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Tentative Draft Resolution to be placed before the
National Convention of the Swatantra Party

1. The National Convention of the Swatantra Party has carefully considered the proposal placed before it by the President and some other members that the Swatantra Party be dissolved in order to facilitate the formation of a new Party. The Convention has noted that, of the seven parties that are expected to be dissolved in a similar manner, the Swatantra Party alone is a national party.

The Convention also notes the plea advanced in favour of the proposal that this will facilitate the emergence of a two party system along with its electoral benefits and that the new Party would provide a National Alternative.

2. On the other hand, the Convention notes the strong opposition to this wide sections of proposal from the Party membership in various parts of the country on the ground that the proposed new Party will not provide or even promote the emergence of a two party system, that the disadvantages of a split electoral vote under the present electoral system will continue, that the leadership of the new Party, by reason of the record of some of its leading members, will not carry credibility with the people of India and that as a result the proposal should be rejected.

Those who oppose the move also hold the view that the principles and policies of the Swatantra Party continue to be as valid today as when they were formulated in 1959 and 1960 and that, had they been the policies of the Union Government, our country would not be in the present critical situation.

3. In keeping with the spirit of the Swatantra Party's principle of providing freedom of choice and freedom of expression to various points of view within its ranks and in order to provide opportunities for functioning to those who hold these two conflicting points of view and to facilitate a decision by consensus, the Convention resolves that the Swatantra Party be and is hereby converted into a non-party organisation which will be named The Swatantra Seva Sangh, devoted to the pursuit of educative and constructive activities in furtherance of the principles of the Swatantra Party and which will eschew electoral and parliamentary activities at both the Union and State levels.
4. Through Swatantra ceasing to be a party and becoming a service organisation it will be possible both for those who wish to join the proposed new Party to do so with a good conscience and for those who wish to continue to educate the people of India about the validity of the principles of the Swatantra Party and to serve the people of India in a constructive manner to do so in their own way.

5. The Convention further resolves that the present Constitution of the Party be replaced by Rules which shall be framed and adopted at a meeting of those delegates who wish to join the Swatantra Seva Sangh which is being called on 6th August 1974 in New Delhi to adopt these Rules and elect Office-Bearers. The office bearers of the Swatantra Party and its National Headquarters are requested to take all necessary steps to implement this resolution.