



**UNITED KINGDOM & EIRE
COUNCIL FOR MALAYSIAN
STUDENTS (UKEC)
CONSTITUTION**

As at 3rd of April 2017

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE

UNITED KINGDOM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR MALAYSIAN STUDENTS

DETERMINED

to reaffirm faith in the fundamental belief of the Malaysian way of life, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of societies large and small, and

to institutionalise conditions under which justice and respect for the agreement signed under the auspices of this organisation can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better relations amongst member societies in a more dynamic mean

AND FOR THESE ENDS

to practise tolerance and work together in harmony with one another as good Malaysians, and

to unite our strength in championing the Malaysian students' strive for excellence, and

to employ available resources for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all Malaysians, and

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS

Accordingly, our respective Societies, through representatives assembled in the University of Leicester have agreed to the present Constitution of the United Kingdom Executive Council for Malaysian Students and do hereby establish a national organisation to be known as the United Kingdom Executive Council for Malaysian Students and its abbreviation as UKEC

Signatories: ADLAN BENAN OMAR (Chairman), MOHD HIRMIADI DON RAHIM (President of the Supreme Council) BIRMINGHAM, BRISTOL MSS, BRISTOL MCS, CAMBRIDGE, CHICHESTER, ESSEX, HUDDERSFIELD, HULL, IMPERIAL COLLEGE, KENT, LANCASTER, LEEDS, LEEDS METROPOLITAN, LEICESTER, LSE, MANCHESTER, MIDDLESEX, NOTTINGHAM MCS, NOTTINGHAM MSS, NOTTINGHAM TRENT, OXFORD, OXFORD BROOKES, STRATHCLYDE, SURREY, UCL, UMDS, WARWICK, MUNIR MYDIN ABDUL AZIZ (First Witness) FARID MOHAMED SANI (Second Witness)

Our respective Societies in further assemblies at Imperial College in London and at Kuala Lumpur have reaffirmed our commitment to the present Constitution of this, our Organisation, as here presented

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CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

Article 1

1. The name of this Organisation shall be **The United Kingdom Executive Council for Malaysian Students** or in Bahasa Melayu, **Majlis Tertinggi Pelajar Malaysia United Kingdom**.
2. The abbreviation in all languages shall be UKEC. The Registered office of UKEC will be within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or the Federation of Malaysia as the case may be.
3. The Constitution may be cited as the United Kingdom Executive Council for Malaysian Students Constitution or the UKEC Constitution as its short title. (Amended October 2011)

Article 2 (Amended January 2016)

1. The Emblem of the Organisation shall be as follows:



To replace the original insignia of the council, described and represented as follows: Azure a diamond of equal sides upon which is placed the Roman letters first quarter 'U', second quarter 'K', third quarter 'E' and fourth quarter 'C', all Gules. The supporters shall be Dexter a quarter moon crescent Or, Sinister the same except the points of which faces Dexter. The battlement shall be Argent.



2. The meaning of the Emblem of the Organisation shall be as follows. The UKEC logo is made up of all the four colours of the flag of the Federation of Malaysia. The two yellow crescents represent the link between our homeland and the United Kingdom, where we are studying. The blue square in the middle is derived from the canton in the Malaysian flag, signifying unity- and the red colour of the bold letters 'UKEC' represents the desire by overseas Malaysian students for a courageous advancement towards a progressive Malaysian nation. The blue diamond also harkens back an era when Malaysian students survived a minimum subsistence and the poverty- intellectual or otherwise- from which we aspire to improve. The whole achievement is enclosed in an oblong symbolising the spread of Malaysian scholars throughout the world in a modern approach of networking.
3. The insignia of the Organisation is as follows

- The common seal is a device which bears the wordings 'UNITED KINGDOM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR MALAYSIAN STUDENTS' in a circle and the words 'COMMON SEAL' in the middle of the circle.
- The Great Seal is a device which bears the wordings 'GREAT SEAL OF THE ORGANISATION' in a circle and the emblem of the Organisation in the middle of the circle.
- The Seal of the Supreme Council bears the words 'SEAL OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL' in a circle and the emblem of the Organisation in the middle.
- The Financial Comptroller Seal bears the words 'FINANCIAL COMPTROLLER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE' in a circle and the emblem of the Organisation in the middle.
- The UKEC Chairperson Seal bears the word 'CHAIRPERSON' under the emblem of the Organisation.

Article 2A

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:-

'Organisation' means the United Kingdom and Eire Council for Malaysian Students (UKEC) (Amended October 2011)

'Members' or 'Societies' means the Malaysian students societies at the universities, polytechnics and other institutions of learning or academic bodies in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland which are affiliated to UKEC (Amended October 2004)

'United Kingdom' means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, her territories, dominions and dependencies which for the purpose of this Constitution shall include the Isle of Man, the State of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey, Sark, Alderney, Berwick-Upon-Tweed and the Republic of Ireland, formerly the Irish Free State

'Malaysia' means the Federation of Malaysia and all her territories and dependencies comprising of the States of Johor Darul Ta'azim, Kedah Darul Aman, Kelantan Darul Naim, Melaka Darul Azim, Pahang Darulmakmur, Perak Darul Ridzuan, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus, Perlis Indera Kayangan, Terengganu Darul Iman, Pulau Pinang, Sarawak, Sabah, the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur and Labuan, the administrative capital of Putrajaya and such territories that may enter the federation

'Calendar year' means the year according to the Common Era (CE) method of calculation. A Calendar year' consists of 52 weeks.

'Malaysian' means a citizen of the Federation of Malaysia (including the Straits Settlements of Penang, Malacca, Labuan and the Dindings BUT excluding the colony of Singapore and the Christmas Islands) by right of birth and naturalisation. Enemy aliens and fugitives of the Government of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Their Royal Highnesses the Rulers and Their Excellencies the Yang di-Pertua-Yang di-Pertua Negeri are automatically deemed to be excluded from its meaning

CHAPTER II

PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

Article 3

The Purposes of this Organisation are:

1. To facilitate interaction and friendly relations among the various Malaysian Societies in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland based on the principle of mutual respect.
2. To achieve co-operation in solving problems of a social, cultural and economical character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for the Malaysian way of life and for universal kinship without distinction as to race, sex, language, religion, disability, age and political affiliation. (Amended January 2016)
3. To provide an outlet for social, cultural and academic activities amongst Societies and to assist the administrative duties of Education Malaysia and any of its other functions as may be necessary for the benefit of the Malaysian Students.
To be a centre for harmonising the actions of Societies in the attainment of these common ends

Article 4

The Organisation and its Members, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 3, shall act in accordance with the following Principles:

1. The Organisation is based on the principle of the independence and equality of its members.
2. All Members, in order to ensure to all of them the rights and benefits resulting from the membership, shall fulfil in good faith the obligation assumed by them in accordance with the mutual agreement and the Constitution.
3. All Members shall settle their disputes by peaceful means in such manner that integrity and reputation of this Organisation are not endangered.
4. All members shall provide the Organisation support and assistance to any projects it organise in accordance with the Constitution.
5. The Organisation shall seek the co-operation of those Societies which are not members to act in accordance with these Principles so far as may be possible and necessary.

CHAPTER III

MEMBERSHIP

Article 5

The original Members of the Organisation shall be the Societies, which having participated in the United Kingdom Executive Council for Malaysian Students' First Annual General Meeting at Leicester University, have signed the present Constitution in accordance with their respective Constitutional process.

Article 6

1. Membership of the Organisation is open to all other Malaysian students societies registered Education Malaysia UK & Ireland which accept the obligations contained in the present Constitution and are able and willing to carry out its obligations. (Amended April 2017)
2. The formal admission of any such Societies in Paragraph 1 to membership in the Organisation will be legitimised by a decision of the Supreme Council upon recommendation of the Executive Committee at a Supreme Council Meeting. Executive Committee may confer rights and benefits, except voting rights, of the Organisation under the Constitution to any such Societies until such decision is made. (Amended March 2015)
3. Only a citizen of the Federation of Malaysia by right of birth and/or by naturalisation may receive the benefit and obligation of any membership meant by Paragraph 1.
4. Any Society which fulfils the requirement of Paragraph 1 may apply to join the Organisation by submitting a formal application to the Chairperson and President of the Supreme Council.

Article 7

Individual Malaysian members of the Societies which are Members of the Organisation shall automatically receive all rights and benefits and obligations incurred under the Constitution through the Members.

Article 8

Associate membership may be conferred by the Executive Committee, by a simple majority vote. Associate membership may be awarded to an individual or an organisation. Associate members may attend all meetings but no vote is accorded.

Article 9

Honorary membership may be conferred by the Executive Committee, by a simple majority vote. Honorary membership may be awarded to an individual who have made considerable and substantial contribution to the Organisation in any capacity. Honorary members may attend all meetings but no vote is accorded.

Article 10

A Member of the Organisation which has persistently violated the Principles contained in the present Constitution may be suspended from the exercise of rights and privileges of membership or expelled from the Organisation by the Executive Committee. This Article should be read together with Paragraph 2 of Article 22.

CHAPTER IV

ORGANS

Article 11

There are established as the principal organs of the United Kingdom Executive Council for Malaysian Students a Supreme Council and an Executive Committee.

Article 12

All Malaysian Students studying at university, polytechnic or other institutions of learning, or academic bodies in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, men and women are eligible to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs.

Article 13

(Amended April 2017)

1. UKEC elected members cannot hold any post in any Malaysian student organisation in the same fiscal year.
2. UKEC Executive Committee cannot hold any top 4 (President, Deputy President, Secretary, Treasurer) post in any Malaysian student organisation in the same fiscal year.
3. UKEC top 8 cannot hold any post in religious/partisan organisation in the same fiscal year.

All elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee of the Organisation shall not hold any other position in any other Malaysian students organisation or any other Malaysian organisation in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland which are political and/or religious in nature.

Article 14

All elected and appointed members of any organ of the Organisation shall submit a register of interest to the Executive Committee which shall be made available to the Supreme Council upon request. The Supreme Council may advise any elected or appointed members of any organ of the Organisation to relinquish any other interest conflicting with the interest of the Organisation. Failure to comply with such advice shall lead the Supreme Council to take necessary action to ensure the integrity of the Organisation as found in the Constitution.

CHAPTER V

THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Article 15

1. The Supreme Council shall consist of all Members of the United Kingdom and Eire Council for Malaysian Students (Amended October 2011)
2. (Repealed October 2011)
3. Each Member is allowed to have 2 representatives, one of which must be the President of the Society
4. Representatives shall be called "Supreme Councillor"
5. In the event of the President's inability to attend a Supreme Council meeting, he/she shall nominate a committee member to attend in his/her absence. Letter's of nominations must be served to the Executive committee seven days before a Supreme Councillor meeting and must contain the signature of the Member's President
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6. A non-Member Society or body may be invited to participate, without a vote, in any Supreme Council session with proviso that it complies with conditions laid down by the Executive Committee.
7. The quorum for a Supreme Council meeting shall be one sixth of the total number of Members

Function and Powers

Article 16

The Supreme Council may discuss any question or any matter within the scope of the Constitution or relating to the powers and functions of any organ provided for in the present Constitution, and may make recommendations to the Members of the Organisation or to the Executive Committee or to both on any such question or matter.

Article 17

1. The Supreme Council may consider the general principles of co-operation in the maintenance of good relationship between Members and may take recommendations with regard to such principles to the Members or to the Executive Committee or both.
2. The Supreme Council may call to the attention of the Executive Committee to situations which are likely to endanger co-operation between Members; and Malaysian students' rights in universities, polytechnics and any other institutions of learning throughout the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

Article 18

1. In the exercise of any question or matter assigned to the Executive Committee within the scope of the Constitution, the Supreme Council can make recommendations by formally writing to the Chairperson and President of the Supreme Council.
2. The Chairperson with the consent of the Executive Committee, shall notify the Supreme Council at each session of any question and matter relative to Paragraph 1 which are dealt with by the Executive Committee and shall notify the Supreme Council, or the Members of the Organisation if the Supreme Council is not in session, immediately the Executive Committee ceases to deal with such questions and matters.

Article 19

Subject to the provision of Article 16, the Supreme Council may recommend measures for the peaceful adjustment of any situation, regardless of origin, which it deems likely to impair the general welfare or friendly relations among Societies, including situations resulting from a violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Article 20

1. The Supreme Council shall receive and consider annual and special reports from the Executive Committee. These reports shall include an account of the measures that the Executive Committee has decided upon or taken for the fulfilment of the Organisation's purposes and maintenance of the integrity of its principle laid out in Article 3 and Article 4. The annual report shall also include the measures taken & activities by Regional Chairs. (Amended March 2015)
2. The Supreme Council shall receive and consider reports from that organs of the Organisation.

Article 21

1. The Supreme Council shall consider and approve the budget of the Organisation.
2. The Supreme Council shall consider and approve any financial and budgetary arrangements of any subsidiary organisations referred to in Paragraph 2 of Article 11.

Voting

Article 22
(Repealed)

Procedure

Article 23

The Deputy Chairperson of the Organisation shall be the President of the Supreme Council.

Article 24

1. The Supreme Council shall meet in at least one (1) session in a year and in such special sessions as occasion may require. Special sessions shall be convoked by the Chairperson at the request of the Executive Committee, or at the request of a majority of the Members of the Organisation made via the President of the Supreme Council.
2. A member of the Supreme Council must inform the UKEC on any changes to the membership of the Supreme Council including contact details of the new Supreme Councillor, this shall be done in writing to the President of the Supreme Council and the relevant Regional Chair. (Included January 2016)

Article 25
(Repealed)

CHAPTER VI

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition

Article 26

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of eight (8) elected members: the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, the General Secretary, the National Treasurer and 4 Vice Chairpersons.
2. If there is a vacancy in the position of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson shall preside until such replacement is found by the Supreme Council in a by-election to be held by the General Secretary within one month of the vacancy.
3. If a vacancy arises in any other office of the Executive Committee, the Chairperson may name an Executive Committee member to complete the term of office still remaining from amongst the existing members of the Executive Committee or amongst the delegates present at the most recent Supreme Council meeting upon obtaining their consent.
4. The suspension and expulsion of Members does not affect any of its individual members who sits in the Executive Committee. (Amended September 1995)
5. The quorum for an Executive Committee Meeting is the Chairperson plus three other Executive Committee Members.

Function and Powers

Article 27

(Amended March 2015)

1. In order to ensure prompt and effective action by the Organisation, its Members confer on the Executive Committee primary responsibility for the provisions in the Constitution, and agree that in carrying out its duties under this responsibility the Executive Committee acts on their behalf.
2. In discharging these duties the Executive Committee shall act in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Organisation.
3. The Executive Committee shall submit annual and, when necessary, special reports to the Supreme Council for its consideration.
4. Any decision made by the Executive Committee up to 3 months before the General Meeting:
 - I. must be disclosed to; and
 - II. may be invalidated by;its successor Committee or the Supreme Council. The power to invalidate such decisions must be exercised within 2 weeks after the General Meeting. This power does not detract from any other powers of the Executive Committee or Supreme Council.
5. Supreme Council approval shall be required for the following decisions:
 - Dissolution of UKEC
 - Merger of UKEC with another organisation
 - Expenditure of more than 20% of the sponsorship received that term on a new project
6. The Executive Council shall provide sufficient cash in the current accounts for events planned and executed within its term. (Included January 2016)

Article 28

The Members of the Organisation agree to accept and respect the decisions of the Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution.

Article 29

The Executive Committee may initiate studies and make recommendations for the purposes of:

- promoting co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational fields and assisting in the realisation of the Malaysian Vision and equal opportunity for all without distinction as to race, sex, religion or political affiliation in the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- promoting international co-operation with other student organisation, the universities and colleges in Malaysia, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), governmental bodies and other societies.

Article 30

1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Organisation.
2. The Chairperson shall act as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Organisation.
3. The Executive Committee shall implement all decisions of the Supreme Council passed in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or in the regular meeting or special meeting of the Supreme Council.

Article 31

(Amended March 2015)

The Chairperson shall act in the capacity as stipulated in Paragraph 2 of Article 30 in all activities of the Organisation, and shall perform such other functions as are entrusted to him by these organs. The Chairperson shall make an Annual Report to the Supreme Council on the work of the Organisation. The Chairperson shall ensure that reports of every UKEC initiative shall be published online by three periods in a term. The Chairperson shall be responsible for strategy and good governance of the Executive Committee. At all times, he shall act with skill, diligence and independence, as well as prevent conflicts of interest and abuses of power.

Article 32

(Amended Sept 1995)

The Executive Committee shall make the Budget of the Organisation to be presented to the Supreme Council for consideration and approval, and shall also present an Audited Annual Financial Report which must include but shall not be exclusively made up of the audited account of the organisation to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for consideration and approval. The National Treasurer shall be responsible to prepare and present both the Budget and Financial Report.

Article 33

1. The Executive Committee in the performance of their duties shall be independent from any other authority external to the Organisation.
2. Each Member of the Organisation undertakes to respect the exclusively independent character of the responsibilities of the Executive Committee members and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Article 34

The Executive Committee has the power to enact such by-laws and procedures necessary for the smooth administration of the Organisation. The President of the Supreme Council shall inform the Members of the Organisation of the existence of such enactment.

Article 35

1. The Executive Committee may appoint staff to assist in its administrative work under regulations established by itself.
2. The paramount consideration in the appointment of staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. Due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis and as varied a background as possible.
3. Appointed staff shall be a part of the Executive Committee (Included in January 2016)

Article 36

A member of the Executive Committee may be suspended from office by a majority vote of the Executive Committee members. Dismissal may be made by the Supreme Council on recommendation by the Executive Committee.

Article 37 (repealed -AGM 2016)

The Executive Committee shall hold a meeting once in two (2) months of which the date shall be decided in each preceding meeting. The Vice- Chairman (Information) shall call the meeting on direction of the Chairman at least a week before the actual date of meeting. The Vice Chairman Information shall inform and invite all Executive Committee members, members of the Council of Regents and such other necessary executives to these meetings.

Article 38 (Repealed)

Article 39 (repealed- AGM 2016)

Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent from its meeting shall send a letter stating the reasons for absence to the Vice-Chairman (Information) before or within fourteen (14) days after the date of the meeting. Failure to attend two successive meetings without reasonable cause and failure to so advise the Executive Committee on this matter shall be deemed a formal resignation from the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER VII

THE GENERAL MEETING

Procedure

Article 40

1. The General Meeting of the Organisation is the same as a meeting of the Supreme Council.
2. The General Secretary of the Executive Committee shall call for the meeting on the agreement and direction and request of the Chairperson, and notice to this effect shall be given to the Members at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.
3. (Repealed October 2011)
4. (Repealed October 2011)

Article 41

The rules and procedures of the meeting shall be found in such by-laws created by the Executive Committee and approved by the Supreme Council which shall be deemed the basis upon which the legality of the meeting, aside than the provision of this Chapter, is decided.

Function and Powers

Article 42

The General Meeting shall consider and approve the planned activities of the Organisation presented by the Executive Committee. It shall also consider and approve the previous year Annual Report and Audited Financial Report.

Article 43

The General Meeting shall choose at an annual interval of not more than one calendar year a new Executive Committee which will consist of the positions stipulated under Article 26. The new Executive Committee shall come into power immediately after the conclusion of the General Meeting.

Article 44

Resolutions, Declarations, and/or new Policies may be passed in the General Meeting. The President of the Supreme Council shall inform all Members of the Resolutions, Declarations, and/or new Policies passed two (2) weeks after the General Meeting had been adjourned.

Article 45

The decision of the General Meeting being on such matters present under the Constitution, the Patron duly notified of such decisions, will be binding upon the Members.

CHAPTER VIII

ELECTION

Procedures

Article 46 (Amended March 2015)

1. An election of the Executive Committee shall be held once a year at the General Meeting of the Organisation. The Election shall be on an alternative voting basis.
2. The positions which shall be contested are those contained under Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 of Article 26 of Chapter VI and any such position which the current Executive Committee deem necessary to be put up for election.
3. A by-election shall be held if there is a vacancy of the Chairpersonship. The by-election shall be waived if the difference between the periods of vacancy is less than one month to the Annual General Meeting and if this so occurs the Deputy Chairperson will assume the position of Chairperson.
4. (repealed in January 2017)

Article 47

Shadow Committee

(added January 2017)

1. The Shadow Committee will consist of 8 elected positions, namely the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, General Secretary, National Treasurer, and the 4 Vice Chairpersons.
2. Member of the shadow committee shall be known as "Position Elect". For example, Chairperson-elect for the duration of the probation period.
3. The purpose of the Shadow Committee is to shadow its predecessors to allow better understanding of the running of the Society.
4. Members of the Shadow Committee will be elected in an Ordinary General Meeting before the term ends i.e. April.
5. The Shadow Committee will only come to power after the Annual General Meeting has presided.
6. A confirmatory vote of a majority by the current Supreme Councillors in regards to the Shadow Committee will result in an immediate formalization of the said positions. Also, to state amend existing statements within the article of when election is held from "AGM" to OGM"

Article 48
(Repealed)

Article 49
(Repealed)

CHAPTER IX

FINANCIAL

PROCEDURES

Article 50 (Amended Sept 1995)

All financial transaction of the Organisation shall be in accordance with the Budget passed by the Supreme Council. The Chairperson shall have the authority for all expenditures of the Organisation in accordance with budget passed by the Supreme Council. The Budget may be amended as may be necessary and appropriate at any subsequent Supreme Council Meeting.

Article 51

All financial transactions of the Organisation shall be the responsibility of the National Treasurer whom is also known under this Constitution as the Financial Comptroller.

Article 52 (Repealed)

Article 53 (Repealed)

Article 54 (Amended 1995)

1. Expenses of the organisation shall be borne by the contribution as apportion by the Supreme Council, the annual membership fee, investment, donation, commercial ventures, bequests, legacies, deeds of covenants, wakaf and other income.
2. The standard annual membership fee of the Organisation shall be levied equally amongst the Members regardless of size or affluence.
3. The standard annual membership fee shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting by the Supreme Council and payment shall be made before or at the subsequent Supreme Council Meeting or within two months after the decision was made.

Article 55

1. An Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed by the Supreme Council at the General Meeting. The Auditor or Auditors shall be responsible to audit the accounts of the Organisation for the following year and shall confirm all financial transaction of the Organisation before the General Meeting.
2. The Supreme Council may decide on recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint another Auditor at its first subsequent meeting to assist the Auditor or Auditors appointed at the AGM.
3. The Organisation's Auditor shall be accountable to the Executive Committee and the Supreme Council.
4. The Auditor of the Organisation may be appointed from amongst the members of the Supreme Council or a professional auditing body.
5. No member of the Executive Committee may be appointed as the Auditor while in office. No person or persons shall act twice as the Auditor for the Organisation. (Amended September 1995)

6. The Executive Committee shall have the right to appoint an Auditor who shall together with such Auditor as is defined in paragraph 1 and 2 of this Article.

Article 56

The accounts of the Organisation shall be made available at all time to the Auditor of the Organisation. The accounts shall also be made available within two weeks to the Supreme Council, the Council of Regents or any Trustee of the Organisation upon any written request to the National Treasurer. The accounts with regard to expenditure by a Regional Chair shall be made available to Members from his Region via the same procedure. (Amended March 2015)

Article 57

In the event that there may arise a suspicion or accusation of a misappropriation of the Organisation's assets the Supreme Council may call upon the Council of Regents to create a Regents Commission to investigate such suspicion or accusation. The Regents Commission shall be responsible to make a report of the investigation which shall be given to the Executive Committee, the Supreme Council and to any person or organ so investigated. Action shall be taken where necessary and appropriate by the Council of Regents upon recommendation to and with the consent of the Supreme Council.

CHAPTER X

AMENDMENTS

Article 58

Amendments to the present Constitution shall come into force for all Members of the Organisation when they have been passed on a two third majority vote of the members of the Supreme Council present and voting, the Patron having been given due notification.

CHAPTER XI

(Repealed April 2004)

Article 59

Article 60

Article 61

CHAPTER XII

(Repealed April 2017)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Article 62

Article 63

CHAPTER XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Article 64

Wherever and whenever it is necessary the Members shall lend their assistance to the Organisation as may be necessary for the exercise of its function subject to the Members' limited resources.

Article 65

Any member of the Executive Committee shall not vote in any motion that affects or touches upon his position within the Organisation.

Article 66

Any confusion or conflict which may arise regarding any part of the Constitution, the Chairperson of the Organisation has absolute power to interpret any part of the Constitution and his or her interpretation shall prevail as the meaning of the Constitution.

Article 67

There shall be Patrons of the Organisation who shall be invited to that post by the Executive Committee. A Patron shall hold office for life except where he chooses to resign by a formal letter of notice to that effect addressed to the Chairperson of the Organisation.

Article 68

The Organisation accepts the exclusive rules and jurisdiction of the English Court.

CHAPTER XIV

(Amended March 2015)

REGIONAL COUNCIL OF UKEC

Article 69

1. There shall be established 12 regional councils as listed below; London, West Midlands, East Midlands, North West, North East, South West, South East, Yorkshire, Scotland, Wales, Republic of Ireland and East Anglia.
2. A Non Regional Council shall also be established for Members that are not confined to a region.

Article 70

Each member will at the same be a member of the respective regional council, according to the geographical location of the respective member.

Article 71

1. The Regional Council shall meet at least once annually. The first meeting shall be within one month of the General Meeting. The required quorum at this first meeting shall be two-thirds of the Members in that region.
2. Regional Chair
 - 2.1 Each Regional Chair is elected by a majority of the Members of that region attending the General Meeting. If the Members fail to elect a Regional Chair at the General Meeting, the Chairperson reserves the power to appoint a Regional Chair. (Amended March 2015)
 - 2.2 The role of the Regional Chair is to preside over discussions on matters of concern in the region and to set and receive agenda from members of the region.
 - 2.3 A Regional Chair can be removed, with the agreement of the Chairperson, by a majority of Members attending a meeting of the Regional Council. The Regional Chair shall not vote on such a motion. The quorum for this meeting shall be two-thirds of the Member in the region.
 - 2.4 A Regional Chair cannot:
 - i. Seek sponsorship except on an event-to-event basis;
 - ii. Appoint Executives. (Repealed March 2015)
 - 2.5 The Regional Chair shall be included in the Executive Committee (Included January 2016)

Article 72

(Amended March 2015)

Regional Council should concern itself as a forum for discussion on issues of regional concern and to foster closer cooperation between members of the region. Its objective and role is the same as UKEC. To this end, the Regional Council may decide on their own agenda and activities, as long as it agrees with this Constitution.

1. The Regional Council shall meet at least once annually. The first meeting shall be within one month of the General Meeting. The required quorum at this first meeting shall be 2/3 of the Members in that region.

