS SHALL, AFTER PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS OF ITS DEBITS AND OBLIGATIONS, BE DISPOSED OFF.
- (d) DISPOSITION OF THE NET ASSETS OF THE CLUB SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF A DONATION TO ANOTHER SIMILAR ORGANISATION OR SHARE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB. THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES SET OUT UNDER ARTICLE 11(b) ABOVE SHALL BE APPLIED.

ARTICLE 13

DECLARATION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF LONDON TARI CLUB HEREBY FORMALLY APPROVE THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS AS THE MUTUALLY AGREED CONSTITUTION OF OUR CLUB.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY, ON THIS DAY (2ND SUNDAY IN APRIL 2004) IN LONDON, ENGLAND, BY AFFIXING OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS DOCUMENT HEREBY COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY PLEDGE TO ABIDE BY AND UPHOLD THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LONDON TARI CLUB.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF LONDON TARI CLUB.

	Name	Address	Signature & Date
1	INEMO EDWIN NDALIKI		
2	KEN BARBER		
3	HARCOURT TONY OTOKITO		
4	STEVE BENAMAISIA		
5	ROBERT IGONIBO AWOLOYE-KIO		
6	BOMA DOUGLAS		
7	DAGOGO CLAUDE-WILCOX		

NOTES

- Constitution fully debated and adopted by all members at its monthly meeting)
- A formally signed version of this page is available (signed by each of the above listed members).