

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Nay Pyi Taw

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**Objectives, term, duties, power, procedures and rights
of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Constitutional
Review Joint Committee**

1. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has formed the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Constitutional Review Joint Committee with Notification No (41/2013) dated 25-7-2013. Objectives, term, authority, procedures and rights (draft) were drawn by the committee with the consensus of Meeting No (1/2013) held on 23-8-2013, exercising power vested by the above-mentioned notification.

2. The draft was approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at 17th day seventh regular session. The objectives, term, duties, power, procedures and rights of the committee are as follows:-

Objectives

3. The joint committee is formed to accomplish the following objectives:-

- (a) Developing the constitution that guarantees perpetuation, stability and development of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;
- (b) Pursuing lasting peace by building up national reconciliation among ethnic groups;
- (c) Maintaining pace of democratic transition drive by the State and its people.

Term of the joint committee

4. The term of the committee is till it submits the report to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Duties of the joint committee

5. Duties of the joint committee are as follows:-

- (a) The joint committee shall review the constitution after taking the historical background of the country, current political, economic and social realities, political maturity of the people, national reconciliation, rule of law and stability into consideration.
- (b) It shall give precedence to provisions that are conducive to the nation and as desired by the people over unprofitable and controversial provisions.
- (c) It shall submit report to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of provisions in the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that do not come into effect in practice.
- (d) It shall focus on democratizing all administrative mechanisms.
- (e) It shall focus on helping emerge a reliable judicial system.
- (f) It shall submit report of findings in separate chapters to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (g) The report of the joint committee shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session.

- (h) Reviews and findings of the joint committee shall be kept secret and are confidential before submission to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The committee shall record and approve meeting minutes in details. The meeting minutes shall not be distributed.
- (i) The joint committee shall submit its report to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw before 31 December, 2013.
- (j) Upon its expiry, the joint committee shall systematically hand over a dossier of all its discussions, assessment, presentation, decisions and reports and documents and records to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Power of the Joint Committee

6. The power of the joint committee is as follows:-

- (a) The joint committee chairman has power to form work committee and teams required for review and assessment of the constitution.
- (b) The joint committee chairman shall summon committee meetings occasionally.
- (c) The joint committee members shall be vested with freedom of expression but without affecting other organizations and exempted from legal punitive actions for such action other than Hluttaw laws and bylaws.
- (d) The meetings of the joint committee shall be valid if more than half of the total number are present.
- (e) Decisions at the joint committee meetings shall be made by the majority of the committee members present at the meetings.
- (f) The joint committee shall demand and photocopy documents required for its works from all departments.
- (g) The joint committee shall seek advices from individuals, organizations and departments described in paragraph 6 of Notification No. 41/2013 of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Procedures

7. The procedures of the joint committee are as follows:-

- (a) The joint committee shall divide itself into small groups, each group to be tasked with reviewing particular section of the 2008 constitution and compiling assessment report the section it reviews.
- (b) The assessment of each small group shall be discussed by other groups at the joint committee meeting.
- (c) After the all-inclusive discussion at the joint committee meeting, the report approved by the majority shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw section by section.

Rights of the Joint Committee

8. The rights of the joint committee are as follows:-

- (a) Members of the joint committee are entitled to same rights like the parliamentarians.
- (b) The joint committee shall have its office, meeting hall, staff, office equipment and transportation and allowances in line with rules and regulations.
- (c) The joint committee shall report to and demand the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker to fulfill its requirements.

Sd/Thura Shwe Mann
Speaker