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Dear Honorables,

**REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT AT THE 33<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL  
DELEGATES CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF GHANA STUDENTS –  
CHINA (NUGS – CHINA)**

The National Judicial Committee of NUGS China would like to extend our greetings to you. The NJC would like to herein present the report on the Constitution Amendment to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Delegate Congress, 2021.

**Pursuant to Article 38, Clause 2 of the NUGS China Amendment Constitution**, the amendment of the Constitution was an important part of this year's Congress. This exercise was due this year which started on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 and was presided by Samuel Ofosu Donyina (National Judicial Committee Secretary).

All reviews that were suggested by the members of the Union and collated by the National Executive Committee were presented to Congress for deliberations and possible ratifications.

Decision as to whether to accept or reject the reviews were done **pursuant to Article 38 Clause 4 of the NUGS China Amendment Constitution**.

The Following were the reviews presented to Congress and the decisions of Congress after, Honorable members deliberated on them;

1. **Article 1, Clause 1**

The association do not have a legal power hence cannot sue and be sued due to it not being registered under any legal process as a student union

**Decision:** Further deliberations or consultations have to be done in the future to register the Union for this purpose and other related benefits.

2. **Article 1, Clause 2**

**Review suggestion:** There is a need for Chapters to have their own Chapter Constitutions to function.

**Decision:** Congress concluded that every chapter must follow the national constitution and therefore rejected the review.

3. **Article 2, Clause 1**

**Review suggestion:** Wording too complex for the ordinary member's comprehension and could be rephrased for clarity.

**Decision:** Congress did not find any problem with the wordings as this clause and therefore rejected this suggested review.

4. **Article 3 Clause 1**

**Review suggestion:** The constitution does not state any relationship between NUGS Ghana and NUGS China. Therefore, it was suggested that the exact relationship between NUGS Ghana and NUGS China should be clearly stated in the constitution

**Decision:** This review proposal was accordingly rejected because NUGS Ghana is different from NUGS China in terms of context and operations.

5. **Article 3 Clause 2**

**Review Suggestion:** Consider including 'Academic' to the nature of the Union to reflect the aim/goal of the union.

**Decision:** This review was accepted by Congress as Academic activities have been very significant in the Union over the years. **In the light of this, Article 3 Clause 2 reads like**

**this;** *“NUGS-China shall be of an Academic, apolitical and socio-cultural nature. It shall as far as possible, use dialogue as a means of achieving any end”.*

6. **Article 3 (3 and 4)**

**Review Suggestion: Clause 3:** for the avoidance of doubt, no member shall transfer any cultural, political interest into the affairs of the union.

**Clause 4:** any member found liable of clause (3) shall be subjected to decisions of the NJC.

**Decision:** These reviews were rejected as Congress were of the view that all these already exist in the Constitution as the Union have been guided by that.

7. **Article 4 Clause 1**

**Review Suggestion:** Unity, strength and progress

**Decision:** This review was rejected by Congress maintaining the Motto of the Union.

8. **Article 4 Clause 2**

**Review suggestion:** Consider adding IT device to the emblem of the association because education is gradually changing to Technology. Also, the stool looks tribalistic (While some royals in Ghana adhere to enstoolment, others strictly go by ‘enskinment’). Consider using symbol that represents all tribes/ethnic groups in Ghana like a depiction of Ghana’s Coat of arms like Eagles clinging unto a black star with educational stuff etc. [Simply, we propose a logo/emblem challenge to afford our designers the opportunity of designing for us something representative].

**Decision:** This suggestion was rejected with the view of these items in the emblem are symbolic more than being tribal (Ghana).

**Review suggestion:** In reference to this article, it was noted that the significance of the emblem was omitted. Hence, it was suggested that the connotation of the Golden Stool with a cocoa pod in it and a book on it should be well stated in the constitution.

**Decision:** Congress accepted this review and tasked the NJC to work with the Founding Fathers to find the Significance of the Items in the emblems. The NJC carried out this assignment and was directed to an old Union’s laptop. Unfortunately, this information was not found on the laptop of the Union.

## 9. Article 5 Clause 1

**Review Suggestion:** Any Ghanaian national admitted into a program of study in a recognized institution in China and has registered with a local Chapter of NUGS-China with NUGS-China membership ID shall be a member of NUGS-China.

**Decision:** This review was accepted by Congress. **In the light of this, the Article 5 Clause 1 will be read as;** *“Any Ghanaian national admitted into a program of study in a recognized institution in China and has registered with a local Chapter of NUGS-China with NUGS-China membership ID shall be a member of NUGS-China”.*

**Under this same Article, there were various suggestions regarding issues the Union faced due to the pandemic and matters regarding freedom of association.**

**Review suggestion:** Since some students who gain admission into a program of study in recognized institution in China and has since not been able to come to China for their studies, “will those students be recognize as NUGS-China members and dues paying members” and “what happens to students who falls under this situation?”

**Decision:** It was concluded that it is only students who have gained admission in a recognized institution in China and reside in China that can be eligible to be member of the Union. This review was therefore rejected.

**Review Suggestions:** Consider bringing the preamble: “membership is open to” because unless a member registers, he/she is not automatically a member. And to foster ‘freedom of association’ membership remains open. Rephrase “and has registered with the local chapter” because registration is done at the national level via the NUGS portal.

Address membership to include the issue of students from Ghana (Esp Legon ‘year abroad’ students) who come to China to study Chinese Language for a year.

Again, what is the place of ‘Alumni members’ in the Constitution?

**Decision:** Pursuant to Article 5 Clause 1, membership of the Union is voluntary, and opened to all Ghanaians who are students in China. Moreover, in terms of Alumni, an individual who has graduated may **pursuant to Article 5 Clause 1** may be accorded an

Honorary Member upon a written request. This review was therefore rejected since all these have already been taken care of by the constitution.

#### 10. Article 5 Clause 4

**Review suggestion:** This article has conflicting elements with that of Article 20 and sought that the Judiciary try to streamline these to avoid any conflict.

Choice of membership as voluntary or fixed should be outlined clearly. Also Benefits of membership could be indicated.

Membership constitutes a vital aspect of every organization. However, the constitution failed to address the issue of whether the constitution applies to a Ghanaian worker or alumni working in china, or non-student residing in China.

**Decision:** These reviews were rejected by Congress for the following reasons;

- i. Article 5 (4) and Article 2 do not conflict in any way.
- ii. Choice of membership in the Union is by voluntary as individuals have to register to be members of the Union
- iii. Members of the Union under the constitution enjoy a lot of benefits.
- iv. Ghanaians workers and Alumni members as well as non – students form part of the Ghanaians Community in China to take care of their affairs. However, the NUGS China Amended Constitution has provisions for students who have graduated and still in China and want to be part of the Union.

#### 11. Article 6 Clause (1)

**Review suggestion**

Who qualifies to be a prominent person? Why the number 5? (Because the higher the numbers, the higher and better the support for NUGS-CHINA activities especially financially).

**Decision:** Congress maintained the number 5 with the believe that the Executives will have better criteria for the selection of the Union’s Patron(s).

## 12. Article 7 Clause (1)

**Review suggestion:** There should be a distinct qualification on who should be an elderly statesman since some executive members end their tenure with dents on their reputation. We suggest it should be executive members with “good record”

**Decision:** All past Chapter and National Executives with good record, who have completed their program of study and still resides in China shall be Elder Statesmen of NUGS-China until any, in a written statement to the National Secretary, wishes otherwise. Congress went ahead to define what “good records” is and this can be found in *Article 7 Clause 2 of the NUGS China Amended Constitution*.

## 13. Article 8 Clause (1)

### **Review suggestion**

Include academic activities to make it consistent with the aim of NUGS-CHINA. Again, our activities border on more areas than only socio-cultural heritage; skills training and advisory activities are all organized for the welfare of students.

**Decision:** Congress accepted this amendment and this can be found in Article 8 Clause 1 as “The NUGS - China shall organize educational programs and social activities that shall portray the socio-cultural heritage of the Republic of Ghana”.

## 14. Article 10 Clause (6)

### **Review suggestion**

The word “utilize” used could be reconsidered and amended due to privacy issues because the word gives an ambiguous meaning OR The meaning of the word “utilize” could be explained briefly to assure members.

**Decision:** Congress accepted this review and was amended accordingly. Article 10 Clause 6 will therefore be read as *“To collect, keep and use membership data in accordance with applicable laws and regulations”*.

**15. Article 10 Clause (8)**

**Review suggestion:** Much has not been done to promote friendship between the Ghanaian students and other students in China as stated in objective 4. Accordingly, it was suggested that one member of the NEC should be assigned the specific role to ensure that this objective is achieved.

**Decision:** This review was rejected by the Congress as this has been the practice the President in terms of other NUGS China dealings with other Unions.

**16. Article 11 Clause (2)**

**Review suggestion:** EC’s criteria for elections must be plainly defined.

**Decision:** This review was rejected by Congress as the Electoral Commission have their regulations which they work with.

**17. Article 11 Clause 5**

**Review Suggestion:** The article should be reviewed and revised since no persons’ rights should be violated in any way under any circumstances

**Decision:** Congress rejected this review on the premise that the word violation as used in the clause is not an infringement on the Union’s rights but depicts certain rights that cannot be enjoyed by the individual based on the individual’s own behavior which might have been in violation of the Constitution.

#### 18. Article 11 Clause (6c)

**Review suggestion:** it was noted that the words in bracket i.e. “both local and national”, rather obfuscate the import of that particular statement and therefore it was suggested that they should be omitted to make the statement very clear.

“Pay their dues both local and national levels” ....it should be “pay their dues”. It is not the duty of students to do the allocation of dues to both chapter and national levels. That allocation should be an internal affair left to the executives at both chapter and national levels

**Decision:** This review was accepted by Congress and amended accordingly.

#### 19. Article 11 Clause (7)

**Review suggestion**

“what happens if the person refuses to refund?”. The house further suggests that there should be a well-defined consequence to such persons who fail to refund.

We also further suggest that this line should added to clause 7; “the person shall be stripped off his /her status as an officer of the union.”

What will the association use to enforce such a provision especially if the member blatantly refuses to pay? Remember the Union has no legal personality because it has not yet been registered. Whether in GH or China. There should be some legal enforcement. After embezzlement or misapplication of union fund, ..... (the comma must come after fund rather than shall).

**Decision:** Congress accepted this review and therefore amended this article by adding other clauses. *This can be seen Article 11 Clauses 8 and 9.*

#### 20. Article 13 Clause (5)



**Review Suggestion:** 5 delegates from chapters with 50 members.

Up to 10 delegates from chapters with more than 50 members as far as the chapter can sponsor.

**Decision:** Congress accepted to maintain the 5 members as the number of delegates which should represent each Chapter at Congress.

#### 21. Article 13 Clause 8

**Review Suggestion:** Voting of national executives should be open to all members in good standing. Perhaps the union can adopt online voting.

**Decision:** Congress rejected this review with reason being that Congress is a representative of the entire Union. Delegates are selected from each Chapter and these delegates represent the members of the Union in that Chapter.

#### 22. Article 13 Clause (11)

**Review suggestion:** With this, most members bemoaned the huge cost incurred during the organization of annual congresses. Therefore, it was suggested that, in order to avoid incurring such costs, virtual meetings should be held annually and physical meetings should be held once every three years. Accordingly, this strategy would also be very beneficial in this COVID period and beyond. However, Congresses during which the constitution would be reviewed should be held physically. It was also suggested that, for congresses which are to be held physically, provisions should be made for online streaming since it engenders a higher participation rate and also members become abreast of proceedings at the event.

**Decision:** Congress deliberated on this review and made amendments accordingly and this can be seen in Article 13 (11) and (12) of the Amended Constitution. . Thus, the review of the Constitution shall take part every three (3) years when Congress meets physically.

### 23. Article 14 Clause 1D

**Review suggestion:** In a situation where no member chapter bids to host congress, the Senate shall decide the host city at least 10 months to congress.

**Decision:** Congress accepted this review and amended the Clause accordingly. However, Congress made it at least six (6) months to Congress. Article 14 Clause 14d therefore shall read as, *“Notwithstanding Clause 1c, in the situation where no Member Chapter bids to host Congress, the Senate shall decide the host Chapter at least 6 months to Congress.”*

### 24. Article 15 Clause (1)

#### **Review suggestion**

The National Senate should rather comprise all members of the NEC and all Chapter Executives since Chapter Executives will work in hand with NEC and are in a better position to discuss issues that goes in their respective chapters.

However, Provincial Coordinators can serve as Elderly Statesmen since they comprise past executives of chapters.

**Decision:** This article was rejected

### 25. Article 15 Clause (2)

**Review suggestion:** In a situation where there is no past Executive within the Province, the Executives unanimously agree to open nomination for election of provincial coordinator

**Decision:** Congress accepted this amendment added a new Clause (Clause 3) to this article.

### 24. Article 15 Clause (12)

**Review suggestion:** Senate leaders must ensure that all members are served with copies of such notice at least two (2) weeks before the meeting and not NEC

**Decision:** This issue was discussed extensively which caused changes in certain clauses in the Constitution. There were changes made in Clauses 12 and 13 of this Article. In the nutshell, the Senate will be the ones to communicate to Senate on any issue to be discussed and not the NEC.

#### 26. Article 16 Clause (1)

**Review suggestion:** A suggestion to have either a PRO or Press Secretary to release the Secretary of too much work load and handle communication with external bodies like embassies, other Chinese/international partnerships.

**Decision:** This review was rejected.

#### 27. Article 16 Clause (5)

**Review suggestion:** “Annual Congress” should be changed to “Annual National Congress”.

**Decision:** Though Congress agreed on this, after the review, there were not consistent with related terms in this Constitution, and therefore the Chairman remain Annual Delegates Congress in the Constitution.

#### 28. Article 17 Clause (1)

**Review suggestion:** The Vice president position should not be contested for but should rather be appointed by the President.

**Decision:** Congress rejected this review.

**29. Article 17 Clause (6a)**

**Review suggestion:** The point should not be included

**Decision:** This amendment was accepted by Congress and the following amendments were made;

- i. The Office Women's Commission was changed to Women's Commissioner.
- ii. The preamble which preceded before roles were outlined was removed.

**30. Article 17**

**Review suggestion:** Apart from the Office of the Women's Commissioner, it was suggested that "She" should be added to all "Hes" in the Clauses of Article 17. Thus He/She

**Decision:** Congress accepted this amendment.

**31. Article 18 Clause (6)**

**Review suggestion:** The Provincial Coordinator rather reports to the Senate and not to NEC as stated in the Clause.

**Decision:** Congress accepted this amendment and therefore Article 18 Clause 6 reads as "He/she shall supervise the activities of the Local Chapters in the Province and report accordingly to the Senate".

**32. Article 19 (6)**

**Review suggestion:** The National President should be changed to Chapter President

**Decision:** In the absence of a Provincial Coordinator the Provincial Secretary shall chair the meeting.

### 33. Article 20 Clause (2)

**Review suggestion:** The General Assembly shall be composed of all NUGS members studying in that City.

**Decision:** Congress defined this Clause in relation to what qualifies an individual to be a member of the Union. In the light of this Article 20 Clause (2) would read as “The General Assembly shall be composed of all Ghanaian nationals admitted into a program of study in a recognized institution in China and has registered with a local Chapter of NUGS-China with NUGS-China membership ID”.

### 34. Article 20 Clause (5)

**Review suggestion:** Looking previous issues and members attitude towards general assembly meetings, quorum should be 2/3 of members.

**Decision:** This amendment was rejected by Congress as this would not solve the problem the individual mentioned. Two – thirds were rather higher than one – thirds.

### 35. Article 21 Clause (3)

**Review suggestion:** The number should be increased to 15 members, we further consequently suggest that the positions in clause 4 should capture vice president and organizer.

Also, this article is apparently the only one that directly talks about the chapter and we believe is woefully inadequate. There should be further directives made in the article to limit crisis in the future.

We also suggest this clause to be added: “in event that the treasurer would want to travel outside the country, he/she shall hand over all fiscal assets and books to the vice president after a proper account has been prepared and audited. The vice president

shall in the same procedure hand over same to the treasurer upon return”

It could be plainly stated that cities that have less than 50 members should choose 3 only executives. Because it has been noticed that some local chapters whose members are below 50 have more than 3 executives which is in contradiction with the stipulated law. There should be reprimands of going against these articles and the penalties could also be specified.

**Decision:** After a thorough discussion which the NEC was involved for clarifications on certain issues especially regarding the handing over of the Union’s asset by the Treasurer to the Vice President in case he/she is travelling, all these reviews were rejected by Congress.

### 36. Article 22 Clause (1)

**Review suggestion:** Shipping and Academic committees have become the two most Important flagship committees of our union and need to be included and well-defined in this article

**Decision:** Academic committee was added, while shipping committee still remains an ad hoc committee. Congress therefore requested that the NJC meet the Academic Committee and discuss with them, their operations to facilitate the NJC to come up with Guidelines in the Constitution which would guide the operations of the Academic Committee as a Standing Committee.

After meeting the Academic Committee for a thorough discussion, consensus on the related issues was met of which an Article was formulated for the Academic Committee. Article 29 therefore relates to issues of the Academic Committee and full details can be seen in the NUGS China Amended Constitution.

**37. Article 23 Clause (1)**

**Review suggestion:** In Clause 1 of the Article, there should be the insertion of (EC) in the first clause to interpret the Acronym (EC) as used in this constitution.

**Decision:** This review was accepted by Congress.

**38. Article 24 Clause (1)**

**Review suggestion:** Notwithstanding Clause 1, a City with no Elder Statesmen shall consist of 5 NUGS-China members for vetting.

**Decision:** This amendment was accepted by Congress and therefore Clause 2 of the Article would read as “Notwithstanding Article 24 Clause 1 supra, a city with no Elder statesmen shall consist of 5 NUGS-China members for vetting.

**39. Article 26 Clause (2)**

**Review suggestion:** All ‘City Treasurers’ should be changed to ‘Chapter Financial Controllars’

**Decision:** This amendment was accepted by Congress and amended accordingly. The changes after being effected will read as;

The Finance Committee shall comprise of:

- a. The National Financial Controller as Chairperson; and
- b. All Chapter Financial Controllars.

**40. Article 26 Clause (3)**

**Review suggestion:** Additional duties: (Existing duties are too scanty)

Raise funds for the union through sponsorship and other innovative activities. There is no procurement procedure(s) in the constitution (This should be considered ASAP)

**Decision:** Congress looked at these reviews that have been suggested and added another Clause which would deal with raising funds for the Union.

Clause 4 added, The Finance Committee shall work closely with other Officers and Committees established by this Constitution to raise fund through lawful means for the smooth running of the Union.

The National Controller mentioned that the Committee does not deal with procurements most of the time and therefore Congress rejected the reviews with related to procurement.

**41. Article 28 Clause (2b)**

**Review suggestion:** One representative should come from each CHAPTER appointed by the Chapter Executives rather than Province”

**Decision:** Congress accepted the review and made the amendment accordingly. One representative from each Chapter appointed by the Chapter Executives

**42. Article 28 Clause (6)**

**Review suggestion:** clause 3,4,5,6 should be removed and refer to the welfare policy

**Decision:** A member may benefit from the welfare under the following circumstances:

- a. Bereavement of a close relation (i.e., Father, mother, child,);
- b. Ailment and death of the member; and
- c. Any other genuine reason(s) accepted by the National Executive Committee.

**42. Article 30 Clause (2)**

**Review suggestion:** Clause 2 should be ripped off since it is only a nuisance clause.

**Decision:** Accepted



#### 43. Article 30 Clause (11)

**Review suggestion:** Timelines for refunds should be given, and sanctions and penalties for violating these timelines could be stated outrightly in the constitution

The officer should be made to refund the money involve and at the same time be expel or remove off his or her position as an executive member and any committee of NUGSCHINA

**Decision:** Congress accepted this review and as such made this provision; Pursuant to Article 31 Clause 10 supra, responsible individual(s) will be given a oneweek duration to refund of which failure to do this will result in naming and shaming of the individual(s) involved.

#### 44. Article 31 Clause 4

**Review Suggestion:** Also, on this clause the use of the word ‘impose’ makes it not palatable since the Union and for that matter Ghana practices democracy which makes ‘imposition’ a very bad choice of word to use. Maybe be proposing a levy could be better.

**Decision:** Congress rejected this review.

#### 45. Article 31 Clause 5

**Review Suggestion:** Error in wording: “any before” should be “before any”

**Decision:** This review was accepted by Congress and the Correction made.

#### 46. Article 31 Clause 6

**Review Suggestion:** Amendment of the reinforcement of this article, such as penalties for members and chapters who default at dues payment until Congress or time of voting, is suggested. This reinforcement could also be reflected on the online system to prevent them from voting

**Decision:** Congressmen and women rejected this review as this has been the practice in the Union according to the Constitution of the Union.

**47. Article 31 Clause 8**

**Review Suggestion:** With this article, it was suggested that a clause which mandates each chapter to have their own invoice for spending should be included under this article. This would ensure that the Financial Controller of every chapter issues an invoice for spending to facilitate the process of auditing.

**Decision:** This was a suggestion from the Honorable Member of the Union and which is also a normal practice at the Chapter levels.

**48. Article 32 Clause 2 and 5**

**Review Suggestions:**

1. More deliberation can be done based on this aspect due to some related issues that arose during last year's congress.
2. Suggested clause: "in the event that a student graduates from his/her study with which was registered as a member and be re-enrolled in another level or institution of study in the subsequent academic year, the membership of same shall be deemed expired. Such members shall only be eligible to hold office after the period stated in clause (2) of this article".

**Decision:** Congress Deliberated on this issue extensively and there to solve this issue in the future stated clearly when the membership of an individual in the Union comes to an end. **This can be seen in Article 5 Clause 5 which reads; “*The membership of a member of NUGS – China ceases if he/she completes his/her program of study.*”**

**49. Article 32 Clause 6.**

**Review Suggestion:** This clause could be reviewed and amended since everyone deserves a second chance

**Decision:** Congress rejected this review

50. **Article 33 Clause 7**

**Review Suggestion:** The article wasn't effective for last year's voters thus qualified voters could be stated clearly. List of qualified voters could be submitted within a deadline before congress and can be rejected by EC if violated. Some clauses or subclauses could be added to state these amendments.

**Decision:** Congress rejected this review as it was mentioned by the Electoral Commission that every year's elections is being guided by their frameworks and all have been successful though.

51. **Article 35 Clause 5**

**Review Suggestion:** Error in wording: "initiate an impeachment proceeding" could be "initiate impeachment proceedings" OR "initiate an impeachment proceeding"

**Decision:** This was corrected accordingly.

52. **Article 35 Clause 1e**

**Review Suggestion:** Error in wording: "upon the receiving such notice" could be "upon receiving such notice".

**Decision:** This was corrected accordingly.

53. **APPENDIX**

**Review Suggestion:** Error in wording: "strictlyrelated" should be "strictly related"

**Decision:** This review was accepted by Congress and therefore effected.

54. **Review Suggestion:** It is suggested that this appendix could be read before official meetings and enforced to be followed properly during these meetings to ensure decorum

**Decision:** This was not actually a review and moreover has been the normal practice of the Union.

**Additional Reviews:**

- A. In addition to these reviews there was suggestion from the President of the Union (Mr. Collins Sey) in relation to **GLOBAL UNION OF GHANAIA SCHOLARS (GUGS)**. The President mention the significance of this Union to NUGS China and our dealing over

the years with the Union. NUGS China has been recognized in the Constitution of the above mentioned Union as one of the founding members of it and this necessitated that NUGS China comes up with guidance with regards to our dealings with **GLOBAL UNION OF GHANAIAAN SCHOLARS (GUGS)**. This explains the Existence of Chapter 12 with the title; **ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS** and Article 44 of the Constitution.

- B. There was another concern raised concerning certain Chapters not able to handover before Congress. This issue was raised due to its impact on those Chapters leaders not able to stand for National Position except they resign from their position before picking nomination forms. In the light of this, Congressmen and women of the view that all Chapter elections should be held before Congress. This was therefore inserted in the Constitution as Article 21 Clause 8; ***“All City/Chapter Executives shall be elected before the National Delegate Congress.”***
- C. The Chairman for the Constitution requested that a Cover page be designed for the Union’s Constitution. This was done by the President of the Union (Mr. Collins Sey).

#### **SUMMARY OF ALL THE AMENDMENTS:**

1. Congress accepted some of the reviews suggested by Honorable Members of the Union and rejected some of them.
2. Corrections were made to Clauses which were stated wrongly.
3. Grammatical and numbering errors were corrected accordingly.
4. New Articles and Clauses were added to the Constitution.
5. The Academic Committee was added to the list of Standing Committees of the Union by this Committee shall be formed by the National Executive Committee and not Senate.
6. The Constitution now has a beautifully designed Cover page.

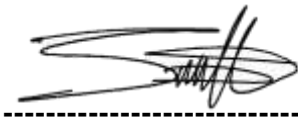
**Pursuant to Article 25 Clause 12a of the NUGS China Amended Constitution**, the Chairperson of the Constitution Amendment Process would like to give the following recommendations;

1. Members of the Union should always treat this process very important and bring all their concerns on board as this Constitution is what rules the Union.

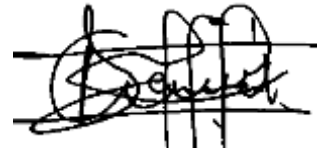
2. At any Congress meeting which will necessitate the amendment of the Constitution, the assigned Committee should be given all the necessary support and respect to help them carry out the process.
3. Constitution amendment take lots of time and requires lots of patience and responsible bodies should be given that advantage
4. The NJC should not be tagged as people who only follow the Constitution and operates without common sense as this constitution is a book written and operated on the premise of Common Sense. The NJC should be accorded the necessary respect in return to their sacrifice for the Union.

The NJC would like to thank Congress, Elder Statesmen, Legal Practitioner (Mr. Micheal Addaney) and individuals who helped in the process.

God bless you all.



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