



Constitution of the Chinese Liberal Democracy Party (CLDP)

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Article 1: Name and Purpose

1.1 Name

The name of the party shall be the **Chinese Liberal Democracy Party (CLDP)**.

1.2 Purpose

The CLDP is committed to:

1. Promoting liberal democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in China.
2. Representing the interests of the Chinese diaspora in the UK and supporting their democratic rights.
3. Advocating for freedom of speech, political pluralism, and civil liberties.
4. Supporting democratic movements and individuals persecuted for their beliefs.
5. Engaging in lawful political activities in the UK to raise awareness of these causes.

Article 2: Membership

2.1 Eligibility

- Membership is open to anyone aged 16 or over who supports the aims and values of the party.
- Members must not engage in activities that contradict the party's principles.

2.2 Rights of Members

- Members have the right to vote in internal elections.
- Members may stand for leadership positions.
- Members may participate in party meetings and decision-making processes.

2.3 Termination of Membership

- Membership may be revoked if a member is found to engage in activities harmful to the party or contrary to its values.
- A disciplinary committee will review cases of misconduct.

Article 3: Leadership and Governance

3.1 Party Officers

The party shall have the following officers:

- **Leader:** Represents the party publicly and sets strategic direction.
- **Deputy Leader:** Supports the leader and assumes duties in their absence.
- **Treasurer:** Manages finances and ensures compliance with UK political funding laws.
- **General Secretary:** Oversees administration and internal communications.
- **Nominating Officer:** Handles candidate selections for elections.

3.2 Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee shall consist of party officers and elected representatives.
- It shall oversee major decisions and policy direction.

3.3 Elections and Terms

- Party officers shall be elected by members every two years.
- Elections shall be conducted democratically through a secret ballot.

Article 4: Party Structure

4.1 Local Branches

- Members may form local branches in different regions to promote the party's goals.
- Each branch shall elect a local committee to coordinate activities.

4.2 Policy Committees

- Policy committees shall be formed to develop party policies in key areas such as human rights, foreign policy, and democracy advocacy.

Article 5: Decision-Making and Meetings

5.1 General Meetings

- An **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** shall be held once per year to review party progress and vote on key issues.
- Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or by a petition of at least 20% of members.

5.2 Voting Procedures

- Decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote, except constitutional amendments, which require a two-thirds majority.

Article 6: Finance and Funding

6.1 Financial Management

- The Treasurer shall maintain transparent records of all donations and expenditures.
- The party shall comply with all UK political funding laws.

6.2 Fundraising

- The party may accept donations from individuals and organisations that align with its values.
- No funds shall be accepted from sources that compromise the party's integrity.

Article 7: Code of Conduct

- Members must act with integrity and in accordance with democratic principles.
- Hate speech, violence, and discrimination within the party are strictly prohibited.

Article 8: Amendments to the Constitution

- Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member and must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting.