



EXHIBIT "A"

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Firman of Mowlana Hazar Imam

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To my dear spiritual Children of Dar es Salaam and all over the Continent of Africa I give blessings and Khanavadhan.

I had appointed a special officer to investigate and report on the re-organisation of the Ismailia Association and Mission Centre.

I order that Dar es Salaam Mission Centre be closed at once and to be reorganised afresh.

I have considered the Commission's Report and am satisfied with it. The good work of the Association must go on with great enthusiasm and efficiency.

I am giving you to-day a new Constitution and expect that you will work it conscientiously. If worked carefully with devotion will bring in excellent results as has been the case in other countries. It is now in your hands to reap full benefits for you and your future generation's good.

It will require of you all great courage and hard work.

I shall be very happy if all the Jammats small and big, Officers and layman will help in this great cause.

I have decided to form three independent Associations for whole of Africa. One at Freetown, one at Nairobi and one at Kampala, Zanzibar, the south, Madagascar, and Belgian Congo will be in-corporated with Dar es Salaam.

The work of the Mission Centre as well as the Missionaries and Mission teachers is to be merged into the Ismailia Association. Therefore it is unnecessary to have a separate mission centre.

The Associations are to be called Ismailia Association for Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda respectively and not H. H. The Agakhan Ismailia Association.

The new Constitution of the Associations will be on the lines of the Salvation Army.



Constitution of Ismailia Association for The Continent of Africa

President The Presidents shall be appointed by Mowlana Hazar Imam with authority equivalent to the power and duties of a General. They will select their own colleagues and submit their names with qualifications and designations to Mowlana Hazar Imam who, in His pleasure may appoint such Office-bearers.

Tenure of Office All the Office-bearers including the Presidents shall hold Office during the pleasure of Mowlana Hazar Imam and shall formally tender their resignations every year on 21st of March. Mowlana Hazar Imam may then be pleased to reappoint them, change the members of their offices for the next year. First such change to take place on March 21, 1950.

Decision The Presidents shall be free to consult their colleagues but shall act on their own responsibility in every case and shall be directly responsible to Mowlana Hazar Imam for their act and activities and for the good management of the Associations.

Liaison Officers It shall be the duty of all Officers to reduce references and representations to Mowlana Hazar Imam to a minimum and not to cause Him unnecessary trouble. With this view Mowlana Hazar Imam is pleased to appoint two Liaison-Officers to supervise the workings of the three Associations and generally to assist the Associations in their difficulties. These Liaison Officers shall have the same position as a President directly responsible to Mowlana Hazar Imam.

Commander-In-Chief Mowlana Hazar Imam is pleased to appoint Meeklai with rank equivalent to His World Commander-in-Chief. Presidents of the Associations and Liaison Officers will refer all urgent questions on which they may not be able to act on their own responsibility. Meeklai's decisions on such matters shall be final, subject to revision or appeal to Mowlana Hazar Imam in accordance with Ismaili Traditions.

Rules The necessary rules and regulations and bye-laws of the Associations shall be prepared in conformity with this Constitution by the Presidents of the respective Association in consultation with

their colleagues. The rules shall be subject to approval and sanction by Mowlana Hazar Imam Himself or by anyone deputed by him.

Property & Assets All the property, assets etc. of the Associations wherever and however acquired or collected shall be the property of Mowlana Hazar Imam as the Imam-Zaman of the Ismailis according to the traditions of our Historical Great Faith.

The First Presidents The following are appointed by Mowlana Hazar Imam as the first Presidents of the three Associations.

- (1) Varas Jaffer Ali Megji for Tanganyika.
- (2) Varas Nazeraly Medataly for Kenya
- (3) Varas Hoosainaly Nathoo for Uganda

First Liaison Officers The following are appointed first Liaison Officers:-

- (1) Rai Ismail Mohamed Jaffer
- (2) Ismaili Remtulla Virji.

Branches The Associations shall appoint when necessary their representatives in different towns and cities to form local Associations.

carry out the aims and objects of the Associations.

Aims & Objects The Aims and Objects of the Association are as follows:-

(a) As defined in the existing Constitution of the Associations and also be based on various discussions which took place at the Mission Conferences, held in 1945; and approved and sanctioned by Mowlana Hazar Imam

Territorial Conference It shall be the duty of the Presidents of three Associations to meet once every four months at each centre for a week to discuss and co-ordinate the working of the respective Associations.

Duty of Councils The Ismailia Councils, Provincial, Supreme and Executive shall extend their co-operation to the Associations by helping and facilitating them in their work whenever requested to do so.

Admission Into Our Faith The admission of all new comers to our Faith shall be the duty of the Ismailia Associations and on the receipt of any authorised officer of the Association addressed to Mukhi and Kama'ia in charge of any Jamat in their district shall be

admitted immediately performing Kakan, Chhata-and reciting Kalma.

Exception (1) Exception. This rule shall not apply to Ishmaeries and Muelims in general who shall apply for admission to the Ismailia Councils according to the present rules of our Ismailia Constitution.

Exception (2) Exception. Newly admitted Ismailis who may be of marriageable age and not being to get a partner in the Community will be specially permitted at the discretion of the Association to marry an indigenous person or an Ahal-e-Kitab who by virtue will be accepted as the legal wife of the party concerned.

Breach of Discipline Any breach of discipline or insubordination shall be treated as High Treason for the members of the Associations, Missionaries and the teachers.

President's Decision & Appeal The decision of every President of the Association shall be final and binding on all concerned and shall be acted upon immediately subject to reference to Liaison Officer and to final appeal to Mowlana Hazar Imam.

Ex-Officio For the purpose of co-ordination of the Member of work of the Associations the Presidents Council of the respective Associations shall be ex-officio members of the Provincial and Supreme Councils. If such Presidents be already members of the Council they shall resign their ordinary membership.

Expert's Advice The Provincial, Supreme and Executive Council will be entitled to invite the Liaison Officers for their experience and advice in case of need.

Interpretation of Rules & Precedents In case of a dispute or difference of opinion regarding any rule or bye-law or its meaning and interpretation the question shall be decided in consultation with his colleagues or other office-bearers by the President of the Association whose decision shall be final. Such decisions shall be treated as precedents. All such decisions shall always be subject to reference for revision to the Liaison Officers and final appeal to Mowlana Hazar Imam.

Founding Home The Association shall form a group to look after and make arrangements for the work of the nature of a founding home.

Hazar Imam's Firmans & Publications It shall be the duty of the Association to record collect and collate Firmans of Mowlana Hazar Imam throughout the Continent of Africa and to be incharge of all religious literature, books, publications and school-books.

Annual Budget Every year a budget of the expenses shall be prepared and submitted to Mowlana Hazar Imam for His Gracious consideration and favour of sanction for that year.

Accounts Accounts will be prepared and submitted to Mowlana Hazar Imam or anyone deputed by Him and balance to be returned, if any. The accounts shall be signed by Treasurer, Secretary and President or any one of them.

Changes in Rules In Any changes, alterations or amendments in the Constitution, rules, regulations and bye-laws shall be subject to the approval and sanction of Mowlana Hazar Imam whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned according to the fundamental tenets of our Ismaili Faith.

Missionaries Any Ismaili wishing to volunteer to be a Missionary or teacher either in service or for honorary work shall have to undergo a

course of training and discipline to be prescribed by the Association. It shall be essential for candidates wishing to be missionaries or teachers to have only duties and no rights but the privilege of serving the Imam and Faith. They shall lead a simple life both in dress and outlook and it shall be their primary duty to identify themselves with the hopes and aspirations of the Common man.

No Politics The missionaries and teachers shall not take part in politics nor join any other Association or body of a political or semi-political nature although named as a Cultural Society. It shall be the duty of the Missionary or teacher to care for and look after Ismailis for their religious, social and Cultural uplift.

Gifts & Presents Missionaries shall not accept any presents, gifts or other remuneration or perquisites of any kind directly or indirectly and shall refrain from asking or applying for titles since their duties are of the nature of spiritual soldiers to serve humanity and our Holy Faith

Salaries All payments to professional staff will be subject to deduction of "Dasoud" according to tenets of Ismaili Faith.

Amities in Jamat Every missionary shall refrain from taking sides in the affairs of the Jamat or allow their influence to be used for any officer of the Council or Jamat whatsoever. It shall be their boundened duty to help in every way towards amities of Jamats.

Restriction It shall be the duty of every missionary, teacher, preacher and bhagat not to use

Preaching the pulpit (fat) for any other purpose other than pure religious discourse. No criticism of any person individual, Association or institution is permitted. In all circumstances the constitution of our Jamat as sanctioned by Mowlana Hazar Imam must be respected.

Certificates No missionary, teacher, preacher or bhagat will be allowed to preach, teach or make speeches without a proper certificate issued by the Association duly signed by its Officer and valid for that period.

Examinations Periodical examinations will be held for the duties of a missionary, teacher, preacher and bhagat and if the candidate is found proficient in the knowledge in which he appears he will be granted necessary certificates.

Examiners The examination will be taken by the person appointed as examiner by the Association but who must be other than the person teaching the class or individual. The examination may be oral or written or both.

Wives of Missionaries, teachers and preachers when **Preachers** on duty shall not be accompanied by their wives or children nor be guests of the Jamats as to be a burden to such Jamats.

Moral Terptitude Any person holding the post or office or position of a missionary, teacher, preacher, secretary, treasurer or President shall be debarred from holding such office if convicted of a crime of moral turpitude.

Application of Rules A missionary, preacher, teacher or bhagat whether paid or honorary shall be subject to the constitution rules and regulations and bye-laws present as well as future of the Association.

Departmental Enquiries Any missionary, teacher, preacher or bhagat who contravenes the Jamate rules, customs or conventions can be brought before the Ismailia Council as any other Ismaili according to the Ismailia Constitution. At the time of such an enquiry the President of the Association

shall sit in such Councils with the original or appellate as ex-officio member. Any complaints against the missionary etc. will have to be dealt with departmentally only.

Dress During the time of duties of all missionaries, teachers and preachers they shall wear caps or turbans.

Tour Programme The Association will give a tour to missionaries and preachers in the country and change and alter the programme according to the circumstances and needs of the various Jamats. It is hoped that Jamats will extend all courtesy and help to the missionaries in the discharge of duties.

Suggestions For Reforms Should it be found necessary for any missionary, preacher or teacher to suggest any change, improvement or amendment in any of our customs, religious or otherwise, he should submit his suggestions to the Association who will discuss and study the same and submit it for approval and sanction to Mowlan Hazar Inami.

Period of Training The full course for a properly qualified missionary is for three years for a student of two years and for any student or public twelve months.

Qualifications of Applicants The qualification of the person taking such a course will be proficiency in speaking and writing Gujarati, English, Urdu, Persian, Arabic and Kiswahili. Any of the two languages are essential while any other two languages may be known as second languages.

The course consists of following books:-

Course & Studies All the Ginas of our Pirs to be read and relevant portions to be thoroughly studied and discoursed upon. In addition to our Ginas, Ismaili Publications of Islamic Research Association and Ismaili Society, Noor-un-Mubin, the translation of the Koran by any author but particularly recommended by us is translations by Rodwell, Palmer, Pithecl, Asphari and Yusufali. The spirit of Islam by Amiral, History of Saracen by Amiral, Preaching of Islam by T. W. Arnold, Hadiths by T. W. Arnold, History of Islam by Grunwald, extracts from Bible and Gita by any author to be studied.

Intense Study It is enjoined upon pupils and Essential candidates to make intense study and practice. An examination will be held to test the proficiency of the students o

what they must have digested or learnt from these books.

For the Schools special short course will be prepared on the lines of the present Indian Course.

Libraries:- Mowlana Hazar Imam is graciously pleased to command and direct that all H. H. The Agakhan Ismailia Libraries in Africa come under the Jurisdiction and management of the Ismailia Associations in their respective Provinces as from September 1st 1948. Necessary amendments be made in the Ismailia Councils Rules and Constitutions to that effect.

Form Of Membership.

I.....am
desirous of being a member-missionary-teacher
apprentice-of your Association in accordance with the
Constitution, rules, regulations and by-laws present
and future and give my solemn undertaking to
faithfully carry them out to the best of my ability.

I am an Ismaili follower of Mowlana
Hazar Inam, His Highness The Aga Khan,
Imame-Zaman.

I have carefully read Constitution, rules
and regulations and have understood the meaning and
implication of the same.

I abide by the above undertaking.

Signature:

Address:

Profession Or Business:

Proposed By:

Seconded By:

Approved And Passed by

The President: