

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH, ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND TO FACILITATE THE USE OF SCIENCE IN THE SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF NATIONAL INTEREST 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                    *Establishment of the Nigerian Academy of Science*

2                    1.-(1) There is established a body to be known as the Nigerian Academy of Science (in this Act referred to as "the Academy"). Establishment of the Academy

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4                    (2) The Academy shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and may sue or be sued in corporate name.

5                    2. The objects of the Academy shall be to: Objects of the Academy

6                    (a) provide advice on issues of scientific and technological nature presented to it by the government and its agencies, as well as by private organizations;

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8                    (b) bring to the attention of government and its agencies, problems of national interest that science and technology can help to solve;

9                    (c) establish and maintain the highest standards of scientific endeavour and achievement in Nigeria;

10                    (d) develop a good working relationship with other national and international scientific bodies and academies;

11                    3.-(1) The Academy is the only Academy of Science recognized by Government. Relationship with Government

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13                    (2) The Minister may advise the Academy to perform acts on behalf of Government which are in accordance with its objectives.

Membership of  
the Academy

1                   4.-(1) There shall be two categories of members of the Academy, that  
2 is Nigerian members and Foreign members, and membership shall be in the  
3 categories of:

4                   (a) Fellows for Nigerian members; and

5                   (b) Foreign Fellows for non-Nigerian members.

6                   (2) A Member of the Academy is a person who can be expected by the  
7 Academy to significantly assist the Academy in achieving its objectives.

8                   (3) The criterion for election to membership is significant  
9 achievement in the pursuit, advancement or application of science as members.

10                  (4) New candidates for membership of the Academy are proposed and  
11 recommended at least once a year by means of a prescribed certificate signed  
12 by not less than four members, at least two of whom have personal knowledge  
13 and understanding of the scientific work and significant contribution to science  
14 of the candidate.

15                  (5) The certificate must contain a draft citation explaining why the  
16 election of the candidate to membership of the Academy would further the  
17 objectives of the Academy.

18                  (6) The certificate must be accompanied by a prescribe statement  
19 from the candidate indicating the candidate's willingness to be considered for  
20 election to membership of the Academy, together with a curriculum vitae.

21                  (7) The council of the academy must annually evaluate, in terms of the  
22 prescribed criteria for membership, all new candidates and candidates brought  
23 forward from the previous year.

24                  (8) All existing members of the Academy will then be required, in a  
25 secret ballot to cast votes that are either for or against every candidate  
26 shortlisted by the council, or that indicate a neutral position.

27                  (9) Members of the Academy who do not vote are regarded as having  
28 recorded neutral votes.

29                  (10) A candidate is considered elected to membership of the Academy

1 if at least half of the votes cast (by Fellows at an annual general meeting) are  
2 in his favour.

3 (11) Every person who is elected a member of the Academy must  
4 attend an annual general meeting of the Academy to sign the register of  
5 members and to subscribe to the oath of obligation contained in the schedule  
6 to this Act.

7 **5.** The Academy shall consist of:

Establishment  
of Organs of the  
Academy

8 (a) "The General Assembly", comprising all Fellows, which shall  
9 be the highest authority of the Academy,

10 (b) "The Council", which shall be the governing body of the  
11 Academy. It shall have the responsibility for the administration and general  
12 management of the Academy, and must ensure that the objectives of the  
13 Academy are actively pursued.

14 (c) "The Secretariat", to be maintained by the Academy and headed  
15 by an Executive Secretary.

16 **6.-(1)** The Council shall consist of:

Composition of  
the Council

17 (i) Nine officers, that is:

18 (a) the President of the Academy who is the Chairman;

19 (b) the Vice-President;

20 (c) the Immediate Past President;

21 (d) the President-elect;

22 (e) the Treasurer;

23 (f) two Academic Secretaries (for the Biological and Physical  
24 Sciences);

25 (g) the Foreign Secretary;

26 (h) the Public Affairs Secretary and Chairman Publications  
27 Committee.

28 (ii) Four Fellows representing the Biological Sciences and Four  
29 Fellows representing the Physical Sciences;

30 (iii) the Representative of the Honourable Minister.

1 The Executive Secretary shall be the Secretary to the Council.

2 (2) The members of the Council, except the member contemplated in  
3 subsection (1) (iii), who has observer status, are elected by members of the  
4 Academy from their number.

5 (3) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect  
6 with respect to the supplementary provisions of the Council and the  
7 qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council, and the other  
8 matters therein mentioned.

Termination of  
Membership of  
the Academy

9 7.-(1) A Fellow shall cease to be a member of the Academy:

10 (a) In the event of the following:

11 (i) if he resigns by notice in writing to the President;

12 (ii) if he is in default for two consecutive years in the payment of the  
13 subscription and the Council resolves that he shall cease to be a Fellow;  
14 provided that, on payment of all arrears of subscriptions, a Fellow may be  
15 reinstated as a Fellow by a resolution of the Council such person shall be  
16 deemed to be in default in the payment of subscription for one year if on the  
17 first day of April of any year, the Treasurer has not received his subscription for  
18 that year.

19 (b) If a resolution is passed by ballot of the members of the Council to  
20 the effect that, in their opinion, a Fellow:

21 (i) has been found guilty in a court of law or through such other  
22 judicial process as the laws of Nigeria may prescribe of (1) treason (2) all such  
23 other felonies, as may be construed by Council;

24 (ii) has committed an act of misconduct that may likely bring the  
25 Academy into disrepute or is detrimental to the good name of Academy.

26 (2) Before the provisions in subsections (1) b(i) or (1) b(ii) are  
27 invoked, the following provisions shall apply:

28 (i) the resolution must be submitted to a ballot, the Fellow shall be  
29 informed of the conduct complained of and given a reasonable opportunity to  
30 defend himself in person or by a representative of his choice;

1 (ii) the Fellows of the Academy who participate in the  
2 investigation of such acts of misconduct shall not be present in Council  
3 when a ballot is taken in arriving at such a resolution;

4 (iii) such a resolution of Council must be carried by no less than  
5 sixty seven percent of the membership of Council, upon which the person is  
6 suspended from the Academy until ratification or otherwise by a simple  
7 majority of the General Assembly.

8 **8.-(a)** (I) The council may establish one or more committees which  
9 may exercise such powers or perform such functions of the Academy as the  
10 council may determine from time to time.

Committees of  
the Council

11 (2) A committee referred to in subsection (I) consists of such  
12 number of members and employees of the Academy ,if any, as the council  
13 may deem necessary ,and the council may at any time dissolve or  
14 reconstitute a committee

15 (3) The council shall appoint among members of the committee a  
16 chairman.

17 (4) The council is not absolved from the performance of any  
18 function entrusted to any Committee of the council in terms of this section.

19 (b) Specifically, there shall be the following Standing Committees  
20 of Council:

21 (1) Executive Committee: made up of officers of the Academy, viz:  
22 President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Treasurer, the Academic  
23 Secretaries, Foreign Secretary, Public Affairs Secretary and Chairman  
24 Publications Committee. The Executive Committee will assist the President  
25 in the execution of all decisions of the Council, and act expeditiously on any  
26 matter of interest to the Academy. The Executive Secretary shall be the  
27 Secretary to the Committee.

28 (2) Sectional Committees:

29 (a) Council shall appoint sectional committees to represent the  
30 principal branches of academic research. Council shall, from time to time,

1 with respect to each sectional committee:

2 (i) Fix the number of fellows of which it is to consist;

3 (ii) Prescribe its title and function;

4 (iii) Propose a Fellow for election as the chair (An Academic

5 Secretary may be a member or chairman of a relevant Sectional Committee);

6 and

7 (iv) Give direction for its guidance.

8 (b) In exercising its powers of appointing sectional committees,

9 Council should ensure that the whole field of the Sciences is adequately

10 covered by Sectional Committees consisting of Fellows who are competent to

11 assess the qualifications of candidates.

Accounting  
Officer

12 **9.**-(1) In addition to the other functions entrusted to the President

13 under this Act, he shall be the accounting officer charge with responsibility of

14 accounting for and the utilization thereof and be responsible for the assets of

15 the Academy.

16 (2)(a) The President may:

17 (1) delegate to another member of the council a power conferred upon

18 the accounting officer under this Act.

19 (2) Authorize such person to perform a duty assigned under this Act to

20 the accounting officer.

21 (b) A delegation under subsection (2)(a) does not prevent the exercise

22 of the powers in question or the performance of the duties in question by the

23 accounting officer.

Staff and  
conditions of  
service of  
employees

24 **10.**-(1) The council may on such conditions as it may determine,

25 appoint such numbers of employees as it deems necessary to enable the

26 Academy to perform its functions.

27 (2) The council must out of its own fund pay to its employees such

28 remunerations, allowances, subsidies and other benefits as the council may

29 determine.

30 (3) The council may, on such condition as it may deem fit and if the

1 employee consents thereto, second an employee's either for a particular task  
2 or for a period of time to the service of a department, ministry, or any  
3 organization on such condition that such employees' right, privileges and  
4 benefits by virtue of his conditions of service as an employee of the  
5 Academy are not adversely affected by such secondment.

6 **11.**-(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund for the  
7 Academy, into which shall be paid:

Establishment of  
fund and expenditure

8 (a) all monies received by the Council in pursuance of this Act,  
9 including regular subventions and grants from government;

10 (b) all subscriptions, fees and other charges payable to the  
11 Academy by members, individuals and bodies corporate;

12 (c) all monies raised for the purposes of the Academy by way of  
13 gifts, donations, grants-in-aid, testamentary dispositions from individuals,  
14 bodies corporate or philanthropic organisations, non-governmental  
15 organisations within and outside Nigeria, or otherwise howsoever;

16 (2) The Council shall, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the  
17 fund of the Academy to:

18 (a) all expenditure incurred by the Academy in the discharge of its  
19 functions under this Act;

20 (b) the remunerations and allowances of staff of the Academy;

21 (c) the maintenance of the premises and property owned and vested  
22 in the Academy;

23 (d) the payment of traveling allowances and such stipend for  
24 members of the Council as may be determined by the Council; and

25 (e) the payment of such other charges as may be reasonably  
26 incurred in the exercise of the functions of the Academy and the Council.

27 (3) For the purposes of the Companies Income Tax, any donation  
28 made by any company in Nigeria to the Academy shall be a deductible  
29 donation within the meaning of that Act.

Borrowing and  
investment power

1                   **12.**-(1) The Council may, with the consent of its members and in  
2 accordance with the general guidelines or authority given by the Government  
3 of the Federation, borrow, on behalf of the Academy, by way of loan or  
4 overdraft from any source, any monies required by the Council to meet the  
5 obligations of the Academy in order to perform its functions under this Act, so  
6 however that such consent or authority shall be required where the sum or  
7 aggregate of the sums involved at any time does not exceed such amount as is  
8 for the time being projected in relation to the Academy in any particular year.

9                   (2) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Act and  
10 conditions of trust in respect of funds held or any property owned by the  
11 Institute, invest any but not all of its funds with the same consent or general  
12 authority.

Annual estimates,  
account and audit

13                   **13.**-(1) The Chairman of the Council shall cause to be prepared not  
14 later than six months before the end of the year, estimates of recurrent and  
15 capital expenditure (if any) and income of the Academy during the next  
16 succeeding financial year which shall be presented to the annual general  
17 meeting of the Academy by the Council for approval.

18                   (2) The Council shall keep proper accounts and records in relation  
19 thereto, and shall prepare in respect of each financial year, a statement of  
20 account in such form as the Chairman or the Council shall direct.

21                   (3) The Council shall as soon as may be after the end of a financial  
22 year, cause the accounts of the Academy and those of the Council to be audited  
23 by qualified auditors appointed from the list of auditors and in accordance with  
24 the guidelines laid down by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

25                   (4) The auditors appointed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section  
26 shall, on completion of the audit of the accounts of the Academy and the  
27 Council for each financial year, prepare and submit to the Council two reports,  
28 that is to say:

29                   (a) a general report setting out the observations and recommendations  
30 of the said auditors on the financial affairs of the Academy and the Council for



1 that year, and on any important manners which the auditors may consider  
2 necessary to bring to the notice of the Council; and

3 (b) a detailed report containing the observations and  
4 recommendations of the auditors on all aspects of the operations of the  
5 Academy and the Council.

6 **14.-(1)** In order to achieve its objectives the Academy may:

Functions of the  
Academy

7 (a) At the request of any person or on its own initiative, investigate  
8 manners of public interest concerning science and on the strength of the  
9 findings act in opinion-forming and advisory manner;

10 (b) Publish scientific reports and other publications;

11 (c) Promote and inspire outstanding achievements in the different  
12 fields of sciences in Nigeria and recognition for excellence;

13 (d) Promote the general interest in science and science education;

14 (e) Establish reciprocal arrangements and enter into agreement  
15 with organizations with similar objectives, locally and in other countries to  
16 promote the exchange of information and ideas;

17 (f) Protect the interests of members through the provision of  
18 professional consultative advice and the issue of journals and other  
19 publications, organization and conduct of seminars, workshops,  
20 conferences, etc.;

21 (g) Offer advice and assistance to the scientific academic  
22 community and to various scientific societies in Nigeria;

23 (h) Establish a fellowship programme which would create  
24 opportunities for outstanding new Ph.Ds in the sciences to conduct  
25 postdoctoral research at various institutions before they take up regular job  
26 as lecturers;

27 (i) Seek an active role in the selection of candidates for government  
28 postgraduate scholarships and fellowships in the Science and in the  
29 identification of candidates for the award of honours and distinctions by  
30 government and private sector organizations.

1 (j) Offer to assist the government, the universities, and other similar  
2 institutions, in the operation of exchange programmes with other countries for  
3 students, scholars and teachers for the purpose of study and research;

4 (k) Maintain a library and take interest in the documentation of  
5 scientific literature.

6 (l) Award medals and honours for outstanding contributions in the  
7 various branches of Science;

8 (m) Establish exchange agreements with other national academies to  
9 enable fellows and Nigerian Scientists visit such other nations for scientific  
10 purposes;

11 (n) Do such other things that are incidental and supplementary to the  
12 foregoing objects of the Institute;

13 (2) The Academy must:

14 (a) advise the Minister on matters concerning science;

15 (b) undertake or cause to be undertaken such investigations and  
16 research concerning its objectives as the Minister may assign to it;

17 (c) perform such duties in respect of its objectives as the Council may  
18 assign to it; and

19 (d) from time to time review its structure, organisation and  
20 programmes.

Performance  
of functions  
outside Nigeria

21 **15.**-(1) The Academy may, in order to achieve its objectives, render  
22 support relevant thereto of any Nigeria citizen in any territory outside the  
23 Country.

24 (2) This Act must, as far as it can be applied with the necessary  
25 changes, apply in connection with the performance by the Academy of its  
26 functions.

Regulations

27 **16.**-(1) The Council may make regulations regarding:

28 (a) any matter required to be prescribed in terms of this Act; (b) the  
29 code of conduct for members of the Academy; and

30 (b) any matter which it is necessary or expedient to prescribe in, order

1 to implement and administer this Act.

2 **17.-(1)** On the commencement of this Act

3 (a) all property held immediately before that day by or on behalf of  
4 the former Academy shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further  
5 assurance vest in the Academy and be held by it for the purposes of the  
6 Academy;

7 (b) the former Academy shall cease to exist; and

8 (c) subject to the next succeeding subsection, any act, matter or  
9 thing made or done by the former society shall continue to have effect.

10 (2) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Act shall have  
11 effect with respect to matters arising from the transfer by this section to the  
12 Academy of the property of the former Academy, and with respect to other  
13 matters therein mentioned.

14 **18.** In this Act, except the context otherwise implies, the following  
15 words and expressions have the meaning assigned to them, that is

16 "Council" means the governing body of the Academy established under  
17 section 5 (1) of this Act;

18 "Academy" means the Nigerian Academy of Science established pursuant  
19 to section 1 (I) of this Act;

20 "Member" means a member of the Academy;

21 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters  
22 relating to Science and Technology;

23 "President" and "Vice-President" means president and vice president,  
24 elected and appointed in terms of section 6;

25 "Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian  
26 Academy of Science appointed in terms of section 5 of this Act.

27 **19,** This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Academy of Science  
28 (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017.

Transfer to the  
Academy of  
certain property,  
etc.

Interpretation

Citation

## 1 SCHEDULES

## 2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 *Section 4 (II)*

## 4 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ACADEMY

5 *Oath of Obligation*

6 1.-(1) I (full name) hereby solemnly promise to promote, declare and  
7 disseminate scientific knowledge, promote the well-being of Nigeria through  
8 scientific thought, and generally to further the objectives of the Nigerian  
9 Academy of Science as far as lies within my power, and

10 (2) I shall also serve the Nigerian Academy of Science by observing  
11 the prescribed constitution and prescribed standing orders of the Academy for  
12 as long as I remain a member thereof.

Proceedings of  
the Council

13 2.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council may in the  
14 name of the Academy make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the  
15 Academy or of the Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Act,  
16 may set up committees in the general interest of the Academy, and make  
17 standing orders thereof.

18 (2) Standing orders shall provide for decision to be taken by a  
19 majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, for the President  
20 or the Chairman, as the case may be, to have a second or casting vote.

21 (3) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the  
22 committee report back to the Council on any matter not within its competence  
23 to decide upon.

24 (4) The quorum of the Council, or committee of the Council shall be  
25 as may be fixed by the Council, subject to the Constitution of the Academy.

Meetings of the  
Academy

26 3.-(1) The Council shall convene the annual general meeting of the  
27 Academy on a day as the Council may from time to time appoint in any  
28 particular year, which shall also be the annual anniversary meeting, so however  
29 that if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous annual general  
30 meeting, not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the respective

1 dates of the two meetings.

2 (2) A special meeting of the Academy may be convened by the  
3 Council at any time, and if not less than thirty members of the Academy  
4 require it by notice in writing addressed to Executive Secretary of the  
5 Academy setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, the Chairman of  
6 the Council shall convene a special meeting of the Academy.

7 4.-(1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the  
8 Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman,  
9 and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by  
10 not less than seven other members, he shall summon a meeting of the  
11 Council to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is  
12 given.

13 (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman or in his absence  
14 the Vice- Chairman shall preside; but if both are absent, the members present  
15 at the meeting shall appoint one of their numbers to preside at that meeting.

16 (3) Where the Council desires to obtain advice of any person on a  
17 particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period  
18 as the Council thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of the  
19 provisions of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of  
20 the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

21 (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this  
22 paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the  
23 Minister, who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure  
24 which shall be followed at the meeting.

25 *Miscellaneous*

26 5.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Academy shall be authenticated  
27 by the signature of the President or of some other member of the Council  
28 authorized generally by the Academy to act for that purpose.

29 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a  
30 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal,

1 may be made or executed on behalf of the Academy or the Council as the case  
2 may require, by any person generally or specifically authorised to act for that  
3 purpose by the Council.

4 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under  
5 the seal of the Academy shall be received in evidence and shall unless the  
6 contrary is proved be deemed to be so executed.

7 6. The validity of any proceedings of the Academy or the Council or  
8 of a committee of the Council shall not be affected by any vacancy in  
9 membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Academy  
10 or of the Council or of a person to serve on the Committee, or by reason that a  
11 person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

12 7. Any member of the Academy or of the Council, and any person  
13 holding office on a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any  
14 contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the  
15 Council or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the  
16 President or to the Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any  
17 question relating to the contract or arrangement.

18 8. A person shall not by reason only of his membership of the  
19 Academy be required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit of the  
20 accounts of the Academy.

21 SECOND SCHEDULE

22 *(Section 16)*

23 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, ETC.

24 1.-(1) Every agreement to which the former Academy was a party  
25 immediately before the appointment day, whether in writing or not and  
26 whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations  
27 thereunder could be assigned by the former Academy shall, unless its terms or  
28 subject matter make it impossible that it should have effect as modified in the  
29 manner provided by this subparagraph, have effect from the appointed day, so  
30 far as it relates to property transferred by this Act to the Academy, as if:

- 1 (a) the Academy had been a party to the agreement;
- 2 (b) for any reference (however worded and whether expressed or  
3 implied) to the former Academy they were substituted, as respect anything  
4 falling to be done or after the appointed day, a reference to the Academy; and
- 5 (c) for any reference (however worded and whether expressed or  
6 implied) to a member or members of the Council of the former Academy or  
7 an officer of the former Academy they were substituted, as respects anything  
8 falling to be done on or after the appointed day, a reference to members of the  
9 Council under this Act or the officers of the former Academy who  
10 corresponds as nearly as may be to the member or officer in question of the  
11 former Academy.
- 12 (2) Other documents which refer, whether specially or generally, to  
13 the former shall be construed in accordance with subparagraph (I) of this  
14 paragraph so far as applicable.
- 15 (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions  
16 of this Schedule, where, by the operation of any of them or any right, liability  
17 or obligation vests in the Academy, the Academy and all other persons shall,  
18 as from the appointed day, have the same rights, powers and remedies (and,  
19 in particular, the same rights as to the making or resisting" of legal  
20 proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for  
21 ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they  
22 would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the  
23 Academy.
- 24 (4) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending  
25 on the appointed day by or against the former Academy and relating to  
26 property transferred by this Act to the Academy may, be continued on or  
27 after that day by or against the Academy.
- 28 (5) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by  
29 this Act is situated (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or  
30 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a Register

1 (but not for avoidance of transfer, the payment of fees or any other matter)  
2 apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property aforesaid,  
3 and it shall be the duty of the Council to furnish the necessary particulars of the  
4 transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to  
5 register the transfer accordingly.

6 *Transfer of Functions, etc*

7 2.-(1) At its first meeting, the Council of the Academy shall fix a date  
8 (not later than six months after the appointed day) for the annual general  
9 meeting of the Academy.

10 (2) The members of the Council of the former Academy shall be  
11 deemed to be the members of the Council of the Academy until the date  
12 determined in pursuance of the foregoing subparagraph when the Academy  
13 shall have its first annual general meeting, and they shall cease to hold office at  
14 the conclusion of such meeting.

15 (3) Any person who, immediately before the appointed day, held  
16 office as the President or Vice-President of the Council of the former Academy  
17 shall on that day become the President or, as the case may be, the Vice-  
18 President of the Academy, and shall be deemed:

19 (a) to have been appointed to that office in pursuance of the provision  
20 of this Act; and

21 (b) to have been so appointed on the date on which he took office, or  
22 last took office.

23 (4) The members of the former Academy shall, as from the appointed  
24 day, be registered as members of the Academy, and without prejudice to the  
25 generality of the provisions of this schedule relating to the transfer of property,  
26 any person who, immediately before the appointed day, was a member of the  
27 staff of the former Academy shall on that day become the holder of an  
28 appointment with the Academy.

29 (5) Any person being an office-holder on, or member of, the Council  
30 of the former Academy immediately before the appointed date and deemed



1 under this paragraph to have been appointed to any like position in the  
2 Academy, or on the Council of the Academy, and thereafter ceasing to hold  
3 office otherwise by reason of his misconduct, shall be eligible for  
4 appointment to office in the Academy or to membership of the Council, as  
5 the case may be.

6 (6) All regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the  
7 purposes of the former Academy and in force immediately before the  
8 appointed day shall, except in so far as they are subsequently revoked or  
9 amended by any authority having power in that regard, have effect with any  
10 necessary modifications, as if duly made for the corresponding purposes of  
11 the Academy.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Academy of Science to Promote the Growth, Acquisition and Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge and to facilitate the Use of Science for National Development.