



Constitution of the Communist Party of Iran

The Second Congress of the Communist Party of Iran entrusted the revision of the previous constitution and the drafting of a new text to the Central Committee elected by this congress. This new text was to be prepared on the basis of the orientations of this congress and submitted to a vote of all party members.

After selecting the necessary commissions and reviewing the amendments submitted by party members, the Party Central Committee, at its Eighth Plenum (the third plenum of the Central Committee elected by the Second Congress), unanimously approved and published the draft of the new constitution.

After approximately 3 months, which had been allocated for study and review by party members, it was submitted to a vote of all party members.

The results of this referendum were presented at the Ninth Plenum of the Central Committee in the first half of Tir (June-July) of the current year, and considering that 93 percent of the confirmed members whose votes had reached the Central Committee by the date of this session had voted entirely in favor of the constitution as a whole, therefore the Ninth Plenum officially declared the new constitutional text as the Constitution of the Communist Party of Iran, compliance with which is obligatory for all party members and organs and which governs the internal relations of the Communist Party.

Chapter One – Definition and Objectives of the Party

Article One;

The Communist Party of Iran is the communist organization of the working class of Iran for organizing and realizing the cause of the socialist social revolution.

The ideological foundations and objectives of the Party are stated in the Program of the Communist Party of Iran.

Chapter Two – Organizational Principles

Article Two:

The basic organizational principle of the Communist Party of Iran is democratic centralism, and on this basis the Party places the following principles as the foundation of its organizational relations:



1. The subordination of the individual to the decisions and resolutions of the Party, and of the minority to the majority.
2. The subordination of lower organs to higher ones and the subordination of the entire Party to the Central Committee.
3. The electiveness of all leadership organs from bottom to top. All leadership organs are elected for specific periods.
4. The autonomy of local Party organizations in their internal and local affairs.
5. The preservation of the right of the minority in every Party organization to inform all members of that organization of its views and disagreements with the majority.

Note:

As long as and to the extent that the necessities of clandestine activity and armed struggle require, the full implementation of the principle of the electiveness of leadership organs «except in the case of the Central Committee, which must always be elected» shall be limited. The method of appointing these organs shall be determined according to regulations approved by the Central Committee.

Chapter Three – Organizational Structure

Article Three;

The Communist Party of Iran is a nationwide organization based on local organizations.

Article Four: Local Organizations

- A collective composed of Party members and forces that, within a specific local area, in addition to regularly carrying out the basic tasks of communist propaganda and agitation and the Party organization of workers, possesses sufficient influence to affect other aspects of the working-class struggle, is called the Party organization in that locality. The local Party organization is responsible for advancing all aspects of Party activity within its sphere.
- The main organizational divisions of the Party, according to locality, from bottom to top, are respectively: workplace organization, section organization, city organization, county organization, and regional organization.

Article Five: Central Organization

The central organization is a formation of Party members directly under the supervision of the Central Committee, established for the purpose of advancing the nationwide duties and affairs of the Party, facilitating the leadership of the entire Party, and



coordinating local activities. Activity within the Party's central organization is subject to special regulations and rules determined by the Central Committee.

Members of the central organization are selected by the Central Committee from among volunteer members of the local organizations.

Article Six: Other Organizational Divisions

The Party Central Committee may, if necessary, establish organizational divisions other than those defined in the constitution.

Article Seven: District

1. The basic cell of the Communist Party of Iran is the district organization, which is formed in the workplaces and residential areas of workers and toilers with the participation of at least three members.
2. The districts are obligated to: Establish and expand the Party's relationship with the masses, recruit new members to the Party, propagate the Party's program and policies, distribute the Party's publications and propaganda materials. Organize the continuous collection of financial contributions. Unite the workers and toilers in their sphere of activity; organize them according to Party directives and regularly report their activities to the Party.

Article Eight: Committees

1. The highest organ of every local organization is the committee of that organization. The committee is responsible for directing its subordinate organization based on Party policies and resolutions.
2. Each committee appoints one person from among its members as secretary. The secretary is the liaison between the committee and the higher committee, is responsible for coordinating and supervising the activities of committee members, and regularly reports the committee's activities to the higher committee.
3. Decision-making in committees is based on an absolute majority vote. Each committee bears collective responsibility before the higher organ.
4. The regional committee has the right to publish the Party's regional publication in its own name and under its own responsibility.

Article Nine: Regional Conference

1. The regional conference shall be held at least once every two years with the participation of elected representatives of local organizations, members and alternate members of the regional committee, and at the invitation of the regional committee.



- Note:
The Central Committee may invite Party members to the regional conference with consultative vote.

- 2. The regional conference reviews the report of the regional committee, elects the members and alternate members of the regional committee, discusses the Party's general and regional policies, and whenever it deems necessary presents its recommendations in the form of conference resolutions to the Central Committee and the regional committee.

Article Ten: Kurdistan Organization of the Communist Party of Iran

1. In view of the history of struggle, popularity, and mass influence of the Revolutionary Organization of the Workers of Iranian Kurdistan (Komala) among the workers and toilers of Kurdistan and within the revolutionary movement of the Kurdish people, the Kurdistan organization of the Communist Party of Iran is called Komala, whose full name is: **Kurdistan Organization of the Communist Party of Iran (Komala)**.
2. The Kurdistan Organization of the Communist Party of Iran (Komala) is the regional organization of the Communist Party of Iran and possesses all the duties, rights, and authorities of a regional Party organization.
3. The Communist Party of Iran, with the aim of removing the obstacles that national oppression has created in the path of class unity between Kurdish and non-Kurdish proletarians, and with the goal of strengthening proletarian leadership in the revolutionary movement of the Kurdish people and facilitating the joining of ever broader masses of Kurdish workers and toilers to the ranks of the Communist Party, recognizes special rights for its organization in Kurdistan (Komala).
4. The special rights and authorities of Komala are determined in the bylaws of the special rights of Komala, approved by the Founding Congress of the Communist Party of Iran.
5. The bylaws of the special rights and authorities of Komala are considered a supplement to the Constitution of the Communist Party of Iran, and acceptance of and compliance with them is obligatory for every member of the Communist Party of Iran. Any modification or amendment to the bylaws of the special rights of Komala is within the authority of the Party's National Congress.



Chapter Four – Congress

Article Eleven:

The highest organ of the Party is the Congress, which shall be convened at least once every two years at the invitation of the Central Committee.

Article Twelve: Duties and Authorities of the Congress

- The Party Congress:
 1. Reviews the report of the Central Committee.
 2. Approves or amends the Party Program and Constitution.
 3. Determines the political line of the Party.
 4. Elects the Central Committee and its alternate members.

Article Thirteen: Participants in the Congress are:

1. Representatives elected by each of the Party organizations through the vote of the members of that organization.
2. Members of the Central Committee and its alternate members.

Note 1:

The regulations and proportion for the election of representatives to the Congress are determined and announced by the Central Committee before each Congress.

Note 2:

The Central Committee may invite individuals from among Party members, candidate members, and from other parties and groups as observers or guests to the Congress.

Article Fourteen:

The Congress is official and may be convened with the presence of two-thirds of the participants with voting rights.

Note:

Members of the Central Committee and its alternate members who are not elected representatives of Party organizations to the Congress shall have consultative vote at the Congress.

Article Fifteen: Extraordinary Congress

1. The Central Committee may call for the convening of an Extraordinary Congress.



2. If one-half of the Party members request the convening of an Extraordinary Congress, the Central Committee is obligated to call it.

Chapter Five – Central Leadership Institutions

Article Sixteen:

The Central Committee is the highest institution of the Party between two congresses and leads all aspects of Party activity.

Article Seventeen: Duties and Authorities of the Central Committee

The Central Committee:

1. Is responsible for implementing and advancing the resolutions of the Congress.
2. Organizes, directs, and coordinates various Party institutions and formations.
3. Represents the Party in relation to other political parties and forces.
4. Leads and educates the Party through central organs and publications.
5. Controls the Party's assets and central treasury and allocates them to various uses.
6. Recognizes organizations that meet the necessary conditions in accordance with Article Four of this Constitution as local Party organizations and revokes the recognition of Party organizations that lose the conditions stated in the aforementioned article.
7. Presents a report of its work to the Party Congress.
8. Determines the necessary organs for the continuous guidance and leadership of the Party and elects their members from among its own members at each session.

Article Eighteen: Plenum

The general session of the Central Committee (Plenum) shall be held at least once every three months at the invitation of the secretary of the committee or at the request of a majority of its members. Alternate members of the Central Committee participate in plenary sessions with consultative vote.



Chapter Six – Membership

Article Nineteen: Member

The necessary conditions for the membership of any individual in the Communist Party of Iran are that:

1. They accept and comply with the Party Program and Constitution.
2. They be active in one of the Party organizations.

Article Twenty: Admission of Members

Any applicant for membership who accepts the Party Program and Constitution shall be admitted to membership when:

1. Two Party members introduce and recommend their membership.
2. A Party organizational committee accepts them as a candidate member.
3. They satisfactorily complete the probationary period (candidate membership).

Note:

The probationary period is at least 6 months.

4. The admission of members in all local Party organizations takes place with the approval of the committee of that organization.

Note:

In special cases where applicants for membership are not connected with the relevant local organizations, the Party Central Committee shall handle their admission.

Article Twenty-One: Duties of a Member

A member of the Communist Party of Iran is obligated to:

1. Comply with the Constitution, bylaws, and all organizational resolutions and decisions of the Party and observe Party discipline.
2. Regularly pays membership dues to the party.
3. Exercise diligence in safeguarding Party secrets, documents, and property.
4. Show sensitivity toward violations of communist and Party principles in their own activities and those of others, and strive to correct them through principled criticism.
5. Strive to raise their own communist consciousness and that of the workers in their sphere of activity.
6. Promote the goals of the Party and strive to expand and strengthen Party influence and solidarity among workers.



7. Properly carry out assigned organizational duties and assist the Party in fulfilling other Party duties.
8. Regularly keep the Party informed of their activities.

Article Twenty-Two: Rights of a Member

Every member of the Communist Party of Iran has the right to:

1. Participate in discussions and express opinions regarding the Party's positions and policies through Party meetings and publications.
2. Criticize Party officials and institutions in organizational meetings.
3. Present their views, suggestions, and criticisms directly to all higher organs, including the Central Committee and Congress.
4. Participate in various elections within their organization, elect, and be elected.
5. Participate in the decision-making processes of their district organization and have the right to vote on the adoption of such decisions.

Note:

Candidate members have consultative vote in decision-making and elections and cannot be elected to leadership organs. Their other duties and rights are exactly the same as those of other members.

Article Twenty-Three: Withdrawal from Membership

1. Membership in the Communist Party of Iran is voluntary, and every member may withdraw from Party membership of their own will.
2. If a member wishes to withdraw, they must officially inform the higher committee of this request and are obligated to return their organizational responsibilities as well as any Party property and documents in their possession to the relevant organization. The higher committee shall officially notify them of the acceptance of the withdrawal request.

Article Twenty-Four: Membership of Organizations in the Communist Party of Iran

1. Worker organizations and groups that seek membership in the Communist Party of Iran may join the Party collectively if they accept the Party Program and Constitution.
2. The acceptance of membership and the recognition of these organizations are within the authority of the Party Central Committee.
3. The recognition of organizations as Party organizations shall be announced in the Party's central organs.
4. Organizations for which at least 6 months have passed since the announcement of their acceptance may send representatives to the Party Congress.



Chapter Seven – Disciplinary Measures

Article Twenty-Five:

Organized communist struggle requires adherence to organizational regulations and Party discipline, to which every member voluntarily commits upon entering the Party. The class consciousness of members is the best guarantee for maintaining Party discipline. Nevertheless, in order to preserve the solidity and discipline of the Party, the following disciplinary measures, proportional to the committed offense, shall be applied in cases of members' negligence in carrying out duties and violation of organizational regulations:

- Official warning
- Reprimand
- Removal from responsibility
- Suspension of membership
- Expulsion

Article Twenty-Six:

- 1- The application of disciplinary measures against members falls within the authority of the organizational committee in which the member is active.
- 2- Cases of disciplinary measures must be reported to the higher committee.
- 3- Every member has the right to request the higher committee to revoke or reconsider disciplinary measures concerning them. The decision of this committee is final.
- 4- The maximum period of suspension from membership is 6 months.
- 5- The expulsion of a member by any committee must first be approved by the higher committee. Every expelled member has the right to request reconsideration by the Central Committee.

Article Twenty-Seven:

- 1- Reprimand and removal from responsibility of Central Committee members are within the authority of the Plenum of the Central Committee. The quorum required for approval of these measures is a two-thirds majority vote.
- 2- Suspension of Central Committee members from Party membership is within the authority of a conference composed of Central Committee members, alternate members, and elected representatives of regional committees. The quorum required for decision-making in these cases is a two-thirds majority vote. If a suspension vote is issued, the concerned individual is expelled from the Central Committee.
- 3- The expulsion of a Central Committee member from the Party is within the authority of the Party's National Congress.



Bylaws of the Special Rights and Authorities of Komala

(Supplement to the Constitution of the Communist Party of Iran)

Chapter One – Special Rights and Authorities of Komala

Article One:

Komala has its own organizational congress and Central Committee.

Article Two:

Komala may independently:

1. Determine and approve the positions, political line, and slogans of the proletariat of Kurdistan regarding the national issue and in relation to obtaining the right of self-determination for the Kurdish nation.
2. Determine its policies, based on the Party's general tactical foundations, toward other Kurdish political parties and forces in Iran and other countries of the region, and regulate its relations with them.
3. Appear in its own name in relation to the interests and issues of the Kurdish people at the global level and in international bodies and make the necessary decisions.



- 4- Create the necessary non-Party organizations for advancing its policies in the national movement in Kurdistan.
- 5- Establish new Party organizations. In these cases, the conformity of the organizational regulations and bylaws governing the formation of these organizations with the constitutional principles of the Communist Party must be approved by the Party Central Committee.
- 6- Organize and lead the revolutionary war of the Kurdish people in every respect.
- 7- Determine its tactics regarding the continuation or cessation of the revolutionary war of the Kurdish people against the central government. If necessary, enter negotiations with the central government on issues related to the demands of the Kurdish people and sign the necessary agreements wherever the interests of the Kurdish people's movement require it.
- 8- Organize and lead revolutionary authority in Kurdistan at all levels. Determine its manner of participation in the highest organs of authority resulting from the victory of the Kurdish people's movement.

Note:

The Central Committee of Komala must report all its resolutions, negotiations, agreements, and actions regarding the above matters to the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

Chapter Two – Leadership Organs of Komala and Their Relation to the Party Leadership Organs

Article Three: Congress

1. The Congress of Komala functions within the Party hierarchy as the highest organ of the Party's regional organization and, within the scope of authority specified in Article Two of these bylaws, is the highest decision-making authority in determining Komala's policies.
2. The Congress of Komala shall be convened at least once every two years. In addition, whenever the Central Committee of the Communist Party or the Central Committee of Komala, together with one-half of the members of this organization, request it, the Central Committee of Komala is obligated to convene the Congress of Komala.
3. The regulations and proportion of participants in the Congress of Komala are determined by the Central Committee of Komala.
4. The Congress of Komala elects the Central Committee of Komala and its alternate members.



Note 1:

The Congress of Komala must include in its agenda the issues raised by the Central Committee of the Communist Party for the Congress of Komala and discuss, review, and vote on them.

Note 2:

The Central Committee of the Communist Party may invite Party members to the Congress of Komala with consultative vote.

Article Four: Central Committee

- The committee leading the Komala organization is called the Central Committee.
- The Central Committee of Komala, as a regional committee of the Party, is subordinate to the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

At the same time, the Central Committee of Komala is the executor of the resolutions of the Congress of Komala.

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