

NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.)

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS TO UPHOLD AND IMPART THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE NATIONAL ETHICS FOR RESTITUTING DILIGENCE; REKINDLE AND REJUVENATE THE VIRTUES OF DISCIPLINE IN THE CITIZENRY, BUILD A SOCIETY OF RESOURCEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE PERSONS FOR NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

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[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTS, FUNCTIONS, ETC. OF THE
2 NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS

3 1. -(1) There is hereby established for the Federation, a body to be
4 known as the National Unity and Peace Corps (in this Act referred to as "the
5 Peace Corps") which shall be a non-security, non-partisan and religious
6 social services organisation.

Establishment of
the National Unity
and Peace Corps

7 (2) The Peace Corps established pursuant to subsection (1) of this
8 section shall consist of such number of uniformed and non-uniformed
9 members as may be determined, from time to time, by the Council with the
10 approval of the President.

11 2. The objects of the Peace Corps shall be-

Objects of the
Peace Corps

12 (1) to halt constant disputes caused by religious, ethnic, political
13 and boundary skirmishes within the country;

14 (2) to supervise and monitor trees planted to avert extant
15 desertification in the northern parts of the country, erosion, over-flooding
16 menace and other natural disasters in the southern parts of Nigeria-

17 (a) to assist appropriate authorities in the management and

1 preservation of Nigeria's ecosystem applying cognitive roles involving
2 activities that would conserve and preserve certain mineral resources;

3 (b) to enforce the re-planting of trees hewed or failed to serve as its
4 replacement to beef up afforestation;

5 (c) To assist appropriate agencies in anti-corruption and
6 environmental degradation measures; and

7 (3) to resuscitate and maintain abandoned machines, vehicles,
8 buildings, and other valuable assets purchased with tax payers money scattered
9 all over Nigeria and visit government establishments to inspect and
10 recommend the maintenance and refurbishment of broken down/abandoned
11 machineries and buildings belonging to the public.

12 (4) to undertake a massive campaign against criminal activities in the
13 society such as kidnapping, militancy, armed and pen robbery, rape, drug
14 peddling and abuse, prostitution, and hostage taking.

15 (5) Without prejudice the provisions of sub-sections (1) - (4), the
16 object of the Corps shall be to-

17 (a) to act as emissary to government for propounding its reform
18 programmes, policies and other definitive regulations and procedures of action
19 aimed at guiding and determining the present and future growth of Nigeria at
20 grassroots level, in a most subtle, astute and efficient manner;

21 (b) to rekindle, reconstitute or rejuvenate the virtues of discipline, dignity
22 of labour and self-reliance in the generality of Nigeria, in order to foster a
23 society of resourceful and productive persons;

24 (c) to deepen and enrich the concept of family values, societal
25 integration and national unity for the purposes of encouraging the promotion of
26 peace, harmony and progress in the affairs of the nation;

27 (d) to give new energy to government's endeavour to purge the youth
28 and the larger society of prevailing social evils and crimes such as prostitution,
29 sexual abuse of minors, drug abuse, examination malpractices, pornography,
30 cultism, child labour, child marriage, child apprenticeship, etc.:

1 (e) to disseminate and impart, in a most discreet and conciliatory
2 manner, the attributes of dispensing social justice, obeying constituted
3 authorities, imbibing religious tolerance and demonstrating patriotism by
4 every citizen, enterprise or undertaking in Nigeria;

5 (f) to emphasize and elevate the best traits shared by the generality
6 of Nigerian as a product of common heredity, folkways, cultural-and
7 traditional customs which are inherent in all communities. for the purposes
8 of dousing tribal and ethnic bigotries, and
9 fostering the peaceful co-existence, integration and unity of all Nigerians;

10 (g) to play down and de-emphasize all forms of negative points of
11 view, demeanor and beliefs which hamper, or are capable of hampering, the
12 best intentions of government in every genuine effort to provide the good
13 things of life for the citizenry;

14 (h) to act as the official body for advancing public acceptance and
15 adherence to the concept and intendment of the Universal Basic Education
16 Scheme in order to attain massive enrolment into schools of every child of
17 school age;

18 (i) to galvanize and stimulate the generality of Nigerians to
19 endeavour to perform their
20 civic responsibilities selflessly to their communities, States and the nation,
21 and as specified by the Constitution;

22 (j) to continuously appeal to and persuade communities and
23 individuals to refrain from perpetrating acts of vandalism on public
24 properties and other installations of government.

25 (k) to ensure that the voices of survivors of sexual violence and
26 violence against women is heard and ensure that perpetrators face justice;

27 (l) to create a National Registry of forensic evidence of domestic
28 violence; and

29 (m) to offer programmes and services of rehabilitation for
30 survivors,

Functions and
powers

- 1 **3. -(1)** The primary functions of National Unity and Peace Corps shall
2 be-
- 3 (i) Facilitative Mediation-Intervention for the Nation;
4 (ii) Early warning Conflicts Signs- Monitoring and Detection;
5 (iii) Action Research in National Peace and Conflict Issues;
6 (iv) Developing Conflict Related Data base for the Nation;
7 (v) Peer Mediation in Nigerian Schools;
8 (vi) Public Peace Enlightenment:
9 (vii) Alternative Dispute Resolution Workshops/seminars
10 (viii) Civil/Human Rights Advocacy.
- 11 **(2)** Subject to the provisions of this Act, members of the Corps shall
12 have responsibility for performing the following duties, that is to say-
- 13 (a) conducting programmes and activities for upholding and
14 imparting the attributes of the national ethics of discipline, integrity, dignity of
15 labour, social justice, religious tolerance, self-reliance and patriotism within
16 various communities, institutions and groups of Nigerians for the purposes of
17 enhancing the power, ideals, unity, prestige and good name of Nigeria;
- 18 (b) carrying on massive campaigns and counseling programmes for
19 the youth and other members of society to abstain from perpetrating certain
20 anti-social and criminal activities such as cultism, prostitution, examination
21 malpractices, drug abuse, child abuse, trafficking in persons, corruption, etc.;
- 22 (c) mobilizing and guiding the citizenry at grass roots level to
23 understand, savour, imbibe and abide by the precepts and overall purport of the
24 Constitution in order to enable Nigerians to accord respect and belief in its
25 ideals, and render support to the duties of the institutions established in
26 consequence thereof;
- 27 (d) rendering its services meritoriously to departments of
28 government, agencies, etc. for advancing their reform programmes, policies
29 and other measures aimed at improving the quality of life and economic well-
30 being of the citizenry;

1 (e) organizing community outreach programmes and other
2 activities for realizing public acceptance and adherence to the provisions
3 and purposes of the law establishing the Universal Basic Education Scheme;

4 (f) initiating and conducting regular interactive meetings with
5 various associations, cooperatives, unions, communities and other social
6 bodies or organizations on the evils and setbacks that acts of vandalization
7 of public property has on the development efforts of government;

8 (g) assist appropriate authorities in the management and
9 preservation of Nigeria's ecosystem to include getting involved in activities
10 and other efforts that would advance the conservation of certain natural
11 resources, the protection of endangered species, control of stray animals,
12 anti-pollution and environmental degradation measures;

13 (h) applying its best efforts in prompting and motivating Nigerians
14 to imbibe and demonstrate patriotic zeal and zest in promoting the affairs of
15 the nation, and making positive and far-reaching contributions for the
16 advancement, progress and well-being of members of the communities
17 where they reside;

18 (i) promoting the rejuvenation and practice of the best cultural and
19 traditional customs of the generality of Nigerians with regard to family
20 values, ties and morals, and bolstering the most beneficial aspects of
21 society's folkways, folklore and norms of behaviour and contentment;

22 (j) assisting in the control, orderliness and peaceful conduct of
23 crowds at any social gathering or occasion, and instilling queue culture into
24 the way of life of Nigerians;

25 (k) carrying on a continuous crusade and counseling of members of
26 society against certain abhorrent, contemptible and harmful social
27 behaviours and practices such as street hawking by children, child labour,
28 street begging, defecation in public places, indiscriminate dumping of
29 refuse, mutilation and defacing of the Naira currency, and other related
30 social vices;

1 (l) inculcate in society, the benefits of practicing thrift and prudence in
2 spending, the application of hard work and tenacity in any venture, and the
3 virtues of according respect for elders;

4 (m) discharging such other duties and functions which are incidental
5 or supplementary to the provisions of this subsection.

6 (3) In order to give effect to the objects and functions specified under
7 and pursuant to this Act, the Peace Corps shall have powers to-

8 (a) apply all lawful forms of person-to-person persuasion, interaction
9 and dialogue with communities, associations, unions, cooperatives and other
10 interest groups to achieve its objects under this Act;

11 (b) embark on the compilation, printing and publication of a variety of
12 handbills, posters, placards, billboards and other forms of literature to
13 continuously appeal to the conscience of society on their responsibilities with
14 regard to adherence to and regard for the national ethics as prescribed by the
15 Constitution, and the benefits attendant in avoiding greed and avarice In their
16 dealings and other harmful social behaviours;

17 (c) carry on street by street and house to house campaign, education
18 and enlightenment of individuals and groups Oil its objects and functions in a
19 most discreet, astute, trusting and conciliatory manner;

20 (d) appoint, from time to time, certain influential and popular
21 personalities to act as ambassador for propagating and disseminating any
22 selected objects and functions of the Peace Corps to members of the public or
23 certain target audience, through the application of music, drama, satire, opera
24 or other stage, radio or television performances;

25 (e) organize and conduct, from time to time, enlightenment
26 programmes and activities such as conferences, seminars, workshops,
27 community and village meetings for the purposes of spreading the objects of
28 the Peace Corps in a most effective manner;

29 (f) carry on the regular training, retraining and education of members
30 for the Peace Corps within and outside Nigeria to enhance their skills, broaden

1 their knowledge and strengthen their fortitude for performing their duties
2 under this Act;

3 (g) carry on research studies and analysis on the best and most
4 effective methods and procedure for reaching out to various interest groups
5 in the Federation in order to foster a decent, peaceful, productive and
6 resourceful society;

7 (h) compile and present a report to the appropriate authority on any
8 abhorrent, contemptible anti-social or criminal activity perpetrated or being
9 perpetrated by any person or group of persons in the course of performing
10 any of its functions under and pursuant to this Act;

11 (i) enter into contracts with anybody corporate, firm or person for
12 the purposes of executing or fulfilling its functions and responsibilities
13 under this Act;

14 (j) have access to any school, college or institution of learning in
15 any part of the Federation for the purposes of disseminating information,
16 imparting knowledge and generally educating pupils, students and other
17 persons on the objects of the Peace Corps;

18 (k) acquire land, hold and manage movable and immovable
19 property for the purposes of facilitating the discharge of its duties;

20 (l) carry on liaison with relevant bodies or institutions locally or
21 overseas for effective performance of its functions under this Act;

22 (m) carry on the administrative and incidental work connected
23 with the exercise of its powers, the execution of its duties and the
24 performance of its functions through persons employed, appointed or
25 seconded to the services of the Peace Corps; and

26 (n) develop and promote such processes, methods or devices as
27 may be useful, expedient or incidental for fulfilling the purposes and
28 intent of this Act.

29 (4) For the avoidance of any doubt, the powers conferred on the
30 Peace Corps under subsection (3) of this section shall be exercised in

1 consultation with the Minister.

2 PART II - ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION, ETC OF THE NATIONAL UNITY
3 AND PEACE CORPS COUNCIL

Establishment
of the National
Unity and Peace
Corps Council

4 4.-(1) There is hereby established for the National Unity and Peace
5 Corps Council (in this Act referred to as "the Council") which under that name
6 shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and
7 may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

8 (2) The Council established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section
9 shall have its headquarters located in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Membership,
tenure of office,
etc of the Council

10 5.-(1) The Council shall consist of-

11 (a) the Commandant-General of the Corps, who shall be chairman of
12 the Council;

13 (b) the Deputy Commandant-General of the Corps;

14 (c) the Assistant Commandant-General of the Corps;

15 (d) the Zonal Commandants of the Corps;

16 (e) one representative each of-

17 (i) the Ministry of Interior;

18 (ii) the ministry of Defence;

19 (iii) the Ministry of Sports and Youth Development;

20 (iv) the National Orientation Agency; and

21 (f) the Head of the Department of Administrative Services of the
22 Corps, who shall be the Secretary to the Council.

23 (2) Members of the Council shall be appointed by the President on the
24 recommendation of the minister.

25 (3) Subject to section 4 of this Act, a member of the Council, other
26 than an ex-officio member, shall hold office for a period of five years, and shall
27 be eligible for reappointment for one further period of five years, and no more.

28 (4) The salaries and allowances payable to members of the Council
29 shall be in accordance with such rates as may be approved by the Government
30 of the Federation, from time to time.

1 as to enable them to accord respect and belief in its ideals, and to appreciate all
2 the democratic institutions established by the nation's supreme law;

3 (e) set up an agenda for tile Corps to address and minimize prevalent
4 anti-social and criminal tendencies of certain category of persons, especially
5 the youth, with regard to cultism, prostitution, examination malpractices, drug-
6 abuse and other related vices;

7 (f) determine and approve the procedure to be followed by members
8 of the Corps for assisting the appropriate authorities in the management and
9 preservation of Nigeria's ecosystem, to wit, the conservation of natural
10 resources, the protection of animals and the endangered species, anti-pollution
11 and environmental degradation projects carried out ill the Federation or any
12 pall; thereof;

13 (g) define the scope and extent of the programmes and curriculum to
14 be applied for the training and education of the members of the Corps within
15 and outside Nigeria, tor the purposes of enhancing their skills, broadening their
16 knowledge and strengthening their fortitude for the implementation of the
17 functions, and exercise of the powers, conferred under this Act;

18 (h) appoint suitable persons to positions of authority in the corps, and
19 approve the ranks to be bestowed on any member of the corps and the code of
20 conduct to be observed by all;

21 (i) approve the annual budgets and expenditure for the Council and
22 the Corps;

23 (j) receive and consider, for approval, the audited accounts of the
24 Corps and submit to the President and the National Assembly, through the
25 Minister, in each year a report on the activities of the Council and the corps;

26 (k) receive regular and periodic reports from the Corps on the extent
27 of the performance of the functions and exercise of the powers conferred under
28 this Act; and

29 (l) perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be necessary
30 to achieve its objectives.

1 (2) The Council may, subject to such conditions as it may think fit
2 delegate any of its responsibilities and duties under this Act to the
3 Commandant-General or any of its members.

4 (3) The Minister shall have power to make regulations generally
5 for enabling the effective discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the
6 Council under this Act.

7 PART III - COMMAND STRUCTURES, ORGANIZATION, OFFICERS AND
8 OTHER RANKS OF THE PEACE CORPS

9 9.-(1) There shall be a Commandant-General of the Peace Corps
10 who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the
11 Minister, and who shall be a person possessing sound knowledge of and
12 ability in the organization and administration of matters relating to the Peace
13 Corps.

Commandant-
General of the
Peace Corps

14 (2) The Commandant-General shall be the Chief Executive of the
15 Peace Corps and shall be exclusively responsible for the execution of the
16 policies and decisions of the Council, and for carrying into effect the day-to-
17 day activities of the Peace Corps.

18 (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (2) of this
19 section, the Commandant-General shall-

20 (a) exercise general supervision and control over members of the
21 Peace Corps, the Zonal and State Commands of the Peace Corps, and the
22 other staff of the Council;

23 (b) direct the activities of members of the Peace Corps including
24 the course of their training and education, and of the officers and servants of
25 the Council;

26 (c) manage the Council's financial affairs; and

27 (d) be free to deploy the human and material resources of the
28 Council in accordance with this Act in order to achieve results and ensure the
29 attainment of the objects of this Act, and in this regard, the Council shall not
30 interfere with his methods or with the manner in which he performs the

1 foregoing duties.

Deputy
Commandant-
General, Zonal
Commandant, etc.

2 10.-(1) There shall be for the Peace Corps a Deputy Commandant-
3 General who shall be appointed by the Council, and who shall be directly
4 responsible to the Commandant- General and who shall perform such
5 administrative and organizational duties as may be
6 assigned to him by the Commandant-general of the Peace Corps.

7 (2) For the purposes articulating and attending the national spread of
8 the Peace Corps there shall be-

9 (a) six Zonal Commands for the Peace Corps which shall be under the
10 supervision of the Assistant Commandant-General, and each of the Zonal
11 Commands shall be headed by a Commandant;

12 (b) State Branch Commands in each of the States of the Federation
13 each of which shall be headed by a Deputy Commandant; and

14 (c) such other number of Council Commands as the Commandant-
15 General may determine to ensure the national spread of the activities of the
16 Peace Corps.

17 (3) The Commandant-General may deploy to each Zonal, State or
18 Council Commands such number and category of members of the Peace Corps
19 as he may deem sufficient for attaining the objects of this Act.

20 (4) Subject to this Act, it shall be the duty of the heads of the
21 Commands mentioned in subsection (2) of this section to file a weekly and
22 monthly report of their activities to the office of the Commandant-General.

Establishment of
administrative and
operations
departments

23 11.-(1) In order to facilitate the proper discharge of its functions and
24 the exercise of the powers conferred on the Peace Corps, there shall be
25 established for the Peace Corps the following administrative and operations
26 departments, namely-

27 (a) the Department of State Coordination Services;

28 (b) the Department of Intelligence Services;

29 (c) the Department of Administration Services;

30 (d) the Department of Finance Services;

- 1 (e) the Legal Department;
- 2 (f) the Department of Peace Corps Field Operations;
- 3 (g) the Department of Training and Research;
- 4 (h) the Department of Local Government Affairs;
- 5 (i) the Department of Public Affairs and Welfare Services;
- 6 (j) the Department of Animal and Environmental Matters.

7 (2) The composition, duties and powers of the administrative and
8 operations department established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section
9 shall be as may be determined by the Commandant-General, subject to
10 approval by the Council.

11 12.-(1) The Council shall have responsibility for drawing up
12 programmes for the appointment, recruitment and training of members of
13 the Peace Corps in order to enhance their knowledge, diligence and
14 efficiency in the performance of their functions under this Act.

Appointments,
recruitment, etc.
of officers and
other ranks of the
Peace Corps

15 (2) In particular, the Council shall appoint suitable persons as
16 Deputy Commandant-General, Assistant Commandant-General,
17 Commandants, Deputy Commandants, Assistant Commandants, Assistant
18 Commandants, Chief Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Assistant
19 Superintendent I, Assistant Superintendent II, Inspector I, II and III, and
20 other ranks and servants of the Peace Corps as would in the opinion of the
21 Council enable it to achieve the objects of this Act and exercise disciplinary
22 control over persons so appointed.

23 (3) Members of the Peace Corps appointed and recruited in terms
24 of the foregoing provisions of this section of this Act, shall bear such
25 insignia as may be assigned to them by the Council, and without prejudice to
26 this subsection, the ranks and insignia thereof for members of the Peace
27 Corps for the time being shall be as specified in the Second Schedule to this
28 Act

29 (4) The qualification for the appointment and recruitment of the
30 officers and other members of the Peace Corps and the procedure for their

1 promotion to various ranks shall be in accordance with the rules made by the
2 Council for that purpose.

Accouterments,
immunity, and
protection of
members of the
Peace Corps

3 **13.-(1)** The Council shall provide for every serving member of the
4 Peace Corps such accouterments as it may consider necessary for the proper
5 discharge of the functions conferred under this Act, and without prejudice to
6 the foregoing provisions of this subsection, such accouterments shall include
7 uniforms, identification cards, raincoats, high-powered motor-cycles, motor
8 cars, two-way mobile radio, telephone sets and other necessary equipment.

9 **(2)** A uniformed member of the Peace Corps and a non-uniformed
10 regular or special Peace Corps officer shall not, when on duty, be liable for any
11 act validly done by him in the exercise of his duties and within the powers
12 conferred on him by this Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder.

13 **(3)** Any person who obstructs or assaults a member of the Peace Corps
14 in the performance of his duties under this act shall be liable on conviction to a
15 fine of one hundred and fifty thousand Naira or to imprisonment for a period
16 not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Service numbers
and Public Service
status of members
of the Peace Corps

17 **14.-(1)** There shall be allocated to each member of the Peace Corps a
18 Service number, which shall be prefixed against his name in the register of
19 members of the Peace Corps to be kept by the Council.

20 **(2)** The Service number allocated pursuant to subsection (1) of this
21 section shall be the identity number of the member of the Peace Corps, and
22 shall be affixed with his name, in the case of a uniformed officer or other rank of
23 the Peace Corps, on the chest or other conspicuous part of his uniform as the
24 Council may decide.

25 **(3)** Service by members of the Peace Corps shall be deemed to be
26 public service of the Federation within the meaning of the relevant
27 interpretation contained in section 318(1) of the Constitution.

28 **(4)** For the avoidance of any doubt, service of members of the Peace
29 Corps in the Council shall be approved service for the purpose of the
30 Contributory Pensions Act, and accordingly, every member of the Peace Corps

1 and staff of the Council shall be entitled to pension and other retirement
2 benefits in respect to that office.

3 (5) Subject to this Act, the Council may require any member of the
4 Peace Corps to undergo such courses of training related to the functions of
5 the Peace Corps under this Act, and at such institutions or organizations as
6 the Council may, from time to time, decide.

7 PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

8 15.-(1) There shall be established and maintained by the Council a
9 fund into which shall be paid and credited -

Establishment
of fund and
expenditure

10 (a) the take-off grant for the Council and Peace Corps;

11 (b) the annual subvention received from the Government of the
12 Federation;

13 (c) such monies as may, from time to time, be lent, deposited with or granted
14 to the Council and Peace Corps by the Government of the Federation, State
15 or Local Council, or any other department, agency, etc. of government and
16 otherwise howsoever;

17 (d) all fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and the
18 Peace Corps; and

19 (e) all other sums which may, from time, accrue to the Council and
20 the Peace Corps.

21 (2) The Council may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the
22 fund at its disposal-

23 (a) to the cost of administration and operations of the Council and
24 the Peace Corps and other activities undertaken thereof;

25 (b) to the payment of fees, allowances and expenses of the
26 members of the Council and of any committee set up by the Council;

27 (c) to the payment of salaries, allowances and benefits of officers.
28 staff and other members of the Peace Corps;

29 (d) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Council or
30 under its administration;

1 (e) for the training of members of the Peace Corps within and outside
2 Nigeria, and other research programmes carried on by the Peace Corps; and

3 (f) for and in connection with all or any of the functions of the Peace
4 Corps under this Act.

5 (3) The proceeds of the funds established pursuant to subsection (1) of
6 this section shall be disbursed by the Chairman of the Council with the
7 approval of other members of the Council.

Power to accept
gifts, etc.

8 16.-(1) The Council may accept gifts of land, money, donations or
9 other property and testamentary dispositions by persons, bodies corporate or
10 non-governmental organizations within or outside Nigeria, upon such terms
11 and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization
12 making the gift.

13 (2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the condition attached by
14 the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of
15 the Council and the Peace Corps under this Act.

Borrowing and
investment power

16 17.-(1) The Council may, with the consent of its members or in
17 accordance with the general guidelines or authority given by the Government
18 of the Federation, borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source, any
19 moneys required by the Council or Peace Corps to meet its obligations and its
20 functions under this Act, so however, that such consent or authority shall be
21 required where the sum or aggregate of the sums involved at any time does not
22 exceed such amount as is for the time being specified in relation to the Council
23 and the Peace Corps by the Government of the Federation.

24 (2) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Act and
25 conditions of trust in respect of funds held or property owned, invest any
26 surplus of its funds with the same consent or general authority described in
27 subsection (1) of this section.

Annual estimates,
account and audit

28 18.-(1) The Chairman of the Council shall cause to be prepared, not
29 later than six months before the end of each financial year, estimates of
30 recurrent and capital expenditure and income of the Council during the next

1 succeeding financial year, which shall be acceded to by other members of
2 the Council, and presented to the President, through the Minister.

3 (2) The Chairman of the Council shall keep proper accounts and
4 proper records in relation thereto, and shall prepare in respect of each
5 financial year, a statement of accounts in such form as the Council may
6 direct.

7 (3) The Council shall, as soon as may be after the end of the
8 financial year to which the accounts relate, cause the accounts to be audited
9 by qualified auditors appointed from the list of auditors in accordance with
10 the guidelines laid down by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

11 (4) The auditors shall on completion of the audit of the accounts of
12 the Council and the Peace Corps for each financial year, prepare and submit
13 to the Council the following two reports, that is to say-

14 (a) a general report setting out the observations and
15 recommendations of the auditors on the financial affairs of the Council and
16 Peace Corps generally for that year, and on any important matters which the
17 auditors may consider necessary to bring to the notice of the Council; and

18 (b) a detailed report containing the observations and
19 recommendations of the auditors on all aspects of the operations of the
20 Council and the Peace Corps for that year

21 19. The Council shall prepare and submit to the President and the
22 National Assembly, not later than the end of June of each financial year, a
23 report on the activities of the Council and the Peace Corps during the
24 immediately preceding financial year and shall include in such report a
25 copy of the audited accounts of the Council and Peace Corps for that year,
26 and the auditors report thereon.

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1 PART V - DISCIPLINE OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS OF

2 THE PEACE CORPS

Establishment of
the National Unity
and Peace Corps
Disciplinary
Committee

3 20.-(1) Without prejudice to the powers of the Council to set up
4 committees for the conduct of its affairs under this Act, there shall be
5 established a committee to be known as the National Unity and Peace corps
6 Disciplinary Committee (in this Act referred to as "the Disciplinary
7 Committee") which shall be charged with the duty of the maintenance of
8 discipline among members of the Peace Corps, and considering and
9 determining any report of gross indiscipline by any member of the Peace Corps
10 referred to it by the Panel established pursuant to section 21 of this Act and any
11 other matter for which the Disciplinary Committee has authority under this
12 Act.

13 (2) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman and four
14 other members of the Council.

15 (3) The Disciplinary Committee shall have a Secretary and such other
16 number of staff as the Chairman of the Council may determine.

17 (4) The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to
18 summon a meeting of the Committee, at any time to consider and determine
19 any report of indiscipline by any member of the Peace Corps.

20 (5) The Disciplinary Committee may make standing rules for its
21 proceedings not contained in this Act.

Establishment of
the National Unity
and Peace Corps
Investigating Panel

22 21.-(1) There shall be a body to be known as the National Unity and
23 Peace Corps Investigating Panel (in this Act, referred to as "the Panel") which
24 shall be charged with the duty of-

25 (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any matter brought
26 before it where it is alleged that a member of the Peace Corps has misbehaved
27 or breached any of the Codes of conduct in his capacity as an officer or other
28 rank of the Peace Corps;

29 (b) deciding whether the matter should be referred to the Disciplinary
30 Committee; and

1 (c) present a report containing its recommendations to the
2 Disciplinary Committee in respect of any matter brought before it.

3 (2) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council, and shall consist
4 of three members of the Council and two other persons who are members of
5 the Peace Corps, but who are not members of the Council at the time of their
6 appointment.

7 (3) The Panel may make rules, not contained in this Act, as to its
8 procedure for carrying on an investigation into any matter brought before it.

9 **22.**-(1) The Council shall have responsibility for setting out the
10 Codes of Conduct for members of the Peace Corps which may not be
11 published in the Federal Government Gazette, but the Council shall cause
12 them to be brought to the notice of all the members of the Peace Corps in
13 such a manner as it may, from time to time, determine.

Codes of conduct
for members of
the Peace Corps

14 (2) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the
15 Codes of Conduct set out by the Council shall take cognizance of matters
16 relating to the conduct and comportment of members of the Peace Corps in
17 public places, their dealings with members of the society and attitude to the
18 performance of their duties.

19 **23.**-(1) Where a member of the Peace Corps breaches, contravenes
20 or violates any of the Codes of Conduct of the Peace Corps or any other law
21 in force in the Federation, the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to
22 recommend-

Offences and
punishment

23 (a) the imposition of a fine of an amount on that member of the
24 Peace Corps;

25 (b) suspension of the member of the Peace Corps from duty
26 without pay for a specified period;

27 (c) demotion in rank of the member of the Peace Corps, or
28 deferment of promotion for a specified period;

29 (d) dismissal from the Peace Corps; or

30 (e) any combination of the foregoing punishments.

1 (2) In the case of the contravention or violation of any law in force in
2 the Federation by a Peace Corps member, the Disciplinary Committee shall, in
3 addition to issuing a recommendation for his dismissal, recommend that the
4 offender be handed over to the appropriate authority for prosecution,

5 (3) Every recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee under this
6 section of this act shall not have force unless approved by the Council.

7 PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Directives by the
Minister, etc.

8 24. The Minister may give to the Council such directives of a general
9 nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by
10 the Council of its functions under this Act, and it shall be the duty of the Council
11 to comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with.

Secrecy

12 25.-(1) A member of the Council or the Commandant-General or any
13 other officer or other ranks or employee of the Peace Corps shall-

14 (a) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information which has
15 come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the
16 ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Council or as Commandant-
17 General, officer, other rank or employee for the Peace Corps;

18 (b) treat as confidential any information which has come to his
19 knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the
20 performance of his duties under this Act;

21 (c) not disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this
22 subsection, except when required to do so by a Court or in such other
23 circumstances as may be prescribed by the Council, from time to time.

24 (2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of
25 this section commits an offence and is liable to a fine of fifty thousand Naira or
26 imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and
27 imprisonment.

Provision of
library facilities

28 26. The Council shall provide and maintain a library at the
29 headquarters and State Branch Commands of the Peace Corps comprising such
30 books and publications as may be provided, for the advancement of the

1 knowledge and skills of members of the Peace Corps, for research purposes,
2 and for other purposes connected with the objects and functions of the Peace
3 Corps.

4 **27.-(1)** On the commencement of this Act-

Transfer to the
Council of certain
property, etc.

5 (a) all property held immediately before that day by or on behalf of
6 the former Council shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further
7 assurance, vest in the Council established under this Act and held by it for
8 the purposes of the Council and Peace Corps;

9 (b) the former Council shall cease to exist; and

10 (c) subject to subsection (2) of this section, any act, matter or thing
11 made or done by the former Council shall continue to have effect.

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

16 **28.-(1)** The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, make
17 such rules and regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for
18 giving full effect to the provisions of this Act and for the due execution of its
19 provisions.

Rules and
regulations

20 (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this
21 section, the Council shall have powers to make regulations generally for
22 carrying out the objects of this Act and, in particular, shall make regulations
23 relating to-

24 (a) the rank, pay and allowances of members of the Peace Corps;

25 (b) the hours of duty, schedule of work and leave of members of the
26 Peace Corps;

27 (c) the procedure and terms of appointment and recruitment of
28 members of the Peace Corps;

29 (d) subject to the provisions of this Act, the qualification for
30 appointment of members of the Peace Corps or any ranks, and the procedure

1 for promotion to any such rank;

2 (e) the maintenance of discipline among members of the Peace Corps;

3 and

4 (f) any other matter for which the Council has powers or which is
5 incidental or supplementary to the foregoing provisions of this subsection.

Interpretation, etc.

6 **29.-(1)** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the
7 following words and expressions have the meaning respectively assigned to
8 them, that is to say-

9 "Chairman" means the Chairman of the National Unity and Peace Corps
10 Council appointed pursuant to section 1 (1) (a) of this Act;

11 "Codes of Conduct" means the Codes of Conduct authorized to be set out by the
12 Council for members of the Peace Corps pursuant to section 22 of this Act;

13 "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
14 1999;

15 "Commandant-General" means the Commandant-General of the National
16 Unity and Peace Corps appointed in terms of section 9 of this Act;

17 "Council" means the National Unity and Peace Corps Council established
18 under section 1 (1) of this Act;

19 "Disciplinary Committee" means the National Unity and Peace Corps
20 Disciplinary Committee established pursuant to section 20 (1) of this Act;

21 "functions" includes power and duty;

22 "member" means the members of the National Unity and Peace Corps Council
23 established pursuant to section 2 of this Act, and includes the Chairman;

24 "member of the Peace Corps" means the members of the National Unity and
25 Peace Corps established in terms of section 6 (1) of this Act;

26 "Minister" means the Minister of the Government of the Federation charged
27 with responsibility on matters relating to interior affairs, and "Ministry" shall
28 be construed, accordingly;

29 "national ethics" means the national ethics prescribed by section 23 of the
30 Constitution;

1 "Peace Corps" means the National Unity and Peace Corps established
2 pursuant to section 6 (1) of this Act; and

3 "President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

4 (2) The Interpretation Act shall apply for the purposes of
5 interpreting the provisions of
6 this Act.

7 30.-(1) This Act may be cited as the National Unity and Peace Citation, etc.
8 Corps (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016.

9 (2) The provisions of this Act are in addition to and not in
10 derogation of any other law appertaining to the duties of the Peace Corps
11 established under this Act.

12 SCHEDULES

13 FIRST SCHEDULE

14 (Section 3)

15 *Proceedings Of The Council*

16 1. The Council shall have powers to regulate its proceedings at
17 any meeting and may make standing orders for that purpose, and subject to
18 such standing orders and paragraph (2) of this Schedule, may function
19 notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any
20 member.

21 2. The quorum at a meeting of the Council shall consist of the
22 chairman or, in an in appropriate case, the person presiding pursuant to
23 paragraph 4 (2) of this Schedule, and five other members.

24 3. At any time while the office of the chairman is vacant or the
25 chairman is, in the opinion of the Council, temporarily unable to perform the
26 functions of his office, a member of the Council duly appointed by the
27 Council shall perform those functions and
28 references in this Schedule to the chairman shall be construed accordingly.

29 4.-(1) Subject to the provisions of its standing orders, the Council
30 shall meet whenever summoned by the chairman; and if the chairman is

1 required to do so by notice given to him by not less than six other members, he
2 shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within 21 days from the date
3 on which the notice is given.

4 (2) At any meeting of the Council, the chairman or, in his absence, any
5 member duly appointed by the Council, shall preside at that meeting.

6 (3) Where the Council wishes to obtain the advice of any person on a
7 particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as it
8 thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this subparagraph shall not
9 be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a
10 quorum.

11 **5.**-(1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out,
12 on behalf of the Council, such of its functions as the Council may determine.

13 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the
14 number of persons determined by the Council, and not more than one-third of
15 such persons may be persons who are not members of the Council; and a
16 person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the Committee
17 in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

18 (3) A decision of a Committee of the Council shall be of no effect until
19 it is confirmed or approved by the Council.

20 **6.** The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the
21 signature of the Chairman or of some other member authorised generally or
22 specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

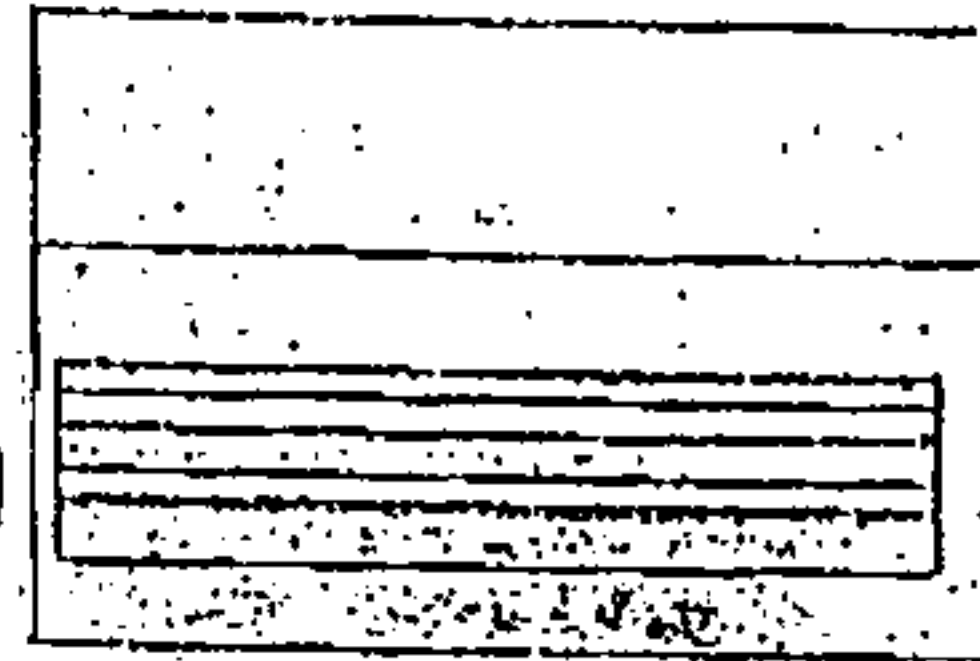
SECOND SCHEDULE

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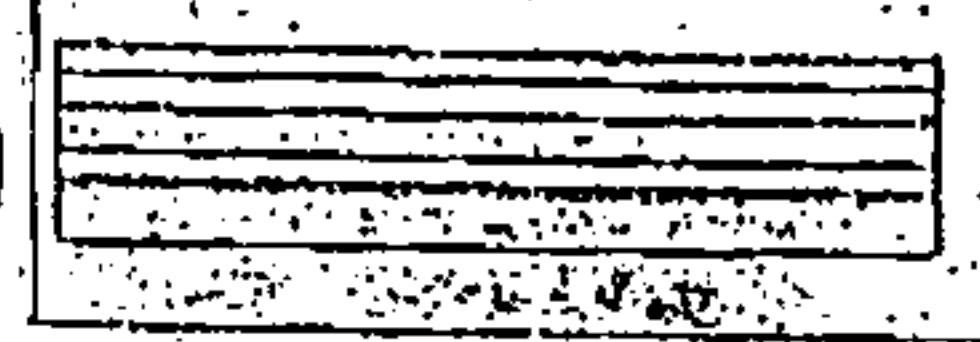
RANKS AND INSIGNIA OF MEMBERS OF THE PEACE CORPS

The following diagrammatic impressions represent the ranks and insignia of the members of the Peace Corps.

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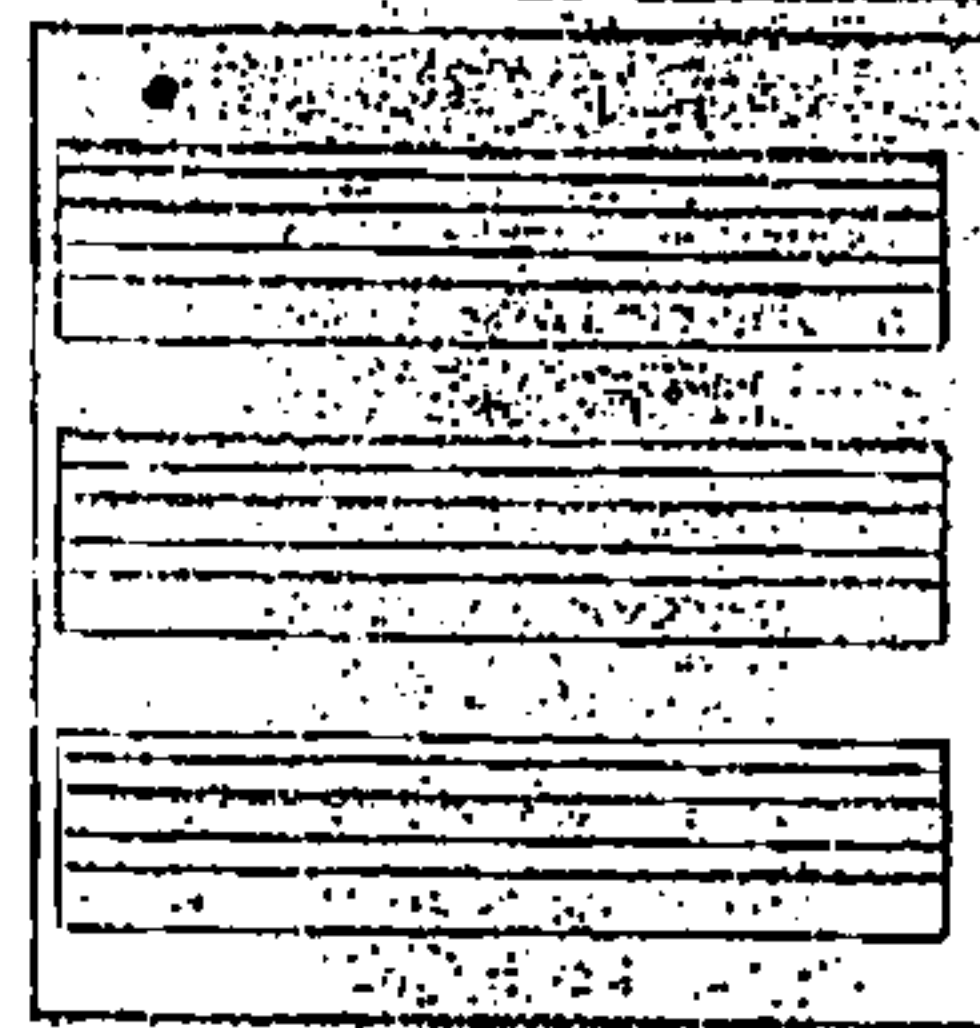
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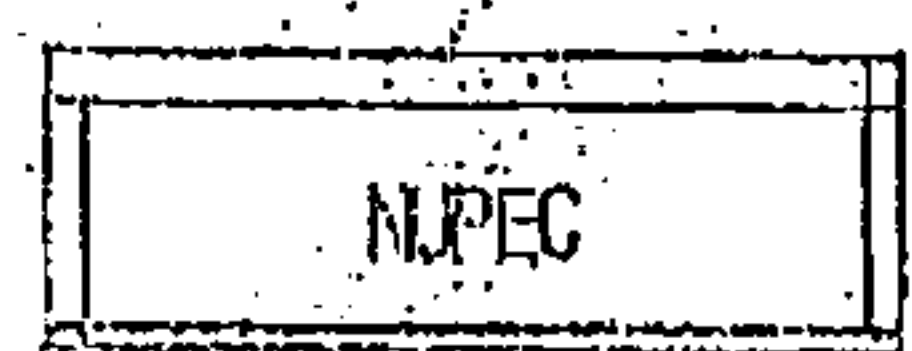
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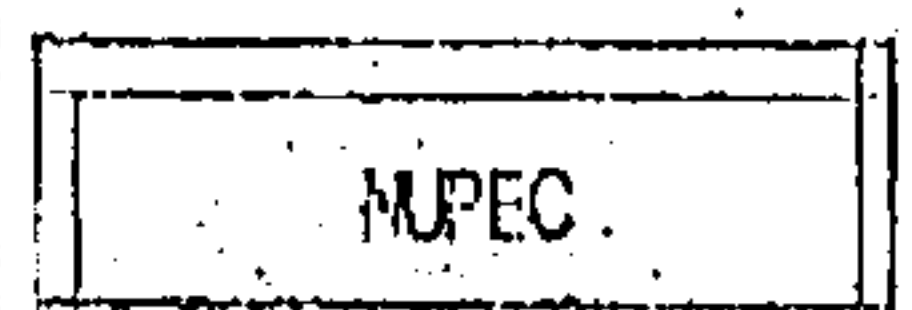
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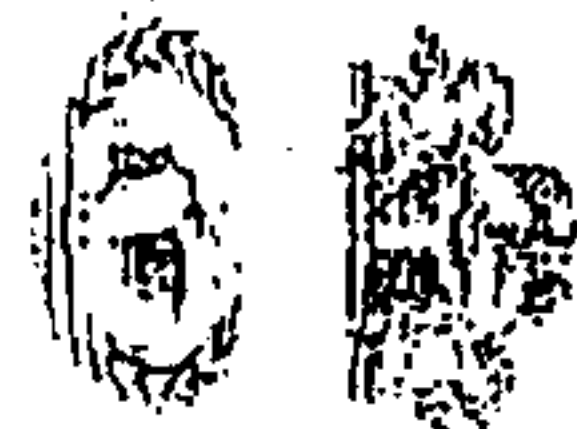
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1 THIRD SCHEDULE

2 (Section 27 (2))

3 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO RIGHTS, VESTING OF PROPERTY, ETC.

4 1. Accordingly, the statutory functions, rights, interests, obligations
5 and liabilities of the former Council, existing before the commencement of this
6 Act under any contract or instrument, or law or in equity shall by virtue of this
7 Act be deemed to have been assigned to and vested in the Council established
8 by this Act.

9 2. Any such contract or instrument as is mentioned in paragraph 1 of
10 this Schedule shall be of the same force and effect against or in favour of the
11 Council established by this Act and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively
12 as if instead of the conditions existing before the commencement of this Act,
13 the Council established by this Act had been named therein or had been a party
14 thereto.

15 *Obligations and liabilities*

16 3. The Council established by this Act shall be subject to all the
17 obligations and liabilities to which the former Council existing before the
18 commencement of this Act was subject to immediately before the
19 commencement of this Act, and all other persons shall have the same rights,
20 powers and remedies against the Council established by this Act as they had
21 against the former Council existing before the commencement of this Act.

22 *Pending or existing proceedings or cause of action*

23 4. Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately
24 before the commencement of this Act by or against the former Council in
25 respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the former Council may
26 be continued or as the case may be commenced, and any determination of the
27 Court of law, tribunal or other authority or person may be enforced by or
28 against the Council established by this Act to the same extent that such
29 proceeding or cause of action might have been continued,
30 commenced or enforced by or against the former Council existing before the

1 commencement of this Act.

2 *Vesting of Assets*

3 5. All assets, funds, resources and other moveable or immoveable
4 property which immediately before the commencement of this Act were
5 vested in the former Council existing before the commencement of this Act
6 shall by virtue of this Act and without further assurance be vested in the
7 Council established by this Act.

8 *Holders of office*

9 6. Any person who immediately before the coming into force of
10 this Act is the holder of any office in the former Council existing before the
11 commencement of this Act shall on the commencement of this Act continue
12 in office and be deemed to have been appointed to his office by the Council
13 established by this Act, unless the authority by which the person was
14 appointed terminates the appointment.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the National Unity and Peace Corps and confer it with the duties of upholding and imparting the virtues of the national ethics specified under the Constitution in order to reconstitute diligence and industry into the citizenry, and to render such other social services that would assist in enhancing the power, ideals, prestige and good name of Nigeria.

The Bill further seeks to, among other things, deepen and enrich the concept of family values, societal integration and national unity for the purposes of encouraging the promotion of peace, harmony and progress in the affairs of the nation.



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(ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2016
ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause:

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1. Establishment of the College
2. Establishment and Composition of the Governing Council
3. Registration, cessation or removal of members of the Council
4. Qualification of the Chairman
5. Objectives of the College
6. Functions of the Council

PART II - STAFF OF THE COLLEGE

7. Appointment of the Registrar and other staff of the College
8. Duties of Registrar
9. Regulation

PART III - STRUCTURES OF THE COLLEGE

10. Department, division and units of the College
11. Management committee of the College

PART IV - REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE

12. Registration of Members

PART V - MEMBERSHIP OF THE COLLEGE

13. Membership of the College
14. Conduct of examination

PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

15. Funds of the College
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17. Power to borrow money
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PART VII - DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 20. Establishment of disciplinary committee
- 21. Penalties for professional misconduct

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