



**Constitution of
All India Peace and
Solidarity Organisation**

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Preamble

All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation is a democratic and pluralistic organization which firmly stands for enduring world peace and solidarity among nations and peoples of the world.

AIPSO believes in progress and well-being of humankind, which is possible only in an environment free from war and conquests, exploitation, discrimination, exclusion, sectarianism, communalism, racism, obscurantism, fundamentalism and where all humans are treated with dignity and as equals; and where natural resources are conserved for future generations.

All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation is essentially a non-partisan, civil society organisation which brings together all sections of people who love freedom, have faith in democratic values, strive for social justice, respect all human beings, and want to live in an atmosphere of peace and harmony, into collective action and will do its best to realise the above goals.

A Brief Historical Background

All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation proudly inherits the legacy of anti-colonial freedom struggle of our country, which taught us that the struggle for independence cannot be waged in isolation. Expressing solidarity with other people fighting for their independence and freedom is an integral part of our own struggle for freedom and independence. These ideals define the programme of the AIPSO, which was formed in 1951 in the immediate aftermath of the formation of the Indian Republic. AIPSO took its birth in a period which witnessed growing upsurge of national liberation struggles against colonial occupation. The defeat of fascism in the Second World War, the heroic role played by the Soviet Union, the rise of a socialist camp and the growing movement against nuclear weapons, whose single use devastated Hiroshima and Nagasaki, led to the rise of peace movement throughout the world. The resource diverting arms race due to the Cold War and the threat of imperialist aggressions and nuclear conflicts further underlined the need for an active peace and solidarity movement.

Understanding the gravity of the situation and realizing the need for an organisation which can rouse Indian people in defence of world peace and strengthen solidarity activities in support of national liberation movements, eminent personalities from all walks of life like Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew, D Malaviya, Rameshwari Nehru, Aruna Asaf Ali, Pandit Sundarlal, Dr M M Atal, Ajoy Ghosh, A K Gopalan, Prof. D D Kosambi, Prithviraj Kapoor, Balraj Sahni, noted writers and

scholars like Krishan Chander, Rajendra Singh Bedi, Vallathol, S Gurbaksh Singh, V K Krishna Menon, K Mulk Raj Anand, came together and contributed towards the formation of All India Peace Council in 1951 which subsequently evolved into the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation in 1972.

In the last seventy years, AIPSO has relentlessly and positively engaged on an entire range of issues and events concerning peace, democracy, social justice, human dignity, equality, sustainable environment and development policies throughout the world. AIPSO stood in the forefront, championing the cause of Vietnamese liberation struggle and of other countries from the colonial yoke. It organised active solidarity with the struggle for the liberation of Bangladesh, against US aggression on Cuba; for the end of the apartheid regime in South Africa, for the liberation of Saharawi Republic and for the Palestinian homeland. AIPSO continues with its solidarity activities for the people of Palestine and for their inalienable right to an independent State. It is striving for the promotion of friendship among people of all countries, particularly with our neighbours.

The march of history is never in a straight line and the path it takes is constantly changing, in often radically different, diverse and new atmospheres, new realities and new challenges. The shift from a unipolar world, after the immediate collapse of the Soviet Union, to the emerging trends of multipolarity is a case in point. Apart from economic, social and political processes, developments in science and technology are largely credited for ushering in these changes. It has now become quite fashionable to suggest that we live in a 'Global Village'. This alluring phrase would be acceptable if humankind could have equitable access to global resources, enjoy universal freedom based on redistribution and cooperation, domestically and internationally! But the reality is much more complex and often cruel. The clouds of war still loom large; production of nuclear weapons goes on unabated; millions are living in misery and destitution; racism, religious fundamentalism and communalism are tearing the human societies asunder.

Terrorism, including State terrorism, has emerged as a major contemporary challenge. The quest for control over all resources and markets is leading to trade wars, political and economic interventions, attack on national sovereignty and military invasions. Identity politics are used to divide, reinforce the environment of hate, fratricide and violence at the behest of global power elite's pursuit for world domination. This gruesome process unleashed a Frankenstein, which is devouring its own children. Majoritarianism has become new normal in many countries; racism is on the rise; children, women and other vulnerable sections of the society have no safety or security; refugee crisis, child labour, trafficking are everyday news. The

insatiable thirst for profits and greed is leading to a plunder of resources, as a result, environmental destruction goes on unhindered.

This new world order in essence is anti-people, anti-democratic and anti-planet. It is exclusionary, discriminatory and regressive. It has been created by the few marauders to wield power over vast multitudes. But we cannot suffer in silence or remain mute spectators. For, their evil designs harm not only us, but also imperils the future of coming generations.

The time has come for all peace loving people to stand up to these forces of regression and defeat them. The time has come for us to reclaim our collective identity – We the People, of this country and of this planet, will not let this wanton destruction to continue. Together we will rise, to protect our country, our world, our planet and our future. Together, we will build a world of everlasting peace, solidarity and happiness. This is our endeavour....AIPSO's endeavour.

Rules:

Article No -1

1. The name of the Society shall be: "All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation", hereinafter referred to as AIPSO.
2. The registered office of the Society is situated at Munshi Niketan, Flat No-16, 2nd Floor, 1/10B, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-110 002 in the Union Territory of Delhi (Capital of India).
3. Flag: In sky blue background the following logo will be in the middle in white colour

Article No-2

Aims and Objectives

The objectives for which the Society is being established are:

- a) To strengthen cooperation with all patriotic, progressive, democratic and peace loving forces, in defence of India's sovereignty and freedom from all imperialist attacks and conspiracies and neo-liberal economic offensive and to work for India's independent economic development;
- b) To mobilise Indian people in defence of Indian Constitution, secular, democratic character of Indian polity and national integrity and unity;
- c) To mobilise solidarity with all peoples of the world fighting for peace, independence, justice and progress; with all peoples fighting against neo-liberalism, racism, religious fundamentalism, terrorism, imperialist domination and interference and for their independent economic development.
- d) To make all possible efforts for the relaxation of international tension, for ending all wars, for disarmament, including elimination of all kinds of weapons

- of mass destruction, chemical weapons, inter-spatial weapons; and international security and for the promotion of peace among nations;
- e) To work for the strengthening of India's friendship and cooperation in all fields with all non-aligned, peace and freedom loving countries, particularly with our neighbouring countries;
 - f) To strive for the strengthening of the unity of all anti-imperialist forces of the world through active participation and contribution towards the struggle for world peace and solidarity movements;
 - g) To promote observance of all human rights, international covenants on economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights, women's rights, rights of the child, rights of racial and religious minorities, LGBTQ, disabled rights, right to sustainable development, etc. and to carry on struggles against violations of all such rights;
 - h) To safeguard mother earth from plunder of its resources by creating awareness and leading the struggles for the preservation of ecology, healthy environment, and against pollution, degradation of natural resources, global warming and climate change;
 - i) To make efforts to see to it that fruits of science & technology, development really reach all people, build bridges between people and are not used to promote hatred, animosity and drive wedges;
 - j) To mobilise public opinion for sustainable and inclusive development and for eradication of inequalities, hunger, poverty, joblessness, superstitions, illiteracy and for the inclusion of peace education in syllabus.

Article No-3

ACTIVITIES

To fulfil its aims and objectives and thus ensure effective participation of Indian people in the activities for world peace and solidarity, AIPSO shall adopt the following means:

a) Organisation of campaigns, demonstrations, public meetings, seminars, symposiums, debates, cultural and youth festivals, sports meets, exhibitions, lectures and all available creative avenues on subjects connected with its aims and objectives.

b) Convening of conferences and conventions for special purposes or for particular issues;

c) Publication of periodicals, pamphlets, books, e-books and exchange of literature, films and other creative cultural works within the country and with other countries;

- d) Exchange of delegations with other countries;
- e) Participation in international conferences, festivals and similar assemblies;
- f) Cooperation with other national and international organisations, and movements having similar aims;
- g) Use social media and other modern and evolving communication tools;
- h) Undertaking all acts and activities which may help the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of AIPSO;

Article No-4

MEMBERSHIP

AIPSO shall be a democratic, pluralistic, non-party organisation and its membership shall be open, through the membership of any of its primary units or of other constituents, to all Indian nationals above the age of 15, irrespective of their political, religious or other beliefs, provided they subscribe to the aims and objects of AIPSO, as laid down in the constitution and agree to abide by its rules and regulations and pay such membership fee as prescribed by the respective state committees.

The amount for the yearly membership at the state level can be decided by the respective state committees, while share for the all India centre will be a minimum of Rs.10 per member.

AFFILIATION

Any national, regional, state level organisation or an overseas organisation of Indians, which agrees with the aims and objectives of AIPSO, may be affiliated as an associate organisation by the respective constituents of AIPSO, within the framework of AIPSO Constitution.

For a national level organisation affiliation fee will be Rs. 10,000 per annum. Affiliated organisations at the state level will be part of governing bodies of the respective states and organisations affiliated at the national level will be part of its governing bodies as permanent invitees.

Article No-5

1. Structures

The AIPSO organises itself on the basis of: -

- A. The state committees of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation and other affiliated mass and social organisations
- B. The governing bodies of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation will be:

National Conference, General Council, Executive Committee, Office bearers and Advisory Council

2. STATE LEVEL ORGANISATION AND CONFERENCE

The state committees of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation will abide by the Constitution of AIPSO and the decisions of different governing bodies.

3. General Principles of Functioning of the State Committees will be as follows:

State Conference

- a) The conference of the state committee shall be held at least once in four years in consultation with National Executive Committee and comprising delegates elected by its different branches in the state in accordance with a schedule to be fixed by the state committee.
- b) Members of the General Council and National Executive Committee residing within the territory of the state may attend the conference as delegates, while those from the national secretariat can attend as observers.
- c) The governing bodies of all state committees should be broadly representative, accommodating different political and social movements in its leadership, and function on the basis of democratic principles and keeping in mind the non-partisan, democratic and pluralistic character of the organization. Sufficient care should be taken to ensure adequate representation of women at all levels.

4. The State Conference shall:

- a) Consider and adopt the report on the activities of the state committee;
- b) Consider and adopt the audited accounts of the state unit
- c) Decide and frame rules and regulations in respect of formation of committees, governing bodies and their democratic functioning in consonance with the AIPSO constitution;
- d) Elect delegates to the National Conference;

5. The State Committee shall:

- a) Co-ordinate the activities of the branches and the district committees (whenever and wherever they are formed) within its territorial jurisdiction;

- b) Be responsible for all the activities of AIPSO in the concerned state;
- c) Be responsible for the formation of new branches and functioning of all branches within the state;
- d) Maintain contact and send regular reports to the General Council/ National Executive Committee about the activities in the state.
- e) Assist the General Council and National Executive Committee in organising programmes in furtherance of the aims and objectives of AIPSO, carrying out such other functions, activities and responsibilities as may be assigned to it by the above committees from time to time.
- f) Consider the financial position of the organisation in the state and take decisions to raise the revenues as well as adopt a budget.
- g) The funds of the state Committees and the bank account of the state committees should be operated jointly by one of the General Secretaries and Treasurer and should have its own Pan Card.
- h) Pay membership fee of Rs.10 per member to the General Council/Executive Committee;

6. National Conference, General Council, National Executive Committee, Office bearers and Advisory Council

7. National Conference

- a) The highest organ of AIPSO is the National Conference which shall be convened at least once in four years. It shall consist of all those delegates who are elected by the state conferences of the state units, its affiliated bodies in accordance with a schedule and guidelines to be fixed by the General Council.
- b) All members of the Advisory Council, Executive Committee shall be ex-officio delegates to the National Conference.
- c) The dates, venue and programme of each National Conference shall be fixed by the General Council or National Executive Committee.
- d) The National Executive Committee may invite, at its discretion, fraternal delegates and observers from India and abroad. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, nominate delegates not exceeding 25 in number, to the National Conference.

- e) The National Conference will elect a Presidium for its conduct, along with various other committees as it deems fit for the smooth conduct of its business.

8. The National Conference shall transact the following business:

- a) Review of activities and the status of organisation since the preceding Conference and decide upon the future tasks;
- b) Approve the audited statement of accounts as submitted to it by the National Executive Committee;
- c) Elect General Council members, Executive Committee members who are not more than half the number of General Council and office-bearers who are not more than one third of the Executive Committee, 9-11 Advisory Council members.

9. General Council

Procedure of election to the General Council

- a) On the basis of the decision of the national conference, delegation of each state shall elect their representatives to the General Council meeting to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities within the framework of the conference.
- b) For all other General Council meetings the state committees shall elect their representatives separately and prior to the meeting.
- c) The elected members should be broadly representative, accommodating different political and social movements. Sufficient care should be taken to ensure adequate representation of women.

10. General Council shall:

- a) Decide upon all policy matters in the period between the two National Conferences;
- b) Conduct all activities of AIPSO in furtherance of its aims and objectives;
- c) Co-ordinate and guide the activity of the Executive Committee, the functioning of the state level organisations, affiliated organisations on the recommendation of the state committees;
- d) Be responsible for the proper functioning of the state level organisations and take such steps as may be necessary in this direction;
- e) Consider and adopt annually the audited balance-sheet relating to the Central Fund which shall vest in the General Council;

- f) Discharge all other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Conference;
- g) Elect/appoint such commissions, with such delegated powers as it may deem fit.
- h) The General Council shall meet at least once in a year with a clear 30 days notice of the meeting. The quorum of the General Council meeting shall be 35 per cent of the total number of council.

11. National Executive Committee

- a) The General Council shall elect members of the Executive Committee from amongst its members at its first meeting.
- b) From among the members of the National Executive, it will elect 3-5 members of Presidium, Vice Presidents, General Secretaries, Deputy General Secretaries, Secretaries and one Treasurer who constitute the office-bearers. The number of office-bearers should not be more than one third of the Executive Committee.
- c) The National Executive Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies by co-option.
- d) The National Executive Committee shall ordinarily meet at least once in six months.
- e) In between the meetings of the General Council, the National Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the General Council and discharge all its duties and functions.
- f) The National Executive Committee shall approve annually the budget estimates for the General Council.

12. Functions of the Office-Bearers

- a) One of the member of the Presidium shall preside over the meetings of the General Council, Executive Committee and the Secretariat. Absence of Presidium members one Vice President will perform the same tasks.
- b) General Secretaries shall be responsible for:**
 - (i) for the calling of the General Council, Executive Committee and the Secretariat,
 - (ii) coordination with state units, affiliated organisations and other office-bearers and secretariat members,

- (iii) for the implementation of all decisions and execution of all programmes adopted by the General Council and National Executive Committee,
- (iv) relations with fraternal organisations and
- (v) day to day work .
- c) Deputy General Secretar(y)ies and Secretaries shall assist the General Secretaries in the performance of their duties.
- d) Vice President will perform the duties of the Presidium members in their absence.
- e) Treasurer is responsible for the maintenance and audit of accounts of AIPSO.

13. Secretariat

President or Working President, General Secretaries, Deputy General Secretaries, Secretaries and Treasurer residing in the place where the central office is situated, together with such persons who may be nominated by the office-bearers from amongst its members, shall constitute the secretariat of the organisation and meet at least once in a month.

The secretariat is responsible for the function of the central office.

14. Advisory Council: Eminent national personalities from political and social life will be elected by the national conference to the advisory council. Their task is to advice the Secretariat and National Executive and to suggest means for the strengthening and improvement in the functioning of the AIPSO.

Members of the Advisory Council will attend all National Executive meetings as invitees.

Article No-6

FUNDS

The central fund of AIPSO shall vest in the General Council and shall be administered by its Executive Committee. The fund shall be raised through affiliation fees, donations, etc. The balance-sheet relating to the central fund shall be submitted to the General Council after having been duly audited by an auditor to be appointed by the Executive Committee. The bank account should be operated jointly by one of the General Secretaries.

The General Council, through a decision of its majority is entitled to sale, transfer, exchange, mortgage, charge, lease, disposal of or otherwise deal with all

or any portion of the properties belonging to AIPSO and to borrow or raise money with or without security for the purposes of the AIPSO.

Article No-7

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL BODIES

The General Council shall extend its cooperation in every possible way and nominate its representatives, if required, to such international bodies as in the opinion of the Council are contributing towards the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the AIPSO. But the decisions taken by such international bodies shall not be binding upon the Council unless confirmed by it.

Article No-8

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF AIPSO

The Rules of AIPSO may be amended or altered by a resolution of the General Council passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting subject to ratification of the next national Conference.

Article No-9

AMENDMENT/ALTERATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF AIPSO

The objectives of AIPSO may be altered, amended or extended according to the provision of Section 12 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 after a resolution of the General Council passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting subject to ratification of the next National Conference.

Article No-10

DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

The Society may be dissolved as per provisions contained in Section 13 of the Societies Registration Act 1860 after a resolution of the General Council passed by a three-fourths majority of those present and voting.

In case of dissolution of the society, the property and assets, remaining after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the society, but shall be given to some other Society with same or similar objectives as determined by the Executive Committee.

Article No-11

All the provisions of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Punjab Amendment) Act 1957 as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi will apply to this Society