



**THE CONSTITUTION OF
TIENG ADHOLA**

(CULTURAL UNION OF THE JOPADHOLA)

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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
THE CONSTITUTION OF TIENG ADHOLA (ADHOLA UNION)

PREAMBLE: (SPIRIT AND INTENT)

WE the CLANS OF PADHOLA

AWARE OF THE NEED AND POTENTIAL WITHIN US AS A FORCE TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE SOCIO- ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF PADHOLA; AND JOPADHOLA AS A PEOPLE, AND UGANDA IN GENERAL.

MINDFUL that development can only be achieved through Unity, Peaceful Co-existence and Co-operation for the common good.

REALIZING that the conscience and right of person is the highest aspiration of a common people.

DESIROUS of establishing an entity dedicated to organizing ourselves into useful and productive citizens; to foster Unity, Peace and Development.

DO HEREBY RESOLVE with love and affection for our dear Adhola Community to unite our efforts under the guiding principles agreed to, to form the Cultural Institution **TIENG ADHOLA** and the Institution of the Jopadhola's Cultural leader therewith with the view to achieving effectively the re-unification of all Adhola Clans into a single Cultural **UNION**, embodied in the cultural leader **HIS HIGHNESS, KWAR ADHOLA**.

ADOPTED ON THIS **12th** DAY OF **AUGUST** IN THE YEAR **2006**

In the presence of

NAME	TITLE	SIGNATURE
1. Mr. N. K. Obbo Makola -	Jago/ Prime Minister	.....
2. Mr. Z. Ocheing Odoi -	Deputy Jago/ Minister	.....
3. Mr. J. Osinde Owor -	Minister for Policy	.....
4. Dr. Okech Ojony. Ja'keno -	Minister for Health	.....
5. Mr. J.F Olweny -	Minister for Youths	.....
6. Mr. S.N. Obbo Londo -	Minister for Legal & Constitutional Affairs	.....

The motion was moved:

The Cabinet seating on this 12th day of August 2006 at Mulanda Polytechnic School was tabled by Hon. V. Okoth Ogola Mboti, Seconded by Hon. Dr. Joa Okech Ojony, Hon. Dr. Okoth Joshua, Hon. Owino Boniface Obungila and Hon. Ochwo Nyangede.

CHAPTER ONE: SUPREMACY

1. The name of the Cultural Union/Institution hereby established shall be **TIENG ADHOLA**
2. The **Tieng Adhola** is a voluntary, non-profit, non-denominational Cultural Institution set up for charitable and cultural purposes to support the institution of the cultural leadership of the Jopadhola.
3. This Constitution shall subject to the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, Statues and Statutory orders, Rules and Regulations and Bye-laws made thereunder be the supreme law with unlimited jurisdiction over the Jopadhola wherever they may be in respect of the traditions, customs, culture, practices and institutions of culture of the Jopadhola.
4. The official seat of the institution of the cultural leader of the Jopadhola shall be at Tororo Town or any other place in Padhola as may from time to time be deemed appropriate by the Supreme Assembly herein established.
5. Dhopadhola and English shall be the official and working languages of communication.

CHAPTER TWO: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 6.01 To establish and provide an institutional framework for the institution of the cultural leadership of the Jopadhola.
- 6.02 To initiate, stimulate, support and maintain cultural and social unity and cooperation among the Jopadhola by forging and promoting unity amongst all the Jopadhola clans to achieve a single and, strong social and cultural community.
- 6.03 To preserve, foster and enrich the Jopadhola cultural heritage, and to discard those which are obsolete or are inconsistent with morality.
- 6.04 To protect and promote the traditional cultural sites, institutions and related identities of Padhola.

- 6.05 To advise and settle all disputes of cultural nature in respect of land, marriage, tradition, custom religion and all other aspects of customary/traditional life and to set up institutions to effect their management and sustainability.
- 6.06 To initiate, encourage, foster and promote economic and social development in Padhola and in particular: -
- i) To create, launch and encourage competitive attitudes of Padhola
 - ii) To increase and develop the quality and efficiency of resources and for their proper management.
 - iii) To develop knowledge and skill through the use of appropriate technology.
 - iv) To identify, initiate, promote and manage projects of all types, which can effectively be used to improve the socio-economic welfare and or rehabilitation of all people within or without Padhola.
 - v) To work towards the creation of an integrated and self-sustaining economy in Padhola and Uganda as a whole.
- 6.07 To support, erect and develop educational programmes, projects, institutions and related activities in Padhola and in particular: -
- i) To support and encourage formal and informal education of all kinds to the young and old alike.
 - ii) To support, maintain and improve existing schools and institutions in Padhola.
 - iii) To provide functional literacy.
 - iv) To assist trainees and graduates in obtaining and creating jobs.

- 6.08 To initiate, foster, promote, develop and maintain primary and rural health care programmes and in particular to: -
- i) Build, support and maintain rural communities in maintaining good health and nutrition in Padhola.
 - ii) Stimulate and support rural communities in maintaining good health and nutrition in Padhola.
- 6.09 To promote the provision of clean and safe water and rural sanitation in Padhola, and in particular: -
- i) To dig and maintain natural wells.
 - ii) To sink and maintain boreholes and similar water sources
 - iii) To import, supply and avail or otherwise deal in machinery for providing water and parts thereof.
- 6.10 To promote co-operation and collaboration with the Government of Uganda, International and Local organizations in achieving any or all the objectives afore-mentioned.
- 6.11 To foster and promote peaceful co-existence with communities and tribes neighbouring Padhola, and Tororo District in general.
- 6.12 To provide a forum for the exchange of views, information and experiences on matters of interest to the promotion of unity and social and economic development of Padhola and for that purpose to hold regular consultations, meetings, seminars, research lectures and workshops for the discussion and resolving topical issues.
- 6.13 To sensitize and motivate the people to participate actively in self-help and self-reliance projects.

- 6.14 To raise and administer finances from whatever source including grants donations, loans, investments, contributions, fees and subscription, necessary for carrying out anyone or more of these objectives.
- 6.15 To print and publish newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Union may think desirable for the promotion of its objectives herein contained and to share information with persons, institutions or bodies devoted to serving Padhola, and those sharing similar objectives and aims as those of the institution of the Cultural leadership of the Jopadhola.
- 6.16 In furtherance of the foregoing objectives the **TIENG ADHOLA** shall have power and capacity through its organs to do any or all of the following:-
- i) To purchase, lease, take of gift, devise or request or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve or deal in real property and any other thing whatsoever.
 - ii) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose off all or any of **TIENG ADHOLA's** properties whenever it deems necessary.
 - iii) To enter into contracts for the benefit of the **TIENG ADHOLA**.
 - iv) To draw, make, accept, endorse, issue and negotiate bills of exchange, promissory notes, warrants and other negotiable instruments.
 - v) To do any or all lawful acts, suitable, useful, desirable or proper for the advancement of Unity, Peace and Development in Padhola.

CHAPTER THREE: MEMBERSHIP OF TIENG ADHOLA

7.01 Eligibility for membership is open to the following categories of people:

- i) Every person, both whose parents are Japadhola
- ii) Every person whose father is a Japadhola but mother is not.

- iii) Every woman married to a Japadhola provided she has not divorced the Japadhola, in which event her eligibility shall cease.
- iv) Every person incorporated/adopted/accepted into one of the Japadhola clans.

7.02 The supreme Assembly may confer upon any other person who has furthered the objectives of **TIENG ADHOLA** and the interests of the Jopadhola in general honorary membership of the said cultural institution.

7.03 A member shall be expected to whole-heartedly participate in, subscribe to or at least support the objectives, programs and projects of **TIENG ADHOLA**.

7.04 Membership of **TIENG ADHOLA** shall cease when a person;

- i) Dies
- ii) Voluntarily withdraws from **TIENG ADHOLA**.
- iii) Renounces his membership of the Jopadhola tribe.
- iv) Is expelled by the executive committee
 - a) For gross moral turpitude
 - b) For ineligibility to membership

CHAPTER FOUR: RIGHTS

8.01 Every member shall freely participate in the cultural, economic and social activities of the **TIENG ADHOLA** in furtherance of this Constitution.

8.02 i) Anyone has the right to lawfully own property in Padhola or elsewhere either alone or in concert with others.

ii) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his/her property.

8.03 Every person in Padhola shall enjoy the fundamental human rights and freedoms of the individual as provided in the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, e.g: -

- i) Life
- ii) Education
- iii) Protection of the law
- iv) Personal liberty
- v) Freedom of conscience, expression, religion
- vi) Freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

Subject to the limitations, and derogations placed by the Constitution of Uganda and laws made there under and such rules or regulations made hereunder for the proper and orderly conduct of the affairs of **TIENG ADHOLA**.

8.04

- (i) Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere in Padhola and before its laws and may, without prejudice, opt out or into any clan he so chooses, provided a change of clan shall only be sanctioned by **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**.
- (ii) No group of persons shall form a new or, a break – away clan from the recognized and registered clans of Padhola as appear in appendix III to this constitution unless
- (iii) Every effort shall be made by the **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** to reunite all breakaway clans.

CHAPTER FIVE: ORGANS OF TIENG ADHOLA

9.1. SUPREME ASSEMBLY:

- 9.01 i) There shall be a body known as the Supreme Assembly
- ii) The Supreme Assembly shall constitute the Supreme Legislature, policy maker and general meeting of **TIENG ADHOLA**.
- iii) The Supreme Assembly shall be composed of the following:

- **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**
 - All heads of clans of Padhola
 - The Executive Committee of '**TIENG ADHOLA**' (Cabinet).
 - 3 other persons appointed/elected/chosen by each said clan, one of whom shall be a woman and one shall be a youth.
- iv) There shall be a speaker of the Supreme Assembly and Deputy Speaker who shall be chosen by the Supreme Assembly from among 4 names submitted by **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** to the Supreme Assembly.
- v) The Speaker shall preside over the proceedings of the Supreme Assembly on behalf of **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**.

9.02 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (CABINET)

- i) The Union/institution shall have an Executive Committee, designated as "the Cabinet" appointed by **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** and approved by the Supreme Assembly/Council of clan leaders constituted as follows:
- a) JAGO
 - b) SECRETARY GENERAL
 - c) SECRETARY FOR FINANCE

And such number of offices and officers as may appear to **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** to be reasonably necessary for the efficient management and administration of the affairs of **TIENG ADHOLA**. The members thereof shall be designated as Ministers.

- ii) Sub-Committees:
- HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** may establish such sub-committees to work on the various objectives of the Union as may be found necessary, each such sub-committee to be headed by the member of the Executive Committee responsible for the objective/portfolio in issue.

- E.g.:
- Social-Cultural Sub-Committee
 - Political and Civil Sub-Committee
 - Finance, Economic and Development Sub-Committee
 - Education and Health Sub-Committee
 - And any other

9.03. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CABINET)

- a) Shall include the formulation of and implementation in accordance with the spirit and intent of this Constitution of policies adopted/made by the Supreme Assembly; and in the performance of this function shall be collectively responsible to the Supreme Assembly.
- Shall include overseeing and managing the day-to-day affairs of **Tieng Adhola**.
 - Shall include drawing up the agenda for the Supreme Assembly meetings and the appointment and supervision of administrative and supporting staff of **Tieng Adhola**
- b) Members of the Executive Committee shall individually be accountable and responsible to **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** and the Executive Committee for the functions of their respective portfolios, and collectively be responsible for any decision made by the Executive Committee to **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**.
- c) To make on behalf of **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** necessary agreements or instruments relating to acquiring, pledging or mortgaging of such property of the **Tieng Adhola**.
- d) To make appropriate arrangements on behalf of **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** to sue or defend suits in respect of the property and/or rights of the institution of **Tieng Adhola**.

- e) To authorize or empower any suitable person or body to represent the **TIENG ADHOLA** and/or **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** in any transaction or suit of the nature afore-mentioned.
- f) To do any other thing or act for the better carrying out of their functions under this Constitution.

9.04 THE COUNCIL OF CLAN LEADERS

- i) The Council of clan leaders shall consist of the follow:
 - (a) **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**
 - (b) JAGO
 - (c) HEADS OF CLANS
- ii) The functions of the Council shall be to
 - (a) Deliberate on all or any matters pertaining to or touching upon **TIENG ADHOLA**, its objectives and activities and pass the recommendations and resolutions there from to the Supreme Assembly for consideration.
 - (b) Formulate and recommend guidelines on customs, and cultural practices to the Executive Committee for their consideration and onward transmission to the Supreme Assembly for approval.
 - (c) Do any other or perform any duty or function assigned to the council by the Supreme Assembly or Adhola.
- iii) The Council of clan leaders may regulate its own procedures and schedules.
- iv) Both the Council of Clan Leaders and Supreme Assembly may appoint committees for the smooth functioning of their business.

9.05 HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA

The institution of Cultural Leadership of the Jopadhola shall be the “**TIENG ADHOLA**” headed by a Supreme Cultural Leader of the Jopadhola who shall

be known as **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** the embodiment of the unity of the Jopadhola clans and Jopadhola as a people.

- i) In accordance with Article 246 (3) of The Constitution of the Republic of Uganda 1995, **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** shall be a Corporate sole with perpetual succession and with capacity to sue and be sued and to hold assets or properties in trust for **TIENG ADHOLA** and the Jopadhola as a people in general.
- ii) The Adhola shall be the Chief Spokesperson representative of the Jopadhola as an indigenous community of Uganda (Tribe) on all matters touching on the Adhola Culture and issues of peculiar interest to the said community.
- iii) The Adhola shall be the embodiment of the unity and allegiance of the Jopadhola.
- iv) The Adhola shall be a political.
- v) The Adhola shall as a matter of courtesy and respect take precedence over all other Jopadhola, at all Tieng Adhola functions, events and, ceremonies, or those at which he is invited as cultural head of the Jopadhola.

9.06.

- (a) Together with the JAGO, he shall foster all activities of **Tieng Adhola**.
- (b) He shall preside at all the meetings of the Executive Committee and in his absence; the Jago shall perform that duty.
- (c) He shall preside over all meetings of the Supreme Assembly, which meetings shall be chaired by the speaker.
- (d) He shall perform and preside at or over all other ceremonies and functions of **TIENG ADHOLA**.

- (e) He shall sign the minute of the last meeting of the Executive Committee and Supreme Assembly.
- (f) He shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be requested of him by Executive Committee, or conferred by the Supreme Assembly.
- (g) He shall be a signatory to documents, Agreement contracts and cheques on behalf of **Tieng Adhola** provided that he may delegate any or all such powers in any manner to any other officer/s or organs of **Tieng Adhola** including a body of trustees.

9.07

- i) He shall have minimum age of 50 years and shall be married with a home in Tororo District.
- ii) **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** shall be a Japadhola by tribe and elected from among the duly elected clan leaders constituting the Council of clan leaders.
- iii) He shall be a person of unquestionable moral integrity free from social and economic intrigue and shall be literate. He shall not be under conviction by a court of law for any crime, which involves dishonesty or moral turpitude.

9.08 **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** shall cease to hold office if: -

- (i) He resigns
- (ii) He dies
- (iii) By reasons of infirmity or unsoundness of mind he is unable to execute his duties.

9.09 **JAGO**

- i) Shall assist and or deputize for **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** in all his duties as above.
- ii) Shall office of **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** when the office falls vacant in accordance with clause 9.08, hereof until elections are accordingly held within a period of three (3) months from the date of occurrence.
- iii) Shall also be the Chief/Prime Minister of **Tieng Adhola**.
- iv) Shall co-ordinate policies, programmes information and all activities of **Tieng Adhola** under the direction of and responsible to the **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**.
- v) Shall be a person of unquestionable moral integrity and not be under any conviction by a court of law for any crime, which involves dishonesty or moral turpitude.
- vi) Shall be married with a home in Tororo District and his office shall similarly be a political.

9.10 **SECRETARY GENERAL**

- i) Shall be the Administrator of TIENG ADHOLA
- ii) Shall receive proposals and information from the Policy making bodies.
- iii) Shall ensure that the institution's correspondences are promptly attended to.
- iv) Shall prepare and send circular notices of meetings.
- v) Shall record and keep all minutes of the Executive committee, the Council of clan elders and that of the Supreme Assembly meetings.

- vi) Shall maintain and keep up-to-date registers of members of the clan Council and Supreme Assembly.
- vii) Shall liaise with the Council and the Assembly in proper dissemination of the institution's activities.
- viii) Shall accept the service of any legal document and other documents addressed to **TIENG ADHOLA**.
- ix) Shall speedily bring to the attention of the Adhola all correspondence concerning the affairs **TIENG ADHOLA**.
- x) Shall do or cause to be done any other duty that may be conferred upon him by **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**, or the Executive Committee.
- xi) Shall be a signatory to the institution's cheque and promissory notes and contracts.

9.11 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE

- a) Generally to manage or cause to be managed the financial affairs of the Cultural institution in a competent manner.
- b) To keep proper books of accounts, issue receipts for cash and cheques received and bank all moneys received on behalf of the Cultural Institution.
- c) To prepare an Annual Budget on behalf of the Executive Committee and supervise its proper Execution once approved.
- d) To plan and supervise the collection of necessary funds including subscriptions, donations and others.

- e) To be responsible for the Cultural Institution's revenue and the records of expenditure and to advise the **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** and Executive Committee on ways and means of raising funds/ resource mobilization.
- f) To be responsible for all the Cultural institution's properties and keep up-to-date inventories.
- g) To operate the Bank Account(s) of the Cultural Institution in conjunction with the Secondary signatories.

CHAPTER 6: TERM OR DURATION OF OFFICE

10.1 A person elected **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** under this Constitution shall hold office for life.

10.2 Any other office bearer(s) term of office may be terminated earlier by the election/appointing body at the discretion of such a body. In this case someone else shall be elected/appointed to complete the term of office, and until such filling of vacancy becomes practically effected one of the existing office bearers shall be assigned acting capacity in such duties by his/her the appointing body.

10.3 Anyone who has been on the outgoing Executive Committee or speaker/deputy speaker may be re-elected or re-appointed, as the case may be for the next term unless he/she/they be disqualified by unsoundness of mind or bodily infirmity, grave misconduct, bankruptcy, criminal record, senility, or some other unworthiness.

10.4 Any past office bearer or committee member who is not otherwise disqualified shall be eligible for re-election/re-appointment.

10.5 A person appointed to the Executive Committee or as Speaker shall not be under conviction for any crime, which involves dishonesty or moral turpitude. Immediately on his/her conviction for such a crime in any Court of law, he/she shall cease to be such an officer or Speaker.

CHAPTER 7: VACATION OF OFFICE

11.1 Any office bearer in **Tieng Adhola** may resign from office by giving one (1) month's notice in writing and his office shall be vacated on the expiration of such notice.

11.2 In the event of a vacancy occurring in any office through absence, death, resignation, bankruptcy, removal or otherwise, a new office bearer shall be appointed/elected to fill up the vacancy by the relevant authority.

CHAPTER 8: THE COMMON SEAL AND ITS UTILISATION

12.1 The Cultural Institution shall have a common seal engraved with the words "**TIENG ADHOLA**" The common seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary General and shall be used by the Secretary in the presence of the **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** and Jago who shall sign their names as witnesses.

12.2 Besides the common seal afore-mentioned, **Tieng Adhola** may have a rubber stamp to be used on routine and on the less formal occasions and documents, which stamp may be in the custody of the Secretary General.

CHAPTER 9: SIGNATORIES OF DOCUMENTS

- 13.1 All important documents relating to finances and property of the **Tieng Adhola** shall be signed by either the Secretary for Finance, or **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** as Principal Signatory, and countersigned by the JAGO and the Secretary General.
- 13.2 All other important documents relating to programs and Public Relations may be signed by **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** or the Jago together with the Secretary General and/or any other officer authorized by the **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**.

CHAPTER 10: BANKERS AND SIGNATORIES

14. There shall be Bank Account(s) to be operated by **Tieng Adhola** as determined by the Executive Committee that shall have either the Secretary for Finance or **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** respectively as the Principal Signatory and the Secretary General and any other officer designated by the **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** as a second signatories at any withdrawal transaction.

CHAPTER 11: RESOURCES AND THEIR APPLICATION

- 15.1 The financial resources of the Cultural Institution are the following: -
- a) Annual Subscription from respective Clans/Members to be fixed by the Supreme Assembly meeting.
 - b) Grants, Subsidies, gifts and donations.
 - c) Revenue from endeavours that may be undertaken by the institution for this purpose.
 - d) Finances from any other lawful source.
- 15.2 All resources of the Cultural institution shall be applied directly or indirectly to further the objectives of **Tieng Adhola** and to finance its administration.

15.3 All expenses shall have to be approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the normal budgetary system.

CHAPTER 12: FINANCIAL YEAR AND STATEMENTS

16.1 The Financial year of the **Tieng Adhola** extends from the 1st of the month of July to the 30th day of June.

16.2 Budgetary Estimates for the **Tieng Adhola** shall be approved by the Supreme Assembly.

16.3 Audited statements of Finances and property shall be prepared annually.

CHAPTER 13: TYPES OF MEETINGS

17.0 There shall be the following types of meetings known to **Tieng Adhola**.

17.1 The Annual General meeting of the Supreme Assembly to be held once every calendar year.

17.2 Extra ordinary General meeting of the Supreme Assembly convened either on the motion of **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** or upon a petition signed by at least 30% of the clan leaders.

17.3 Clan leaders meeting at least once a year.

17.4 Executive Committee meetings quarterly and as need arises.

17.5 Sub-Committee meetings to be convened and regulated as suits the needs of each sub-committee.

17.6 Informal meetings in the form of study sessions, workshops or seminars organized by **Tieng Adhola**.

CHAPTER 14: NOTICES OF MEETINGS

- 18.1 Notices generally or any meeting shall specify the date, time and place and where practicable the agenda or main purpose, of the meeting.
- 18.2 Notices of meetings may be written and or published by mass media or by any other means deemed necessary or appropriate by the Executive Committee.
- 18.3 Notice of the Annual general meeting shall be given not less than 3 weeks before meeting.
- 18.4 Notice of any other meeting may be shorter depending on the urgency.
- 18.5 Non-receipt of notice by any person entitled to receive it shall not invalidate any proceeding or deliberations of any meeting, which a quorum was realized.

CHAPTER 15: QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

- 19.1 The Quorum for the Annual General meeting and Extra-Ordinary General meetings of the Supreme Assembly shall be one half of the members on the register of Supreme Assembly members.
- 19.2 The Quorum for the Executive Committee meetings shall be one half of the total membership of the Executive Committee.
- 19.3 The Quorum for Clan Heads meeting shall be one half of the Clan Heads of the registered clans.

CHAPTER 16: **PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS**

20.1 Prayer shall be said at the opening and at the closing of meetings.

20.2 At every meeting where it is necessary and time permits, the participants or people present shall briefly introduce themselves by name and relevant additions in the full hearing of everyone else.

20.3 If within one hour from the time appointed for any lawfully convened meeting of the Supreme Assembly, or Clan Heads, **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** is absent and the JAGO is also absent, but otherwise a quorum is present, the meeting is to proceed to business; and the Speaker in the case of a Supreme Assembly meeting may proceed to conduct such a meeting, and shall be competent to sign confirming any previous minutes read at the meeting.

20.4 If within one hour from the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to a later date to be commutated to the members within 2 weeks, the meeting to take place not later than 4 weeks from the date of adjournment.

20.5 The agenda for the meeting previously communicated or as agreed upon at or before the commencement of the minutable business shall be adhered to as much as possible without deviation.

20.6 VOTING:

On all questions put to the vote shall be conducted on the basis of ONE-PERSON-ONE-VOTE, whether by show of hands or by ballot, and shall except where otherwise specified be determined by simple majority; and thereafter every member shall in point of honour, unity and collectiveness of purpose be bound by the decision or resolution so determined.

In a case of equality or tie of votes, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF ELECTION VOTING where the casting is specifically provided to be by lots, the ADHOLA or

the person acting in that capacity shall have a casting vote. No voting by PROXY shall be permitted.

20.7 VISITORS:

Visitors, observers or experts and advisors who have for any reason been invited and admitted to attend any meeting may participate therein but shall not be allowed to VOTE on any matter put to the vote.

20.8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Supreme Assembly shall among other things: -

- a) Receive an address by **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**
- b) Confirm minutes of the previous meeting.
- c) Receive the Executive Committee's Annual Report
- d) Receive the Secretary/Finance's Report, Audit Report and Balance sheet.
- e) Consider resolutions, recommendations and decisions of the Council of Clan heads.
- f) Consider the Constitution Amendments (if any)
- g) Approve Annual estimates for the coming Financial Year.
- h) Review and fix amounts of Annual subscriptions fee (if any)
- i) Consider and give a mandate for plans to be executed or continued in the next Financial Year.
- j) Elect or appoint Auditors, etc.

20.9

- a) The Supreme Assembly shall constitute itself into an Electoral College for purposes of electing **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** and any other officer provided for by the constitution.
- b) The said election of **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** shall be conducted/presided over by a neutral Chairman appointed/elected by Supreme Assembly for that purpose in accordance with such rules and regulations enacted for that purpose by the Supreme Assembly.

20.10 Any other respects, the Annual General meeting or other meetings at Executive and Clan Head levels, the concerned body shall regulate its own procedure reasonably having regard to the Agenda before it.

CHAPTER 17: RULES AND BYE LAWS

20.1 The Executive committee may formulate Rules of Bye laws.

- a) Regulating the duties of any office other than those specified in this constitution.
- b) Generally for the better carrying into effect the objectives and purposes of **Tieng Adhola**.
- c) As may be necessary to redress or rectify needs or grievances gathered from the general Meeting.
- d) Regulating disciplinary action, reconciliation etc.
- e) Regarding any other matter that could not be exhaustively digested in the General meeting.

20.2 Any Rules and By-laws formulated by the Executive Committee shall not become operative until the General meeting of the Supreme Assembly has approved them.

CHAPTER 18: BORROWING AND INVESTING POWERS

21.1 **Tieng Adhola** acting through its authorized organs shall have power to borrow any sums of money for any purpose relating to the objectives of **Tieng Adhola** for which a mandate has been given by the General Meeting and to

offer/pledge/mortgage any of the properties of the institution of **Tieng Adhola** as a security therefore.

21.2 The institution acting through its organs may invest any of its funds that are not immediately required in such undertakings and projects as may benefit the institution.

21.3 The Executive committee may enter into any contracts for the benefit of **Tieng Adhola** under the aforementioned borrowing and investment powers, and likewise the Trustees shall play their part in this respect.

CHAPTER 19: AFFILIATION

22. **Tieng Adhola** through its organs shall have power to affiliate with any other body or bodies inside or outside Uganda having similar objectives but any such affiliation shall first be approved by majority of two thirds (2/3) of the Supreme Assembly in General meeting.

CHAPTER 20: ASSISTANCE AND DONATIONS

2.1 **Tieng Adhola** may accept any assistance, but judiciously and without bondage.

2.2 **Tieng Adhola** may receive or itself give any reasonable donation for or to deserving causes as determined by the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER 21: AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

24.1 Amendments, alterations or variations may be made in the adopted Constitution of **Tieng Adhola** only by the General meeting of the Supreme Assembly sitting upon a specific Agenda on which amendment of the Constitution has been included as an item.

24.2 A proposal for amendment may originate from any member but must be forwarded to the Executive Committee clearly set out with the reasons for it.

24.3 The Executive Committee Secretary General shall circulate or cause to be circulated the proposed amendment to the members at least 14 days before the General meeting at which the amendment shall be considered.

24.4 Approval of Proposed Amendment

- a) The amendment, variation or alteration not affecting the objectives shall be adopted if it is favoured by a simple majority of the total-voting members.
- b) If the amendment affects the objectives, identity and/or the general purpose of the institution, a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total voting members is required.
- c) In this particular case of amendments, ‘the total voting members’ shall mean those members qualified to vote, and are personally present at the meeting.

CHAPTER 22: INTERPRETATION

25.1 No interpretations of this Constitution are permitted other than those of the General Meeting of the Supreme Assembly; save an interpretation made by **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** in circumstances where he may deem it efficient and efficacious to do so but in such event, the Supreme Assembly shall be informed of the interpretation so made at the earliest opportunity.

25.2 In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires

1. **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** means the institutional cultural leader of the Jopadhola.
2. **Tieng Adhola** means the cultural institution of the Union of the Jopadhola clans.
3. **Jopadhola** means Dhopadhola/Luo-speaking people, of the Jopadhola tribe an indigenous Uganda community.

4. **“Padhola”** means all that land occupied by Dhopadhola/Luo-speaking people in Tororo District and which is not restricted to West Budama.
5. **“Member”** shall mean where the context is not offended a Jopadhola by tribe whether registered or not, and every person eligible under Article 7 of this constitution.
6. **“Supreme Assembly”** shall mean the general assembly of the Jopadhola tribe as herein established.
7. **“Council of clan heads”** shall mean a Council of the Jopadhola clan heads.
8. **“Customary Land or Clan land”** shall mean land whose tenure is regulated by customary/clan customs/rules.
9. **“Court”** means clan court unless the context is offended.
10. **The Executive Committee includes Interim Executive Committee** means the governing and Executive Organ of **Tieng Adhola** designated as the cabinet
11. **Electoral College** means the Supreme Assembly constituted for purpose of elections in accordance with this Constitution.
12. **“Clan Head”** means the Head of a clan or one deputizing for him.
13. **“Jago”** means the office bearer of **Tieng Adhola** who deputizes for **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** and is a member of the Executive Committee.
14. **“Clan”** means a cultural sub-division or grouping of the Jopadhola culturally known as “Noono.”

- a) Having individually and/or in similarity with such other groupings customs, tradition, land and cultural practices that are commonly accepted by the Jopadhola, as in aggregate being representative of traditions and practices of the Jopadhola and;
- b) In common share an ancestry and, Dhopadhola as a language;
- c) Nevertheless distinct from each other by totem, lineage, leadership, and in the practice of some of the said customs.

CHAPTER 23: APENDICES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- 26. **OATHS** specified in the Appendix 1 to this constitution shall be administered in a manner prescribed in the Appendix
- 26.1 **APPENDIX II** – a list of clans of the Jopadhola; 1992
- 26.2 **APPENDIX III** – Signatories to adoption of amended constitution.
- 26.3 **APPENDIX IV** - Reasons for the **Flag of Tieng Adhola**
- 26.4 **APPENDIX V** - Names and symbolic meanings of **Tieng Adhola Coat of Arms.**
- 26.5 **APENDIX VI** - Symbolic meaning of the **Regalia.**
- 26.6 **MISCELLANEOUS** – Marriage shall be entered into only with free and full consent of the intending adult spouses. Parents shall have their natural right to offer counsel and guidance to their children intending to get married.
- 26.7 The giving of gifts between or from one family to the other of intending spouses is acceptable.
- 26.8 Barrenness shall not be a ground for divorce of a married couple.

- 26.9 It shall be the duty of every parent to educate their children in as far as their means may reasonably permit.
- 26.10 It shall be the duty of every family to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in and around their homestead, particularly by having a kitchen, latrine and bathroom facilities.
- 26.11 It shall be the duty of every Jopadhola to protect the environment.
- 26.12 All births and deaths shall be registered by the clan affected in a register of Deaths and Births kept by each clan.
- 26.13 There shall be a youth representative in every clan council
- 26.14 There shall be a woman representative in every clan council

APPENDIX I: OATHS

27.1 OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

I,swear in the name of Almighty God/solemnly affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Constitution of **TIENG ADHOLA** (Union) and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. (So help me God)

To be sworn before a Judicial Officer of a rank not less than a magistrate Grade I or A Commissioner of Oaths.

27.2 OATH OF HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA / RT. NON PRIMIE MINISTER / JAGO

I,swear in the name of Almighty God/ solemnly affirm that I shall exercise the functions of the **Tieng Adhola** and shall up hold, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and observe the laws of **Tieng Adhola** and that I shall promote the welfare of the people of Padhola. So help me God.

To be sworn before a Judicial Officer of a rank not less than a Magistrate Grade I or A Commissioner of Oaths.

27.3 OATH OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

I,swear in the name of Almighty God/solemnly affirm that I will give faithful service to the Executive Committee of **Tieng Adhola** and support and uphold the Constitution of **Tieng Adhola** as by law established. So help me God.

To be sworn before a Commissioner for Oaths.

27.4 OATH OF SECRETARY TO THE TIENG ADHOLA (UNION)

I,being called upon to exercise the functions of Secretary to **Tieng Adhola** swear in the name of the Almighty God/solemnly affirm that I will not directly or indirectly reveal such matters as shall be debated by **Tieng Adhola** and its organs and committed to my secrecy unless duly authorized So help me God.

To be sworn in before The Adhola/Jago.

27.5 DELCARATION

WE THE PEOPLE OF PADHOLA:

Do HEREBY in and through this Assembly of Jopadhola solemnly declare that the existing Constitution in force immediately before the commencement of this Constitution shall cease to apply/have effect from thisday ofAND we solemnly adopt in substitution for it this amended constitution and, **Tieng Adhola** shall henceforth be governed by this Constitution and, We give ourselves and our prosperity, this Constitution of **Tieng Adhola**. All appointments, activities, rights and privileges under the previous Constitution and subsisting at the date of commencement of this Constitution continue to apply unless inconsistent with this Constitution of **Tieng Adhola**.

FOR GOD AND OUR PEOPLE

ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST 2006

OFFICE BEARERS

	TITLE	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	H.H. KWAR ADHOLA	.....	.....
2.	RT. HON. JAGO	.....	.....
3.	SECRETARY GENERAL	.....	.....

APPENDIX II: SIGNATORIES TO ADOPTION OF AMENDED CONSTITUTION

CLAN	NAME OF CLAN LEADER	SIGNATURE
1. Amor –Poriang
2. Amor-Kagulu Adundo
3. Amor-Kasede
4. Amor-Pasenya
5. Amor-Polami
6. Amor-Tikidiegi
7. Amor-Mugulu Kayoro
8. Badaka
9. Bagungu
10. Bakenge (Jowikenge)
11. Balago (Jowilego)
12. Basenze
13. Basiginyi
14. Bendo
15. Biranga-Nyakango
16. Biranga-Owinyi
17. Dde-Mbuluku
18. Gembe
19. Jiep
20. Jolomole
21. Jopamwoli
22. Joparagangi
23. Kabosan
24. Kapukesi
25. Karwok
26. Katekok
27. Kathowa
28. Kijwala-Wod' Akwoyo
29. Koch
30. Koi P'awangara
31. Koi-Katandi
32. Koyo-Arara

33.	Lakwari Mboo	.....	.....
34.	Lemera	.....	.....
35.	Loli	.....	.....
36.	Moriwa Guma	.....	.....
37.	Moriwa-Sule	.....	.....
38.	Nam	.....	.....
39.	Ngaya	.....	.....
40.	Nyakeno	.....	.....
41.	Nyangwe	.....	.....
42.	Nyapolo Ogule	.....	.....
43.	Nyapolo-Orangi, Oligo, Nyafwondo	.....	.....
44.	Nyirenja	.....	.....
45.	Ojilai Dibworo – Pakwom	.....	.....
46.	Ojilai Dibworo, Parak	.....	.....
47.	Oruwa Lapa	.....	.....
48.	Oruwa-Demba	.....	.....
49.	Oruwa-Lusi	.....	.....
50.	Pagoya	.....	.....
51.	Ramogi	.....	.....
52.	Raraka	.....	.....

APPENDIX III: REGISTERED CLANS IN PADHOLA

1. Amor –Poriang
2. Amor-Kagulu Adundo
3. Amor-Kasede
4. Amor-Pasenya
5. Amor-Polami
6. Amor-Tikidiegi
7. Amor-Mugulu Kayoro
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31. Koi-Katandi
32. Koyo-Arara

33. Lakwari Mboo
34. Lemera
35. Loli
36. Moriwa Guma
37. Moriwa-Sule
38. Nam
39. Ngaya
40. Nyakeno
41. Nyangwe
42. Nyapolo Ogule
43. Nyapolo-Orangi, Oligo, Nyafwondo
44. Nyirenja
45. Ojilai Dibworo – Pakwom
46. Ojilai Dibworo, Parak
47. Oruwa Lapa
48. Oruwa-Demba
49. Oruwa-Lusi
50. Pagoya
51. Ramogi
52. Raraka

APPENDIX IV: REASONS FOR THE COLOURS OF TIENG ADHOLA FLAG



The flag has two colours namely **GOLD** and **INDIGO**; and the **TIENG ADHOLA COAT OF ARMS** on the top right hand corner.

GOLD: symbolizes Land (Lowo) where food is grown.

INDIGO: symbolizes rain and sunshine which makes it possible for planting, growing and harvesting of food and cash crops.

APPENDIX V: NAMES AND SYMBOLIC MEANING OF TIENG ADHOLA COAT OF ARMS



1. TELE TORORO/ TORORO ROCK

Meaning

Bedo matek paka tele Tororo mongoye yengirok kosa wirok moro jje.

To remain as strong as Tororo Rock which does not shake or move. It remains firm.

2. JJI ARYO MAJOMAKERE CHINGI/ TWO PEOPLE HOLDING HANDS.

Meaning

Dhako gi Jachwo amajogeto pecho ka kanyachiel. Dhako theno yo rachami aka Jachwo theno yo rachuch.

Symbolizes Unity, Peace and Development.

3. TONGEE/SPEARS

Meaning.

Kurok ri jakwor

Guarding against the enemy

4. KWOTI/ SHIELD

Meaning

Chiro gi gen'go tong pa jakwor

Defiance mechanism against the enemy.

5. GWARA/HORNS HUFFIER

Meaning:

Chiewo Jop'Adhola ka teko opodho

To alert **H.H.Kwar Adhola** and the community in time of danger and/emergency.

6. BULI/DRUM

Meaning

Buli malwongo Jop'Adhola

Drum sound calling the Jopadhola to assemble.

7. KALI/MILLET

Chiemo madwong ri Jop'Adhola jje.

Jopadhola jochamo kwon mawok i kali. (kwon kali)

Main and important staple food for the Jopadhola (millet bread).

APPENDIX IV: SYMBOLIC MEANING OF THE REGALIA

1. KOM PA KWAR ADHOLA / THRONE

- Dwong gi ker pa Kwar Adhola
- Royalty and high respect for **His Highness Kwar Adhola**.

2. NYATHUKTHUK/ TARDITIONAL STOOL.

- Nyathukthuk pa Jadongo kende majoywomere I wiye.
- Elder's stool on which to relax at leisure.

3. LAWI GI SANGARI / ALLEGIANT GOWN / CEREMONIAL ROBES.

- Tel gi dwong pa Kwar Adhola.
- Leadership and dignity of **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA**.

4. WAR PYEN OGWANG / ANIMAL SKIN SANDLES.

- Gen'go kudho gi teko I kwath gi juro Jopadhola.
- Protection against thorns and problems during the course of shepherding Jopadhola.

5. BONGI / BARK CLOTH.

- Poyo kuro thenethene gi kula ma Nyapadhola.
- Reminder to keep and safeguard the Jopadhola cultural norms and customs.

6. LUTH / STICK

- Gen'go, kwath gi leko Jopadhola.
- For protection, guard and guide the Jopadhola.

7. PYEN KWACH / LEOPARD SKIN.

- Miseni go diyo ich.
- Brevity and tolerance.

8. BULI MADWONG / BIG DRUM

- Malwon'go Jopadhola.
- Sounded during royal ceremonies for Jopadhola to attend.

9. KWOT / SHIELD

- Chiro gine tong pa jakwor.
- For defence against the enemy.

10. GWARA / HORN HUFFIER

- Lwong Jopadhola.
- Summoning the Jopadhola.

11. SOSI / FLUTES.

- Ikudho I ndirima kisangala kigolo buli madwong.
- Blown during happy times accompanying the big drum.

12. TONGOL, FUMBO GI TEKE / HARP, LONG DRUM AND CARATAS.

- Igoyo ikalima gi miel ma Nyapadhola.
- Adhola traditional dance and entertainment instruments.

13. TIKO / BEADS

- Kikirok pa mon Jopadhola.
- Adornment for Jopadhola ladies.

14. PARI / CARPET.

- Kama Kwar Adhola nyono ka obedo I wiyi nyathukthuk.
- Where **HIS HIGHNESS KWAR ADHOLA** steps and walks when relaxing, they go together with the traditional stool.

APPENDIX VII: PADHOLA ANTHEM

**ANTHEM MA PADHOLA
THE PADHOLA ANTHEM**

**Chorus: Adhola woki Win
Wani'ka.....Wani'ka
Wani'ka wany'kwayi Adhola
Wanika x3**

**Were omaro wan
Ochweyo Padhola
T'oketho iye Adhola, telo Jo'Padhola
Ka'luwo gijo i Dhopadhola
Atonga pere mariwo wan
Siem pere wo'bedi giwan
Wadong lowo pere**

chorus.....x3

**Padhola obedo dho'ot ma Uganda
Mayo'wok chieng
Marwako lim gi wendo mawok wi'loka
Lowo mere ongang,
Nitye iye got ma'timo simiti, nyaki famba
Gi chiemo ma gi pidho (gwoko), del.**

Chorus.....x3

**Ji ma Padhola jo'kwo iwi' furi, wi' kwath, wi 'chwech gi pach
Chwo mere riek, Jo'tek, Jo'miseni
Mon mere Jo'kisangala, Jo'ngoyo rweyo(jolo) wendo
Nyithindho mere Dwir Jo'winjo fuonji**

Chorusx3

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