

GHANA NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
INCORPORATION INSTRUMENT, 1968

In exercise of the powers conferred on the National Liberation Council by section 5 of the Statutory Corporations Act, 1964 (Act 232), this Instrument is made this 11th day of December, 1968.

1. The body known immediately before the commencement of this Instrument as the Ghana National Chamber of Commerce, (hereinafter referred to as the "Chamber") shall continue in existence as a body corporate subject to the provisions of this Instrument.

2. The functions of the Chamber shall be:—

- (a) the promotion and protection of trade, commerce, industry and manufactures of Ghana;
- (b) the collection and circulation of statistics relating to trade, commerce, industry and manufactures;
- (c) the provision of facilities for the communication and interchange of views between members of the Chamber on the one hand and departments of Government, public institutions and other associations on the other hand relating to matters which directly or indirectly affect the interests of the Chamber or any member thereof;
- (d) the printing and publication of newspapers, periodicals, books and other documents for the promotion of the interests of the Chamber;
- (e) the establishment and maintenance of libraries and museums for the promotion of trade, commerce, industries and manufactures of Ghana;
- (f) the promotion of and participation in trade fairs in Ghana and elsewhere;
- (g) the co-operation with Chambers of Commerce in other parts of the world;
- (h) the promotion of and co-operation with associations or other organisations in Ghana discharging similar functions as the Chamber and
- (i) the grant of donations to local or national charities.

3. (1) The governing body of the Chamber shall be a Council.

(2) The Council shall consist of—

- (a) a President,
- (b) two Vice-Presidents,
- (c) an honorary Treasurer, and
- (d) one representative selected by each District Chamber for every 40 fully paid-up members or part thereof in such District Chamber.

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(3) The President shall be Chairman of the Council and if absent one of the two Vice-Presidents shall be Chairman. In the absence of the two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer shall be Chairman and when all the officers mentioned above are absent a Chairman shall be elected from among members present at a Council meeting.

4. The Chamber shall have a Common Seal which shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of a resolution of the Council and shall be so affixed in the presence of the President, or Vice-President together with the Executive Secretary or such other person as the Council shall nominate in its resolution, and every document to which the Seal is so affixed shall be signed by the said persons.

5. The functions of the Council shall be specified in rules made under this Instrument.

6. The Council shall meet once in every 3 months if necessary but may meet more than once in every quarter of a year.

7. The Chamber shall organise itself for the purposes of this Instrument into District Chambers constituted in accordance with rules made under this Instrument and each District Chamber shall discharge such functions as may be specified in the rules so made.

8. (1) The Council and each District Chamber shall function through such committees as may be specified in rules made under this Instrument.

(2) The composition and functions of the committees referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be specified in rules made hereunder.

9. The Council and each District Chamber shall organise itself for carrying out the provisions of this Instrument into such sections, including divisions for trade purposes, as may be specified in rules made under this Instrument and each section shall discharge such functions as may be assigned to it in the rules so made.

10. (1) Rules may be made by the Council in respect of—

- (a) matters which are authorised to be made by rules under this Instrument;
- (b) the election, vacancies, subscriptions, issue of certificates to, expulsion and other matters connected with the aforesaid matters of the members of the Chamber, the Council, District Chambers and Committees thereof;

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- (c) meetings of the Council, District Chambers and Committees thereof, including the procedure to be observed at such meetings;
- (d) the accounts and audit of the books of the Chamber, the Council and any District Chambers, and
- (e) any other matter for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this enactment.
- (2) Where there is any conflict between the rules referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph and the provisions of this Instrument, the latter shall prevail.

Interpreta-  
tion.

11. In this Instrument unless the context otherwise requires—
- “Committees” means the committees constituted under paragraph 8 of this Instrument,
- “Council” means the Council appointed under paragraph 3 of this Instrument,
- “Member” means member of the Chamber.

Revocation.

12. The Ghana National Chamber of Commerce Incorporation Instrument, 1961 (E.I. 196) is hereby revoked.

LT.-GEN. J. A. ANKRAH  
*Chairman of the National Liberation Council*

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