

CHARTER OF LOCAL AUTONOMY

A National Framework for Fiscal & Political Devolution

"Power is not a gift from the center to the regions, but a right of the people to govern their own communities."

Article I: Political Autonomy

1.1 Democratic Mandate: Local councils and Mayors derive their authority directly from their electors and are not subordinate agents of the central government.

1.2 Constitutional Shield: The powers of local government are entrenched within the Written Constitution and cannot be revoked by a simple majority in Westminster.

Article II: Financial Empowerment

2.1 Tax Autonomy: Local authorities are empowered to set and vary local tax rates to meet the specific needs of their residents.

2.2 Equalization: A National Equalization Fund shall be maintained to ensure that less wealthy regions can provide the same quality of essential services as wealthier areas.