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# **THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PUZZLD MOVEMENT**

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# P R E A M B L E

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We, the founding members of the Puzzld Movement, establish this Constitution in order to create an enduring institution dedicated to the advancement of human dignity, the protection of fundamental human rights, the improvement of public welfare, the pursuit of knowledge, and the strengthening of peaceful civic participation.

We recognise that every person possesses knowledge, experience and creativity capable of improving society. Yet too often, those most affected by society's greatest challenges remain excluded from the systems through which decisions are made. Knowledge becomes fragmented, institutions become distant, and opportunities for collective progress are lost.

We recognise that the instruments through which citizens currently participate in democratic life the ballot, the petition, the street demonstration, and the social media post are structurally insufficient to convert diffuse public concern into durable institutional accountability. Each of these instruments fails in a distinct way: voting is infrequent and binary; petitions are routinely dismissed; protest is ephemeral and leaves no permanent record; and social media is designed to amplify outrage rather than build understanding.

We recognise that what is missing is not passion, information, or willingness to act. What is missing is permanence, structure, and accountability architecture a system that converts individual concern into concentrated, formally submitted public demand, and holds power to account for its response.

We therefore establish Puzzld as an independent civic movement founded upon evidence, reason, compassion and cooperation. The Movement exists not merely to identify problems, but to build the institutions, knowledge, products and communities through which they may be solved.

We affirm that human progress is achieved neither by governments alone, nor by markets alone, nor by individuals acting in isolation, but through the organised cooperation of people acting with integrity and in pursuit of the common good.

We affirm that a voice should depend upon being human not upon wealth, influence, a job title, or a postcode. The Movement is established to give permanent, formal expression to the voices of those who have never had a lobbyist but have always had something worth saying.

We affirm that accountability requires permanence. A government that ignores one hundred thousand people today must not be permitted to claim ignorance tomorrow. The record created by this Movement shall endure beyond the political cycle, beyond the news cycle, and beyond the lifetime of any individual office holder.

We affirm that peaceful, evidence-based civic action is the most powerful and most durable form of democratic pressure available to ordinary people, and we commit to practising it with integrity.

This Constitution shall constitute the supreme governing authority of the Puzzld Movement. Every officer, member, volunteer, employee and governing body shall remain bound by its provisions. No authority derived from this Constitution shall be exercised in a manner inconsistent with it.

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# THE MOVEMENT

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## Article 1 Constitutional Status

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### Section 1.01 *Establishment*

The Puzzld Movement ("the Movement") is hereby established as an independent civic institution existing exclusively for public benefit.

The Movement shall exist independently of political parties, governments, commercial entities and ideological organisations.

The Movement shall possess no political affiliation and shall endorse no political party, candidate or electoral campaign at any level of government in any jurisdiction.

Its loyalty shall remain solely to the principles and purposes established within this Constitution.

### Section 1.02 *Perpetuity*

The Movement is established with the intention of existing in perpetuity.

Its constitutional purpose extends beyond the lifetime of any founder, officer, member, or generation of participants.

No office holder shall possess ownership of the Movement or any asset of the Movement.

No founder shall possess a right of veto over constitutional decisions of the Movement save as expressly provided in Part X of this Constitution during the Founding Period.

### Section 1.03 *Constitutional Authority*

This Constitution shall constitute the highest governing authority of the Movement.

Every Charter, Code, Policy, Regulation or Operational Procedure adopted by the Movement shall derive its authority from this Constitution and shall be consistent with it.

Where any subordinate document conflicts with this Constitution, this Constitution shall prevail.

Any officer, body or member who acts in a manner inconsistent with this Constitution acts without constitutional authority.

### Section 1.04 *Legal Status*

The Movement shall be registered and constituted as a legal entity in the jurisdiction of its founding, and shall seek equivalent recognition in each jurisdiction in which it operates at scale.

The legal form of registration shall be determined by the Executive Board in a manner best calculated to protect the constitutional purposes of the Movement.

The Movement shall maintain the capacity to enter into contracts, own property, employ staff, and bring or defend legal proceedings in its own name.

## Article 2 Constitutional Purpose

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### **Section 2.01** *The Constitutional Purposes*

The constitutional purposes of the Movement shall be:

- (a) to advance the equal dignity of every human being;
- (b) to improve human welfare;
- (c) to improve quality of life;
- (d) to protect and promote fundamental human rights as recognised by international law;
- (e) to strengthen peaceful democratic participation;
- (f) to increase humanity's collective capacity to identify, understand and solve shared problems;
- (g) to create a permanent public record of civic issues and institutional responses;
- (h) to preserve knowledge for future generations;
- (i) to promote evidence-based public understanding;
- (j) to encourage responsible innovation for public benefit;
- (k) to hold institutions, governments and authorities to formal public account;
- (l) to organise peaceful civic action where required to protect the constitutional purposes of the Movement.

No activity inconsistent with these purposes shall be undertaken by the Movement.

### **Section 2.02** *Public Benefit*

The Movement shall at all times operate for the public benefit.

The Executive Board shall, in each financial year, prepare a public benefit statement demonstrating how the activities of the Movement have advanced its constitutional purposes.

The Movement shall not operate for the private benefit of any individual, member, officer, or donor.

### **Section 2.03** *Prohibition on Purpose Drift*

No governing body, officer, or member shall reinterpret, restrict, or expand the constitutional purposes of the Movement except by amendment in accordance with Part IX of this Constitution.

Commercial activities undertaken by the Movement shall be incidental to and in furtherance of the constitutional purposes. Commercial activity shall not itself constitute a constitutional purpose.

## **Article 3** **Scope and Jurisdiction**

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### **Section 3.01** *Geographic Scope*

The Movement shall operate globally and shall not restrict its membership, activities, or purposes to any single country, region, or jurisdiction.

The Movement shall be founded in the United Kingdom and shall initially be governed under United Kingdom law.

As the Movement grows, it shall establish an international governance structure capable of representing members from all regions of the world, in accordance with Article 21.

### **Section 3.02** *Relationship with Governments*

The Movement is not a government. It does not claim governmental authority and shall not seek to replace governmental institutions.

The Movement shall seek to work alongside, and where necessary in tension with, governmental institutions in order to advance its constitutional purposes.

The Movement shall engage with governments, international bodies, and regulatory authorities in a spirit of constructive accountability.

P A R T I I

# CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES

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## **Article 4 The Principle of Human Dignity**

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Human dignity shall constitute the first constitutional principle of the Movement.

Every person possesses equal inherent worth.

Human dignity neither depends upon nor may be diminished by race, nationality, religion, wealth, disability, education, occupation, political opinion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or any comparable characteristic.

The dignity of one person shall never be protected by denying the dignity of another.

Every constitutional interpretation, policy decision, and operational procedure shall favour the equal protection of human dignity wherever reasonably possible.

The Movement shall not amplify, platform, or associate itself with content, causes, or organisations that deny the equal dignity of any person or group.

## **Article 5 The Principle of Truth**

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The Movement recognises truth as the foundation upon which meaningful democratic progress depends.

Accordingly, in all its activities:

- (a) evidence shall be preferred to assumption;
- (b) reason shall be preferred to outrage;
- (c) understanding shall be preferred to ideology;
- (d) dialogue shall be preferred to hostility;
- (e) specificity shall be preferred to generalisation;
- (f) accuracy shall be preferred to speed.

The Movement acknowledges that knowledge develops continuously and that positions held in good faith may require revision as evidence develops.

Members and officers shall remain willing to revise beliefs where stronger evidence becomes available.

No proposition shall become immune from criticism within the Movement on grounds of tradition, popularity, authority, or the identity of those who hold it.

The Movement shall not knowingly publish, promote, or amplify false or misleading information.

## **Article 6 The Principle of Collective Intelligence**

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The Movement recognises that no individual, institution, government, corporation or community possesses sufficient knowledge to solve humanity's greatest challenges independently.

The Movement shall therefore seek to organise knowledge through the integration of:

- (a) scientific evidence and peer-reviewed research;
- (b) professional expertise across relevant disciplines;
- (c) historical understanding and comparative analysis;

- (d) the lived experience of those directly affected by the issues under consideration;
- (e) public reasoning and deliberation;
- (f) critical discussion and challenge.

The purpose of participation within the Movement is not merely expression. Its purpose is the construction of better shared understanding from which better collective decisions may flow.

The platform and processes of the Movement shall be designed to aggregate and organise knowledge, not merely to count opinions.

## **Article 7 The Principle of Beneficial Innovation**

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Innovation shall be regarded within the Movement as an act of public service, not as a commercial objective.

Products, technologies, educational resources, research, services and institutions developed by the Movement shall exist primarily to improve human welfare.

Commercial success shall constitute a means of sustaining the constitutional purposes of the Movement. It shall never constitute an independent constitutional objective.

The Movement shall evaluate all proposed innovations against the constitutional purposes and shall reject innovations that do not advance those purposes, regardless of their commercial potential.

The Movement shall promote open access to knowledge and shall, wherever practicable, publish its research, findings, and methodologies in forms accessible to the public without charge.

## **Article 8 The Principle of Peaceful Action**

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The Movement affirms peaceful engagement as its preferred and primary method of achieving its constitutional purposes.

Dialogue shall precede confrontation.

Evidence shall precede accusation.

Education shall precede demonstration.

Formal submission shall precede public pressure.

Where credible evidence demonstrates that fundamental human rights face significant threat, and meaningful engagement with relevant authorities has been exhausted, the Movement may organise or support lawful and peaceful public action consistent with this Constitution and the laws of the relevant jurisdiction.

Violence shall never constitute an authorised method of action within the Movement or any body acting in its name.

The Movement shall not associate with, fund, or provide material support to organisations that advocate or practise political violence.

## **Article 9 The Principle of Independence**

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The Movement shall remain constitutionally independent of all governments, political parties, commercial entities, religious organisations, and ideological movements.

No financial contribution, political relationship, commercial arrangement, or personal connection shall be accepted where it materially compromises the constitutional purposes of the Movement or its ability to act upon them without fear or favour.

Independence shall be preserved as a constitutional asset equal in importance to public trust.

The Movement shall publish annually a full account of its sources of funding and shall make available for public inspection any agreement that materially affects its operations.

Any officer who becomes aware of a threat to the independence of the Movement shall be under a duty to report that threat to the Constitutional Council without delay.

## **Article 10 The Principle of Equality**

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The Movement is founded upon the principle that every voice possesses equal democratic weight.

No voice within the Movement shall be amplified or suppressed on the basis of the wealth, social status, political connection, or platform reach of the person who holds it.

The platform and processes of the Movement shall be designed to give equal access to participation regardless of income, disability, geographic location, or digital literacy.

The Movement shall actively seek to ensure that its membership and governance reflect the demographic diversity of the communities it serves.

The Movement shall publish annually a diversity report setting out the demographic composition of its membership, governance, and staff, and shall set measurable targets for improvement.

## **Article 11 The Principle of Transparency and Accountability**

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The Movement shall conduct its affairs with radical transparency.

The following shall be published and made freely available to the public at all times:

- (a) the full text of this Constitution and all amendments thereto;
- (b) annual accounts and financial statements;
- (c) the membership of all governing bodies;
- (d) the minutes of all General Assembly meetings;
- (e) the register of declared interests maintained under Article 29;
- (f) all formal submissions made to governments and authorities;
- (g) all responses received from governments and authorities;
- (h) the record of issues for which no response has been received, with the period elapsed;
- (i) the moderation guidelines applied to content on the platform;
- (j) the register of issues rejected by moderation and the grounds for rejection.

The principle of transparency shall be waived only where its application would endanger the safety of a person, constitute a breach of data protection law, or undermine a legitimate and ongoing legal proceeding.

## **Article 12 The Principle of Non-Discrimination**

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The Movement shall not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against any person in its membership, governance, employment, volunteer engagement, platform access, or service delivery on the basis of any of the following characteristics:

- (a) age;
- (b) disability;
- (c) gender reassignment;
- (d) marriage or civil partnership status;
- (e) pregnancy or maternity;

- (f) race, ethnicity, or national origin;
- (g) religion or belief;
- (h) sex;
- (i) sexual orientation;
- (j) socioeconomic status;
- (k) political opinion, save only where that opinion is inconsistent with the constitutional purposes of the Movement.

The Movement shall take active steps to remove barriers to participation and shall not regard the mere absence of deliberate exclusion as compliance with this principle.

### **Article 13 The Principle of Intergenerational Responsibility**

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The Movement recognises that the decisions of the present generation affect the conditions available to future generations.

In all its activities, the Movement shall give weight to the long-term consequences of decisions and shall not sacrifice future public benefit for short-term gain.

The permanent archive of the Movement shall be maintained and protected as a resource for future generations as well as the present.

The Movement shall promote education and civic participation among young people as a constitutional priority.

No constitutional amendment shall diminish the rights of future generations of members or reduce the scope of the constitutional purposes of the Movement.

# PART III

## MEMBERSHIP

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### Article 14 Categories of Membership

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#### Section 14.01 *General Membership*

General Membership shall be open to any natural person who accepts this Constitution and the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 2.

General Membership shall be free of charge. The Movement shall not place a financial barrier upon participation.

General Members shall be entitled to participate in the platform, raise issues, contribute evidence, and add their voice to formal submissions.

#### Section 14.02 *Verified Membership*

Verified Membership is a status available to General Members who have completed identity verification in accordance with the procedure established by the Executive Board.

Verified Members shall be entitled to participate in votes on formal submissions and in elections to the General Assembly.

Verification shall be designed to establish that the member is a natural human being and not an automated system, without requiring the disclosure of information beyond that necessary for this purpose.

#### Section 14.03 *Founding Members*

Founding Members are those persons who have participated in the establishment of the Movement and who are recorded in the Founding Register maintained by the Executive Board.

The following persons are recognised as Founding Members of the Movement:

- (a) Krish Ramsaha-Southall, Founder;
- (b) Paul Otim, Founding Member.

Founding Members shall possess all the rights of Verified Members together with such additional rights as are expressly conferred by this Constitution.

#### Section 14.04 *Institutional Members*

Organisations, civil society bodies, academic institutions, and non-governmental organisations may apply for Institutional Membership.

Institutional Members shall not possess voting rights in respect of the governance of the Movement but shall be entitled to participate in research programmes, contribute institutional evidence, and be listed in the public register of institutional partners.

Institutional Membership shall be subject to review every three years and may be withdrawn by the Executive Board if the institution's activities become inconsistent with the constitutional purposes.

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### Article 15 Rights of Members

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Every General Member shall possess the following rights:

- (a) the right to access and use the Puzzld platform without charge;
- (b) the right to raise issues in accordance with Article 31;
- (c) the right to contribute evidence in accordance with Article 32;
- (d) the right to add their voice to any active issue;
- (e) the right to receive reasons for the rejection of any issue they have raised;
- (f) the right to appeal any moderation decision in accordance with Article 19;
- (g) the right to access the public record;
- (h) the right to receive communications from the Movement regarding matters of constitutional importance;
- (i) the right to resign from membership at any time.

Every Verified Member shall additionally possess:

- (a) the right to vote in General Assembly elections in accordance with Article 26;
- (b) the right to stand for election to the General Assembly after one year of verified membership;
- (c) the right to vote on formal submissions in accordance with Article 34.

## **Article 16 Duties of Members**

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Every member of the Movement shall be under the following duties:

- (a) to act in accordance with this Constitution;
- (b) to comply with the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 2;
- (c) to contribute honestly and in good faith to the platform and to any submission process;
- (d) not to submit false, fabricated, or deliberately misleading evidence;
- (e) not to manipulate or attempt to manipulate the voice count by artificial means;
- (f) not to harass, abuse, or intimidate other members or officers;
- (g) to disclose to the relevant officer any material conflict of interest that arises in connection with their participation in a governance role;
- (h) not to use the platform, the name, or the reputation of the Movement for personal commercial gain.

## **Article 17 Admission to Membership**

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Admission to General Membership shall be open to any person who registers on the platform, accepts this Constitution and the Code of Conduct, and confirms that they are a natural human being.

The Movement shall not refuse membership on grounds of race, nationality, political opinion, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or socioeconomic status.

The Movement may refuse or revoke membership where the applicant or member has previously been expelled for breach of the Code of Conduct, or where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant intends to act contrary to the constitutional purposes of the Movement.

Any refusal of membership shall be communicated in writing with reasons, and shall be subject to appeal in accordance with Article 19.

## **Article 18 Suspension and Expulsion**

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### **Section 18.01** *Grounds*

A member may be suspended or expelled only on the following grounds:

- (a) persistent or serious breach of the Code of Conduct;
- (b) submission of false, fabricated, or deliberately misleading evidence with intent to deceive;
- (c) manipulation or attempted manipulation of the voice count or election process;
- (d) harassment, abuse, or intimidation of another member, officer, or third party in connection with the activities of the Movement;
- (e) use of the platform or the Movement's name for personal commercial gain contrary to Article 16(h);
- (f) conduct that brings the Movement into serious disrepute.

### **Section 18.02** *Procedure*

No member shall be suspended or expelled without being given written notice of the allegation against them and a reasonable opportunity to respond.

The decision to suspend or expel shall be made by a Conduct Panel of three Verified Members appointed by the Constitutional Council, none of whom shall have a material interest in the outcome.

A suspension shall not exceed ninety days without referral to the Constitutional Council for review.

An expulsion shall be reported to the Constitutional Council at its next meeting.

## **Article 19 Appeals**

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Every member subject to a moderation decision, a refusal of membership, a suspension, or an expulsion shall have the right to appeal that decision.

An appeal shall be submitted in writing to the Constitutional Council within thirty days of the decision being communicated.

The Constitutional Council shall appoint an Appeals Panel of three members who were not involved in the original decision and who have no material interest in the outcome.

The Appeals Panel shall determine the appeal within sixty days of its receipt.

The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final and binding, subject only to such rights of legal challenge as exist under the law of the relevant jurisdiction.

# PART IV

## GOVERNANCE

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### Article 20 The General Assembly

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#### Section 20.01 *Constitution and Role*

The General Assembly is the supreme democratic body of the Movement, representing the collective interests of all Verified Members.

The General Assembly shall consist of elected representatives returned by Verified Members in accordance with Article 26.

The General Assembly shall exercise the following powers:

- (a) to receive and approve the annual report and accounts of the Movement;
- (b) to elect and recall members of the Constitutional Council;
- (c) to ratify constitutional amendments in accordance with Article 55;
- (d) to set the strategic priorities of the Movement for the forthcoming period;
- (e) to receive reports from the Executive Board and Constitutional Council and to hold them to account;
- (f) to approve any disposition of assets exceeding the threshold prescribed in Schedule 3.

#### Section 20.02 *Meetings*

The General Assembly shall meet not less than once in each calendar year.

A Special General Assembly may be convened by:

- (a) a resolution of the Constitutional Council;
- (b) a written request of not less than ten per cent of Verified Members.

Notice of every General Assembly meeting shall be given to all Verified Members not less than twenty-eight days in advance, together with the agenda and all relevant papers.

Meetings of the General Assembly may be conducted in person, electronically, or by a combination of both, provided that all members have an equal opportunity to participate.

#### Section 20.03 *Quorum and Voting*

The quorum for a General Assembly meeting shall be such number of representatives as constitutes a majority of those elected.

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be made by a simple majority of those voting, save where this Constitution specifies a higher threshold.

Each representative shall possess one vote. There shall be no proxy voting save in circumstances prescribed by the Constitutional Council by regulation.

### Article 21 The Constitutional Council

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#### Section 21.01 *Constitution and Role*

The Constitutional Council is the guardian of this Constitution and the supreme interpretive authority of the Movement.

The Constitutional Council shall consist of nine members elected by the General Assembly for terms of four years, staggered so that no more than three members are due for re-election in the same year.

No person shall serve on the Constitutional Council for more than eight years in total.

The Constitutional Council shall exercise the following powers:

- (a) to interpret this Constitution upon request or where a dispute arises;
- (b) to determine whether proposed actions of the Executive Board are consistent with this Constitution;
- (c) to receive and investigate complaints regarding constitutional breaches;
- (d) to convene Appeals Panels and Conduct Panels in accordance with Articles 18 and 19;
- (e) to publish an annual constitutional report;
- (f) to suspend any officer pending investigation of a constitutional breach.

### **Section 21.02** *Independence of the Council*

Members of the Constitutional Council shall act independently and shall not receive instructions from any governing body, officer, member, or external party in the exercise of their constitutional functions.

A member of the Constitutional Council shall not simultaneously hold any executive office within the Movement.

A member of the Constitutional Council who has a personal interest in any matter before the Council shall declare that interest and shall withdraw from deliberation on that matter.

## **Article 22 The Executive Board**

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### **Section 22.01** *Constitution and Role*

The Executive Board is the principal executive body of the Movement, responsible for the operational management of the Movement's activities.

The Executive Board shall consist of not fewer than five and not more than eleven members, including:

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer;
- (b) the Chief Financial Officer;
- (c) the Chief Platform Officer;
- (d) not fewer than two members elected by the General Assembly;
- (e) such additional members as the General Assembly shall from time to time determine.

The Executive Board shall be responsible for:

- (a) the operational management of the Movement;
- (b) the implementation of strategic priorities set by the General Assembly;
- (c) the financial management of the Movement in accordance with Part VI;
- (d) the administration of the platform in accordance with Part V;
- (e) the employment of staff;
- (f) the reporting to the General Assembly and Constitutional Council.

### **Section 22.02** *Accountability*

The Executive Board shall report to the General Assembly at every meeting of the General Assembly.

Any member of the Executive Board may be required to attend a meeting of the Constitutional Council to answer questions regarding the conduct of their responsibilities.

The Executive Board shall maintain a register of all significant decisions and shall make that register available to the Constitutional Council upon request.

## **Article 23 The Founder**

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### **Section 23.01** *The Role of the Founder*

The Founder of the Movement is Krish Ramsaha-Southall.

The Founder shall, during the Founding Period defined in Article 58, possess the rights set out in Article 58 in addition to all rights enjoyed as a member of the Movement.

The Founder shall, upon the conclusion of the Founding Period, possess no constitutional rights beyond those enjoyed by any Verified Member or any office to which the Founder may have been elected.

### **Section 23.02** *Protection of the Founder's Intent*

The constitutional purposes of the Movement as established in Article 2 shall be treated as expressing the founding intent of the Movement.

The Constitutional Council shall, in interpreting this Constitution, give weight to the founding intent where it is reasonably ascertainable and not inconsistent with subsequent constitutional development.

No constitutional amendment shall be interpreted as abandoning the founding intent unless it does so in explicit terms.

## **Article 24 Regional Chapters**

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The Movement may establish Regional Chapters to organise its activities at local, national, or regional level.

Each Regional Chapter shall operate under a Charter approved by the Executive Board and consistent with this Constitution.

Regional Chapters shall possess no authority to bind the Movement in contract, to make statements on behalf of the Movement, or to receive or disburse funds except as authorised by the Executive Board.

Each Regional Chapter shall appoint a Lead Representative who shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Constitution and the approved Chapter Charter.

The Executive Board shall have power to suspend or dissolve any Regional Chapter that operates in a manner inconsistent with this Constitution or that brings the Movement into disrepute.

## **Article 25 Officers**

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The principal officers of the Movement shall include:

- (a)** the Chief Executive Officer, who shall be responsible for the overall management of the Movement's operations;
- (b)** the Chief Financial Officer, who shall be responsible for the financial management of the Movement in accordance with Part VI;

- (c) the Chief Platform Officer, who shall be responsible for the technical management and integrity of the Puzzld platform;
  - (d) the Secretary General, who shall be responsible for the administration of the General Assembly and the Constitutional Council;
  - (e) such additional officers as the Executive Board may from time to time appoint.
- Officers shall be accountable to the Executive Board for the exercise of their functions. Officers shall not exercise functions that are assigned by this Constitution to the General Assembly or the Constitutional Council.

### **Section 26.03** *Eligibility to Stand*

Any Verified Member of at least twelve months' standing shall be eligible to stand for election to the General Assembly unless they:

- (a) have been expelled from membership at any point;
- (b) are currently suspended from membership;
- (c) have been removed from an elected office within the preceding three years for misconduct.

Any Verified Member of at least two years' standing shall be eligible to stand for election to the Constitutional Council, subject to the same exclusions.

A candidate may stand for only one elected office at a time. Where a member is elected to a second office, they shall resign from the first within fourteen days.

### **Section 26.04** *Campaign Standards*

Candidates for election within the Movement shall conduct their campaigns in accordance with the following standards:

- (a) all statements made during the campaign shall be truthful and not deliberately misleading;
- (b) candidates shall not make personal attacks upon other candidates or members;
- (c) candidates shall not accept external funding for their campaigns;
- (d) candidates shall not use the resources of the Movement to advance their candidacy except on terms equally available to all candidates.

A candidate who breaches these standards may be disqualified by the Electoral Officer. The decision of the Electoral Officer shall be subject to appeal to the Constitutional Council.

## **Article 27 Terms and Tenure**

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### **Section 26.02** *Conduct of Elections*

Elections shall be conducted electronically where possible, with provision for members without internet access to participate through alternative means.

The Electoral Officer, appointed by the Constitutional Council, shall be responsible for the administration of all elections and shall be independent of the candidates.

The results of all elections shall be published in full, including the total number of eligible voters, the number of votes cast, and the number of votes received by each candidate.

## **Article 27 Terms and Tenure**

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Members of the Constitutional Council shall serve terms of four years, subject to Article 21.01.

Elected members of the Executive Board shall serve terms of three years and shall be eligible for re-election once.

No person shall serve as Chief Executive Officer for more than six years in total.

All other officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board, subject to the employment law of the relevant jurisdiction.

## **Article 28 Removal from Office**

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An elected member of the General Assembly may be recalled by a petition of twenty per cent of Verified Members in the constituency that elected them, followed by a by-election.

A member of the Constitutional Council may be removed by a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly upon recommendation of the remaining members of the Constitutional Council.

A member of the Executive Board may be removed by:

- (a)** a two-thirds majority of the Executive Board on grounds of incapacity, serious misconduct, or persistent failure to fulfil their duties;
- (b)** a resolution of the General Assembly passed by a majority of those voting.

Any person subject to removal proceedings shall be given written notice of the grounds and a reasonable opportunity to respond before any decision is taken.

## **Article 29 Conflicts of Interest**

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Every officer and elected representative of the Movement shall maintain a register of their financial and personal interests and shall update it within fourteen days of any material change.

Where an officer or representative has a financial or personal interest in any matter before a governing body, they shall:

- (a)** declare that interest at the earliest opportunity;
- (b)** withdraw from the discussion and any vote on that matter;
- (c)** not seek to influence the outcome.

The register of interests shall be publicly available in accordance with Article 11.

Failure to declare a material conflict of interest shall constitute grounds for removal from office.

P A R T V

# THE PLATFORM

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## Article 30 The Puzzld Platform

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### Section 30.01 *Constitutional Status of the Platform*

The Puzzld platform ("the platform") is the primary operational instrument through which the Movement advances its constitutional purposes.

The platform shall be maintained by the Movement and shall at all times be operated in a manner consistent with this Constitution.

The platform shall remain free of charge for all users.

The platform shall carry no advertising. No third party shall pay for prominence, reach, or influence within the platform.

The platform shall be designed and operated so as to give equal weight to every user's voice, regardless of the user's wealth, social status, or technical capability.

### Section 30.02 *Technical Standards*

The platform shall be maintained to a standard of security and reliability appropriate to its role as a civic institution.

The Chief Platform Officer shall report to the Executive Board on the technical integrity of the platform at every regular meeting.

The platform's source code shall, wherever practicable, be published as open source, so that its operation may be independently verified.

The platform shall be accessible to users with disabilities in accordance with internationally recognised accessibility standards.

## Article 31 The Issue System

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### Section 31.01 *Raising an Issue*

Any General Member may raise an issue on the platform.

An issue shall consist of:

- (a) a clear statement of the problem or concern being raised;
- (b) identification of the institution, authority, or body whose action or inaction is the subject of the issue;
- (c) a proposed outcome or response that the member is seeking;
- (d) a description of the category and geographic scope of the issue.

An issue shall be accepted for publication subject to moderation in accordance with Article 36.

An issue shall not be required to be supported by evidence at the point of raising, but evidence submitted thereafter shall be treated in accordance with Article 32.

### Section 31.02 *Categories of Issue*

Issues shall be categorised by subject matter and by geographic scope.

The categories of subject matter shall be maintained by the Chief Platform Officer and shall be published on the platform.

The geographic scope of an issue shall be classified as:

- (a) local, where the issue concerns a specific locality;
- (b) regional, where the issue concerns a defined region;
- (c) national, where the issue concerns a specific country;
- (d) global, where the issue is not limited to a specific jurisdiction.

## **Article 32 The Evidence Standard**

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Evidence submitted to any issue on the platform shall be assessed against the standards set out in Schedule 4.

The Movement shall recognise the following categories of evidence:

- (a) scientific evidence, including peer-reviewed research, systematic reviews, and official statistics;
- (b) expert testimony, including statements by qualified professionals with relevant expertise;
- (c) documentary evidence, including official records, correspondence, and publicly available data;
- (d) lived experience, being a first-hand account of direct personal experience of the issue by a member;
- (e) investigative reporting, being published journalism verified by a recognised editorial standards process.

Lived experience shall be treated as legitimate evidence of equal standing to other categories within its proper domain. It shall not be dismissed on the grounds that it is not peer-reviewed, but it shall not be extrapolated beyond the individual experience without corroboration.

No evidence shall be published on the platform without being labelled as to its category and its source.

Evidence that is demonstrably false, fabricated, or substantially misleading shall be removed from the platform and the member who submitted it shall be subject to proceedings under Article 18.

## **Article 33 The Voice Count**

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### **Section 33.01** *What a Voice Represents*

A voice is the formal registration by a Verified Member of their support for an issue as raised on the platform.

Each Verified Member may add their voice to any issue. Each member may add one voice per issue.

A voice shall not be construed as endorsement of every piece of evidence submitted in respect of an issue. It shall be construed as support for the proposition that the issue deserves a formal response from the relevant authority.

### **Section 33.02** *Integrity of the Voice Count*

The integrity of the voice count is a constitutional asset of the Movement. The democratic credibility of every submission depends upon it.

The Movement shall implement and maintain technical safeguards sufficient to ensure that:

- (a) each voice is attributable to a unique verified human being;

- (b) automated systems, bots, and coordinated inauthentic behaviour are detected and excluded;
- (c) the methodology for counting votes is published and subject to independent audit;
- (d) any adjustment to the voice count is logged and explained.

The Chief Platform Officer shall publish a Voice Count Integrity Report at intervals of not more than six months.

### **Section 33.03** *Submission Thresholds*

An issue shall qualify for formal submission to the relevant authority when it has received voices equal to or exceeding the submission threshold applicable to its geographic scope.

The submission thresholds shall be set by the Executive Board and published on the platform. They shall not be amended more than once in any twelve-month period.

The thresholds shall be calibrated to reflect the population of the relevant jurisdiction and the democratic significance of the relevant institution.

## **Article 34 Formal Submission**

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### **Section 34.01** *The Submission Process*

When an issue reaches its submission threshold, the Movement shall make a formal submission to the relevant authority.

A formal submission shall include:

- (a) the text of the issue as raised;
- (b) the voice count at the date of submission;
- (c) a summary of the evidence submitted in respect of the issue;
- (d) the proposed outcome sought by the members;
- (e) the date by which a response is requested.

The formal submission shall be published on the platform simultaneously with its delivery to the relevant authority.

The submission shall be made in writing, delivered to the relevant authority by a means that produces a verifiable record of delivery.

### **Section 34.02** *Recipients of Submission*

A formal submission shall be directed to:

- (a) for local issues, the relevant local authority, council, or equivalent body;
- (b) for national issues, the relevant minister, government department, or parliamentary committee;
- (c) for global issues, the relevant international body, organisation, or treaty body.

The Movement shall maintain a register of submission recipients and their contact details.

## **Article 35 The Permanent Archive**

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### **Section 35.01** *Establishment and Purpose*

The Movement shall maintain a Permanent Archive of all issues raised, voice counts achieved, submissions made, responses received, and instances of non-response.

The Permanent Archive shall be accessible to the public without charge.

The Permanent Archive shall not be edited, altered, or redacted save in the circumstances set out in Section 35.02.

### **Section 35.02** *Permitted Alterations*

The content of the Permanent Archive may be altered only:

- (a) to remove content that a court of competent jurisdiction has ordered to be removed;
- (b) to correct a demonstrable and material factual error, with a full public record of the correction made;
- (c) to protect the safety of a person where there is a genuine risk of serious harm, with the approval of the Constitutional Council.

Any alteration to the Permanent Archive shall itself be recorded in the archive, including the reason for the alteration and the authority under which it was made.

### **Section 35.03** *Technical Permanence*

The Movement shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the technical permanence of the archive, including:

- (a) maintaining multiple geographically distributed backups;
- (b) publishing the archive in open, non-proprietary formats;
- (c) entering into arrangements with recognised archival institutions for the preservation of the archive.

## **Article 36** **Content Moderation**

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### **Section 36.01** *Moderation Principles*

The Movement shall moderate content on the platform in accordance with published guidelines and in a manner consistent with the constitutional principles of truth, non-discrimination, and human dignity.

Content shall be removed, or refused, only on grounds that are:

- (a) published in advance in the moderation guidelines;
- (b) applied consistently;
- (c) not applied selectively to disadvantage particular political viewpoints.

### **Section 36.02** *Grounds for Rejection*

An issue or contribution may be rejected or removed on the following grounds:

- (a) it is not directed at an identifiable institution capable of responding to it;
- (b) it constitutes an attack upon the inherent dignity of a person or group rather than a critique of their actions or policies;
- (c) it contains demonstrably false statements of fact that the member has refused to correct;
- (d) it advocates or incites violence;
- (e) its publication would create a genuine and serious risk to the safety of an identified individual;
- (f) it constitutes harassment of an identified individual.

A rejection shall not be made on the grounds that the issue is politically controversial, uncomfortable, or unwelcome to those in authority.

### **Section 36.03** *Transparency of Moderation*

A register of all rejected content, including the reason for rejection, shall be maintained and published in accordance with Article 11.

Any member whose content is rejected shall be notified of the reason and shall have the right of appeal under Article 19.

### **Article 37 Algorithmic Neutrality**

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The platform shall not use an algorithm that amplifies the visibility of content on the basis of predicted engagement, advertising revenue, or political compatibility.

The ordering and presentation of issues on the platform shall be governed by transparent criteria, including:

- (a) voice count;
- (b) recency;
- (c) proximity to submission threshold;
- (d) absence of response from the relevant authority.

The criteria by which content is ordered on the platform shall be published and shall not be altered without notice to members.

No third party shall pay to have content promoted or given greater prominence on the platform.

### **Article 38 Data Protection**

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The Movement shall collect, process, and store personal data only in accordance with applicable data protection law and only to the extent necessary for the lawful purposes of the Movement.

The Movement shall not sell personal data to any third party.

The Movement shall not share personal data with governments, law enforcement agencies, or intelligence services save where required to do so by a valid court order or legal obligation.

Every member shall have the right to access the personal data held about them, to request correction, and to withdraw from the platform and request deletion of their personal data.

The Movement shall publish a Privacy Policy setting out in plain language how personal data is collected, used, and protected.

P A R T   V I

# FINANCE AND RESOURCES

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## **Article 39   Financial Principles**

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The Movement shall manage its finances with prudence, transparency, and in a manner consistent with its constitutional purposes.

The Movement shall not accumulate wealth beyond that required to sustain its operations and to provide adequate reserves as set out in Article 44.

No surplus of the Movement shall be distributed to members, officers, or any connected person.

All surpluses shall be applied to the advancement of the constitutional purposes of the Movement.

## **Article 40   Permitted Sources of Income**

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The Movement may receive income from the following sources:

- (a)** membership subscriptions, where the Movement introduces a voluntary premium membership tier in the future, provided that General Membership and platform access shall always remain free of charge;
- (b)** grants from charitable foundations, public bodies, and international organisations, subject to compliance with Article 9;
- (c)** donations from individuals, subject to compliance with Article 41;
- (d)** revenue from training, educational programmes, and publications;
- (e)** revenue from Puzzld products, tools, and services developed by the Movement for public benefit, provided that such products remain consistent with the constitutional purposes;
- (f)** revenue from research partnerships with academic and public institutions, provided that the independence of the Movement's findings is contractually protected;
- (g)** revenue from open, competitive procurement by public bodies for services consistent with the constitutional purposes.

## **Article 41   Prohibited Sources of Income**

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The Movement shall not accept income from the following sources:

- (a)** political parties, political campaigns, or political action committees;
- (b)** governments or governmental bodies, save in the form of open competitive grants assessed by independent panels, and only where the grant does not impose conditions inconsistent with Article 9;
- (c)** donors who seek, as a condition of the donation, to influence the content, priorities, or decisions of the Movement;
- (d)** organisations whose primary activities are inconsistent with the constitutional purposes of the Movement;
- (e)** anonymous donations above such threshold as the Executive Board shall prescribe, and in any case above the threshold at which disclosure is required by applicable law;

- (f) advertising revenue of any kind.

## **Article 42 Financial Management**

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The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for the day-to-day financial management of the Movement.

All expenditure above the threshold prescribed in Schedule 3 shall require the approval of the Executive Board.

No expenditure shall be made for the personal benefit of any officer, member, or connected person, save for reasonable remuneration for services rendered and expenses properly incurred.

The Movement shall maintain accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards applicable in its jurisdiction of registration.

An annual budget shall be prepared by the Chief Financial Officer, approved by the Executive Board, and presented to the General Assembly.

## **Article 43 Audit and Accounts**

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The accounts of the Movement shall be audited annually by an independent, qualified auditor appointed by the General Assembly.

The auditor shall not be connected to the Movement, its officers, or its major donors.

The audited accounts shall be published within six months of the end of each financial year and made freely available to the public.

The Constitutional Council may commission an additional independent financial review at any time where it has reason to believe that the financial management of the Movement is inconsistent with this Constitution.

## **Article 44 Reserves Policy**

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The Movement shall maintain a Reserve Fund sufficient to meet not less than six months' operating costs.

The Reserve Fund shall be held in low-risk, accessible financial instruments and shall not be used for investment.

The Reserve Fund may be drawn upon only in the event of a material and unforeseen shortfall in income, with the approval of the Executive Board and notification to the Constitutional Council.

## **Article 45 Dissolution and Assets**

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The Movement may be dissolved only by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly at a meeting of which not less than sixty days' notice has been given.

Upon dissolution, the assets of the Movement, after the satisfaction of all liabilities, shall not be distributed to members or officers but shall be transferred to one or more organisations:

- (a) that are established exclusively for public benefit;
- (b) whose purposes are consistent with the constitutional purposes of the Movement; and
- (c) that are nominated by the General Assembly and approved by the Constitutional Council.

The Permanent Archive shall, upon dissolution, be transferred to one or more recognised archival institutions with a commitment to maintain its public accessibility in perpetuity.

No resolution to dissolve the Movement shall be proposed or passed during the Founding Period defined in Article 58.

P A R T   V I I

# CIVIC ACTION

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## Article 46   Authorisation of Civic Action

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### Section 46.01   *The Hierarchy of Methods*

The Movement shall pursue its constitutional purposes primarily through:

- (a) the operation of the platform and the formal submission process;
- (b) public education and the dissemination of evidence;
- (c) engagement with relevant institutions, governments, and authorities;
- (d) research and publication.

The Movement may additionally organise or support peaceful public action, including demonstrations, assemblies, and campaigns, where:

- (a) formal submissions have been made and have not received an adequate response within a reasonable period;
- (b) there is credible evidence that a fundamental human right is under serious threat; and
- (c) the proposed action is lawful and peaceful and has been authorised in accordance with Section 46.02.

### Section 46.02   *Authorisation Procedure*

Any civic action beyond the platform and formal submission process shall be authorised by the Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.

Where civic action involves a public demonstration or assembly, not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given to the relevant authorities in accordance with the law of the relevant jurisdiction.

The Movement shall designate a Lead Officer for each civic action who shall be responsible for ensuring that the action complies with this Constitution and the law.

The Movement shall not authorise action that it has reasonable grounds to believe will be used as an opportunity for violence by any party.

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## Article 47   Standards of Conduct

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All members participating in civic action on behalf of or associated with the Movement shall comply with the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 2.

No member shall represent themselves as acting on behalf of the Movement in a civic action that has not been authorised in accordance with Article 46.

The Movement shall not be responsible for the conduct of members who exceed their authority or act in a manner not authorised by the Movement.

The Lead Officer for any civic action shall have authority to instruct members to cease any conduct that is inconsistent with this Constitution or that endangers the safety of participants.

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## Article 48   Relationship with Authorities

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The Movement shall seek to maintain constructive and professional relationships with governmental authorities, law enforcement agencies, and other institutions, consistent with its independence and its constitutional purposes.

The Movement shall respond promptly and honestly to lawful requests for information from public authorities.

The Movement shall not be required to disclose the identity of its members to any authority save where required to do so by a valid court order.

Where the Movement believes that a public authority has acted unlawfully or in a manner inconsistent with fundamental rights, it shall say so publicly and shall pursue appropriate legal remedies where warranted.

## **Article 49 International Action**

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The Movement may engage in civic action and make formal submissions to international bodies, treaty organisations, and intergovernmental institutions.

The Movement shall seek to build relationships with civic organisations in other countries that share its constitutional purposes and values.

International activities of the Movement shall comply with the laws of all relevant jurisdictions and shall be conducted with the same standards of integrity and transparency that apply to all Movement activities.

The Movement shall not act as an agent of any foreign government or foreign political interest.

## **Article 50 Prohibited Activities**

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The Movement shall not:

- (a)** organise, fund, encourage, or participate in any form of violence;
- (b)** endorse, campaign for, or provide material support to any political party or electoral candidate;
- (c)** engage in illegal surveillance, hacking, or other unlawful means of obtaining information;
- (d)** publish content that constitutes defamation, harassment, or incitement to hatred;
- (e)** act as an agent of any foreign government, intelligence service, or non-state armed group;
- (f)** accept donations in exchange for influence over the Movement's editorial, research, or submission decisions.

P A R T   V I I I

# THE RECORD

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## **Article 51   The Public Record**

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The Public Record is the totality of information generated by the operation of the platform, including all issues raised, all evidence submitted, all voice counts, all formal submissions, and all responses and non-responses received.

The Public Record is a constitutional asset of the Movement and shall be maintained with the same care and integrity as any other constitutional asset.

The Public Record shall be freely accessible to the public without charge and without the requirement to register as a member.

The Public Record shall be searchable by issue, by date, by category, by geographic scope, by institution, and by response status.

## **Article 52   Government Responses**

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Upon making a formal submission, the Movement shall request a substantive response from the relevant authority within a period specified in accordance with Schedule 5.

A response shall be classified as:

- (a)** substantive, where it directly addresses the issue raised and provides a reasoned position;
- (b)** procedural, where it acknowledges receipt and provides a timeline for a substantive response;
- (c)** inadequate, where it fails to address the issue in substance or declines to engage;
- (d)** absent, where no response has been received within the specified period.

The classification of each response shall be published on the platform together with the full text of the response received.

The Movement shall make no alteration to any response received from a public authority. It shall be published in full and without redaction, save only to remove material that is unlawful to publish.

## **Article 53   The Silence Protocol**

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Where a formal submission has received no substantive response within the period specified in Schedule 5, the issue shall be classified as "awaiting response" and a public counter shall display the number of days elapsed since the submission.

Where the period of non-response exceeds twice the specified response period, the Movement shall:

- (a)** issue a public statement noting the non-response;
- (b)** contact the relevant authority by all available formal channels;
- (c)** consider whether further civic action is warranted under Article 46.

The record of non-response shall be maintained in the Permanent Archive indefinitely. A subsequent response shall be added to the record but shall not replace or remove the record of non-response.

No limitation period shall apply to the record of non-response. The silence of an institution is a permanent constitutional fact recorded by the Movement.

## **Article 54 Archival Permanence**

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The Movement shall take all steps within its power to ensure that the Permanent Archive remains accessible to the public in perpetuity.

The archive shall be published in open, non-proprietary formats and shall not be locked behind proprietary software.

The Movement shall enter into archival partnerships with universities, libraries, and other institutions for the purpose of maintaining distributed copies of the archive.

In the event of the dissolution of the Movement, the archive shall be transferred in accordance with Article 45.

The archive shall include, as a matter of record, this Constitution and all amendments thereto, together with the dates of their adoption.

## **Article 55 Accountability Reporting**

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### **Section 55.01** *The Annual Accountability Report*

The Movement shall publish an Annual Accountability Report within four months of the end of each financial year.

The Annual Accountability Report shall set out:

- (a)** the total number of issues raised during the year;
- (b)** the total number of voices registered across all issues;
- (c)** the number of formal submissions made during the year;
- (d)** the number and classification of responses received;
- (e)** the number of submissions awaiting response and the period elapsed since each submission;
- (f)** the number of moderation decisions made and the proportion appealed and overturned;
- (g)** the demographic composition of the membership;
- (h)** the sources and amounts of income received;
- (i)** any material threats to the independence or integrity of the Movement identified during the year;
- (j)** the steps taken to address any such threats.

The Annual Accountability Report shall be published in plain language and shall be freely accessible to the public.

### **Section 55.02** *The Voice Count Integrity Report*

The Chief Platform Officer shall publish a Voice Count Integrity Report at intervals of not more than six months.

The Voice Count Integrity Report shall set out:

- (a)** the methodology used to verify that each voice is attributable to a unique human being;
- (b)** the number of voices removed following identification as inauthentic, and the reason;
- (c)** any attempts to manipulate the voice count identified during the period;
- (d)** the technical safeguards in operation and any changes made to them during the period;

- (e) the results of any independent technical audit of the platform conducted during the period.

## **Article 56 The Historical Record**

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The Movement recognises that the Permanent Archive will, over time, become a historical record of significant public and academic interest.

The Movement shall cooperate with academic researchers seeking to study the archive for non-commercial purposes, subject to compliance with data protection law.

The Movement shall seek, at intervals of not more than five years, to commission an independent assessment of the archive's historical significance and the adequacy of the measures taken to preserve it.

Where an issue in the archive has resulted in a documented policy change, that change shall be recorded in the archive alongside the original issue and submission, creating a complete record from public concern through formal submission to institutional response and outcome.

The Movement shall publish an annual summary of documented instances in which platform activity has contributed to policy change, institutional response, or public awareness, for the purpose of demonstrating the real-world impact of the Movement's work.

# P A R T I X

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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### Article 58 Amendment Procedure

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#### Section 55.01 *Initiation of Amendment*

A proposal to amend this Constitution may be initiated by:

- (a) a resolution of the Constitutional Council;
- (b) a resolution of the Executive Board;
- (c) a petition signed by not less than fifteen per cent of Verified Members.

#### Section 55.02 *Approval Process*

A proposed amendment shall be published to all Verified Members not less than sixty days before any vote is taken.

A proposed amendment shall be subject to a consultation period of not less than thirty days during which any Verified Member may submit written representations to the Constitutional Council.

The Constitutional Council shall publish a report on the proposed amendment within the consultation period, including its assessment of consistency with the entrenched provisions of Article 56.

A proposed amendment shall require approval by a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly.

An amendment to an entrenched provision shall additionally require approval by a referendum of all Verified Members, passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting, with a minimum turnout of twenty per cent.

#### Section 55.03 *Coming into Force*

An approved amendment shall come into force on the date determined by the General Assembly, which shall be not less than thirty days after approval.

All amendments shall be incorporated into the text of this Constitution and the consolidated text shall be published within fourteen days of an amendment coming into force.

The full history of all amendments, including the text of the Constitution as it stood before each amendment, shall be maintained in the Permanent Archive.

### Article 59 Entrenched Provisions

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The following provisions of this Constitution are entrenched and may not be amended by a simple vote of the General Assembly. They require the additional referendum procedure set out in Article 55.02:

- (a) Article 4 (The Principle of Human Dignity);
- (b) Article 8 (The Principle of Peaceful Action) insofar as it prohibits violence;
- (c) Article 9 (The Principle of Independence);
- (d) Article 30.03 (the prohibition on advertising);
- (e) Article 33.02 (the integrity of the voice count);

- (f) Article 35 (The Permanent Archive) insofar as it prohibits alteration of the archive;
- (g) Article 41 (Prohibited Sources of Income) insofar as it prohibits political funding;
- (h) Article 45 (Dissolution and Assets) insofar as it prohibits distribution of assets to members;
- (i) Article 50(a) (the prohibition on violence);
- (j) this Article 56.

No proposed amendment to an entrenched provision shall be put to the General Assembly unless the Constitutional Council has confirmed that it has been properly initiated and that the consultation requirements have been met.

## **Article 60 Interpretation**

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In the interpretation of this Constitution:

- (a) the text shall be read as a whole and no provision shall be interpreted in a manner that is inconsistent with the constitutional purposes set out in Article 2;
- (b) where a provision is ambiguous, the interpretation that best advances the constitutional purposes shall be preferred;
- (c) the Preamble shall be used as an aid to interpretation;
- (d) the definitions in Schedule 1 shall apply throughout;
- (e) headings are included for convenience and shall not affect interpretation.

The Constitutional Council is the authoritative interpreter of this Constitution. Its published interpretations shall be binding upon all governing bodies and officers of the Movement.

Any member may request an interpretation from the Constitutional Council by submitting a written request to the Secretary General. The Constitutional Council shall publish its response within sixty days.

P A R T X

# TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

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## Article 61 The Founding Period

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### Section 58.01 *Definition*

The Founding Period is the period commencing on the date of adoption of this Constitution and ending on the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which the Movement first achieves ten thousand Verified Members;  
or
- (b) five years from the date of adoption.

### Section 58.02 *Founder's Rights During the Founding Period*

During the Founding Period, the Founder shall possess the following additional rights:

- (a) the right to veto any resolution of the Executive Board that the Founder believes to be inconsistent with the constitutional purposes, exercisable by written notice to the Executive Board within fourteen days of the resolution, subject to referral to the Constitutional Council for final determination;
- (b) the right to be consulted by the Executive Board before any significant change is made to the mission, brand, or principal activities of the Movement;
- (c) the right to appoint the initial members of the Constitutional Council, pending the first elections held under Article 26.

### Section 58.03 *Governance During the Founding Period*

Until the first General Assembly elections have been held, the Founder shall appoint an Interim Executive Board of not fewer than three and not more than seven persons, each of whom accepts this Constitution.

The Interim Executive Board shall take all necessary steps to implement this Constitution, establish the platform, and conduct the first General Assembly elections within eighteen months of the date of adoption of this Constitution.

The Interim Executive Board shall publish a public report on its activities at intervals of not more than three months.

## Article 62 Succession

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In the event of the incapacity or death of the Founder during the Founding Period, the rights of the Founder under Article 58 shall transfer to the Constitutional Council, which shall exercise them collectively and in accordance with the constitutional purposes.

The Movement shall be bound by this Constitution regardless of the involvement or non-involvement of the Founder. The Constitution, not the Founder, is the supreme authority of the Movement.

## Article 63 Entry into Force

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This Constitution shall enter into force upon its adoption by the Founding Members.

The date of adoption shall be recorded in the Permanent Archive and shall constitute the date from which the Founding Period begins.

All persons who become members of the Movement after the date of adoption shall be bound by this Constitution as though they had been party to its adoption.

This Constitution supersedes all prior governing documents of the Movement from the date of its entry into force.

# SCHEDULE 1

## Definitions

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The following definitions apply throughout this Constitution unless the context otherwise requires.

**"Archive"**

means the Permanent Archive maintained by the Movement in accordance with Article 35.

**"Chief Executive Officer"**

means the officer appointed by the Executive Board to lead the operational management of the Movement.

**"Chief Financial Officer"**

means the officer appointed by the Executive Board to manage the finances of the Movement.

**"Chief Platform Officer"**

means the officer appointed by the Executive Board to manage the technical operation and integrity of the Puzzld platform.

**"Code of Conduct"**

means the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 2 to this Constitution.

**"Constitutional Council"**

means the body established by Article 21.

**"Executive Board"**

means the body established by Article 22.

**"Founding Member"**

means a person who participated in the establishment of the Movement and who is recorded in the Founding Register.

**"Founding Period"**

means the period defined in Article 58.01.

**"Founder"**

means Krish Ramsaha-Southall, the founder of the Puzzld Movement.

**"General Assembly"**

means the body established by Article 20.

**"General Member"**

means a person admitted to membership under Article 14.01.

**"Institutional Member"**

means an organisation admitted to membership under Article 14.04.

**"Issue"**

means a formally raised civic concern published on the platform in accordance with Article 31.

**"Movement"**

means the Puzzld Movement established by this Constitution.

**"Officer"**

means any person holding an executive position within the Movement as listed in Article 25.

**"Permanent Archive"**

means the archive established and maintained in accordance with Article 35.

**"Platform"**

means the Puzzld digital platform through which the Movement operates.

**"Public Record"**

means the record defined in Article 51.

**"Regional Chapter"**

means a body established under Article 24.

**"Reserve Fund"**

means the fund maintained in accordance with Article 44.

**"Secretary General"**

means the officer responsible for the administration of the General Assembly and the Constitutional Council.

**"Submission"**

means a formal submission made to a relevant authority in accordance with Article 34.

**"Submission Threshold"**

means the number of voices required to trigger a formal submission under Article 33.03.

**"Verified Member"**

means a member who has completed identity verification in accordance with Article 14.02.

**"Voice"**

means a formal registration of support for an issue by a Verified Member, as described in Article 33.

## **S C H E D U L E   2**

### **Code of Conduct**

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Every member, officer, volunteer, and participant in the activities of the Puzzld Movement shall be bound by the following Code of Conduct.

#### **Part A General Standards**

- 1.** Treat every other member, officer, and participant with respect and without harassment, intimidation, or abuse.
- 2.** Contribute to the platform and to governance processes honestly and in good faith.
- 3.** Do not submit false, fabricated, or deliberately misleading evidence or information.
- 4.** Do not impersonate any other person or organisation on the platform.
- 5.** Do not manipulate or attempt to manipulate the voice count, election process, or moderation system by artificial means.
- 6.** Do not use the platform or the Movement's name for personal commercial gain.
- 7.** Do not disclose confidential information of the Movement obtained in a governance role.

#### **Part B Standards in Civic Action**

- 8.** When participating in civic action on behalf of or associated with the Movement, act in accordance with the law of the relevant jurisdiction.
- 9.** Do not engage in or encourage any form of violence, property destruction, or unlawful conduct.
- 10.** Follow the instructions of the designated Lead Officer during any civic action.
- 11.** Do not represent yourself as speaking on behalf of the Movement except as authorised.

#### **Part C Standards in Public Communication**

- 12.** Distinguish clearly between your personal views and the positions of the Movement.
- 13.** Do not make statements that falsely attribute views to the Movement or to other members.
- 14.** When communicating publicly about the Movement, do so accurately and without exaggeration.

#### **Part D Standards in Governance**

- 15.** Disclose all material conflicts of interest in accordance with Article 29.
- 16.** Act in the interests of the Movement and its constitutional purposes, not in your personal or partisan interest.
- 17.** Respect the decisions of the governing bodies of the Movement made in accordance with this Constitution, even where you disagree with them.
- 18.** Use legitimate constitutional channels to challenge decisions you believe to be wrong.

## SCHEDULE 3

### Financial Regulations

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#### A Expenditure Approval Thresholds

The following thresholds shall apply to the approval of expenditure:

| Amount              | Approval Required From  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Up to £500          | Budget holder           |
| £500 to £5,000      | Chief Financial Officer |
| £5,000 to £25,000   | Chief Executive Officer |
| £25,000 to £100,000 | Executive Board         |
| Above £100,000      | General Assembly        |

#### B Donation Disclosure Thresholds

Anonymous donations above £1,000 shall not be accepted. The identity of all donors giving more than £5,000 in any financial year shall be recorded and made available for inspection by the Constitutional Council upon request. Donors giving more than £25,000 in any financial year shall be disclosed in the annual accounts.

#### C Banking and Investment

The Movement shall hold its funds in institutions regulated by the relevant financial authority. Funds shall not be invested in instruments that create material risk to the Reserve Fund. The Movement shall not engage in speculative financial activity.

## **S C H E D U L E 4**

### **Evidence Standards**

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#### **A Acceptance Criteria**

Evidence submitted to the platform shall be accepted where it meets the following criteria:

1. The source of the evidence is identified.
2. The evidence is relevant to the issue to which it is submitted.
3. The evidence does not contain statements that are demonstrably false.
4. The evidence does not constitute harassment or a gratuitous attack on the dignity of any individual.
5. The evidence falls within one of the recognised categories listed in Article 32.

#### **B Weighting**

The platform shall not algorithmically weight evidence by category. Evidence shall be presented to users in a manner that clearly identifies its category and source, allowing users to make their own assessment of its weight.

Scientific evidence shall be clearly distinguished from opinion. Where evidence is peer-reviewed, this shall be noted. Where evidence is contested within the relevant expert community, this shall also be noted.

#### **C Correction and Removal**

Where evidence is found to contain a material factual error, the member who submitted it shall be notified and given the opportunity to correct it. Where they decline to do so, the evidence may be annotated with a correction notice or removed, in accordance with Article 36.

#### **D Lived Experience**

Lived experience evidence shall be labelled as such. It shall not be required to meet the standards of scientific evidence and shall not be dismissed on those grounds. It shall be understood as evidence of personal experience and shall not be extrapolated to represent the experience of others without corroboration.

## SCHEDULE 5

### Submission Protocol

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#### A Submission Timeline

The following response periods shall apply to formal submissions:

| Recipient               | Requested Response Period | Silence Protocol Triggered After |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Local authority         | 20 working days           | 40 working days                  |
| Government department   | 40 working days           | 80 working days                  |
| Parliamentary committee | 60 working days           | 90 working days                  |
| International body      | 90 working days           | 180 working days                 |

#### B Submission Format

Every formal submission shall be made in writing, shall identify the Movement as the submitting body, shall include the full text of the issue and the voice count, and shall be delivered by a means that creates a verifiable record of delivery. A copy of every submission shall be published on the platform on the date of submission.

#### C Follow-Up

The Movement shall follow up every submission at intervals of not more than thirty days until a substantive response is received. Follow-up communications shall be published on the platform together with any responses received. Where a substantive response is refused or repeatedly delayed, the Movement shall consider whether civic action under Article 46 is warranted.

## SCHEDULE 6

### Constitutional Principles Explanatory Notes

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This Schedule sets out explanatory notes on the constitutional principles established in Part II. These notes are intended to assist in the interpretation of those principles and to provide context for their application. They do not form part of the operative text of the Constitution but shall be treated as an authoritative guide to the intent of the founding members.

#### Note on Article 4 Human Dignity

The Principle of Human Dignity is the first and foundational constitutional principle because it is the most universal. Every other principle of this Constitution rests upon the premise that each person possesses worth that is not contingent upon their contribution to the economy, their conformity to social norms, their nationality, or any other external characteristic.

The founders of this Movement were motivated in part by direct personal experience of systems that failed to recognise the dignity of those within them families in inadequate housing, people on mental health waiting lists, workers paid below a living wage, communities affected by discriminatory policing. In each case, the failure was not merely procedural. It was a failure to treat the people affected as fully human, as persons whose experience mattered, whose voice deserved to be heard, and whose situation required a response.

The principle has a negative dimension: the Movement shall not participate in, amplify, or tolerate content or conduct that denies the dignity of any person. It has a positive dimension: the Movement shall actively design its platform, its governance, and its communications so that they reinforce the equal worth of every participant.

The clause that "the dignity of one person shall never be protected by denying the dignity of another" is intended to prevent the principle from being weaponised. It is not permissible to defend the dignity of a disadvantaged group by attacking the dignity of those perceived as their oppressors. The Movement may and will critique power, institutions, policies, and conduct. It shall not dehumanise the individuals who exercise that power.

#### Note on Article 5 Truth

The Principle of Truth reflects the founders' belief that the democratic crisis of the early twenty-first century is in significant part an epistemic crisis a crisis of how we know things, how we share what we know, and how we distinguish reliable information from misinformation.

The existing instruments of democratic participation have largely failed to address this crisis. Social media platforms profit from the amplification of emotionally provocative content regardless of its accuracy. Traditional media operates under commercial pressures that reward speed and conflict over accuracy and nuance. Political discourse frequently substitutes assertion for evidence.

The Movement does not believe that truth is always simple or obvious. Many of the issues on the platform involve genuinely contested empirical questions on which reasonable people disagree in good faith. The principle does not require the Movement to declare definitive truth on contested matters. It requires the Movement to be honest about uncertainty, to distinguish between what is known and what is believed, to present evidence clearly and its sources transparently, and to correct errors when they are identified.

The clause that "no proposition shall become immune from criticism" is directed both outward and inward. Outwardly, it means that the Movement will challenge powerful

institutions when evidence supports such challenge. Inwardly, it means that the Movement's own positions, assumptions, and methods are subject to critical scrutiny. The Movement should be as rigorous about its own claims as it is about those of others.

### **Note on Article 6 Collective Intelligence**

The Principle of Collective Intelligence reflects the Movement's understanding of why previous efforts at democratic reform have been insufficient. The problem is not that people lack passion or willingness to act. The problem is that the passion and knowledge of millions of people remains fragmented and inaccessible to those who need it most.

A parent who has spent years navigating a broken housing system possesses knowledge that no policy official has. A nurse who has worked under chronic understaffing knows things that no management report captures. A teacher who has watched a generation of children struggle in an underfunded system understands educational failure in a way that no academic study can fully convey. This knowledge exists. It simply has no architecture.

The Movement exists, in part, to build that architecture. Not to collect opinions, but to organise knowledge. The distinction is important. An opinion is what a person believes. Knowledge, in the sense used here, is a tested belief that has survived scrutiny, corroboration, and challenge. The platform is designed not merely to count opinions but to subject them to the discipline of evidence and in doing so, to convert dispersed individual knowledge into a shared, usable resource.

The inclusion of lived experience alongside scientific evidence in Article 32 is an expression of this principle. Lived experience is a legitimate and irreplaceable form of knowledge. It is not anecdote. It is evidence of a specific and important kind: first-hand knowledge of what it is actually like to live within a system, to be affected by a policy, to experience the gap between official description and daily reality.

### **Note on Article 7 Beneficial Innovation**

The Principle of Beneficial Innovation addresses the risk that the Movement, as it grows, will face pressure to pursue commercial opportunities that diverge from its constitutional purposes. This risk is real and has been observed in many organisations that began as civic movements and gradually drifted toward commercial or institutional capture.

The principle does not prohibit commercial activity. The Movement will need revenue to sustain itself, and some of that revenue may come from services provided on commercial terms. What the principle prohibits is the elevation of commercial success to the status of an independent purpose. The question is always: does this activity advance the constitutional purposes? If yes, commercial return is a welcome by-product. If no, the commercial return does not justify it.

The reference to open access reflects the founders' belief that knowledge created with public benefit in mind should be accessible to the public. Where the Movement produces research, tools, data, or other resources, the default should be to make them available without charge or restriction. Exceptions may be justified where they are necessary to sustain the Movement's operations, but they are exceptions.

### **Note on Article 8 Peaceful Action**

The Principle of Peaceful Action establishes the hierarchy of methods that the Movement will use, from the least confrontational to the most direct. This hierarchy is not merely strategic it is ethical. Dialogue, evidence, and formal submission are not merely less risky than public demonstration; they are more respectful of the democratic process and more likely to produce durable outcomes.

The clause permitting civic action when "meaningful engagement has been exhausted" sets a high bar deliberately. The Movement should not resort to public pressure before it has genuinely attempted formal engagement. This reflects the founders' belief that the Movement's greatest asset is its democratic legitimacy and that legitimacy is most secure

when the Movement can demonstrate that it has tried every available formal channel before taking its case to the street.

The absolute prohibition on violence is entrenched in Article 56 for a reason. The Movement exists to strengthen democratic institutions, not to bypass them. Violence even when directed against institutions that have failed the public undermines the democratic project. It provides authorities with a pretext to dismiss legitimate grievances, it alienates potential allies, and it causes harm to individuals who deserve protection regardless of the institutions they represent.

## **Note on Article 9 Independence**

The Principle of Independence is among the most practically challenging of the constitutional principles, because the Movement needs resources to operate and those resources must come from somewhere. The challenge is to secure those resources without allowing those who provide them to shape what the Movement does.

The prohibition on political funding is straightforward and non-negotiable. A movement that accepts money from political parties or governments in exchange for influence is not independent. It is an instrument of those parties or governments, regardless of what its constitutional documents say.

The principle requires more than the mere absence of corrupt financial relationships. It requires active vigilance. Officers who accept lunch from a lobbyist, build personal relationships with political donors, or allow their personal political views to shape the Movement's editorial decisions are compromising independence even without any explicit quid pro quo. The register of interests maintained under Article 29 is designed to surface and manage these subtler threats.

## **Note on Article 11 Transparency**

The Principle of Transparency is grounded in the founders' experience of institutions that operated without accountability. The most common defence of institutional failure is ignorance: governments that claim not to have known the scale of a problem; councils that claim not to have received complaints; authorities that claim the evidence was insufficient. The Movement is designed to make these defences unavailable.

Radical transparency is not merely an ethical choice. It is a strategic one. An organisation that publishes everything it does its funding, its decisions, its failures as well as its successes is extraordinarily difficult to discredit. When every document is public, there are no secrets for opponents to expose and no inconsistencies to exploit.

The transparency principle applies internally as well as externally. Members have the right to know how decisions within the Movement are made, who made them, and on what grounds. The publication of minutes, registers, and decisions is not a bureaucratic formality. It is the primary mechanism by which the Movement holds itself to the same standards of accountability that it demands of others.

## **Note on Article 13 Intergenerational Responsibility**

The Principle of Intergenerational Responsibility reflects the recognition that civic movements have a tendency to focus on the immediate and the urgent at the expense of the long-term and the structural. The issues that most urgently require attention climate change, public debt, democratic erosion, the degradation of public institutions are precisely those whose consequences fall most heavily on future generations.

This principle requires the Movement to resist the pressure to measure its success solely in terms of immediate policy wins or user growth. The most important long-term contribution the Movement may make is the creation and maintenance of a Permanent Archive that future generations can consult a record that demonstrates, with verifiable data, what the public knew, what it demanded, and how those in power responded. This archive may be more important in fifty years than anything the Movement achieves in its first decade.

The specific protection of young people's participation reflects the founders' belief that civic literacy the knowledge of how to engage with democratic institutions is not innate but learned. A generation that has never raised a civic issue, never contributed evidence to a public record, and never seen a formal submission produce a response will be less equipped to defend its democratic rights than one that has. The Movement has an obligation not only to respond to the present generation's concerns but to build the civic capacity of the next.

## **Note on the Permanent Archive**

The Permanent Archive is the constitutional innovation that most clearly distinguishes the Movement from every previous instrument of civic participation. It deserves extended explanation.

Every form of civic action that preceded the Movement was, by its nature, ephemeral. A demonstration ends. A petition closes. A social media campaign fades. Even the formal processes of representative democracy debates, votes, committee hearings are recorded in ways that are accessible only to those with the knowledge and resources to navigate them. The public has no simple, searchable, permanent record of what it has demanded and how those demands have been addressed.

The Permanent Archive changes this. Every issue raised, every voice counted, every submission made, and every response received or withheld will be stored indefinitely and made freely searchable by anyone. A citizen in 2046 who wants to know whether the government of 2026 was aware of the scale of public concern about mental health waiting lists will be able to look it up. A journalist investigating an institution's response to housing pressure will have access to a complete record. A researcher studying the relationship between public demand and policy change will have a dataset that has never existed before.

This is the deepest purpose of the Movement, and it is why the provisions protecting the Permanent Archive are entrenched in Article 56. The archive is not merely a useful feature. It is the mechanism by which democracy becomes self-documenting by which the public's role in the democratic process becomes as permanent and verifiable as the government's.

## SCHEDULE 7

### Charter of Members' Rights

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This Charter sets out the rights of members of the Puzzld Movement in a form intended for plain-language communication to existing and prospective members. It does not replace or supersede the provisions of the Constitution, which remain the authoritative statement of members' rights. Where any inconsistency exists between this Charter and the Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail.

#### **Your right to participate**

As a General Member, you have the right to use the Puzzld platform, raise issues, contribute evidence, and support formal submissions. This right is free. It will never be subject to a financial charge.

As a Verified Member, you additionally have the right to vote in General Assembly elections and to add your voice to formal submissions. Verification is designed to confirm that you are a human being not to build a profile of you or to restrict your access.

#### **Your right to be heard**

Every voice on the platform carries equal weight. The platform does not use an algorithm that amplifies some voices over others based on wealth, social status, engagement, or advertising potential. The ordering of issues is determined by transparent criteria published on the platform.

When you add your voice to an issue and that issue reaches the submission threshold, a formal submission will be made in your name and the names of all others who have added their voices. That submission will be part of the permanent public record, regardless of the response received.

#### **Your right to know**

You have the right to know how moderation decisions on the platform are made. The moderation guidelines are published and publicly available. If your content is moderated, you will be told why. If you disagree with the decision, you have the right of appeal.

You have the right to access the Permanent Archive and to see the full history of every issue, every submission, and every response.

#### **Your right to challenge**

You have the right to challenge any moderation decision, any refusal of membership, any suspension, or any expulsion through the appeals process established in Article 19.

You have the right to request a constitutional interpretation from the Constitutional Council.

You have the right to initiate a constitutional amendment by joining with other members to submit a petition in accordance with Article 55.

#### **Your right to leave**

You have the right to resign from membership at any time. You have the right to request the deletion of your personal data in accordance with Article 38 and applicable data protection law.

#### **Your responsibility**

In return for these rights, you accept a responsibility to contribute honestly and in good faith, to treat other members with respect, and to comply with the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 2. The Movement's democratic credibility depends upon the integrity of its members. That integrity is something we build together.

## CLOSING STATEMENT OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS

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This Constitution is the founding document of a movement that is, at the time of its adoption, small in membership but unlimited in purpose.

It has been written not for the world as it is, but for the world as it should be a world in which the person working two jobs has the same democratic voice as the person with a lobbyist, in which the carer who cannot leave the house can still formally participate in the decisions that affect their life, in which the record of public concern is permanent and the silence of those in power is itself a matter of public record.

We are under no illusion that the adoption of this Constitution will make that world immediately real. Constitutions do not by themselves change anything. What changes things is people people who read this document, accept its principles, and choose to act on them.

This Constitution is therefore an invitation as much as it is a founding document. It is an invitation to anyone who has ever felt that their voice did not matter, that their experience was not counted, that the systems around them were not built to hear them. It is an invitation to join a movement that is built on the conviction that this can change.

We commit, as founding members, to:

1. uphold every principle in this Constitution in our own conduct;
2. build the institutions described in this Constitution with integrity and without compromise;
3. hold ourselves to the same standards of accountability and transparency that we demand of others;
4. remember, in every decision we make, the people this Movement exists to serve those who have always had something worth saying and have never, until now, had a place to say it permanently.

This is not simply a website. It is a movement built, piece by piece, for a fairer world because the greatest force for change has never been a government, a company, or a machine. It is people, working together.

That is the world we are building. Piece by piece.

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## A D O P T I O N

This Constitution was adopted by the Founding Members of the Puzzld Movement on the date set out below.

It shall enter into force on the date of its adoption and shall remain in force until amended or repealed in accordance with the procedures set out herein.

Date of Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Founder and Lead Signatory:

Krish Ramsaha-Southall \_\_\_\_\_

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