

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NIGERIAN SECURITY SYSTEMS SURVEILLANCE REGULATORY COMMISSION TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 PART 1 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN SURVEILLANCE CAMERA
2 SYSTEMS REGULATORY COMMISSION AND ITS GOVERNING COUNCIL

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as Nigerian
4 Security Systems Surveillance Regulatory Commission (in this Bill referred
5 to as "the Commission") which:

Establishment of
the Nigerian
Security Systems
Surveillance
Regulatory
Commission

6 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a
7 common seal;

8 (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name;

9 (c) the Deputy Executive Chairman of Nigerian Communications
10 Commission or his representative; and

11 (d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Interior or
12 his representative;

13 2.-(1) There is hereby established for the Commission, a Governing
14 Council which shall consist of:

Establishment of
the Governing
Council

15 (a) a chairman who shall be appointed by the President on the
16 recommendation of the Minister;

17 (b) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of
18 Communications or his representative;

19 (c) one person to represent the Nigerian Society of Engineers;

1 (d) one person to represent Nigerian Bar Association; and
2 (e) the Director-General of the Commission.

3 (2) A member of the Council other than the Chairman, shall be
4 appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the body, if any, he
5 represents.

6 (3) Members of the Council shall be paid such allowances as the
7 Federal Government may, from time to time, approve.

8 (4) Provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with
9 respect to the proceedings of the Council and other matters mentioned
10 therein.

Tenure of office

11 3. -(1) A member of the Council appointed, otherwise than by
12 office, shall hold office for a term of four years, and subject to the provisions
13 of subsection (2) of this section, be eligible for reappointment for only one
14 further term of four years.

15 (2) The office of a member of the Council shall become vacant if:

16 (a) he resigns as a member of the Council by notice in writing
17 under his hand addressed to the Minister; or

18 (b) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the
19 Commission for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the
20 member in writing to that effect.

Removal from
office of member
of the Council

21 4.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council,
22 other than an ex-officio member, should be removed from office on the
23 grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the
24 Council shall make recommendation to the President.

25 (2) If the President approves the recommendation, the Minister
26 shall, in writing, declare the office of such a member vacant.

27 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this
28 section, the President may remove any member of the Council if he is
29 satisfied that it is in the public interest so to do.

1 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

2 5. The commission shall have the following functions:

Functions of the
Commission

3 (a) To regulate and control the installation, operation and
4 management of surveillance camera systems in public places;

5 (b) To compile standard specifications of surveillance camera
6 systems to be used in public places;

7 (c) To provide guidelines for operation of surveillance camera
8 systems in public places;

9 (d) To undertake periodic inspection of public places to ensure
10 compliance with this Bill;

11 (e) To undertake registration and issuance of certificate of
12 compliance to public places;

13 (f) To establish and maintain relevant databank or other institutions
14 in strategic areas in Nigeria as may be necessary for the performance of its
15 functions under this Bill;

16 (g) To advice Federal, State and Local Governments and other
17 interested bodies regarding the standard specifications, guidelines and other
18 regulatory provisions on surveillance camera systems;

19 (h) To undertake and co-ordinate research programmes on the
20 installation, operation and management of surveillance camera systems;

21 (i) To obtain, gather, compile, publish and share where necessary
22 data generated from the performance of its functions under this Bill or from
23 other sources;

24 (j) To liase with other relevant establishments within or without
25 Nigeria in pursuance of its functions;

26 (k) To carry out such other activities as are necessary or expedient
27 for the performance of its functions under this Bill.

28 6. The Council Shall:

Functions of the
Council

29 (a) Advise the Federal Government generally on the national
30 policies on the regulation of installation, operation and management of

- 1 surveillance camera systems in public places;
- 2 (b) Designate and establish standard specifications in respect of
- 3 surveillance camera systems necessary for certification of compliance;
- 4 (c) Establish relevant guidelines and measures for operation of
- 5 surveillance camera systems in conformity with the Commission's standard
- 6 specifications;
- 7 (d) Appoint, promote and discipline employees of the Commission;
- 8 (e) Establish committees as may be expedient and charged them with
- 9 specific functions;
- 10 (f) Establish appropriate programmes for the quality, safety and use of
- 11 surveillance camera systems;
- 12 (g) Encourage and promote activities related to standard
- 13 specifications and guidelines on usage of surveillance camera systems in
- 14 public places;
- 15 (h) Utilize data from research, experiments, surveys and studies by
- 16 public or private agencies and organizations concerning installation, operation
- 17 and management of surveillance camera systems in public places and such
- 18 other matters related to this Bill as the Commission may, from time to time,
- 19 determine as necessary or useful;
- 20 (i) Establish, encourage and promote training programmes for the
- 21 employees of the Commission.
- 22 (j) Carry out such other activities which are connected with its
- 23 functions.
- 24 **7. The Council shall have power:**
- 25 (a) To open and operate ordinary and domiciliary accounts for the
- 26 Commission in recognized banking institutions in Nigeria;
- 27 (b) Subject to section 8 of this Bill, to specify the management system
- 28 of the Commission, including financial approval ceilings for officers of the
- 29 Commission;
- 30 (c) To enter into agreement with public or private organizations and

1 individuals to develop, utilize, co-ordinate and share such information and
2 data as is determined to be appropriate by the Council for the performance of
3 its functions under the Bill;

4 (d) To do such other things as are necessary for the performance of
5 its functions under this Bill.

6 PART III - STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION

7 8. The Commission shall have:

Structure of the
Commission

8 (a) An Administration and Finance Directorate to be headed by a
9 Director;

10 (b) A Planning, Research and Statistics Directorate to be headed by
11 a Director;

12 (c) A Data Collation, Usage and Sharing Directorate to be headed
13 by a Director;

14 (d) A Regulatory and Registration Directorate to be headed by a
15 Director;

16 (e) An Inspectorate and Compliance Directorate to be headed by a
17 Director;

18 (f) A Legal Directorate to be headed by a Director, who shall serve
19 as the secretary of the Commission;

20 (g) Such other Directorates as may be required for the performance
21 of the functions of the Commission.

22 PART IV - STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

23 9.-(1) There shall be appointed for the Commission by the
24 President, on the recommendation of the Minister, a Director-General who
25 shall be a person with good knowledge of installation, operation and
26 management of surveillance camera systems.

Appointment of
Director-General
and other staff of
the Commission

27 (2) The Director-General shall:

28 (a) be the Chief Executive of the Commission;

29 (b) be responsible for the day-to-day administration and
30 accounting officer of the Commission; and

1 (c) under the supervision and control of the Chairman and the
2 Council.

3 (3) The Director-General shall hold office for a period of four years on
4 such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment and
5 be eligible for re-appointment for another period of four years.

6 (4) The Council may, from time to time, appoint such other persons as
7 members of staff of the Commission as it may deem necessary, to assist the
8 Commission in the performance of its functions under this Bill.

9 (5) Members of staff of the Commission appointed under section (4)
10 of this section shall be appointed on terms and conditions of service as the
11 Council may, after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission,
12 determine.

13 (6) Members of staff of the Commission shall be public officers as
14 defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.

Pension

15 10.-(1) Service in the Commission shall be approved service for the
16 purpose of the Pensions Act and, accordingly, officers and other persons
17 employed in the Commission shall be entitled to pensions, gratuity and other
18 benefits as are prescribed thereunder.

19 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section,
20 the Commission may appoint a person to any office on terms and conditions
21 which preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits to
22 that office.

23 (3) For the purpose of application of the provisions of the Pensions
24 Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the
25 Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under
26 section 23 thereof, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the
27 Commission and not by any other person or authority.

Removal and
discipline of
senior staff

28 11.-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing
29 that any person employed as a member of the senior staff of the Commission,
30 other than the Director-General, should be removed from office on grounds of

1 misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council
2 shall:

3 (a) give notice of those reasons to the person concerned;

4 (b) afford the person an opportunity of making representation on
5 the matter to the Council; and

(c) if the person concerned or any three members of the Council so
request within the period of one month from the date of the notice, make
arrangement:

(i) for a committee of the Council to investigate the matter and
10 report on it to the Council; and

11 (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of
12 appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee on the
13 matter.

14 (2) If the Council, after considering the report of the investigating
15 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as
16 aforesaid, the Council may remove the person concerned by an instrument
17 in writing signed for the Council.

18 (3) The Director-General of the Commission may, in a case of
19 misconduct by a member of staff which in the opinion of the Director-
20 General is prejudicial to the interest of the Council, suspend such a member
21 of staff and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

22 (4) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from
23 office or his appointment may be terminated by the Council.

24 (5) Good cause for the purposes of subsection (4) of this section
25 means:

26 (a) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
27 obtaining medical advice, considers to render the person concerned unfit for
28 the discharge of the function of his office; or

29 (b) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the
30 Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to

1 continue to hold his office; or

2 (c) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute
3 failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the function of his
4 office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

5 (6) Any person suspended pursuant to this section shall be placed on
6 half pay and the Council shall within three months from the date of such
7 suspension decide the case against that person as to:

8 (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what
9 terms;

10 (b) whether to reinstate such person to his office, in which case the
11 Council shall restore his full entitlements to him with effect from the date of the
12 suspension;

13 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person in question in
14 which case such a person shall not be entitled to the portion of his emolument
15 withheld during the period of the suspension; or

16 (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person
17 as the Council may determine.

18 (7) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to
19 continue a person's suspension or to take further disciplinary action against
20 such a person, the Council shall, within three months from such decision, take a
21 final decision in respect of the case concerning that person.

22 (8) It shall be the duty of any person who signed the instrument of
23 removal by virtue of this section to serve or cause to be served on the person
24 concerned, a copy of the instrument.

25 (9) Notwithstanding the forgoing provisions of this section, the
26 Council may, from time to time, make such regulations for the discipline of
27 other categories of staff and workers of the Council as it may deem fit.

28 **12.-(1)** If any junior member of staff is accused of misconduct or
29 inefficiency, the Director-General may suspend him for not more than three
30 months and forthwith shall refer the matter to the Junior Staff Disciplinary

1 Committee to:

2 (a) consider the case; and

3 (b) make recommendation as to the appropriate action to be taken

4 by the Director-General.

5 (2) In all cases under this section, the junior member of staff shall
be informed in writing of the accusations against him and be given
reasonable opportunity to defend himself.

6 (3) The Director-General may, after considering the
recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section,
7 dismiss, terminate, retire or downgrade the junior member of staff
8 concerned.

9 (4) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Director-General
10 under sub-section (3) of this section may, within twenty one days from the
11 date of the receipt of the decision, address a petition to the Council to
12 reconsider his case and the Council's decision thereon shall be final.

13 PART V - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

14 13.-(1) The Commission shall establish a fund from which shall be
15 defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission for the purpose of this
16 Bill.

Fund of the
Commission

17 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund of the Commission:

18 (a) fees charged for the services rendered by the commission;

19 (b) all sums accruing to the Commission by way of gifts,
20 endowments, bequests or other voluntary contributions by persons and
21 organizations;

22 (c) foreign aid and assistance from bilateral Commissions;

23 (d) subventions and extra-budgetary allocations from the Federal
24 Government; and

25 (e) such sums as may, from time to time, be credited to the fund by
26 way of interest from investments made from the fund.
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Expenditure of the Commission	1	14. The Commission shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its
	2	disposal to:
	3	(a) cost of establishing and maintaining its head office and other
	4	offices located in Nigeria;
	5	(b) pay allowances and other benefits of members of the Council and
	6	its committees;
	7	(c) pay emoluments and entitlements of the Director-General and
	8	other members of staff of the Commission;
	9	(d) pay personnel, overhead, allowances, benefits and other
	10	administrative costs of the Commission;
	11	(e) training of members of staff of the Commission;
	12	(f) provide scholarship and awards for specialized training of
	13	personnel;
	14	(g) publicize and promote the activities of the Commission; and
	15	(h) undertake any other activity in connection with all or any of the
	16	functions of the Commission.
Exemption from income tax	17	15. All income and contributions derived by the Commission from
	18	the sources specified in section 13 (2) of this Bill shall be exempt from tax.
Capital production income	19	16. Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Commission may
	20	invest by joint venture, partnership, shareholding or as sole proprietor, as the
	21	case may be, and the net incomes so generated shall be paid into the fund of the
	22	Commission.
Disposal of surplus funds	23	17. Notwithstanding the provision of section 16 of this Bill, the
	24	Minister may issue to the Commission directives as he may think necessary as
	25	to disposal of any surplus funds of the Commission.
Annual estimate	26	18. The Council shall submit to the Minister, not later than 3rd
	27	October each year, its programme of work and estimates of its income and
	28	expenditure for the following year.
Accounts and audits	29	19. -(1)The Council shall keep proper accounts and records of the
	30	Commission.

1 (2) The accounts of the Commission shall be audited, not later than
2 six months after the end of the year to which it relates, by auditors appointed
3 by the Commission from the list of auditors and in accordance with the
4 guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

5 20. The Commission shall prepare and submit to the Minister, not Annual report
6 later than 30th June in each year, a report on the activities of the Commission
7 during the immediately preceding year, and shall include in such report a
8 copy of the audited accounts of the Commission for that year and the
9 auditor's report thereon.

10 PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS

11 21. For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for Office and
12 the performance of its functions, the Commission may, subject to the Land premises
13 use Act:

14 (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, building or
15 property;

16 (b) sell or lease out any office or premises held by it that is no
17 longer required for the performance of its functions under this Bill; and

18 (c) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

19 22.-(1) The Commission may, from time to time, borrow by Power to borrow
20 overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its
21 functions under this Bill.

22 (2) The Commission shall not, without the approval of the
23 Minister, borrow money which exceeds the limit set by the Minister.

24 (3) Notwithstanding sub-section (1) of this section, where the sum
25 to be borrowed is in foreign currency the Commission shall not borrow the
26 sum without prior approval of the Minister.

27 23.-(1) The Commission may accept gift of land, money or other Power to accept
28 properties, upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by gifts
29 the person or organization making the gift.

30 (2) The Commission shall not accept any gift if the conditions

1 attached by the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with the
2 functions of the Commission.

Power to enter
and inspect
public places

3 **24.-(1)** An officer of the Commission may, in the course of his duty, at
4 any reasonable time and on the production of his certificate of designation if so
5 required:

6 (a) enter (if need be by force) any public place which he reasonably
7 believes has not installed, poorly operate or mismanaged surveillance camera
8 systems as required under this Bill or any regulation made thereunder;

9 (b) inspect and ascertain the proper installation, operation and
10 management or otherwise of surveillance camera systems in public places as
11 required under this Bill or any regulation made thereunder;

12 (c) seize and detain as may be necessary for the purpose of this Bill
13 any surveillance camera systems which he reasonably believes has not
14 complied with this Bill or regulations made thereunder; and

15 (d) examine any book, document or other records found on public
16 places which he reasonably believes may contain any information relevant to
17 the enforcement of this Bill and make copies thereof or extracts therefrom.

18 (2) The proprietor or person in charge of any public place entered by
19 an officer of the Commission in pursuant of this section, and every person
20 found thereon, shall give all reasonable assistance in their power to the officer
21 and shall make available to the officer all such information as the officer may
22 reasonably require for the purposes of this Bill.

23 (3) Any surveillance camera systems seized under this Bill shall be
24 kept or stored in such a place as the officer of the Commission may direct and
25 shall be returned to the proprietor or the person in charge of the public place
26 from whom it was seized if the surveillance camera systems upon examination
27 is found to conform with this Bill or regulations made thereunder.

28 (4) Any surveillance camera systems seized by an officer of the
29 Commission pursuant to this Bill or regulations made thereunder may be
30 submitted to an examiner for examination and the examiner upon making such

1 examination shall issue a certificate or report in the prescribed form setting
2 forth the result of such examination, and the officer of the Commission shall
3 on demand deliver a copy of such certificate or report to the proprietor or
4 person in charge of public place from whom the surveillance camera system
5 was seized if the surveillance camera system is to be the subject of a
6 proceeding under this Bill.

7 25.-(1) Any person who obstructs any officer of the Commission in Offences
8 the performance of his duties under section 24 of this Bill shall be guilty of
9 an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of N250,000 or to imprisonment
10 for term not exceeding five years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

11 (2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Bill or any
12 regulation made thereunder is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction
13 to the penalties specified in this Bill or any regulation made thereunder.

14 (3) Where no penalty has been specified by this Bill or any
15 regulation made thereunder, the person shall be liable on conviction to a fine
16 of N500,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or both
17 such fine and imprisonment.

18 (4) Where an offence under this Bill or any regulation made
19 thereunder which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have
20 been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to
21 any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar
22 officers of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any of those
23 capacities, he, as well as the body corporate, shall be guilty of the offence
24 and liable on conviction to a fine of N750,000.00.

25 (5) The Federal High Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to try
26 offences under this Bill.

27 26.-(1) Subject to section 174 of the Constitution of the Federal
28 Republic of Nigeria, 1999 which relates to the power of the Attorney-
29 General of the Federation to institute, continue or discontinue criminal
30 proceedings against any person in a court of law, any officer of the
Conduct of proceedings

1 Commission may, with the consent of the Attorney-General of the Federation,
2 conduct criminal proceedings in respect of offences under this Bill or
3 regulations made thereunder.

4 (2) In a judicial proceeding for an offence under this Bill or any
5 regulation made under it, the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act or the
6 Criminal Procedure Code, depending on the venue, shall, with such
7 modifications as the circumstance may require, apply in respect of such matter
8 to the same extent as they apply to the trial of offences generally.

Legal proceedings

9 27.-(1) No suit shall be commenced against the Commission before
10 the expiration of one month after written notice of intention to commence the
11 suit shall have been served on the Commission by the intending plaintiff or his
12 agent.

13 (2) The notice under sub-section (1) of this section shall clearly and
14 explicitly states:

15 (a) the cause of action;

16 (b) the particulars of the claim;

17 (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and

18 (d) the relief which he claims.

19 (3) The notice referred to in sub-section (1) of this section and any
20 summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the
21 Commission under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law,
22 may be served by:

23 (a) delivering the same to the Director-General; or

24 (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the Director-General at
25 the head office of the Commission.

26 (4) In any action or suit against the Commission, no execution or
27 attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the
28 Commission, but any sums of money which may, by the judgment of the court,
29 be awarded against the Commission shall, subject to any directive given by the
30 Commission, be paid from the funds of the Commission.

1 28. The Minister may give directives of a general or special
2 character to the Commission relating to the performance by the Commission
3 of any or all of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the
4 Commission to comply and give effect to the directives.

5 29. The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, make
6 regulations:

7 (a) to prescribe the methodologies for payments into the funds of
8 the Commission;

9 (b) to prescribe the fees to be paid for services rendered by the
10 Commission; and

11 (c) generally for the purposes of carrying out or giving full effect to
12 the provisions of this Bill.

13 30. In this Bill:

14 "Commission" means the Nigerian Surveillance Camera Systems
15 Regulatory Commission established by section 1 of this Bill;

16 "Council" means the Governing Council of the Commission established by
17 section 2 of this Bill;

18 "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council;

19 "Member" means a member of the Council and includes the chairman;

20 "Minister" means the Minister charged with matters relating to
21 communications;

22 "President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

23 "Surveillance Camera Systems" means:

24 (a) closed circuit television (CCN) or automatic number plate
25 recognition (ANPR) systems;

26 (b) any other systems for recording or viewing visual images for
27 surveillance purpose;

28 (c) any system for storing, receiving, transmitting, processing or
29 checking the images or information obtained by (a) or (b); and

1 (d) any other systems associated with, or otherwise connected with
2 (a), (b) or (c).

3 "Public place" means any highway and any place to which at the material time
4 the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as
5 of right or by virtue of express or implied permission;

6 "public officer" has the meaning assigned to it in the Constitution of the Federal
7 Republic of Nigeria, 1999.

Short Title

8 **31.** This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Security Systems
9 Surveillance Regulatory Commission (Est, Etc.) Bill, 2017.

10 SCHEDULE

11 *(Section 2 (4))*

12 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL AND

13 THE COMMISSION

14 *Proceedings of the Council*

15 1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act the
16 Council may make standing orders regarding the proceedings of the Council
17 and any committee thereof.

18 2. Every meeting of the Council shall be presided over by the
19 chairman and if the chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting, the
20 members present at the meeting shall elect one of their members to preside at
21 the meeting.

22 3. The quorum at a meeting of the Council shall consist of the
23 chairman (or the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of this
24 Schedule) and four other members.

25 4. The Council may on any special occasion, co-opt any person to be
26 member of the Council for as many meetings as it may deem necessary, and that
27 person while so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member,
28 except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

29 *Committees*

30 5.-(1) Subject to its standing orders, the Council may appoint such

1 number of standing and ad-hoc committees as it thinks fit to consider and
2 report on any matter with which the Commission is concerned.

3 (2) Every committee appointed under the provisions of sub-
4 paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be presided over by a member of the
5 Council and shall be made up of such number of persons, not necessarily
6 members of the Council, as the Council may determine in each case.

7 6. The decision of a committee shall be of no effect until it is
8 confirmed by the Commission.

9 *Miscellaneous*

10 7. The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated
11 by the signature of the Chairman and of the Director-General of the
12 Commission or such other member authorized generally or specially by the
13 Council to act for that purpose.

14 8. Any contract or instrument, which, if made by a person not
15 being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made
16 or executed on behalf of the Commission by the Director-General or by any
17 other person authorized generally or specifically by the Council to act for
18 that purpose.

19 9. Any document purporting to be a contract, an instrument or
20 other document signed or sealed on behalf of the Commission shall be
21 received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed
22 without further proof, to have been so signed or sealed.

23 10. The validity of a proceeding of the Council or of a committee
24 thereof shall not be adversely affected:

- 25 (a) by any vacancy in the membership of the Council; or
26 (b) by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council; or
27 (c) by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the
28 proceeding.

29 11. A member of the Council or of a committee thereof who has a
personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to

- 1 be considered by the Council or committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his
- 2 interest to the Council or committee and shall not vote on any question relating
- 3 to the contract or arrangement.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above Bill but is intended to
explain its purpose)*

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Security Systems Surveillance Regulatory Commission with powers to regulate the installation, operation and management of surveillance camera systems.