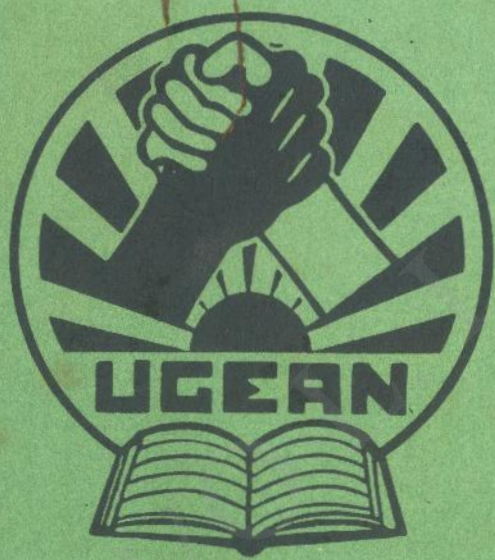


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## INTRODUCTION

The Constituent Congress of the UGEAN under Portuguese Colonial Domination is a great victory for the students from African countries colonized by Portugal, a victory over the obscurantist forces of the Portuguese colonial-fascist regime. Held under the slogan: "All Students Unite in the Fight Against Colonialism", this Congress was a rallying cry for the students of Angola, Cape Verde, 'Portuguese' Guinea, Mozambique, S. Thomé and Príncipe to redouble their efforts and make a greater contribution to the fight for real unconditional national independence for our countries. UGEAN will thus become the combat organisation for all students from the Portuguese African colonies. It will be the co-ordinating body for the activities of the mass of African students until final achievement of those liberties to which we are entitled within the international student community.

Executive Comm

## **GENERAL UNION OF STUDENTS OF BLACK AFRICA UNDER PORTUGUESE COLONIAL DOMINATION**

Preamble: We, the representatives of the students of Angola, "Portuguese" Guinea, Cape Verde, Mozambique, S. Thomé and Principe,

after an objective analysis of our national liberation struggle,

after being alerted to the pressing need to mobilise all our resources in an anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist fighting front,

in an energetic effort to overcome the forces making for inertia, such as chauvinism and over-estimation of local interests,

have decided to create the **GENERAL UNION OF STUDENTS OF BLACK AFRICA UNDER PORTUGUESE COLONIAL DOMINATION**, as the only form of organisation which can serve our common cause as well as its particular aspects.

### **I. NAME AND AIMS**

Art. 1. The African students from Portuguese colonies have formed an association called: **UNION GENERAL DES ETUDIANTS D'AFRIQUE NOIRE SOUS DOMINATION COLONIALE PORTUGAISE** (General Union of Students of Black Africa under Portuguese Colonial Domination), U.G.E.A.N. for short, with its headquarters in Rabat.

**Art. 2. The aims of the UGEAN:**

- a) To promote among all students an awareness of the true nature of Portuguese colonialism, of its retrograde and fascist character, directed against the interests of our peoples.
- b) To strengthen our peoples' fight against Portuguese colonialism in order to attain complete, true and unconditional independence.
- c) To fight energetically for normal conditions of study for the young people of the African countries under Portuguese domination, as part of the building and the progress of these countries.
- d) To build actively a spirit of unity and solidarity among the students of African countries under Portuguese domination.
- e) To make a contribution to the unity of all African students and to increase the contribution of students to the struggle for unity and progress throughout their Continent.
- f) To promote among its members respect and support for the spirit of peace and friendship among students and young people all over the world.

**Art. 3.** UGEAN is a "non-political" organisation but it reserves to itself the right to take a stand on the economic, social and political situation in the African countries under Portuguese domination, and on African and international problems generally.

## II. COMPOSITION AND DISCIPLINE

Art. 4. UGEAN is composed of:

- a) active members
- b) honorary members.

Art. 5. Active members include: a) students at institutions of higher education, b) students following specialist courses, c) students at institutions of secondary and technical education.

Art. 6. Any persons or bodies who have made a contribution to the work of UGEAN may be accorded honorary membership by the Executive Committee of UGEAN.

Art. 7. Loss of membership will be voted at death, resignation, or expulsion.

Art. 8. Expulsion from membership may not be decided on political, religious, racial or tribal grounds; but only on account of activities harmful to the common interest and the general line adopted by Congress. Expulsion from membership may be proposed to the Executive Committee by the General Assembly of any local section, by a majority votem of two-thirds of the active registered members.

Special paragraph: The member in question may appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee to Congress whose decision is then final.

## III. CONGRESS

Art. 9. Congress is the legislative organ and the supreme body of UGEAN. It is composed of members elected by the active members of local sections.

Art. 10. Votes in Congress are allotted to the delegations of local sections according to the following scale:

3 — 5 members	1 vote
2 — 10 "	2 votes
11 — 20 "	3 votes
21 — 30 "	4 votes
31 — 50 "	5 votes
51 — 75 "	6 votes
76 — 100 "	7 votes
101 — 150 "	8 votes
151 — 200 "	9 votes.

Art. 11. No section may send more delegates to Congress than the number of votes to which the section is entitled. The Executive Committee may, for material reasons, limit the number of delegates from a section.

Art. 12. Congress meets, in principle, every two years in Africa, during the summer vacation; is it convened by the Executive Committee.

Special paragraph: An Extraordinary Congress may be convened by the EC or at the request of two thirds of the active members of UGEAN.

Art. 13. The Agenda of an Ordinary Congress is drawn up by the EC, and the latter will advise the sections of it before June 1st.

Art. 14. Congress decisions are taken on the basis of an absolute majority. All delegates are advised of them and participate personally in the Congress sessions.

Special paragraph: No section is allowed to representation by proxy.

Art. 15. Congress directs the general orientation of UGEAN activities, hears the reports of its bodies and decides whether or not to accept them.

Congress elects the leading organs.

Art. 16. Congress is valid according to the Constitution only if composed of at least half the number of member sections plus one.

#### IV. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Art. 17. The Administrative Council is composed of eleven members elected by Congress in secret ballot by an absolute majority at the first count and a relative majority at the second count.

Art. 18. The Administrative Council meets at least three times in the period between two Congresses:

- a) for the first time, immediately after election;
- b) for the second time, on the eve of the next Congress;
- c) for the third time, in the course of Congress.

Art. 19. The Administrative Council, which is responsible to Congress, supervises the execution and interpretation of Congress decisions. It supervises the work of the Executive Committee and the correct use of the Union's property and funds. The Administrative Council elects from among its number the president and other members of the Executive Committee.

Special paragraph: The members of the Administrative Council are elected among full members of Congress who have therefore the right to vote.



## V. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Art. 20. The Executive Committee is composed of five members of the Administrative Council, elected by the latter:

- a) the President of UGEAN;

- b) the Vice-President for Foreign Affairs;

- c) the Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs;

- d) the Vice-President for Press and Information;

- e) the General Secretary, in charge of the Treasury.

Art. 21. The President of UGEAN represents the organisation before the law and in all civil matters. He sees that decisions which have been taken are carried out. He chairs the EC meetings and those of the Administrative Council.

Special paragraph: If the President is not present his place is taken by the Vice-President for Foreign Affairs.

Art. 22. The Vice-President for Foreign Affairs sees that UGEAN is represented in all African or international campaigns where its participation is considered necessary.

Art. 23. The Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs deals with all problems of material life and better study conditions for students, as well as problems of their harmonious intellectual development (scholarships, cultural exchanges anti-illiteracy campaigns, social services, financial loans, sport etc.).

Art. 24. The Vice-President for Press and Information deals with the publication of slogans and of the general line, as well as any publications, debates and conferences.

Art. 25. The General Secretary, in charge of the Treasury, deals with the internal administration of the Union. It is his duty to ensure that minutes are recorded of meetings

of the AC and EC. In his capacity as Treasurer he is responsible for collecting Union funds.

Art. 26. The decision of the EC are taken on a simple relative majority.

Art. 27. Any member of the EC who subject of a vote of non-confidence by the AC is bound to resign his position.

Special paragraph: The same ruling applies to the whole of the Executive Committee, if the voting shows an absolute majority of the members of the AC against.

Art. 28. Three members of the EC form the necessary quorum for decisions to be valid.

## VI. LOCAL SECTIONS

Art. 29. The students in each town, in higher, secondary and technical educational institutions, are grouped in sections of UGEAN.

a) Each section should consist of at least three active members.

b) If this number cannot be reached, students can be admitted to the nearest section.

Art. 30. The decisions taken by the directing bodies of the Union must be implemented by the sections. The EC should send a warning to any sections that fail to carry out decisions. If the work of a section continues poor, even after receipt of a warning, a reprimand can be sent by the EC.

Art. 31. Sections enjoy financial autonomy. A percentage fixed by the AC is taken from receipts.

Art. 32. Sections should pay attention to the training of cadres and to the formation of Working Committees to study specific problems.

## VII. FINANCES, CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION, DISOLUTION

Art. 33. The level of subscription rates for each section is determined by the AC. Funds may also be acquired from official grants, legacies, donations, and from property belonging to UGEAN.

Art. 34. This Constitution can only be modified by Congress with a majority of two-thirds.

Special paragraph: A modification may always be made in the event of the situation in the African countries under Portuguese domination permitting the establishment of new forms of organisation among African students.

Art. 35. Dissolution of UGEAN can only be pronounced by Congress on a two-thirds majority, which should represent two-thirds of the sections represented, and three-fifths of the active membership.

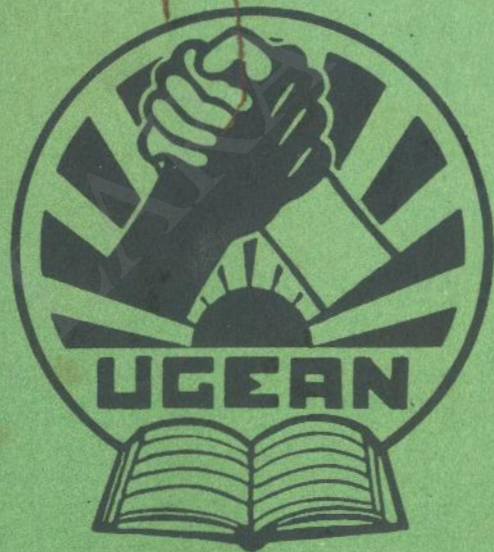
Special paragraph: Congress will appoint one or more commissioners whose duty it will be to liquidate the property and distribute the assets of the Union in accordance with the decisions of Congress.

## VIII. GENERAL RULINGS

Art. 36. Matters omitted from, or not provided for, by this Constitution, will be decided by the EC, acting on the advice of the AC.

Art. 37. This Constitution will come into force on its adoption by Congress.

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