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## Section 1

### Introduction

#### Article (1): Name of the Party

#### Kurdistan Democratic Party

#### Article (2): Mission Statement

The KDP is a patriotic and democratic party based on a fundamental commitment to human rights, individual freedom, and national rights for the Kurds and other nations as regards self-determination. The KDP believes in achievement through systematic programs and democracy which has originated from the roots of the historical and national Kurdish liberation movement along with Mustafa Barzani's patriotic experience.

## Section 2

### Goals

#### Part 1: National Goals

Article (3): To improve and develop respectful relationships and exercise coexistence with all other parties; cooperating and supporting democratic peace-oriented organizations and the Kurdish Diaspora in order to achieve Kurdish national and lawful rights peacefully, in order to expand tolerance through dialogue within Kurdish homes while diminishing violence.

Article (4): To struggle to internationalize the Kurdish cause within the framework of international and regional organizations, where the Kurdish liberation movement must have the role of observer status to defend Kurdish national and patriotic rights.

Article (5): To return all of the disputed territories to the border of the Kurdistan Region in accordance with the methods mentioned in Article (140) of the Iraqi Constitution, and then to finalize the Region's borders.

Article (6): To defend the rights of all Kurds who live in other parts of Iraq and to treat them as part and parcel of the Kurdish nation, and to maintain social and cultural relations with them.

## Part 2: Patriotic Goals

Article (7) To work towards building a civil society that offers rule of law and equal opportunities, where everybody can live under a transparent and fair authority, and also where pluralism and peaceful devolution of power are applied.

Article (8) To verify and confirm a democratic, parliamentary federal system in Iraq that provides full citizenship for all Iraqis while protecting Iraq's international position and guaranteeing liberty and independence.

Article (9) To protect and develop all national, political, cultural and economic gains and achievements which were attained by a historical struggle and were fundamentally the result of martyrs' blood and sacrifices for our people, which were undoubtedly the reflection of a true, brave and free ambition.

Article (10) To verify and confirm national unity in the Kurdistan Region and Iraq; to strive to find just solutions for internal issues between the KRG and Iraqi government in accordance with the Iraqi Constitution.

Article (11) To develop a parliamentary, federal system and guarantee the participation of all Iraqi components in the Constitutional institutions.

Article (12) To guarantee the participation of the Kurdish people in making political decisions in Iraq by participating in Iraqi government agencies.

Article (13) To respect the federal Constitution by implementing its articles, and considering it sacred, as it is the direct expression of Iraq's will and also the only guarantee for the unity of Iraq and its territories.

Article (14) To guarantee national, cultural, and administrative rights for Turkmen, Chaldeans, Assyrians, Syriacs and Armenians.

Article (15) To secure the rights of any religious and sectarian component (in carrying out their rituals and establishing their council) to improve, organize, and develop their cultural and social affairs inside the Kurdistan Region.

Article (16) To establish good relations with parties that work in Kurdistan and Iraq and believe in the Constitution's commitment to democracy, human rights, federalism, national brotherhood, and recognition of the Kurds' right to self-determination.

Article (17) To strengthen principles of co-existence and tolerance among all national, ethnic, and religious groups of people.

Article (18) To ensure that Iraq lives up to its international obligations and follows all international protocol and pacts, especially those which deal with human rights, the rights of minorities, and the rights of self-determination.

### Part 3: Regional & International Goals

Article (19) To strengthen peaceful relationships between the Region and neighboring countries in accordance with the principles of common interest, mutual respect, good neighboring, non-intervention, and solving problems and miscommunication by way of general international law and peace.

Article (20) To commit to the United Nation's goals and principles, and to respect those international agreements and protocols that do not oppose the interests of the Kurdish people.

Article (21) To support the efforts of friendly countries, governmental and non-governmental organizations that participate in the political, economical, and cultural development of the Kurdistan region, facilitating their work in proper and legal ways.

Article (22) To initiate an international campaign to encourage countries and international organizations, especially the United Nations, to defend nations who have suffered international crimes, and to support them in gaining political freedom and economical development.

Article (23) To strengthen relations with nations, parties, and organizations who support the Kurdish nation.

Article (24) To encourage and strengthen the diplomatic relations of the Kurdistan Regional Government through the opening of KRG representation offices in countries all over the world, in accordance with the recent Iraqi constitution, while also encouraging these countries to open their offices and consulates in the Kurdistan Region.

Article (25) To gain observer status for the Kurdish liberation movement in the United Nations and other professional agencies, so as to guarantee a peaceful life for the Kurdish people, free from oppression and another genocide.

Article (26) To strengthen and develop the KRG's relations with the UN and other international organizations and to find proper mechanisms for the involvement of the Region's representatives in international conferences and UN commissions, organizations, and professional agencies.

Article (27) To seek material and moral support for the party's organization abroad for the purpose of:

1. Establishing optimum relations with political parties in the country, especially those who believe in democracy and human rights and recognize the Kurds' right to self-determination.
2. Caring for the Party's members and supporters abroad.
3. To become helpful to the KRG offices abroad in strengthening relations and providing support for Kurdish immigrants outside of Iraq.

### Section 3: Principles & Strategies

#### Part 1: Political System & Governing Issues

The Party believes that the political system in Kurdistan must express the ambitions of the people and work for the approval of citizens' rights and freedoms, and to encourage them to play their positive role in a political system that preserves democracy, human rights, rule of law, and the separation of authorities.

The Party works for the sake of:

Article (28): Supporting the legal and constitutional institutions in Kurdistan such as the Region Presidency, Parliament, government, and the judicial council; which are considered important achievements and should perform in accordance with the rule of law.

Article (29): Respecting human rights and basic freedoms, working in order to achieve those rights and freedoms which are mentioned in international protocol, Iraq being one of the signers. The Party is committed to the implementation of these laws both inside Iraq and Kurdistan.

Article (30): People should be the source of power, and all powers in the Kurdistan Region must come from them. In all crucial decisions, the people have the highest word.

Article (31): The People of the Kurdistan Region decide upon the crucial and critical issues of the Region by referendum and constitutional mechanisms.

Article (32): Supporting the parliament to perform its duty as the legislative agency. It is the Party's duty to pay attention to the agency and support it in all aspects, and to prepare efficient, honest, professional and experienced members in various fields for it.

Article (33): Supporting the Kurdistan Region's government in implementing its programs and public policies, which have gained the trust of parliament.

Article (34): To respect the principles of transparency, accountability and consequence. To work for achieving transparency in government's performance for the purpose of embodying the people's right to monitor the authorities of the Region.

The Party strives to:

- a. Guarantee the right to freedom of information and the monitoring of the performance of governmental and non-governmental activities.
- b. Uphold and pass a constitution and laws that provide people with the ability to monitor and hold accountable the authorities of the Region.

Article (35): To provide national, cultural, administrative, and educational rights for all ethnic components that live in the Kurdistan region, and to respect their beliefs and rituals; and also to support them in having representatives in parliament in accordance with the size of their population.

Article (36): Commitment to the principle of the rule of law and the fact that all people are equal in front of the law without any discrimination based on nation, sex, religion, ethnicity, social and/or political position.

Article (37): Commitment to the principle of the separation of power

B. To achieve an independent judiciary, thus that there is no higher power than the law.

Article (38): Providing freedom for the media and freedom of expression, stressing that media institutions and NGOs become active and responsible elements for defending the rights and freedom of the Kurdistan Region's people.

Article (39): Active participation in the Iraqi political process depends on complete respect for the Iraqi constitution and a comprehensive obligation to implementing its articles.

Article (40): For the purpose of widening the people's participation in governing, our Party works for the implementation of referendums on fundamental laws of a constitutional nature.

Article (41): To work for passing a specific law against discrimination of all forms and to punish anyone who acts against it.

## Part 2: Judicial System

The Party believes that there is no higher authority than a just law and an independent judge with the final authority to determine the law. In order to enable him to do his crucial job, the Party works towards:

Article (42): Respecting the judicial authority and its freedom, and confirming all legal guarantees that exist for this purpose.

Article (43): To review the prosecution system and to promote its role in seeking justice.

Article (44): To train judges and prosecutors in judicial best practices, organizing professional workshops in the field of law to make them more effective.

Article (45): To pay attention to *shura* (“consultation and consensus”) and judicial councils, and to activate them to fulfill their duties.

Article (46): To train and deploy attorneys to perform their role in courts.

Article (47): To provide the public with an education in legal and cultural awareness, which supports the courts’ ability to perform their role in providing justice.

### Part (3): Administrative System

As the role of administration and management is critical for achieving humanitarian, political, economic and social development, the Party works for:

Article (48): Establishing a high Board of Administrative Development in Kurdistan, whose job is to investigate ways to develop a modern system of administration.

Article (49) To frame a proper strategy for the full use of Kurdistan’s human resources, and to find jobs to decrease unemployment and disguised unemployment, which state’s agencies suffer from. This is to be done through:

- a. Encouraging the private sector to initiate production projects and reviewing investment law towards agricultural and industrial projects, which should depend on local workers.
- b. To encourage the use of modern technology and to raise the abilities of administrative personnel inside the government’s establishments, through training and workshops; this is the first step towards establishing an E-government.

Article (50) To publicize a culture of serving among the state’s agencies and establishments, so that the employee can understand the administrative philosophy of the establishment and become aware of the fact that the aim of each position and responsibility is to serve citizens.

Article (51) To embody administrative decentralization by promoting the provinces and initiating cooperation to achieve better transaction speed; all these should be organized in a manner that does not cause disorder in goals and abilities.

Article (52) To establish an integrity board in Kurdistan and activate the Kurdistan Financial Control Divan, while legislating special laws to fight corruption.

Article (53) To re-structure the government's administration in coordination with its obligations towards citizens, and to ensure an end to corruption in the bureaucracy.

Article (54) To urge the public service council to ensure equal opportunities in employment.

#### Part 4: Economic & Financial Policies

The Party pays special attention to economic and financial policies, since they have a crucial role in the development of society and standards of living. Thus, the Party tries to develop a financial policy that is compatible with the great changes in the world and serves the interests of Kurdistan Region. The Party works for:

Article (55) It is a crucial necessity to re-structure the Iraqi economic infrastructure within a federal pluralistic Iraq to protect the interests of the Iraqi people and consider the uniqueness of the Kurdistan region, in compatability with modernity and changes that have emerged in post-war Iraq.

Article (56) To implement a legitimate, just system for dividing financial incomes between federal Iraq and the Kurdistan Region in accordance with Iraq's Constitution.

Article (57) The KRG must apply a transparent policy for finance and the economy in order to guarantee the freedom of economic activities and to support local production and industries. The crucial point of this policy is to establish a Kurdistan economic infrastructure.

Article (58) To utilize the secure and stable circumstances in the Kurdistan Region to encourage local and foreign capital investment in the fields of industry, agriculture, and tourism. On the other hand, laws related to this matter must be amended and implemented, and a general investment plan should emerge to capitlize fully on the Region's economic capabilities.

Article (59) To rebuild and activate the financial and banking sector in Kurdistan and to rehabilitate them to gain the trust of the citizens; this should be done through a national policy that provides a modern banking system which depends on profits, and to link Kurdistan banks with international ones, and also through the rebuilding of insurance establishments.

Article (60) To encourage the establishment of joint stock companies and to provide secure circumstances for this purpose, which use and invest small and medium assets and provide opportunities for local employment.

Article (61) Efforts to review and amend all financial laws, especially ones related to tax policies, to make them suitable for recent economic developments.

Article (62) To resolve issues of disguised unemployment, which is considered a burden on the Region's general budget.

Article (63) To improve financial control and observation for the protection of public wealth and to ensure its proper use.

Article (64) To pass a law of consumers' rights and prohibit abuse by producers and traders; and also to activate an agency of quality control for all products and a supporting committee to protect consumers' rights.

Article (65) To legislate a law ensuring freedom of competition and prohibiting monopolies, and to organize markets in accordance with the Region's financial and economic policies.

Article (66) To review the ration card system to guarantee a better standard of living for people who have low incomes.

Article (67) To open a special account for the Region's share from federal incomes, and to save a part of this income for the next generation's benefit.

#### Part 5: Educational & Higher Educational System

The Party deems it necessary that a public and transparent philosophy for education must emerge for the purpose of framing a united and national policy. It should include a new and modern vision for erasing the effects of old, negative, racist and chauvinistic educational policies of the past Iraqi authorities. The Party works:

Article (68) To continuously re-evaluate and develop educational programs that are in accordance with modern developments, technology and civilization.

Article (69) To confirm national thought alongside principles of democracy, tolerance, and human rights within educational programs so as to strengthen Kurdish nationalism through a knowledge of Kurdish culture, language, history, and geography.

Article (70) To inform the public and students about the crimes committed against our nation, by inserting the following materials into educational programs:

- a. Genocide (ANFAL, mass killings, use of chemical weapons... etc.)
- b. Ethnic cleansing policies (deportation, displacement, Arabization... etc.)

Article (71) To support attempts to preserve the language and culture of the Turkmen, Chaldeans, Assyrians, and Armenians within their special educational programs.

Article (72) To increase the use of foreign languages within educational programs.

Article (73) To build a strong sense of personality for the Kurdish individual, in order to achieve self-esteem and a free mind.

Article (74) To pay close attention to teachers so that they perform more efficiently, playing their important role in the community.

Article (75) To pay special attention to universities and institutes and their professors and scientific personnel, without interfering in their affairs.

Article (76) To apply administrative decentralization for all educational establishments to reduce the rate of bureaucracy and to provide them with the freedom to undertake their duties.

Article (77) To provide the circumstances needed to revitalize Kurdish.

Article (78) Endeavor to offer equal opportunity fellowships for talented students.

Article (79) To provide places for Kurdish students who come from other parts of Kurdistan to study in the Kurdistan Region's universities.

Article (80) To apply a transparent policy in the higher education system regarding the establishment of private and public schools, institutes and universities, including those that are in place, concentrating on their quality and to set certain standards in order to evaluate them.

Article (81) To maintain a mixed-gender system in educational establishments and programs.

Article (82) To pay more attention to vocational academies to prepare mid-level personnel for the development of the region's economy and reconstruction.

## Part 6: Scientific Research

Scientific research is a critical factor in the development of a vibrant civil society and healthy governmental institutions in the Kurdistan Region. Academics and scholars must be encouraged and the Kurdistan Academy must be expanded and promoted in line with its international counterparts. Thus the Party works:

Article (83) To support scholars and inventors by legislating for the protection of intellectual property rights, opening scientific centers in Kurdistan, and encouraging scholars and inventors through the provision of facilities for them to explore their skills.

Article (84) To support original scientific research by encouraging research centers in universities; organizing international conferences and workshops, and implementing knowledge gained from the results; also to encourage researchers to explore and develop national theory and cases.

Article (85) To encourage a translation movement in Kurdistan and establish a professional translation agency for the translation of books, scientific resources, and legislation into and from the Kurdish language.

Article (86) To allocate an appropriate amount of the Region's budget to the development and support of scientific research.

#### Part 7: Health System

Since the health system is critically important for building a healthy and productive society, the Party believes that there must be efforts:

Article (87) To pay more attention to health care in both prevention and treatment. This should be done through the provision of medical instruments, devices, personnel, and modern treatment techniques; and opening more hospitals and consultation clinics, in order to ensure an equal geographic allocation of health services to meet the needs of all citizens.

Article (88) To raise general health awareness by broadcasting special and educational programs through the media.

Article (89) To establish and develop physiotherapy centers and provide them with modern equipment.

Article (90) To develop a pharmaceutical and medical instrument industry in the Kurdistan Region in accordance with international standards, and implement an effective system of quality control upon medical products.

Article (91) To establish a general system for health care insurance in the Kurdistan Region.

Article (92) To re-orient the health care system as necessary in order to provide the best service and treatment of patients.

## Part 8: Civil Society

As Kurdish society undergoes dramatic development, the Party carefully works to implement an advanced social system through the application of the following principles:

Article (93) Efforts to supply basic life necessities to all individuals, including: proper living conditions (food, clothing, housing... etc.), job opportunities, education, health care, and freedom of expression.

Article (94) To democratize social life by raising the living standards of Kurdish families and educating individuals about civic responsibilities and democratic principles.

Article (95) To enhance social cohesion in the society through citizen participation in both public and non-public establishments.

Article (96) To work in accordance with a deep respect for the role of civil society and educate citizens about principles such as human rights, children's rights, gender equality, individual freedom, and social justice.

Article (97) To protect and develop Kurdish culture in order to maintain the national identity of the Kurdish society.

Article (98) To protect and develop the Kurdish language and standardize it as a necessary tool for social development, and begin the process of formalizing the Kurdish language all over Iraq.

Article (99) To guarantee a peaceful and happy life for children, because they are a social treasure, and to protect them against any physical or psychological abuse.

Article (100) To reduce poverty and resolve its social effects by reviewing the social security system.

Article (101): To pay attention to disabled people with special needs and to guarantee their rights in accordance with related international agreements.

Article (102) To review and re-organize labor laws in order to align them with the Region's economic and political changes, through the passage of a new law that covers laborers in both private and public sectors and guarantees their rights.

Article (103) To legislate a new law for retirement and social security that coincides with recent economic and social changes.

Article (104) To guarantee a comfortable life for the elderly and to open and develop care centers for them.

Article (105) To establish social protection networks.

Article (106) To provide rehabilitation houses to ensure necessary services (for teenagers and the elderly), and also to seriously consider the situation of the incarcerated and to organize the eligible for the provision of special programs.

Article (107) To open government-run employment centers to provide jobs for the unemployed and to train those without expertise in any field.

#### Part 9: Peshmergas

Since the advent of the Great September Revolution, the “Peshmergas” have been the true protector of the people of Kurdistan and its borders. Through their brave sacrifices, our nation was able to overcome difficult political situations and achieve most of its goals. The Party proudly commemorates and appreciates the Peshmergas’ role in history and also its recent role as an important component of the Iraqi army, and works:

Article (108) To support the efforts of the Ministry of Peshmarga Affairs by organizing, uniting, and legislating on Peshmarga affairs, since it is vital to the defense of Kurdistan’s borders and the protection of our nation’s achievements.

Article (109) To raise the living standards of the Peshmarga forces by legislating special laws and regulations.

Article (110) To improve Peshmerga training courses in order to increase their capabilities, and to establish military colleges, institutes, and professional research centers commensurate with modern technologies.

Article (111) To support the September Foundation “AYLUL” in order to remember the Peshmerga members who fought in both the September and Gulan revolutions.

Article (112) To pay close attention to wounded or disabled Peshmerga veterans, and to ensure their rights are protected.

Article (113) To respect and honor martyred Peshmerga by taking care of their families.

Article (114) To allow Peshmerga to cooperate with civil defense forces and participate in Kurdistan’s reconstruction.

Article (115) To educate the people and children of our nation about the role and sacrifice of our Peshmergas through the inclusion of this subject in educational programs and the establishment of special museums, monuments, and documentary centers.

Article (116) To improve the education and cultural development of Peshmerga and to provide them with relevant knowledge of political and social developments.

## Part 10: Internal Security Forces

Security at both the ‘individual’ and ‘community’ level is a basic right. The Party believes that those tasked with providing internal security have an important role to play in protecting the security and freedom of citizens, defending the achievements of our nation, upholding the rule of law, implementing justice, and protecting human rights. The Party works:

Article (117) To provide a more clear and comprehensive definition to the people about security in the Kurdistan Region by delineating the fields of authority for security forces, laying out the vital interests of Kurdistan Region and explaining threats against the public; this includes matters of intelligence, acts against Kurdish institutions, terrorism, narcotics, and religious, ethnic, and national fundamentalism.

Article (118) To implement ongoing training for officers and members of the internal security forces and ensure their introduction to modern styles and methods of professional security work. This will be done by improving training centers and organizing special and annual courses related to security works.

Article (119) To improve working conditions, raise living standards, and make available high risk pay for officers and members of internal security forces.

Article (120) To take additional care with the education and socialization of officers and members of the internal security forces various fields of security works, human rights protection, and the protection of the rule of law, in order to ensure their loyalty and performance to the Region and nation.

Article (121) To deploy modern technology to assist in the work of internal security establishments, such as intelligence gathering, fact-checking, crime trace collections, and anti-terrorism.

## Part 11: Communications System

In the last few years, the Kurdistan Region has taken a dramatic step forward in modern communication technologies and devices, and being of crucial importance, the Party is working hard:

Article (122) To pass laws that would organize communication companies (Internet, Cell Phones... etc.) in order to protect common parties’ interests by paying attention to quality and price, and to monitor and prevent any misuse.

Article (123) To encourage companies to broaden their service channels to reach the most remote points in Iraq and Kurdistan.

Article (124) To improve metrological stations in Kurdistan in a manner commensurate with technological developments in the Region and pay more attention to seismic monitoring.

## Part 12: Transportation & Infrastructure

Transportation and infrastructure are fundamental pillars of a healthy economy, and since Kurdistan is one of the international gateways to Iraq, they have a crucial importance. Thus, the Party works:

Article (125) To organize public transportation networks through legislation and in accordance with modern methods in order to offer more services and assist in solving traffic congestion.

Article (126) To improve the network of roads and bridges by repairing and maintaining them, especially the main internal and external highways that link the Kurdistan Region with neighboring countries. Also, to establish railway networks and airports.

Article (127) To organize the import of automobiles and vehicles in accordance with a strategic plan.

Article (128) To amend traffic laws in accordance with principles that guarantee transportation standards, proper vehicular use, and environmental protections.

Article (129) To educate citizens about traffic laws and proper vehicular procedure by inserting the subject into educational programs and media reports, in order to reduce vehicular accidents.

Article (130) To modernize the post office system in the Region.

## Part 13: Environment

As everybody has the right to live in a clean environment, protecting the environment and re-greening Kurdistan is a national, patriotic, and humanitarian mission. The Party works:

Article (131) To implement decisions made at international conferences related to pollution, environment protection, and global warming, and to have Kurdistan participate in relevant conferences.

Article (132) To cooperate with the Iraqi federal government to fight problems of desertification and sandstorms.

Article (133) To establish restricted areas for the protection of plants and animals through legislation.

Article (134) To save natural forests and parks and protect them against fires and misuse, and to re-build a greenbelt around the Region.

Article (135) To clear mines and support local and international efforts in de-mining, and to also pressure the federal government to participate in these efforts.

Article (136) To legislate special regulations for hunting to guarantee the protection of animals. To educate people about environmental protection by introducing the subject into media and educational programs, and supporting relevant organizations.

Article (137) To use scientific and modern methods for waste disposal and the recycling of agricultural and industrial projects.

#### Part 14: Natural Resources

The Party works for the development and protection of natural resources in the Kurdistan Region in the interest of the Region's citizens and future generations, through:

##### First: Oil & Gas

Article (138) To insist on the Region's constitutional right to administer oil and gas affairs, in accordance with related legal mechanisms for bonds and contracting, and in establishing professional administrative structures. These resources are to be used for the benefit of the Kurdistan Regions' people.

Article (139) To improve recent oil wells and find new ones.

Article (140) To establish and improve the oil industry to supply the Region's energy needs and to export surplus to other countries.

Article (141) To encourage the establishment of a petrochemical industry in the Kurdistan Region.

Article (142) To train local technical personnel to work in oil fields, by providing opportunities to study and train inside and outside the Region.

Article (143) To open centers for strategic research in oil and gas.

Article (144) To establish internal pipeline networks for the distribution of products to all cities and villages within the Kurdistan region.

##### Second: Minerals

Article (145) A geological and topographical study must be done for the entire Region in order to identify valuable minerals to be used for the promotion of the people of the Region's interests.

Article (146) To improve and renew the mineral industry and encourage new projects

Article (147) To encourage well discovery and development through special legislation commensurate with international standards protecting the environment.

Third: Water Resources

Article (148) To fully commit to international agreements regarding the sharing of waters and to implement them in a way that guarantees the rights of all partners.

Article (149) The use of river, spring, and rain waters in a responsible way by building dams to guarantee the availability of water and underground water needed to produce electricity, feed agriculture, encourage tourism, and protect marine life.

Article (150) To guarantee the right of all citizens to healthy drinking water, repairing water distribution networks and building new ones.

Part 15: Agriculture, Construction & Trading

First: Agricultural Sector

The Party considers agriculture to be the most important production sector. In order to protect food security in the Region, it pays prominent attention to improving, renewing, automating, and supplying this sector with all its necessities and resolving barriers to its success. This should be done through a strategic plan that guarantees the following:

Article (151) The review of all laws related to land possession and use in order to strengthen the agricultural sector and assist the reconstruction of villages in Kurdistan. Such laws must be legislated through the Kurdistan Parliament.

Article (152) To implement a pricing policy for local production to encourage such production and to protect them from the competition of foreign products; and implementing a proper funding mechanism and facilities provision for farmers.

Article (153) To pay closer attention to scientific and agricultural studies in order to prepare effective personnel for the sector.

Article (154) To supply complementary services to villages and other agricultural areas to encourage modern reconstruction of these areas and immigrated farmers to return to their place of origin.

Article (155) To monitor plant and animal resources and modernize the agricultural sector by using new methods for animal husbandry.

Article (156) To follow proper and modern strategies in the education of farmers to stress production quality for the enrichment of the Region's markets with local plant products and livestock. This should be done through the KRG's 5 year agricultural plan.

Article (157) To advance the use of technology in agricultural production and train necessary personnel to use and maintain devices and machinery; also, to guide farmers on their use through agricultural guiding centers.

Article (158) To repair agricultural areas and de-mine them as soon as possible to expand land in the Region.

Article (159) To pay attention to agricultural publication and education to guide farmers and to build a culture around them.

Article (160) To increase the rate of participation in international fairs to open new markets for the Kurdistan Region's products

Article (161) To construct special research centers dedicated to improving the agricultural sector and finding treatments for the maladies that plague it.

Article (162) To support and encourage projects for the production of agricultural machines, treatments, and food.

Article (163) To support the Kurdistan Farmers Union and encourage their efforts to serve farmers.

## Second: Industrial Sector

The Party pays special attention to industry, endeavoring:

Article (164) To support private sector industry and encourage industrial investments by providing a conducive environment through the passage of legislation.

Article (165) To support both small and large industrial projects that depend on local primary materials and to support local products in order for them to compete with foreign ones in both price and quality.

Article (166) To support and encourage labor and industries.

Article (167) To pay attention to electrical production, maintaining resources, and linking and renewing networks to meet the Region's needs alongside trying to find new energy resources.

Article (168) To implement international standards regarding industrial security in the Region and build different industrial cities in accordance with a strategic plan.

### Third: Trade Sector

Trade is an important source of economic activity. It is a prominent economic factor, thus there must be special care for this sector:

Article (169) To establish free trade in the Kurdistan Region.

Article (170) To establish and improve a trade observation directory to cooperate with the media and NGOs in order to reveal any abuse and to hold wrong doers accountable; also, to disperse a widespread respect for trade ethics.

Article (171) To activate the directory of quality control to follow international standards on medicine, food, medical instruments, electrical or electronic products, and/or any other product that is produced inside or outside the Region.

Article (172) To review all laws and legislation related to internal or international trade, such as: trade laws, corporations, commerce and industry chambers, import and export... etc.

Article (173) To implement proper commercial policies and support local products to enable them to compete with foreign ones in order to achieve a trade balance (especially with neighboring countries).

### Part 16: Construction & Housing

In accordance with the fact that the establishment and maintenance of a proper house is every citizen's right, the Party works:

Article (174) To rebuild damaged villages utilizing modern design and in accordance with a pre-studied plan, and supplying them with necessary services.

Article (175) To reduce the housing crisis through the encouragement of investment and support for housing funds and property banks; also, to encourage vertical housing systems in Kurdistan cities and villages that are built according to certain standards and supplied with the necessary services.

Article (176) To review rental law to guarantee a balance between renter and owner.

Article (177) To consider international standards and specifications in housing projects to withstand earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Article (178) To facilitate and assist those who have limited incomes, such as young newlyweds.

Article (179) To encourage the establishment of housing loan organizations and support the activities of syndicates that specialize in this field.

Article (180) To increase the organization and expansion of cities through full commitment to the master plans of the cities and villages.

Article (181) To implement a building policy that guarantees the use of proper and efficient building materials.

Article (182) To make specific accommodations for disabled people with special needs when planning for housing projects.

#### Part 17: Municipalities & Public Services

The Party pays special attention to municipalities because they have a pivotal role in providing public services; that is why the Party works:

Article (183) To adopt a modern view on the role municipalities in order to empower them to provide the best possible public services to the citizens.

Article (184) To review master plans for cities and villages in accordance with scientific and modern standards and commensurate with the historical facts of the related areas.

Article (185) To work on improving the quality and quantity of public services to keep neighborhoods clean and safe.

Article (186) To publicize a culture of participation by protecting local folkloric building styles.

#### Part 18: Developing Tourism

Tourism is one of the most important economic sectors. Kurdistan is rich in tourism promise, including its religious sites, so the Party works to improve this sector:

Article (187) To frame and implement a strategic plan to improve the tourism sector in the Kurdistan Region.

Article (188) To support and encourage private capital investment in the tourism sector in Kurdistan.

Article (189) To prepare technical and experienced personnel for the sector.

Article (190) To study and classify tourist areas and prepare them for this purpose.

Article (191) To spread a culture of tourism among the people.

Article (192) To protect the Kurdistan Region's ancient sites and encourage tourists to visit them.

## Part 19: Media & Broadcasting

The Party believes in the importance of the freedom of media and broadcasting in Kurdistan (through print, television, radio, and the internet), believing that they play an important role in educating the community, revealing facts, declaring weak points in governmental and non-governmental institutional performance, suggesting resolution, deepening the values of democracy and patriotism, and calling attention to our national cause abroad. The Party works:

Article (193) To engage various media institutions and encourage their objectivity and transparency, and the maintainence of ethical, legal, and professional standards.

Article (194) The media is free and liable; this freedom, which is organized by law, is confirmed and protected by the Constitution.

Article (195) To organize print, television, radio, and internet institutions in a way that coincides with the principles of democracy, human rights, and freedom of expression.

Article (196) To support and develop the Kurdistan News Agency in becoming a globally-trusted news source.

Article (197) To prepare and train professional media workers for all media professions.

Article (198) To utilize the role of educational media in educating children and youth.

Article (199) To legislate the ownership of an idea.

## Part 20: Culture

The Party pays great attention to Kurdish culture and folklore, and works:

Article (200) To re-organize, develop, and support the publishment of houses belonging to the KDP.

Article (201) To establish, as soon as possible, a national library and archive center to protect Kurdish documents, and to attempt to re-nationalize transferred and/or stolen ancient historical documents.

Article (202) To pay prominent attention to Kurdish folklore through the establishment of a Kurdistan National Museum and beginning a process of investigation into ancient events and artifacts. Also, to return transferred and/or stolen artifacts, while re-identifying the artifacts that are missing their true Kurdish identification.

Article (203) To further develop the Barzani Namr Museum. To protect artifacts, evidence, documents, and any other material related to Barzani's life, the struggles of his

allies in the revolution, the KDP's legacy, and the Kurdish revolutions in order for them to be placed in the Museum.

Article (204) To construct special monuments and museums for the victims of genocide and open institutions for documenting such crimes.

Article (205) To further Kurdish art by supporting writers, artists, theatre actors, cinema actors, painters, and musicians.

Article (206) To support any local or foreign efforts that aim to explain our nation's history, folklore, bravery, and achievements.

#### Part 21: Regional Affairs

Religion is one of the main pillars of life. It is crucial for the organization and direction of human relations, and the KDP supports promoting tolerance, co-existence, and freedom of religious beliefs. The Party pays attention to religion and works:

Article (207) To pay attention to the holy religion of Islam and acknowledge the direct role that Kurds have in building an Islamic civilization.

Article (208) To respect religious scholars and their social position, seeking to improve their living standards and providing the necessities needed to perform their religious and patriotic duties (which serves our nation and its development), while fighting against the spread of terrorism and fundamentalism.

Article (209) To support and cooperate with the Kurdish Islamic Scholars Union to perform their duties in the best way.

Article (210) To support other religious councils and communities that exist in Kurdistan.

Article (211) To organize and supervise religious universities, institutes and academies commensurate with the modern era, and rebuilding damaged mosques and other religious sites.

Article (212) To respect the feelings, customs, and rituals of all religions, strengthening the principles of religious tolerance and promoting a culture of brotherhood, love, coexistence, and a rejection of fundamentalism.

Article (213) To support establishments and institutions that demand modern renewal through the religious concept in accordance with Islam, while serving the nation and its people.

Article (214) To renew the system of AWQAF commensurate with the era and serve the public interest in the region.

Article (215) Mosques and religious places have sacred messages and should not be used for political activities.

## Part 22: Women, Students, Youth & Sport Affairs

### First: Women

The Party believes that a woman's role in Kurdistan society is no less than a man's. The Party works:

Article (216) To provide an appropriate environment for women to participate in political life and exercise leadership.

Article (217) To abide by the implementation of the quota system in order to enable women to obtain leading positions inside the Party, as well as the government.

Article (218) To fight against discrimination based on gender and end any type of violence against women by implementing recent changes in the law.

Article (219) To fight against the traditions that exist within Kurdish society that prevent women from having their rights.

Article (220) To educate women on their political, social, and cultural rights that are confirmed in national constitutions and laws, and in the international agreements suitable for Kurdistan.

Article (221) To spread the culture of women's rights and their security in the workplace; also, paying attention to constructing special centers for women.

Article (222) To support the Kurdistan Women's Union and encourage their activities to strengthen women's position within society.

### Second: Students

Students play a beneficial and important role in the community and have a crucial role in the development of society. They are at the forefront of every revolution, therefore needing to receive a proper academic education in order to obtain higher qualifications. Because of this reality, the Party works:

Article (223) To support the insertion of modern and advanced scientific programs in increasing students' abilities.

Article (224) To provide the proper circumstances for talented students to demonstrate their abilities.

Article (225) To support and supervise students who come from the families of martyrs and genocide victims.

Article (226) To raise the living standards of students.

Article (227) To implement a new system to admissions for students in the colleges and universities, in accordance with the abilities and wishes of the student and the needs of the market.

Article (228) To support student elections as a democratic process that confirms the value of student participation in the education process.

Article (229) To support the Kurdistan Students' Union and their activities to strengthen students' positions in society.

### Third: Youth

The Party believes that youth are real engines for change in the society and contributor to the future of Kurdistan. They are key to protecting the Region. And the Party works:

Article (230) To deepen nationalism among the youth and educate them within a culture of democracy and tolerance, while condemning violence.

Article (231) To implement plans to develop the abilities of the youth.

Article (232) To provide requisite opportunities for qualified youth to get leading posts within the government or the Party.

Article (233) To continually address problems such as unemployment, proper housing, living standards, mass immigration... etc. through research.

Article (234) To pay attention to keeping in touch with immigrant youth and their lives.

Article (235) To educate youth about the threat presented by drugs and to protect them from these threats, while those addicted. This will be done by reviewing related laws and taking strong measures against drug dealers.

Article (236) To open new centers for culture, entertainment, sports and arts in order to develop youths' physical and psychological abilities.

Article (237) To promote a strong work ethic as a high social value and protect the value of this culture as a main pillar in building youths' personalities.

Article (238) To support the Kurdistan Youth Union and their activities that strengthen youths' positions in society.

### Fourth: Sports

Sports have become a universal phenomenon all over the world and impacts all components of society, not being restricted to sex or age. In this field, the Party works:

Article (239) To emphasize the value of sports and encourage them within society, without discrimination based on sex, age, and/ or religion.

Article (240) To spread an athletic culture in society based on the idea of “sports for all,” in order to advocate a healthy body and mind for all individuals.

Article (241) To develop sports ambassadors of Kurdistan to the world, by preparing professional sports personnel and building an infrastructure for athletic training, and respecting athletic achievements.

Article (242) To break down social obstacles that prevent women from participation in athletics.

Article (243) To pay attention to the athletic activities of the disabled which require special needs.

Article (244) To support Kurdistan national teams in raising the Kurdish Flag and name in international athletic events.

### Part 23: Non-governmental Organizations

Public and professional organizations, unions, syndicates, communities, centers and clubs... etc., have had a historical and ongoing role in our nation’s liberty movement and in defending the principles of democracy. The Party strongly believes in this role, and thus works:

Article (245) To implement the principle of democracy in administrating NGOs and electing their presidency.

Article (246) To support efforts to unite organizations that are in the same profession and work in similar sectors.

Article (247) To strengthen relations between Kurdistan NGOs and their counterparts abroad in a direction that serves Kurdistan’s higher interests.

Article (248) To cooperate with similar organizations to facilitate their work.

Article (249) To support the participation of NGOs in local, regional, and international conferences.

Article (250) To strengthen NGO’s efforts to achieve their professional goals and deepen the democratic process in the Kurdistan Region.

Article (251) To strengthen the role of NGOs as a new link between the government and people, and provide a proper environment for them to monitor government performance.

#### Section 4: Victims of Genocide & Crimes Against Humanity.

‘The flows of ANFAL, deportation, village damaging and attacks by chemical weapons’

A look into Iraq’s recent history reveals the damage that has affected the Kurdish individual in every aspect of life, especially their national rights. Kurds have encountered many hardships and faced dramatic oppression that violated their God-given, natural rights. The oppression of the Kurds is clearly shown through the use of deadly chemical weapons against them, embodied in the Anfal operations, Arabization and forced deportations, and in the many other racist crimes classified as genocide and mass murder. From mass executions to attempts to erase Kurdish culture, the aim was ultimately to have the Kurdish identity be extinguished.

##### Part 1: Rights of Victims & Their Families

Article (252) To organize a national campaign to reveal the results of tens of hundreds of Kurds including the Barzanis, Failis, and the victims of Anfal operations in Garmyan and other Kurdish areas who have been lost to history; also, to care for the victims’ families.

Article (253) To hold the Iraqi federal government accountable for the search, return, and compensation of the victims of past genocides and other crimes committed against our people by the dictatorial Iraqi regimes of the past.

Article (254) To return all immigrants and people forcefully deported to their places of origin and compensate them, rebuilding damaged villages at the cost of the Iraqi federal government.

Article (255) To make all effort to bring back deported Faili Kurds and repay their relocation expenses, in addition to paying them for their losses, while re-providing them with Iraqi citizenship. All these costs must be paid by the Iraqi federal government.

Article (256) To block all efforts to erase the Kurdish identification of Yezidi Kurds and diminish the effects of all bigotted actions committed against them.

Article (257) To end the deportation, oppression, and stealing of land from the Shabak Kurds, because these actions are considered bigotted and an attempt to change the demographic reality of the related areas. The Iraqi federal government must pay them for their physical and psychological losses.

Article (258) To make efforts to provide non-Iraqi Kurds living in Iraq, such as the Omarian and the Koyan, with Iraqi citizenship.

Article (259) To re-patriot Kurdistan citizens that migrated to Iran after the disastrous Algerian Agreement of 1975 and as well as citizens who migrated to Turkey in the 1980s. They must be considered by the Iraqi federal government as victims and compensated physically and psychologically.

Article (260) To broadly celebrate the anniversary of the great revolution of the spring of 1991, while forcing the Iraqi federal government to compensate the victims of these revolutions.

Article (261) To evaluate the brave role of past political prisoners, considering them victims and compensating them physically and psychologically.

## Part 2: Legislation

Article (262) The Iraqi Council of Representatives should legislate to define mass murder as crimes, demanding serious punishments for those violate international agreements regarding the punishment of such crimes, such as Article (5) which obligates all those involved to be punished legally and properly.

Article (263) The Iraqi Council of Representatives must legislate to guarantee the rights of the victims of these crimes. This law should provide the following rights to victims and their families:

- Re-instatment of all their rights.
- Material and moral compensation for the crimes committed against them.
- The provision of medical and psychological care.
- The honoring of victims and acknowledgment of their oppression.

Article (264) The Iraqi Council of Representatives must legislate to prohibit the production and storing of chemical, biological, and forbidden weapons, while punishing those who break the law.

Article (265) The Iraqi Council of Representatives must legislate to consider crimes (mass killings, crimes against humanity, war crimes) committed by the previous

dictatorial Iraqi regime against the Iraqi people, especially the Kurdish nation, as serious crimes.

### Part 3: Other Internal & International issues

Article (266) Iraq must join the international court of crimes (Roma system) to guarantee that the international crimes against Iraqis and Kurds will not be repeated.

Article (267) To support national and international efforts to establish centers for the investigation of chemical attacks on Kurdistan and their effect on Kurdish cities and villages.

Article (268) To construct special local and international centers for collecting evidence that proves Kurds have been victims of international crimes.

Article (269) To pronounce the date of March 16<sup>th</sup> Halabjah Day to be an international holiday and reminder of the damage that comes from the use of chemical weapons.

Article (270) To seek legal claims against all foreign personnel, governments, companies and individuals that took part and/or participated in such crimes against our nation.

Article (271) To work diligently at persuading the international community to recognize the genocide committed against the Kurds and guarantee that such crimes will not be repeated.

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## Section One:

## Some Basic Definitions:

Article 1: The Definition of the KDP in terms of its organization.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party is a patriotic and democratic party. It was formed by a group of passionate advocates, who shared similar goals and believed in the KDP's organization and platform. The primary goal is progress through strategic planning, based on the Barzani legacy which launched the Kurdish historical struggle for liberation and the preservation of the Kurdish culture. The KDP has benefitted from the positive experiences of other democratic nations and uses them as a prime example to follow in the Kurdistan Region.

Article 2: The Name of KDP and its Abbreviation

In Kurdish: ئارتی دیمکراتی کوردستان

In Latin: Partiya Demokrata Kurdistane

In English: Kurdistan Democratic Party

Article: (3) Motto and symbols of the KDP



Article: (4) KDP Flag

The color of the flag is yellow with a red circle in the middle with the abbreviation of KDP inside.

Article: (5) KDP Media

The mouthpiece of the party is the *Khabat* (“struggle”) newspaper, which is published in Kurdish, and the “Al-Taekhi” (“brotherhood) website published in Arabic.

## Section Two

### **KDP Organizational Principles**

Article: (6) The KDP has been founded on the following organizational principles:

- 1- Implementing confidential voting for the elections of committees.
- 2- Low-level members will obey the instructions and decisions of high-level members.
- 3- Individuals have no right to engage in decisions that are under the authority of the committee’s organizations, however, the individual is responsible for not violating the principles.
- 4- Implementing the principles of consultation and the exchange of ideas among KDP organizations.
- 5- Practicing constructive criticism within the KDP organization, but veering away from defamation, libel, and abuse.
- 6- Abiding by equal opportunity principles.

### **Section Three Joining the KDP**

#### Article (7) Nomination

First: Procedure and Conditions of Nomination to join the KDP.

Second: The following are the requirements for the Nominee:

- 1- The nominee has to believe in the principles of the KDP, with the acceptable age being at least 16 years of age.
- 2- Good reputation and character.
- 3- Completion of the official forms to join the KDP.
- 4- The completed forms will be sent to the organization committee by the organization's local office with its recommendations on a final decision.
- 5- If the application is denied, the applicant may ask for an appeal, but the last decision will be left to the committee.
- 6- If the applicant is accepted, then he/she will be registered to a local office that deals with nominees, then he/she receives all rights that other members have (except the right to nominate high positions and participate in internal voting).
- 7- He/she has to complete a preparation course for members.

Second: Rights and Tasks of Nominee:

a- Tasks

- 1- Participation in all meetings.
- 2- Understanding of the KDP's curriculum, internal regulations, and the history of the foundation.
- 3- Loyalty.
- 4- Sending monthly subscriptions.
- 5- Participating in the KDP's public meetings, activities, and forums that are held in the place where he/she is from.
- 6- Reading the Constitution of the KDP.

B- Rights

- 1- He/she has the right to freedom of expression, making suggestions, and asking questions.
- 2- He/she has the right to participate in preparation courses and private trainings that are held for nominees.

#### Article (8): Membership

### First: Conditions of Membership

- 1- He/she has to be a nominee for at least 6 months.
- 2- Completing the requirements of the nomination period.
- 3- He/she must be older than 18 years of age.
- 4- He/she has to be registered in one of the KDP committees or offices.
- 5- He/she has to give subscriptions continuously.
- 6- He/she cannot be convicted of murder or any other inhumane crimes.
- 7- He/she cannot have been a member of a sabotage or espionage organization.

### Second: Rights and Tasks of Member

#### A- Tasks:

- 1- Intensify efforts to achieve the KDP's program and fulfill decisions based on internal regulations.
- 2- Has to abide by the party's rules, defending the idea of a unified organization based on loyalty.
- 3- Work to promote their knowledge of culture and politics so that they are able to play a progressive role in raising the people's and community's awareness.
- 4- Strengthening relations with the public, while respecting the values and beliefs of all classes of people, keeping in mind that the KDP's policy is to listen to the concerns of different types of people in order to address the concerns to the KDP.
- 5- Has to pay significant attention to KDP supporters and friends, while establishing concrete relations and encouraging others to join the KDP.
- 6- The KDP has to be notified at the time when he/she changes employment.

#### B- Rights: Members have the following rights:

- 1- Freedom of expression, notetaking, and making suggestions about KDP policies within the organization.
- 2- Nominating and electing based on internal regulation.
- 3- Urging cooperation at necessary times and receiving help when incurring material damage and/or KDP struggle.
- 4- **Expressing concern to high-ranking officials at the time of punishment implemented by the KDP.**
- 5- He/she has the right to leave the KDP.

### Article (9) Cadre

#### First: The Definition of Cadre:

The Cadre is a very active member, who dedicates himself or herself to serving the KDP, while the Council of Leadership assigns responsibilities and tasks based on a specific system.

Second: Conditions

- 1- The period of membership is not to be less than 5 years.
- 2- Has to graduate from the KDP learning or academic training courses, and at least has to be an executive member of the organization's bureau.
- 3- He/she has to be an ideal and prominent member in terms of ideology and character.
- 4- **Has to assign all power and action in serving one of the KDP's organizations.**

Third: Right and Tasks

- 1- He/she will have a salary that is in accordance with the service, rank, and tasks given; this will be arranged according to an organized system by the leadership council.
- 2- At the time that they are to be dependent based on old age and/or disability, the KDP will assist not only him/her, but also the family as well.
- 3- Has to be aware of the developments taking place inside and outside the community, while trying to grow in knowledge, culture, and human capacity.
- 4- Has to be a contact point between the people and the KDP in the place where he/she works or the party rules.
- 5- Any other rights and tasks coming from the cadre's special regulations.

Fourth Section

**KDP's Organizational Structure**

The foundation and components of the KDP have been stressed according to rank: Base, Local Organization Committee, Committee of the District, Branch Committee, Governorate Leadership Council, Leadership Council, Vice President, President, Conference and Congress, as it has been clarified in the diagram below.

This structure has been outlined based on organizational principles of Article 6

Congress  
 Conference  
 President  
 Vice-president  
 Council of Leadership-Political Bureau  
 Council of Experts / Council of Governorate Leadership/ Follow Up and Observation  
 Board  
 Branch Committee  
 District Committee  
 Local Organization Committee  
 Base

KDP Organizations: Task and its Authorities

#### Article (10): Base

##### First: The Definition of Base

It is the basic core of the KDP's organization within certain professional and geographic boundaries; it is also the KDP supporters' Base as well as the sources of authority and legislation.

##### Second: The Structure of Base

It has 10 to 100 members in a specific geographical (district or village) area. The head and both of his/her deputies will be elected by members and endorsed by the Committee of Organization. He/she will be responsible for cooperating with all colleagues.

##### Third: Tasks of the Base

- 1- According to the KDP's instructions, the Base must work to achieve the goals and principles of the KDP.
- 2- To promote the level of education and culture of the members and familiarize them with the KDP's Constitution.
- 3- Holding meetings at least once a month headed by the chief of the Base. The chief also can hold additional meetings any time needed.
- 4- Distribute party assignments to members, while observing and ensuring that they will implement them.
- 5- Convincing members of the public to join the KDP and explaining the ideology of the Party and its constitution.
- 6- Addressing demands, suggestions, and notes from the people to the KDP's high officials.
- 7- Notify the KDP's high officials about issues and events that take place within their assigned geographic boundary.
- 8- Collecting members' subscriptions.
- 9- Shaping the base for members and supervising them while educating them with the KDP's ideology.**
- 10- Addressing meeting reports and activities by subscriptions for the Organization Committee every month.

##### Fourth: Authorities of the Base

- 1- Reviews the forms of the nominee to join the party while making suggestions before sending it to high officials and/or the organization.
- 2- Addressing recommendations of granting the rights of membership to nominees have conditions under the high officials and/or organization.
- 3- Within the boundary of its geography, the Nominees Base will be formed.
- 4- Brings the attention of those nominees who did not fulfill their tasks.
- 5- Addresses recommendations to the Organization Committee to commend and respect the ideal members.
- 6- Addresses recommendations to Organization Committee to punish members when needed.

- 7- Collecting the letters and demands of all members and nominees, then addressing them to the Organization Committee.

#### Article: 11- Organization Committee

##### First: The Definition of Organization Committee

It is the KDP's organizational unit which supervises 10 to 20 Bases in a specific geographic area in a way that the number of members does not exceed 1000 and no less than 50.

##### Second: The Structure of Organizational Committee

It consists of the Executive Board, Heads of Bases of Organizations, three volunteers or a partial volunteer along with two other reserved members. Between the Head of the Base and the deputies with the supervision of the Experts Election Committee, the Executive Board will be elected. The elected board will elect the Head of Organization. The previous members of the executive board have the right to nominate themselves again within the circular election.

##### Third: Tasks of Organizations Committee

The leadership is to guide and direct the Bases of the organization and to evaluate their activities.

- 1- Organizes the public activities of its geographic boundary.
- 2- Carries out the tasks that have been assigned by the District Committee.
- 3- It holds one regular meeting at least once a month. The Head of Organization can hold an additional meeting if necessary.
- 4- Addresses the meeting notes, the reports of the activities, and monthly subscriptions to the District Committee.
- 5- Notify the District Committee about the problems and events and to present his/her idea about them by suggesting appropriate solutions.
- 6- Cooperates with the Civil Society Organizations within its geographic working place.
- 7- Written reports to the Bases.
- 8- Organizes the archives: Executive, Organization, and Financial records.
- 9- Arranges the statistics record and to renew it at least once every three months.

##### Fourth: Authority of Organization Committee

- 1- Expressing the idea about the demands of those people want to join into KDP and then rises to District Committee.
- 2- This committee has authority to punish the members according to the KDP's discipline system, underscored in section 8.
- 3- Expand new Bases in its geographic working area if needed.
- 4- Addresses recommendations to the District Committee to commend and respect its cadres and ideal members.
- 5- Reviews the letters and official written notes of the Bases, and after reviewing them, they are to be addresses to the District Committee.

#### Article 12: District Committee

##### First: The Definition of District Committee

The committee represents the KDP and carries the actions in certain geographic working areas (towns or cities) that are appointed by the leadership of the governorate. The committee includes 4-12 organizations.

#### Second: The Structure of District Committee

- a- The committee is made up of members of the Executive Board and Officials of the Organization of the District.
- b- It has 5-7 volunteer or partial volunteer members with two reserved members from the Organization Executive Board Members. With the supervision of the Electoral Experts Committee, the Executive Board will be elected, and then the elected Board will elect the Head or it is the responsibility of the District Committee in the first meeting.
- c- The former members of the committee board have the right to nominate themselves again.

#### Third: The Tasks of District Committee

- 1- Places and directs the organizations and evaluating their activities.
- 2- Once a month they are to hold a regular meeting, additional meetings are to be held when and if it is asked 2-3 members.
- 3- It holds meeting with the Executive Board Once every three months.
- 4- Written reports and questions are needed of the organization.
- 5- Planning of public events within geographic working areas.
- 6- Undertakes the missions assigned by the Branch Committee.
- 7- Meeting notes, activity reports, as well as monthly subscriptions are to be sent to the Branch Committee.
- 8- As often as possible, it has to notify the Branch Committee about the problems taking place in the region, and present suggestions for solutions.
- 9- Cooperate and coordinate with other political parties and Civil Society Organizations in the district.
- 10- Arranges documents: records of the organization finances and management.
- 11- Provides training courses and preparing them for future Party member.
- 12- Other duties are to come from this program or to serve the KDP's goal recommended by the Branch Committee.

#### Fourth: The Authorities of District Committee

- 1- Evaluates the demands of the nominee are to join the KDP.
- 2- Presents the honor membership to the nominees in a special ceremony.
- 3- Consults with the Branch Committee while the District Committee can issue the statement about the situation within the district.
- 4- According to the KDP discipline system and mentioned in Section 8, the committee has the power to punish members.
- 5- Addresses recommendations to the Branch Committee to increase, decrease, and/or abolish any organization needed within its geographic working areas.

- 6- Addresses recommendations to the Branch Committee to commend or respect members.
- 7- Evaluates organizations' reports and addresses them to the Branch Committee.
- 8- The committee has the right to express concerns to the Observation Board and investigate against the punishments he/she may encounter from the Branch.

### Article 13: Branch Committee

#### First: The Definition of Branch Committee

The committee is to represent the KDP by arranging activities in specific geographic working areas (towns or groups of towns) where they are to be determined by the council. It includes the District Committees as well.

#### Second: The Structure of Branch Committee

- a- It constitutes from the Executive Board with officials from the District Committee of the area. It also has a chief that is appointed by the council of leadership.
- b- The Executive Board of the Branch will include 6-7 volunteer members who are elected by the District Committee Executive Board (DCEB), while the Electoral Experts supervises the process. The period of conducting this process will be defined by the Council of Leadership.
- c- The former members of the committee have the right to nominate themselves again.
- d- For whatever reason, if one of the Executive Board seats is empty, the Branch Committee can then assign someone else based on item B (outlined above).
- e- The Council of Leadership will appoint members of the Executive Board to take the responsibility of the Branch Offices.

#### Third: The Tasks of Branch Committee

- 1- Shares the actions of the District Committee as well as the Branch Offices.
- 2- Holds monthly meetings.
- 3- At least once every three months, holds meetings with the Executive Board of Branch Committee and Offices.
- 4- Responds to the District Committee and the Branch Committee by official written reports.
- 5- Addresses the meeting notes, activity reports, and monthly subscriptions to the Council of Leadership.
- 6- Collects suggestions and research on the political, social, and economical events that take place in its geographic boundary to present to the Council of Leadership.
- 7- Shapes a public policy for public activities in its geographic boundary.
- 8- Undertakes the tasks that are assigned by the Council of Governorate Leadership.
- 9- Notifies the Council of Governorate Leadership of the problems and events happening in the area, and presents its perspective and suggestions through addressing the issues.
- 10- Strengthens the cooperation and coordination with other Political Parties, Civil Society Organizations, and Intellectual Bases within its geographic working areas.
- 11- Arranges and organizes the financial records and documenting management.
- 12- Arranges cultural courses and conducts ongoing forums and study series for members.

- 13- Ensures the commitment of members to the KDP's internal regulation and the fulfillment of the program.

#### Fourth: The Authorities of Branch Committee

- 1- Issues a statement about the questions and events that occur in the area, after consulting with the Council of Governorate Leadership.
- 2- Applies the authority of punishment on the members of the Organization and Branch Committee based on the KDP discipline system. It is clarified from Section 8.
- 3- Raises recommendations to the Council of Leadership to increase, join, and/or abolish an organization and/or committee in its geographic boundary if necessary.
- 4- Commends and respects organizations, committees, offices, cadres and ideal members in its geographic boundary.
- 5- Deals with the written demands of the Branch Committee and the Bureau and to address to the Council of Leadership.
- 6- It can rotate between the members of the Branch Committee and other offices whenever needed with informing the Council of Governorate Leadership.

#### Article14: The Council of Governorate Leadership.

##### First:

- Council of Leadership has the right to establish the Council of Governorate Leadership.
- It is the Council of Leadership which is responsible for all of the KDP's activities within the borders of the governorate; the committee is to be headed by the KDP Political Bureau Members with assistance from the Council of Leadership. It also holds the Branch responsible for the governorate boundaries.

##### Second: The Structure of the Council.

The council is made up of the following Offices, Institutes, and Boards that the Political Bureau assigns authorities to the highest cadre to run their affairs.

- Organizing Bureau
- Media and Culture Bureau
- Relations Bureau
- Professional and Public Organizations Board
- Election Foundation
- Finance and Executive Bureau

##### Third: The Tasks of the Council

- 1- Plans to apply the KDP's policy and program according to the governorate characteristics and taking part to form the strategic policy through expressing ideas and suggestions.
- 2- Assesses the actions of the Branches of the governorate geographic boundaries and upholding their activities to strengthen organizational affairs as well as rectifying their actions.
- 3- Educates and prepares efficient cadres according to the requirements and needs of the areas.

- 4- Progresses and activates the KDP's media according to the specification of the governorate.
- 5- Responds to the written reports of the Branch.
- 6- The council holds regular monthly meetings, additional meetings if needed.
- 7- Once every three months it can hold a general meeting that all members of the Branch Board and the Chief of the District Committee attends.
- 8- To establish a healthy cooperation with the Party's elected representatives in its own governorate and to hold meetings with the governorate council, regional and Iraqi Parliament.
- 9- Addresses the meeting notes and suggestions to the Political Bureau.
- 10- Undertakes the tasks and recommendations that have been assigned by the Political Bureau.
- 11- Accomplish any tasks that are underlined in this program or assigned by the Political Bureau.

#### Fourth: The Authorities of the Council

- 1- Evaluates the Branch's nominees from the Kurdistan and Iraqi Parliament and to address it to the Political Bureau.
- 2- Investigates and makes decisions to determine the Branch's nominees for being membership into the Governorate and Experts Council.
- 3- Establishes, joins, and/or abolishes organizations and/or branch committees according to the suggestions by the Branch of the Governorate Boundary.
- 4- Presents suggestions to the Political Bureau to establish and/or abolish the Branch in the governorate boundary.
- 5- Raising recommendation to Political Bureau to accept the outcomes of the Branch committee election in the governorate boundary.
- 6- Ratify the outcome the elections of the organizations and district committees.
- 7- Respecting the efforts of ideal member and cadres.
- 8- Raising the recommendation to Political Bureau to appreciate and respect of KDP's members, figures and political, social organizations of governorate to the loyalty and efforts they made.
- 9- Establishing a Consultant Board from different field experts.
- 10- Applying the authority of punishment of members according to KDP's discipline system as it has been clarified in Section Eight.

#### Article 15: Council of Experts

First: the Definition of the Council of Experts

It is an organizational unit within the KDP's structure that belongs to the presidency. It embraces the advanced cadre and those who have already had a high rank position in the government, parliament or in KDP.

## Second: the Structure of the Expert's Council.

It comprises the experts of political, economy, legal, social, executive old warriors. The number of the members will not to be less than 25 members whom will appoint by KDP leadership.

### Third: The Meeting of the Expert's Council

The council will get together once a month, or any time needed.

### Fourth: the Tasks of the Council of Experts

- 1- It gives the recommendation and consultants to the KDP's presidency.
- 2- Offers the suggestion to the leadership about the political, social, economy issues.
- 3- It performs the tasks have assigned by leadership.

## Article 16: Observation and Follow-up Board

### First: The Definition of the Board.

It is a superior Board of KDP, it concerns whether the steps and party's measures have been performed correctly. It also focus on what extend the internal regulations and programs as well as the decision of council of leadership been implemented. Other tasks is finding out any breaches from KDP's organizational principles and applying the justice among members to ensure a right manner has been taken to deal with KDP's wealth and property.

### Second: the Structure of the Board.

The Board includes 7 up to 11 members. A member from the Political Bureau chairs the Board, and the Council of the Leadership will appoint two members and some cadres. Then, the Head of KDP will endorse them for the period of two years and it will renew just once.

### Third: the Tasks and Authority of the Board

The Council of the Leadership will determine the tasks and authority of the Board.

## Article 17: The Council of Leadership

### First: The Definition of Council of Leadership.

It is superior Board of performance that presides the KDP in terms of organizational, political and ideological for the period of two years to achieve the goals outlined in the internal regulations and program section.

### Second: the Structure of the Council of Leadership.

- 1- The Council of the Leadership will include 51 members with 9 reserved members. They will be elected via secret voting in the congress. All members of council of leadership are responsible to carry out the KDP policy and tasks have been assigned to them.
- 2- The ratio of quota for women in the council of leadership has not to be less than %10
- 3- If the position of one of council of leadership member remain vacant it will replaced by a reserved member.

### Third: the Conditions of Nominating for Council of Leadership.

- 1- 10 years has to be passed over the membership in KDP
- 2- To be an active member with pure background.

- 3- To have a good character and behavior with having the features of leadership. Has already had to take the ranks and task of presidency.
- 4- Has not to be affiliated or cooperated to any terrorist cell or anti-Kurd movement.
- 5- To have the freedom of idea and pro-democracy
- 6- Has not been convicted by any honor crimes.

#### Fourth: The Tasks of the Council of Leadership

- 1- Electing the members of Political Bureau in the first meeting.
- 2- Shaping the policy and programs to attain KDP's goal and Pursuing to ensure from implementation of goals.
- 3- Explaining KDP's attitude on all events and developing.
- 4- Applying the internal regulations and KDP's program as well as the decisions of conference and congress in all levels.
- 5- Strengthen the KDP's coexistence and keeping its secrets.
- 6- Preserving the KDP's wealth, properties, investment and arranging the income and expenses.
- 7- Setting up the program for education and educating KDP's cadre and promoting the level of awareness in order to be aware from theories and politics.
- 8- Shaping the public policy of KDP's media and guiding them by a certain methodology with identifying needs and tracking.
- 9- Deepen in critics, suggestions and complains of members and working to tackle their problems.
- 10- Preparing the general report for conference and congress.
- 11- Identify the expansion of the geographic and the boundary of Branch Committee activities.
- 12- Identify the place and the time of holding conference with the portion of the representatives of it.
- 13- Call for holding the conference in an extraordinary way on the request of:-
  - a- Majority of KDP members through their organizing.
  - b- Two on thirds members of council of leadership.
- 14- The council of leadership will gather once within three months and it holds extraordinary meeting any time needed. To hold the ordinary meeting it needs the majority of the member to be attended and the decisions will issue by the majority and all organs will have to commit it.
- 15- The council of leadership hold meeting once a year that despite of reserved members all other Branch staff, council of governorate leadership, the responsible and the staff of the Bureau with other party institutes will take part.
- 16- Any other tasks that comes in this curriculum (regulation) to fulfill the KDP's program.
- 17- Shaping a private system to cadre, party academic, institutes, boards and primary Bases that underscored in this regulation to grant authority to the council of leadership and to other lower boards.

#### Fifth: The Authorities of the Council of Leadership

- 1- Identify the tasks and works of Political Bureau and evaluating their performance.
- 2- Granting part of its authority to the Political Bureau such as the authority of the establishing, linking or abolishing the offices and institutes.
- 3- Withdraw the trust from all the members of the Political Bureau by the majority votes that would be two thirds of the members.
- 4- Taking a necessary legal procedure to keep the brotherhood, a good organizational situation and protecting KDP from the disadvantages. But the Observation and follow-up Board would have already investigated this status, and those who includes this procedure they can blame and complain it to the council of leadership.
- 5- According to internal regulations and majority of the member the council can impose appropriate punishment on members.
- 6- If one of the members has treated in a way to be deserved to be dismissed from the party, then the council of leadership pull out the responsibility with the approval of two thirds of members vote and raise it to congress to impose the punishment.
- 7- Issuing the instructions and directions of the KDP's organizing.
- 8- Issuing special instruction and directions to accepting members of other political party who they want to join KDP.
- 9- Deepen on the demands of the other political party's member whom they want to join KDP.
- 10- Pay attention to the demands of those cadres who have left KDP, but now they want to retreat back.
- 11- Showing the approval to join other organization or political party into the KDP
- 12- Cancelling the decisions of the Council and Branches.
- 13- Establishing, linking or abolishing the Branch and District committees and organizations as well.
- 14- Signing the Treaty and Memorandum of Understanding with local, region and international organizations.
- 15- Shaping KDP's program to elections at the level of the region and Iraq.
- 16- Identify the members of Observation and Follow up Board.
- 17- Find new organizational methods based on the new developments and situation.
- 18- Identify the portion of election for congress member and the name of advanced cadres to be member for congress.

#### Sixth: The Rights of the council of Leadership

- 1- KDP's cadre has the rights that council of leadership has decided on.
- 2- In the state of being prison or missing in action due to the political struggle, his/her membership will be kept from the council of leadership.

#### Article 18: Political Bureau

##### First: the Definition of Political Bureau

It is an Elected Leadership Board has authorized by Council of Leadership to fulfill the decisions and making cooperation among organs and implementing their daily working.

#### Second: The Structure of Political Bureau

- 1- Political Bureau consists 15-17 members that helps the Kurdistan Democratic Party's President and the Vice according to their own field, they all have share responsible with the president and vice.
- 2- Political Bureau will elects a Secretary to carry out the daily working and cooperating among the organs, daily and periodical meetings.
- 3- A secretary side by side with members will dedicate themselves to carry out the party's work as the Executive of Political Bureau.

#### Third: The Tasks and the Authority of Political Bureau

- 1- Establishes the following Offices, Institutes and Boards and they working according to a special system.
  - Organizing Bureau (Managing human resources).
  - KDP's Academic Study and Research Base
  - Media and Culture Institute
  - Relations Office
  - Vocational and Public Organization Board
  - Election Institution
  - Finance and Executive Office.
- 2- It fulfills the decisions of the two meetings of the council of leadership with the daily working of KDP.
- 3- It identifies the time and the place of Council of Leadership's meetings with preparing the agenda.
- 4- It prepares the cadre and other necessary things for the Council, Bureau and other KDP's institutes.
- 5- It evaluates and pursues the cadre's working and other members that have parliament and government's responsibility.

#### Article 19: the Vice President

- 1- The President will nominate the vice and directly will be elected by the congress.
- 2- The vice assists the president in all KDP's works.
- 3- The vice undertakes the tasks been assigned by the president.
- 4- The vice supervises KDP's fraction in Iraqi and Kurdistan Parliament with pursuing their works.
- 5- The vice supervises the organs of KDP's with coordination of Political Bureau.
- 6- The vice takes part from the meetings of Political Bureau and Council of Leadership, and chairs the meeting at the absence of the president.

- 7- The vice has a private office with a group of advisors to run the works.
- 8- The vice takes the place of president when the president was not there.

#### Article 20: the President of Kurdistan Democratic Party

- 1- The President will preside the Council of Leadership and Political Bureau. He/she is the guarantee to the unify KDP, political program and ideology, as well as, takes charge of the superior interests. He/she takes this post through the voting in congress.
- 2- The President presides the meetings of the Political Bureau, Council of Leadership, meeting and conferences.
- 3- In the voting process among KDP's organs like mentioned in item (2) if the voting was equal between two members the president's vote will be decisive.
- 4- The President can call for holding the conference any time needed.
- 5- The President grants the approval and signing the all written and significant instructions of KDP. Can also assign vice president to do this.
- 6- The President has an office that the structure and tasks will arrange by a certain system.
- 7- The President pick up the advisors in a different fields

#### Article 21: Conference

##### First: Local Conference

- 1- The Branches hold local meetings once within two years or on the request of the more than the half of the members of the Branch or either two thirds members of the District Committee. The meeting will be under the sponsor of the Council of governorate Leadership. The council would be approved by Political Bureau.
- 2- The District Committees hold ordinary local meetings once within two years or on the request of more than half of KDP's members from organizations or two thirds members from Organizations Committee under the sponsor of the Council of governorate Leadership and Branches that would have already approved by Political Bureau.
- 3- The Local Conference will work to shape appropriate program to activate party's activities and strengthening public relations as well as, addressing the issues based on internal regulation.

##### Second: General Conference

- 1- On the request of more than half of the party's members or two thirds of members from District Committee at the time of changes took place or at the necessary time the general conference will hold.
- 2- The General Conference consists the President, Vice President Members of Council of Leadership, reserved members of offices, primary offices, and members of district committee, advanced cadre and council of leadership.

#### Third: the Tasks of General Conference

- a- Listening the reports of the Council of Leadership and discussing to ratify it.
- b- Identify KDP's attitude in the new development and changes.
- c- Collecting and dealing with complains of conference members.

#### Fourth: the Authority of the General Conference

- a- Evaluating the level of working of Council of Leadership with punishing the negligent members after conducting a fair investigation.
- b- Changing the negligence member from the Council of Leadership in a condition that the changed member's number will not be more than three quarters from members of Council of Leadership.
- c- Amending the organizational structure of the party if needed.
- d- Summon for holding the conference on the request of two thirds participants in the period will not be more than 6 months with the presence of the suitable situation for holding the conference.

#### Article (22): Congress

##### First: Congress Definition

Congress is the uppermost authority in Kurdistan Democratic Party.

##### Second: The Structure of the Congress

It comprises from the President, Vice President, Members of Council of Leadership, Reserved Members, and Members from both Committee of electing Representatives to congress and Administration and Preparation Committee, the elected Members from all over the party's organization that determined by Council of Leadership.

##### Third: Holding the Congress

- 1- The congress will hold every four years. The Council of Leadership can extend one more years if it was necessary.
- 2- The extraordinary congress will hold in the following states.
  - a- On the request of the President according to the article 20 of this regulation
  - b- On the request of the Council of Leadership on the request of two thirds members according to article 17 item (fourth-13-B) of this regulation.
  - c- On the request of the Council of Leadership when it has the two thirds of party's member through their organization according to article 17 item (fourth-13-A)
  - d- Holding the General Conference on the request of two thirds participants according to article 21 item (fourth-D) of this regulation.

#### Fourth: The Tasks of the Congress

- 1- Listening the reports of the council of leadership and discussion then accepting.
- 2- Evaluating the works of the Council of Leadership within the period of two congresses and interrogative with punishing of the negligent members.
- 3- Investigating and evaluating of the internal, regional and international situation.
- 4- Shaping the general policy (Tactics and Strategy) of KDP and determine the directions of politics, social, ideology and political discourse, setting the schedule and mechanism under the light of these instructions.
- 5- Deepen on concerns of the members of congress.

#### Fifth: Authorities of Congress

- 1- Electing the president of Kurdistan Democratic Party, vice president, member of council of leadership, reserved members of council of leadership.
- 2- For being a member of council of leadership needs %25 votes from members of congress, but if the adequate members were not attended, then, another turn of the voting will take

- place. Based on the voting categorization they have right to nominate; so the winner is the one voted by the majority.
- 3- Abolishing the party, changing the name of the party and suspending the activities or unifying with other political party.
  - 4- Endorsing or amending the program and the internal regulations.

### Section Five: the Committee and Boards of Congress

#### Article 23: the Committee of Electing Representatives for Congress

##### First: The Definition Committee

The congress will makes up from the Council of Leadership with coordination of Branches with the number of the members of Branches to oversee the election.

##### Second: The Structure of the Committee

- 1- It includes a group of active cadres who works honestly and has loyalty for KDP.
- 2- The Council of Leadership is responsible and assist, it also determine the number of the members.
- 3- The members of Committee have no right to elect themselves to council of leadership.
- 4- The committee has right to establish sub-committee with the approval of Political Bureau.

##### Third: Tasks of Committee

- 1- Preparing and supervising the electing representatives of the congress based on lists been prepared by Organizing Bureau and been accepted in the council of leadership meeting.
- 2- Abiding by the implementation of decisions and instructions of the council of leadership about the congress.
- 3- Preparing the identifications, special list of the names; and the number of the representatives.
- 4- Preparing a general report about the outcomes and notes on how the election process has run.

#### Article 24: Administration Committee and the Preparation Congress

##### First: The Definition of the Committee

The committee will establish by the council of leadership to prepare and provide the needs of the congress.

##### Second: The Structure of the Committee

- 1- It consists from a group of competent and advanced cadres in this field.
- 2- The Council of Leadership is responsible and assistant, it also determine the number of members.
- 3- The Members of Administration Committee and preparation has no right to elect themselves to the member of the Council of Leadership.

##### Third: Tasks of the Committee

- 1- Determine the place of holding Congress.
- 2- Establishing the expertise committee to run congress affairs.
- 3- Coordinate with Committee of electing representatives to the congress to provide the needs and services of the Congress.

Article 25: The Board Presidency of the Congress

- 1- It is a board that oversees the whole process of the congress; the board will be elected in the first session of the members of the congress.
- 2- The board of the Congress Presidency will set up a special system to manage the sessions like the procedure and manner of making speech.
- 3- Members of Presidency Board have no right to nominate to the council of leadership.
- 4- All documents, decisions and recommendation of the congress will raises to the Council of Leadership.
- 5- According to proper and legal measures with new techniques of technology the process of election will observe by the judges.

Section Six

Electing KDP Organs and Congress Representatives

Article 26: electing KDP's Organ

Electing KDP's organ takes place from the bottom to the top such as; Base, Committee, Organization, District Committee and Branch Committee within the geographic boundary.

Article 27: Electing Congress Representatives

Electing congress representatives will takes place as follow:

- 1- The organizations committee will be the Election Core Point according to the portion that determined by council of leadership.
- 2- Members of district, offices, boards and other foundations of party can nominate themselves to other organizations in the area.

Section seven

KDP's Finance

Article 28: Party's Finance

1- KDP's Finance is:-

- A- Monthly subscription the political bureau will determine the ratio and the way of collecting.
- B- Government grant (fund)
- C- Collected helps
- D- The advantages of KDP's printing houses
- E- The income of the culture, artists and socials that party implemented
- F- The advantages of the investments the party implemented.

- 2- All organizations and organs of KDP have to have a special record about the incomes and expenses according to accounts regulation under the supervision of Finance Observation.
- 3- Political Bureau determines the budget of organs and organizations and issues the instructions.

### Section Eight

#### **KDP's Discipline System**

The goal of the punishment is to rectify behaviors and educating them with the soul of discipline and team working, also for implementing the internal regulations and decisions on the other hand.

Article 29: imposing the punishment due to misconduct, the punishment has to be permitted by the internal regulation to ensure the misconduct is outlaw behavior.

Article 30: Those who infringes of party's internal regulation, they hold responsibility based on the level and sorts of the violation. The punishment will start from light to heavy as follows;

#### First: Draw the Attention

All the party's organs have authority to use and impose this punishment on their members if he violated as following:-

- 1- If he/she was not attend in the meeting for three times without having a logical pretext.
- 2- If he/she did not give the subscription for three months without having a logical excuse.
- 3- If he/she did not implement the tasks been assigned to.
- 4- If he/she was negligence with no reason.

#### Second: Warning

All party's organs have authority to implement and use this punishment in case if the "draw attention" did not work and repeat the same mistakes been made before.

#### Third: alerting

Except the Bases, all other party's organs have authority to use and undertake this punishment. In case the other two punishments did not work and was continue to do the same mistake.

#### Fourth: (frosting) Freeze Up

The District Committee and higher organs have the authority to impose it in the small violated organs in the following cases:-

- 1- If the light punishments did not work
- 2- If the member did not implemented party's obligations on purpose.
- 3- If violated the instruction, did not implement internal regulation and broke the decisions made by party's presidency.
- 4- A behavior that harmed the organizations principles or the reputation party's struggle.

#### Fifth: Dropping Party's Rank

This punishment will implement by political party, if the punished member was a member form the Council of Governorate Leadership Branch Committee, But If the member was lower than this, then the punishment will impose by the Council of Governorate Leadership as following;-

- 1- If the light punishment did not work.
- 2- His/her negligence caused failure to implement the assigned tasks.
- 3- He/she was continued to the behaviors that harms party.

#### Six: Removing

First: the first removing punishment will implement by Branch Committee as follows

- 1- If the light punishments did not work
- 2- Losing a condition or more than one conditions of membership
- 3- If it has proven that he/she has joint into other political party
- 4- Disobey the basic party's goal
- 5- Calling for dissent groups within party that harm KDP's reputation
- 6- Defamation of party's leadership.

- 7- Second: The removed member will not be accepted again as member, unless offers an official written request. After one year passed on his leave. The organ will decide whether he/she will be back or not, and the decision will elucidate the reasons of returning.

#### 8- Seven: Dismissing

- a- The Branch Committee has authority to impose this punishment and ratified by Council of Leadership in the following states.

- 1- If the light punishment did not work.
- 2- Treating in a way was out of ideology and policy of party.
- 3- Hypocrisy in the commitment of party's policy
- 4- Having the external relation to the other organization, party or national association.
- 5- Disseminating a certain ideology against national security.

- b- The dismissed member will not be accepted back till three years will not be over the period, after then, he/she has to present "please letter" to clarify the reasons of the violations, next, it sends to the Council of Leadership to holds talk about it.

Article 31: it is possible to impose the punishment as needed without consideration to the punishment queue, but it has to be match with the size of the violation. The organ has the authority to impose the punishment.

Article 32: imposing the punishments of this regulation has to be imposed based on the logical investigation through the formed committee for that purpose.

Article 33: at the time of taking the punishment up to one month the punished member has right to express his/her concern and voice to the Observation Board.



