SAARC CCI Constitution
Amended in 2008-09

Presented by 3-Member Committee comprising
Mr. Zubair Ahmed Malik (Chairman) and Mr. Hulas Chand Golchha
and Mr. Chandi Raj Dhakal (Members).

Approved by: 41st EC Meeting held Jan-13, 2008 in New Delhi, India

Endorsed by: 13th GA held on February 13, 2009 in Katmandu, Nepal
## Annexure-B.
Abstract from amended and old constitution of SCCI

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c. For Associate Membership;

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8-b&c GENERAL ASSEMBLY
b. It shall be composed of 128 members having 16 members nominated by each National Body, including the 2 on the Executive Committee as provided for hereinafter in the Article 16(a).
   The sitting President of the National Body will be ex-officio member of Executive Committee (Formation of General Assembly comprise 7 direct members and 9 from Executive Committee which will be equals to 16 members).

c. The leader of the National Delegation to the EC and GA meetings will be the Vice President of SCCI representing National Member Body of that country.

General Assembly
b. It shall be composed of 84 members having 12 members nominated by each National Body, including the 7 on the Executive Committee as provided for hereinafter in the Article 16(a).
   The sitting President of the National Body will be ex-officio member of Executive Committee.

c. The leader of the National Delegation to the EC and GA meetings will be the Vice President of SCCI from that country.
**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

a. Elect the first President of SAARC Chamber. Thereafter, the Presidency shall rotate from among the nominees of the Member Bodies of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan respectively. In case, the member opt not to nominate President, the term will automatically go to the next country on the rotation.

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**COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

a) Composition

i. The Executive Committee shall consist of up to 72 members. Each National Body shall have the right to nominate 8 members, including one Vice President and two Associate Members; President of the National Body shall be the ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

ii. Composition of 8 nominated EC members shall include one female member to EC.

iii. In the absence of the nominated members, each National Body shall be entitled to appoint alternates to the meetings of the Executive Committee, excepting for the posts of President/Senior Vice President/Vice President, as the case may be. The alternate, shall have the same rights as the nominated member at that meeting.

b) In addition to the 72 Members provided for in (a) above, the Immediate Past President and Immediate Vice Presidents of SCCI shall be the ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

c) Upon Senior Vice President taking over as President, the nominating National Body shall nominate one of its nominees as a Vice President.

d) The President of the SCCI may at any time co-opt up to eleven persons from any one National Body into the Executive Committee in addition to the existing members nominated by the Member Bodies.
(11) persons (with a maximum of two persons from any one National Body into the Executive Committee in addition to the existing members nominated by the Member Bodies. However, co-option shall be made with written consent of President National Member Body.

### 27. Permanent Subscription for Membership

The amount of the total annual subscription for membership of the SAARC Chamber shall be fixed by the General Assembly and it will be contributed to by each National Body payable as per following formula:

1. India & Pakistan each 25%
2. Bangladesh, Nepal & Sri Lanka each 11.91%
3. Afghanistan, Bhutan & Maldives each 4.76%

The subscription shall be payable in internationally convertible currencies, and shall become due on the 1st day of January every year, and shall be paid by the Member by the 30th June of that calendar year.

### Glossary

- SAARC Member Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka)
- SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)
- SCCI (SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
- LDC (Least Developed Countries)
- NMBs (National Member Bodies)
- ACCI (Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
- FBCCI (Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- BCCI (Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry)
- FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- MNCCI (Maldives National Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- FNCCI (Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- FPCCI (Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- FCCISL (Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka)
- Patron Member (Individuals/corporate bodies of SAARC Member Countries)
- Life Members (Individuals Members from SAARC Member Countries)
- Annual Members (Both Corporate and Individual Members of SAARC Member Countries)
- Associate Members (National Level Chambers/Confederation/Federation and Trade Association other than NLMBs)
- GA (General Assembly)
- EC (Executive Committee)