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	1	(v) One representative of the Federal Ministry of Information and
•	2	Communications;
	3	(vi) a representative of Non-governmental organizations engaged in
	4	Autism and other related campaigns;
	5	(vii) Two representatives of Nigerian Medical Associations, one of
	6	whom shall be from Nigerian National Association of Nurses and Midwives;
	7	(viii) a representative of the Organized private sector;
	8	(ix) a representative of Civil Society Organizations including Women
	9	Groups; and
	10	(x) The Director-General shall be Secretary to the Board.
Appointment of	1 i	3. The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by the
the Chairman and Members	12	President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
	13	(3) Members of the Board, other than the Director-General shall be
	14	appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
Tenure of Office	15	4. The Chairman and members of the Board-
	16	(a) shall each hold office for a period of 4 years on such terms and
	17	conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment; and
	18	(b) May be re-appointed for an additional period of 4 years and no
	19	more.
Removal from Office	20	5(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2(5) of this Act the
Office	21	chairman or any member of the Board may at any time be removed from the
	22	office by the president for inability to discharge the functions of his office
	23	(whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause).
	24	(2) A member of the Board shall be paid such emoluments,
	25	allowances and benefits as the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
	26	may, from time to time approve.
	27	PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF "THE CENTRE"
Functions of	28	6(1) The functions of the Centre shall be to-
"the Centre"	29	(a) Co-ordinate various programmes and projects aimed at improving
	30	the health, social and economic well-being of victims of Autism, Down

	syndrome and other similarly related cases;	
2	(b) Co-ordinate research on Autism and other related cases with a	
}	view to providing solutions to most of the challenges facing the victims of	••
ļ.	these ailments;	
5	(c) Co-ordinate, monitor and advise on all social protection	
5	activities of governmental and non-governmental agencies related to	
7	Autism, Down syndrome and other related cases;	
}	(d) Maintain a data bank on autism, down syndrome and other	
)	related matters;	
0	Develop a national benchmark for a multi-disciplinary diagnostic team,	
1	responsible for the diagnosis of Autism, Down syndrome and other related	
12	cases.	
13	7(1) The Powers of the "Centre" shall be to-	Powers of "t
14	(a) Demand and obtain relevant information, data, statistics and	Centre"
15	report on matters relating to the prevention and control of Autism, Down	
16	syndrome, and other related cases;	
17	(b) Liaise with relevant establishments within and outside Nigeria	
18	in pursuance of the functions of the Centre;	
19	(c) Initiate and implement programmes geared towards the	
20	development of the capacity and capabilities of persons with Autism, Down	
21	syndrome and other related cases;	
22	(d) Create awareness on Autism, Down syndrome as well as other	
23	similarly related cases;	
24	(e) Act as government agency for catalyzing and mobilizing	
25	resources at all tiers of government and throughout the country for the	
26	purpose of addressing the challenges of Autism, Down syndrome and other	
27	related cases;	
28	(f) Carry out such activities as are necessary or expedient for the	
29	performance of its functions under this Act.	

	1	(c) For the purchase or acquisition of property or other equi	pment and
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	3	vested in the Centre; and	•
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	nt 7	end 31st December of the same year.	, ·
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	16	year under review together with auditor's report thereon.	16
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	191 1118	companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Centre.	0 /
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1	24. This In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires-	Interpretation
2	"Centre" means National Centre for Research, Management and Control of	
3	Autism, Down syndrome and other related cases established by section 1 of	
4	this Bill;	
5	"Function" includes duties and powers;	
6	"President" means President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.	
7	25. This Bill may be cited as the National Centre for Research,	Short Title
8	Management and Control of Autism, Down syndrome, and for related	
9	matters Bill, 2015.	
10	SCHEDULE	
11	The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule to this Act shall have	
12	effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters	
13	contained therein.	
14	SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE CENTRE, ETC	
15	Proceedings of the Centre	
16	1(1) Subject to this Bill and Section 20 of the interpretation Act,	
17	the Centre may make standing orders regulating its proceeding or those of its	
18	committee;	
19	(2) The quorum of the Centre's Board shall be the Chairman or the	
20	person presiding at the meeting, and three (3) other members of the Board	
21	and the quorum of any committee of the Centre shall be as determined by the	
22	Centre.	
23	2(1) The Centre shall meet whenever it is summoned by the	
24	chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by giving him not less than	
25	four (4) other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Centre to be held	
26	within twenty-four (24) days from the date upon which the notice is given.	
27	(2) Where the Centre desires to obtain the advice of any person on a	
28	particular matter, the Centre may co-opt him to the Centre for such period of	
29	time it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this	
30	subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and shall not count	

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1	towards a quorum.
2	Committee
3	3(1) The Centre may appoint one or more committee to carry out, or
4	behalf of the Agency such functions as the Centre may determine.
5	(2) The Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consider
6	such number of persons as may be determined by the Centre and a person shall
7	hold office in the committee in accordance with the term of his appointment.
8	(3) A decision of a committee of the Centre shall be of no effect until it
9	is confirmed by the Centre.
10	4(1) the fixing of the seal of the Centre shall be authenticated by the
11	signature of the Chairman or any other member of the Centre generally or
12	specified by the Centre to act for the purpose and the Chief Executive.
13	(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
14	not being a body corporate, would not require to be under seal may be made or
15	executed on behalf of the Centre by the Chief Executive or any person
16	generally or specified authorized by the Centre to act for the purpose.
17	(3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under seal
18	of the Centre shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the
19	contrary is proved, be presumed to so executed.
20	5. The validity of any proceeding of the Centre or of a committee shall
21	not be adversely affected by-
22	(a) A vacancy in the membership of the Centre or committee;
23	(b) A defect in the appointment of a member of the Centre or
24	committee; or
25	(c) Reason that a person not entitled to do take part in the proceedings
26	of the Centre or committee.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to Establish The National Centre for Autism and Down syndrome and other related matters (NACADS) to serve as an autonomous body to co-ordinate and implement programmes for the Research, Management and Control of Autism, Down syndrome and other related cases in Nigeria.

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