



## **BY-LAWS OF BAYAN MUNA**

### **Article 1 NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1.** BAYAN MUNA is a political party adhering to a Constitution and a Program and all policies and decisions promulgated by its duly authorized bodies.

### **Article 2 OFFICES**

**Section 1.** The national office of the party shall be principally located within Metro Manila.

**Section 2.** Regional, provincial, city, municipal and barangay offices shall be established by the party in such places in the country as the needs of the party may require.

### **Article 3 MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The National Convention shall be held every three years.

**Section 2..** The National Council shall meet at least once a year.

**Section 3.** The National Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

### **Article 4 PARTY DISCIPLINE**

**Section 1.** Any member or officer of BAYAN MUNA who commits serious violations of the Program, Constitution and By-Laws and legitimate policies and decisions of the party at any level shall be subject to disciplinary action.

**Section 2.** Disciplinary actions shall be meted out based on the gravity of the violation of the party discipline and these shall include the following: censure, demotion, suspension and expulsion from the party.

**Section 3.** Expulsion from the party may be meted to a member or officer of the party for willful violations of the Constitution and for acts inimical to the interest of the party and the people.

**Section 4.** The party shall also work for the recall or removal from public office of party members and officers who have been found to have committed acts inimical to the interest of the country and the people.

**Section 5.** In meting out disciplinary action, due process shall be upheld:

- Any member of the party with a complaint against a body of leadership, officer or another member of the party may do so before the chapter he belongs to or at the next higher level. Complaints of a serious nature may be brought directly to the national bodies of leadership.
- A fact-finding committee shall be formed by the body where the complaint has been lodged or by an appropriate body assigned to investigate the complaint.

- The report of the fact-finding committee shall be submitted to the body that formed it for appropriate action. In case of expulsion, this must be based on two-thirds of the votes of the members of the appropriate body.
- In case of expulsion, the decision shall be reviewed by the next higher level of leadership.
- Any disciplinary action against an officer of the party shall be decided upon by the corresponding body that elected him/her to the position.
- Decisions on complaints and disciplinary actions may be appealed for review by the next higher body of leadership up to the National Convention.

## **Article 5 DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 1.** All applicants to the party coming from the working masses or who are impoverished shall pay a one-time membership fee of five (5) pesos minimum. Those coming from the better off sections shall pay a one-time membership fee of ten (10) pesos minimum.

**Section 2.** All members of the party coming from the working masses or who are impoverished shall pay an annual membership due of five (5) pesos minimum. Those coming from the better off sections shall pay an annual membership due of ten (10) pesos minimum.

**Section 3.** Members of the party may be charged with special assessments by the leading bodies of the party on the basis of specific projects or requirements.

**Section 4.** All members are encouraged to provide additional contributions based on their individual capacity.

## **Article 6 AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** The By-Laws of BAYAN MUNA may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the National Council.