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In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

PREFACE

ALLAH is the Creator, Master and Ruler of the entire universe. His laws in the nature prevail everywhere and none can defy Him. He has inhabited human beings on earth, to inhabit in a small part of His vast realm. He has endowed them with the faculties of observation and understanding, as well as the ability to differentiate between good and evil. Human beings have been granted a special position distinct from all other creatures, in being granted freedom and autonomy over their affairs so that He may test them. When Man remains obedient in those aspects of his life where he has been granted autonomy, he will be rewarded with everlasting bounties, and when he misuses the freedom of choice and action to disobey, he will facing reckoning for it.

Just as the Creator of the universe has provided mankind with the resources to meet their material needs, His Benevolence, Wisdom and Graciousness necessitates that He ordains means for their guidance as well. For this, He chose from amongst the ranks of mankind, noble personalities who had deep conviction in Him and were faithful to His commandments. He blessed them with His guidance and commissioned them to show the right path to their fellow beings, calling them towards Allah so that they gain success in both the worlds, and are saved from fallacies and wrongdoings in this world and earning the displeasure of Allah in the Hereafter.

These messengers of Allah were sent to different communities and nations,

fulfilling the duties entrusted to them. All of them had the common mission of following the guidance of Allah and the code of life prescribed by Him, and inviting others to follow the same. However, a majority of mankind did not respond to this call. Even those who did respond positively and formed into a community of believers, gradually deviated, and the divine guidance fell prey to either negligence by its followers or underwent perversion at their hands, or became a victim of the vicissitude of time.

Finally, Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) was sent with the same task that had been entrusted to the messengers preceding him. He addressed humanity at large, including the followers of the preceding messengers who had deviated from the divine guidance. His mission was to call everyone to the right path, and form all those who accepted the message and guidance into one single community of believers, the “Muslim Ummah”. This Ummah would carry the responsibility of shaping its individual and collective life in accordance with the divine guidance on one hand, and on the other, fulfill the duty of guiding and reforming mankind.

Noble spirits who accepted the call of the Messenger (PBUH) underwent a change for the better; an improvement in their characters, attitudes and behaviours, and an upliftment in their moral and ethical standards. Under the guidance and training of the Messenger (PBUH), they became virtuous, upright and of integrity, that the world could not ignore the mercy, blessing, excellence and distinction of the message they had accepted and adopted. This resulted in people embracing Islam in multitudes.

Growth and development of individuals along these lines gave birth to a pious society, leading to the establishment of that exemplary state, where the affairs were conducted in accordance with the guidance of Allah and the code of life bestowed by Him. Mankind found solution to its difficulties and problems, remedies for its miseries, mental peace and spiritual solace. What emerged was an exemplar, viable for all times to come, establishing a clear and successful outline for guidance and nurturing of generations to come.

Hence, the guidance and way of life brought by the last of the Messengers of Allah, Muhammad (PBUH), can solve the convoluted problems of the humanity in the best manner, and provide mankind with the opportunity to create a world based on justice and harmony, virtue and welfare, development and growth, without prejudice to colour, race, gender, or class. It is this code of

life, “Islam”, which provides the best and the most constructive way to resolve the intellectual, ethical, social, economic, and political crises and dilemmas confronting humanity at large as well as in our own country.

The prime objective of the formation of Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO) is to nurture and facilitate the students and youth of Muslim community in creating a virtuous society and contributing to the progress and development of the country, ensuring that their conscience and cognizance is developed along healthy lines, their willingness to sacrifice for lofty objectives is developed, and their energies are channelised in promoting Virtues and uprooting Evils from our country. The sole motivating factor in all these efforts should be the pleasure of our Cherisher and His benevolence in the Hereafter.

CONSTITUTION

(Amended up to December 2022)

NAME

Article 1

The name of this Organisation shall be “Students Islamic Organisation of India” and the name of this Constitution shall be “Constitution of the Students Islamic Organisation of India”.

HEADQUARTERS

Article 2

The headquarters of the Organisation will be in Delhi. However, the Central Advisory Council shall have the authority to change the seat of the headquarters.

DATE OF ENFORCEMENT

Article 3

This Constitution shall come into force on the 1st of Muharram 1403 A.H. (19th October, 1982).

MISSION AND AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Article 4

(A) Mission

The mission of the Organisation shall be to prepare the students and youth for the reconstruction of the society in the light of Divine Guidance.

(B) Aims and Objectives

1. To call students and youth towards Islam.
2. To promote and cultivate the knowledge and understanding of Islam among students and youth.
3. To prepare students and youth to shape their individual and collective lives in accordance with the Qur'an and the Sunnah.
4. To persuade students and youth to uphold Virtue (*Maroof*) and prevent Evil (*Munkar*).
5. To promote moral values in the educational system, and foster better academic and moral atmosphere in educational institutions.
6. To facilitate holistic development of the individuals associated with the Organisation, nourish their talents, and prepare them to contribute effectively to the Islamic Movement.

METHODOLOGY

Article 5

1. The Qur'an and the Sunnah shall be the main guide and basis for the activities of the Organisation.
2. The Organisation shall adhere to moral bounds in all its activities.
3. The Organisation shall adopt peaceful and constructive methods for the achievement of its aims and objectives, through lawful means of educating, persuading, preaching, propagating and shall abstain from all acts which are at variance with truth and honesty or which may engender communal hatred, discord between sections of society, or disorder in the land.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 6

Every student and youth, who is a citizen of the Indian Union, can become a member of this Organisation, provided that he:

1. Understands the Constitution of the Organisation, and pledges to abide by it and its discipline.
2. Is regular in the observation of Prayers, Fasting and other religious obligations (*Faraiz*) as prescribed by the *Shariah*, and abstains from Major Sins (*Kaba'ir*).
3. Resides in India.
4. Is not more than 30 years of age.

Note:

- i. Any student or youth fulfilling these conditions shall be deemed to be a member of the Organisation when the President of the Organisation accepts his application for membership.
- ii. Any member completing 30 years of age in the course of a year shall remain a member of the Organisation till the end of the year.

CRITERIA FOR ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**Article 7****(A) For Office-bearers of the Organisation:**

1. He should be a member of the Organisation but should not aspire to any post.
2. He should be, on the whole, better than other members in his electoral or appointment constituency in terms of religious knowledge, piety, understanding of affairs, sagacity and soundness of opinion, observance of the Constitution, struggle and steadfastness in the way of Allah, and organisational abilities.

(B) For members of the Advisory Council or the representatives for electoral purpose:

1. He should be a member of the Organisation but should not aspire to the membership of the Advisory Council or any other post in the Organisation.
2. He should be, on the whole, better than other members in his electoral constituency in terms of religious knowledge, piety, understanding of affairs, sagacity and soundness of opinion, observance of the Constitution, and steadfastness in the way of Allah.

TERM**Article 8**

1. The Organisation shall have a biennial term. Election or appointment for Central or Zonal posts shall be for two years and one year for Local posts.
2. Mid-term election or appointment against any vacancy shall remain valid for the remainder of the term.
3. Age shall not be a bar to members holding constitutional posts at the

Centre or in Zones in completion of their tenure, if they cross the age of 30 years.

CHIEF PATRON

Article 9

The Organisation shall have a Chief Patron who shall be the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind.

Article 10

The duties and powers of the Chief Patron shall be as follows:

1. To ensure that the Organisation faithfully discharges its functions in accordance with its aims and objectives. For this purpose, he shall have the authority to take steps as necessary.
2. To conduct the election of the President of the Organisation and the Central Advisory Council, as per the Constitution.
3. To accept the resignation of the President and the General Secretary.
4. To suspend the President and General Secretary, if the interest of the Organisation so necessitates.
5. To dismiss the President of the Organisation in consultation with the Central Advisory Council, and the General Secretary in consultation with the President of the Organisation, if the interest of the Organisation so warrants.
6. Decisions pertaining to important or debatable matters of the Organisation, or interpretation of Constitution and amendments therein, shall be implemented after the assent of the Chief Patron.

Note: If necessary, the Chief Patron shall have the authority to discharge his duties through a nominee.

PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANISATION

Article 11

The status of the President of the Organisation shall be that of the Chief of the Organisation, and members of the Organisation shall be bound to obey him in Righteousness (*Maroof*).

Article 12

1. The members of the Zonal Advisory Council and representatives of the members from those areas where Organisational Zones do not exist, shall elect the President of the Organisation from among the members of the Organisation.
2. In case of a mid-term election, members of the Central Advisory Council, and those holding constitutional offices at the Centre and Zones, shall also have the right to vote along with the Zonal Advisory Council members and representatives of the members from those areas where Organisational Zones do not exist.
3. Efforts shall be made that the election be unanimous, otherwise by a majority vote.

Article 13

1. In case of sudden vacancy in the office of the President, the General Secretary shall immediately assume the office. This pro tem arrangement shall not be for more than three months. It shall be necessary to elect a President of the Organisation as per Article 12 within this period.
2. In case the President finds it necessary to temporarily relinquish his responsibilities, he shall have the authority to appoint an Acting President from amongst the members of the Central Advisory Council, in consultation with the Chief Patron. The term of such appointment shall not exceed six months and in case the period exceeds three months, the approval of the Central Advisory Council shall be necessary.

Article 14

The President shall remain in office till a new President takes over charge of the Presidency as per Articles 12 and 13.

Article 15

The duties and powers of the President shall be as follows:

1. To maintain order in the working of the Organisation.
2. To strive for the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Organisation.
3. To frame and amend the policy of the Organisation and resolve debatable matters in consultation with the Central Advisory Council.
4. Where exigency so necessitates and consultation with the Central Advisory Council may not be possible, and the President may take steps in consultation with the available members of the Central Advisory Council or other members of the Organisation as may be possible, and to inform the Chief Patron as soon as possible and execute the decision. Such decisions must be reported in the next meeting of the Central Advisory Council for approval.
5. To convene meetings of the Central Advisory Council and preside over it.
6. To conduct the elections of the Zonal Advisory Councils and Zonal Presidents.
7. To invite a non-member to the meetings of the Central Advisory Council, such invitee shall have no right to vote.
8. To accept application for membership as per Article 6, and to accept resignation of any member.
9. To suspend any member of the Organisation or to expel him as per Article 50.
10. To set up regional/organisational Units as required, in consultation with the Central Advisory Council.
11. To appoint the General Secretary in consultation with the Central Advisory Council.
12. To supervise the work of Zones in the light of the decisions of the Zonal Advisory Councils.

13. To accept resignations of members of the Central and Zonal Advisory Councils and Zonal Office-bearers, and inform the Chief Patron and Zonal Patron respectively.
14. To suspend any Zonal President and to dismiss him, in consultation with the respective Zonal Advisory Council.
15. To suspend any Zonal Secretary and to dismiss him, in consultation with the respective Zonal President.
16. If the interest of the Organisation so warrants:
 - i. To suspend a Local Unit.
 - ii. To dissolve it in consultation with the respective Zonal President.
17. To utilise the assets of the Organisation in pursuance of its interests, as regulated by the Central Advisory Council, including the purchase, sale, exchange or transfer of movable and immovable properties on behalf of the Organisation.
18. To abide by the guidance of Chief Patron as per Article 10.

Article 16

The Pro Tem President shall have the powers of the President as mentioned in Article 15. The Acting President, however, shall exercise only those powers which are specifically vested in him by the President.

CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Article 17

1. There shall be a Central Advisory Council to aid and advise the President, whom the President shall consult on important matters which are likely to have a considerable bearing on the policy or functioning or which may be debatable.
2. The strength of the Central Advisory Council shall be 15. However, the President shall fix the strength in consultation with the existing Central Advisory Council before the start of the next term.

(A) Formation

Article 18

1. The members of the Zonal Advisory Council and representatives of the members from those areas where Organisational Zones do not exist, shall elect the members of the Central Advisory Council from among the members of the Organisation. The General Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the Central Advisory Council.
2. In case of any Central Advisory Council's seat falling vacant, members of Zonal and Central Advisory Councils, and the persons holding constitutional offices at the Centre and Zones, and representatives of the members from those areas where Organisational Zones do not exist, shall elect to fill the vacancy from among the members of the Organisation for the remainder of the term.

(B) Sessions

Article 19

1. A meeting of the Central Advisory Council shall ordinarily be held once a year and the intervening period between two meetings shall not be more than 14 months.
2. The President of the Organisation shall have the right to convene an emergency meeting at any time.
3. It shall be obligatory to convene an emergency meeting of the council, if 1/3 members of the Central Advisory Council make a written requisition to the President of the Organisation.

(C) Quorum

Article 20

The quorum for the meetings shall be 1/2 of the total members of the Council. But in case a meeting is adjourned for want of quorum, there shall be no quorum for the next meeting.

(D) Proceedings

Article 21

In the annual meeting of the Central Advisory Council, the following matters shall be presented for consideration and decision:

1. Annual report of the Organisation.
2. The report of income and expenditure of the Central Baitulmal in the light of the previous year's budget along with the Auditor's report.
3. Appointment of the Auditor.
4. Budget for the next year.
5. Framing of, or amendments in the policy and programme.
6. Proposal and suggestions regarding Organisational matters.

(E) Decisions of the Council

Article 22

Attempts shall be made that decisions in the Central Advisory Council are taken unanimously, otherwise decisions shall be taken by majority vote. In case of equal voting, the decision shall be made in favour of the opinion that concurs with that of the President of the Council. Decisions regarding the amendment, deletion and addition in the Constitution shall, however, be made with the 2/3 majority of the members present.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Article 23

The President shall appoint the General Secretary in consultation with the Central Advisory Council.

Article 24

The duties and the powers of the General Secretary shall be as follows:

1. To supervise the functioning of the Central departments.

2. To look after Organisational matters, and to properly administer its affairs.
3. To keep contact with all the Organisational Zones, to supervise their working, and to guide them as necessary according to the directives of the President of the Organisation.
4. The General Secretary, in the above mentioned matters, shall abide by the directives of the President and shall be answerable to him.

ZONAL PATRON

Article 25

There shall be a Zonal Patron of the Organisation at the Zonal level, who shall be the Ameer-e-Halqa/Area Nazim under Markaz Jamat-e-Islami Hind.

Article 26

The duties and powers of the Zonal Patron shall be as follows:

1. To ensure that the Organisation faithfully discharges its functions in accordance with its aims and objectives. For this purpose, he shall have the authority to take steps as necessary, at the Zonal level.
2. To supervise the election of the Zonal Advisory Council and the Zonal President.
3. Decisions pertaining to important or debatable matters of the Zone, shall be implemented after the assent of the Zonal Patron.

Note: If necessary, the Zonal Patron shall have the authority to discharge his duties through a nominee.

ZONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Article 27

1. There shall be an Advisory Council at the Zonal level to aid and advise

the Zonal President, with whom the Zonal president shall consult on important matters.

2. The Central Advisory Council shall fix the strength of the Zonal Advisory Council on the basis of membership strength of the Zone.

(A) Formation

Article 28

The members of a Zone shall elect the members of the Zonal Advisory Council from among the members in the Zone, directly or indirectly. The Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the Zonal Advisory Council.

(B) Sessions

Article 29

1. A meeting of the Zonal Advisory Council shall ordinarily be held twice a year, and the intervening period between two meetings shall not be more than 8 months.
2. The Zonal President shall have the right to convene an emergency meeting at any time.
3. It shall be obligatory to convene an emergency meeting of the Council, if 1/3 members of the Zonal Advisory Council make a written requisition to the Zonal President.

(C) Quorum

Article 30

The quorum for the meetings shall be 1/2 of the total members of the Council, but if a meeting is adjourned for want of quorum, there shall be no quorum for the next meeting.

(D) Proceedings

Article 31

The duties of the Zonal Advisory Council shall be as follows:

1. To deliberate upon the annual report of the Zone.
2. To formulate programmes for the Zone in the light of the Policy and Programme set by the Centre.
3. To review the report of income and expenditure of the Zonal Baitulmal, considering the previous year's budget and audit report.
4. To approve the annual budget.
5. To appoint the Office-bearers and the Auditor, as required.
6. To deliberate and decide on other important matters.

(E) Decisions of the Council

Article 32

Attempts shall be made that decisions in the Zonal Advisory Council are taken unanimously, otherwise decisions shall be taken by majority vote of the members present. In case of equal voting, the decision shall be made in favour of the opinion that concurs with that of the President of the Council.

ZONAL PRESIDENT

Article 33

There shall be a President in every Organisational Zone who shall be the head of the Zone.

Article 34

1. The Zonal Advisory Council shall elect the Zonal President from among the members of the Zone.
2. In case the office of the Zonal President suddenly falls vacant due to any reason, the Secretary shall immediately assume the office. The tenure of this pro tem arrangement shall not be for more than three months. It shall be necessary to elect a Zonal President within this period as per Article 34 (1).
3. In case the Zonal President finds it necessary to temporarily

relinquish his responsibilities, he shall have the authority to appoint an Acting President in consultation with the President of the Organisation. The term of such appointment shall not exceed six months.

Article 35

The duties and powers of the Zonal President shall be as follows:

1. To maintain order in the working of the Units of his Zone, and to train and guide the members of the Zone.
2. To convene the meetings of the Zonal Advisory Council and to preside over it.
3. To invite a non-member to the meetings of his Zonal Advisory Council, such invitees shall have no right to vote.
4. To recommend membership of the Organisation or expulsion or resignation from it.
5. In case of unavoidable circumstances, to suspend membership and immediately notify the President of the Organisation for approval as per Article 50 (2).
6. To appoint the Secretary in consultation with his Zonal Advisory Council.
7. To recommend the President of the Organisation to accept resignation, suspension or dismissal of the Secretary.
8. To establish a new Unit in the Zone.
9. To arrange for the election of the office-bearers of the Local Units, to accept resignation, to suspend, or in consultation with the Secretary, dismiss any of them.
10. To accept the resignation of members of the Local Advisory Council.
11. Under unavoidable circumstances, if the interest of the Organisation so warrants:
 - i. To suspend a Unit, and immediately notify the President of the Organisation for approval.
 - ii. To recommend dissolution of a Unit to the President of the Organisation.

ZONAL SECRETARY

Article 36

The Zonal President shall appoint a Secretary in consultation with the Zonal Advisory Council.

Article 37

The duties and powers of the Secretary shall be as follows:

1. To supervise the Organisational matters of the Zone and to maintain order in its functioning.
2. To supervise the Zonal departments.
3. To monitor the functioning of Local Units, supervise their work, and to guide them as necessary.
4. The Secretary, in these matters, shall abide by the directives of the Zonal President and shall be answerable to him.

LOCAL UNIT

Article 38

A Local Unit shall be set up in a place where there are two or more members of the Organisation, but in case there is only one member, he shall report to the Zonal President directly and work as per his direction.

LOCAL PRESIDENT

Article 39

1. There shall be a President in every Local Unit who shall be elected by the local members.
2. Where there are only two members in a Unit, the Zonal President shall appoint the Local President at his own discretion.

Article 40

The duties and powers of the Local President shall be as follows:

1. To maintain order in the functioning of the Unit, and to train and guide the members.
2. To remain active in pursuit of the aims and objectives of the Organisation and to keep other members active as well.
3. To undertake the functioning of his unit in consultation with the local members.
4. The Local President, in all these matters, shall abide by the directives of the Zonal President and shall be answerable to him.

LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**Article 41**

1. Where the strength of a Local Unit is or exceeds 25, a Local Advisory Council can be constituted with the approval of the Zonal President.
2. The Zonal President shall fix the strength of the Local Advisory Council in consultation with the Local President.
3. Important matters in the Local Units shall be decided in consultation with the Local Advisory Council.

BAITULMAL (TREASURY)**Article 42**

There shall be a Baitulmal of the Organisation at the Local, Zonal and Central levels.

Article 43

The funds and properties of the Organisation shall not be used for any purpose other than fulfillment of the aims and objectives as stated in Article 4 of this Constitution.

(A) Sources of Income

Article 44

1. Monthly contributions and *Sadaqat* by the members of the Organisation.
2. Donations of sympathisers and well-wishers.
3. Income from book depots, publications and assets.

(B) Central Baitulmal

Article 45

1. The Central Baitulmal shall be under the President of the Organisation, from which he shall expend according to the sanctioned budget under relevant heads of account.
2. The accounts of the Central Baitulmal shall be audited by the Auditor of the Organisation.

(C) Zonal Baitulmal

Article 46

1. The Baitulmal of a Zone shall be under the Zonal President, from which he shall expend under relevant heads of account in consultation with the Zonal Advisory Council. He shall be accountable to the President of the Organisation regarding the income and expenditure.
2. The accounts of the Zonal Baitulmal shall be audited by the Zonal Auditor.

(D) Local Baitulmal

Article 47

The Local Baitulmal shall be under the Local President, from which he shall expend under relevant heads of account in consultation with the members/Local Advisory Council. He shall be accountable to the Zonal President regarding the income and expenditure.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

(A) Resignation:

Article 48

If a member of the Organisation tenders resignation from the membership of the Organisation, he shall be given an opportunity of not more than two months to reconsider his decision.

(B) Expulsion & Suspension

Article 49

Expulsion of a member of the Organisation may only take place when he:

1. Retracts in word or deed, from Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Constitution.
2. Violates knowingly, the stated policy of the Organisation.
3. Adopts an attitude detrimental to the discipline of the Organisation, or to its religious or moral position.

Article 50

1. If there arises the issue of expulsion of any member, he shall be intimated with reasons for his proposed expulsion and be given an opportunity to present his defense, within two months.
2. If the situation so warrants, the President of the Organisation may suspend a member prior to expulsion, and the Zonal President shall also have the authority to suspend a member till the President of the Organisation decides on the expulsion.

BYLAWS

Article 51

To fulfill the intent of this Constitution, the President of the Organisation

in consultation with the Central Advisory Council shall frame bylaws as required, which shall come into effect with the assent of the Chief Patron.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANISATION

Article 52

In the event of dissolution of the Organisation, its funds and assets shall be transferred only to any other organisation having similar aims and objectives. The decision regarding this may be taken by the Central Advisory Council by a 2/3 majority of the members present in any annual meeting, or an emergency meeting called for this purpose, and assented to by the Chief Patron.

