

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POLICY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES BILL, 2021
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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POLICY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES, TO SERVE AS NIGERIA'S APEX INSTITUTE FOR POLICY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno

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

1 I.-(1) There is established the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru (in this Bill referred to as "the National Institute"), which shall be the apex policy and strategic Institute in Nigeria.

2 (2) The Institute:

3 (i) Shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, which may sue or be sued in its corporate name; and

4 (ii) May acquire, hold or dispose of any property, movable or immovable for the purposes of carrying out any of its functions under this

5 2.-(1) The objectives of the National Institute shall include:

6 (i) serving as the nation's highest Think Tank and a centre for high level reflection, research, and dialogue, where academics, of intellectual

7 excellence, policy initiators, executors and other citizens with high level of practical experience and knowledge drawn from different spheres of

8 Nigerian's national life and the African Continent, meet to reflect and exchange ideas on issues of society as they relate to Nigeria and Africa, in

9 the context of the dynamics of a constantly changing world;

10 (ii) identifying, encouraging, stimulating, assembling, consolidating and helping to deploy the country's best intellectual talents

11 and experienced policy analysts, who shall make positive contributions to

Commencement

Establishment of the National Institute, Kuru

Objectives of the National Institute

1 the handling of complex policy problems to the best national advantage;

2 (iii) serving as a centre of convergence for representatives from
3 different walks of Nigeria's National life and Africa to discuss and analyze
4 long-term development plans of Nigeria and the African Continent through
5 workshops, seminars, action-oriented courses, studies and conferences;

6 (iv) The National Institute as the national apex think tank shall
7 coordinate national and regional think tanks to respond actively to national and
8 regional development challenges; and

9 (v) Carrying out its tasks and responsibilities in an objective and non-
10 partisan manner that is independent of any group in the body politic.

Policy of Non-
Attribution

11 3. For the National Institute to achieve its objectives as
12 aforementioned, the policy of non-attribution is hereby adopted to the extent
13 that no statement oral or written or made in any other form howsoever, made by
14 faculty members, course participants or guest lecturers in the National Institute
15 shall be attributed to that person therefore no legal liability or form of
16 censorship whatsoever shall arise from such statement.

Board of
Governors of the
National Institute

17 4.-(1) There shall be appointed by Mr. President, a Board of
18 Governors for the National Institute vested with governance and the direction
19 of the National Institute and its affairs (in this Act referred to as "the Board").

20 (2) The Board shall consist of:

21 (i) A Chairman to be appointed by Mr. President, who must have
22 served in a position not below the rank of Federal Permanent Secretary;

23 (ii) The Minister charged with the responsibility for Finance;

24 (iii) The Minister charged with the responsibility for Foreign Affairs;

25 (iv) The Minister charged with the responsibility for Science and
26 Technology;

27 (v) The Chief of Defence Staff;

28 (vi) The Director-General of the National Institute;

29 (vii) An eminent economist who shall be a member of Nigerian
30 Economic Society;

1 (viii) An eminent political scientist who shall be a Professor of not
2 less than 20 years;

3 (ix) The serving President of Alumni Association of the National

4 Institute; and

5 (x) Two other appointees of Mr. President, who by reason of their

6 ability, experience or specialized knowledge of administration or profession

7 or business attainments, are capable of adding value to the work and

8 development of the National Institute.

9 (xi) The Secretary Deputy Director (Administration) who shall

10 serve as the Secretary of the Board.

11 (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the First Schedule to

12 this Act, shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and

13 other matters contained therein.

14 5-(1) The membership of the Board shall hold office for a single

15 Tenure of the
Board

16 term of four years.

17 6. The Chairman and other members of the Board shall be paid

18 Remuneration
of Members of
the Board

19 such allowances and expenses as the Federal Government may, from time to

20 time direct.

21 7-(1) Where it appears that the Chairman or any member of the

22 Removal of
Members of the
Board

23 Board should be removed from office on the grounds of misconduct or

24 inability to perform the functions of his office, the Board shall make a

25 recommendation to the President for his removal.

26 (2) Where the President, after making such inquiries as he

27 considers necessary, approves the recommendation made by the Board, the

28 Secretary to the Government of the Federation shall, in writing declare the

29 position of such member vacant.

(3) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) of this Section,

the President may remove any member of the Board, where he is satisfied

that it is in the interest of the National Institute and the public to do so.

Functions of the
National Institute

1 8.-(1) The functions of the National Institute shall be to:

2 (i) conduct courses for top level policy makers and executors from
3 different sectors of Nigeria's national life and Africa with a view to expanding
4 their outlook, perspective, stretching their conceptual capacity and qualities of
5 discernment analysis, thereby helping to improve their overall performance in
6 their different fields of responsibilities;

7 (ii) carry out an in-depth research into socio-economic, political,
8 security, scientific, cultural and other problems facing Nigeria and the African
9 sub-region with a view to formulating and presenting in applicable form,
10 solution options;

11 (iii) conduct seminars, workshops and other action-oriented
12 programmes on a continuing or ad-hoc basis for leaders in the public service
13 including the military and paramilitary forces, private sector, political
14 organizations, professions and other groups with a view to promoting,
15 defining, and enhancing appreciation for long-term national plans and
16 objectives;

17 (iv) organize and carry out, on an inter-disciplinary basis, intellectual
18 support for those charged with making and implementing policy for Nigeria
19 and Africa;

20 (vi) disseminate by way of publication and any other means
21 information about any part of its activities, to the extent deemed justified by the
22 Board in the interest of the nation, as a contribution towards knowledge and for
23 better national and international perception of Nigeria;

24 (vii) establish and maintain an ICT based library comprising such
25 books, records, reports and other publications as may be directed by the Board
26 for the advancement of knowledge in the areas of work undertaken by it,
27 research purposes and other purposes connected with the functions conferred
28 on the National Institute by this Act; and

29 (viii) Carry out any other activities as are necessary or expedient for
30 the performance of its function under this Act.

1 - 9.-(1) The National Institute shall have powers to:

2 (i) award certificates of Membership of the National Institute (mni)

3 to persons, who have satisfactorily completed the Senior Executive Course

4 as required by the National Institute and issue Certificate of Attendance to

5 those who could not satisfy minimum requirements set by the National

6 Institute, while other courses shall attract appropriate certificates as may be

7 approved by the Board;

8 (ii) award certificates of recognition, [mni] to persons who are

9 already members of the National Institute and who must have served as

10 members of Directing Staff or Principal Officer of the Institute for a certain

11 period of time not less than 2 (Two) Academic Sessions and have

12 contributed in a positive manner to the development of the Institute as

13 may be determined from time to time by the Board.

14 (iii) Award certificates of Honour (Honoris Causa), with

15 appellations as may be determined by the Board to deserving Nigerians.

16 (iv) Develop action-oriented research programmes in every sphere

17 with a view to advancing development, good governance and democracy in

18 Nigeria and Africa;

19 (v) Institute professorships, readerships, fellowships, other posts

20 and offices and to make appointments and promotions thereto to enable it

21 achieve its powers under (i) above;

22 (vi) Collaborate with other Institutes with similar objectives

23 around the world with a view to projecting its image and impact on the

24 Nigeria nation in a globalized world;

25 (vii) withdraw any certificate awarded by it to a person if it is

26 satisfied that the holder of such certificate has conducted himself in such a

27 manner that is unbecoming of a holder of said certificate and consequently

28 could debase the integrity and reputation of the National Institute and;

29 (viii) Carry out such other activities as the National Institute may,

30 from time to time, deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out its

Powers of the Board

- 1 functions under this Act.
- 2 10.-(1) The Board of the National Institute shall have powers to:
- 3 (i) formulate policies and ratify short and long-term plans of the
- 4 National Institute;
- 5 (ii) Ratify the annual budget of the National Institute;
- 6 (iii) Approve investment plans of the National Institute.
- 7 (vi) receive and consider proposals, recommendations and
- 8 suggestions from the Director-General and any Committee set up by the Board
- 9 on matters relating to the functions of the National Institute under this Act;
- 10 (vii) Set up any committee that may be necessary to discharge the
- 11 functions assigned to it under this Act;
- 12 (viii) Attract funds by way of donations, endowments and
- 13 contributions to the National Institute and put in place, mechanisms for
- 14 management of such funds;
- 15 (ix) Recruit and promote members of staff, and also entertain appeals
- 16 on disciplinary matters affecting such members of staff;
- 17 (x) Approve appropriate fees for services rendered by the National
- 18 Institute;
- 19 (xi) notwithstanding the provisions of (ix) above, in consultation with
- 20 the Management, set guidelines and requirements for selection of members of
- 21 Directing Staff from the Military, Police and Security Services on posting to
- 22 the National Institute, to ensure that the required standard is not compromised;
- 23 (xii) notwithstanding the provision of (xi) above, the National
- 24 Institute shall only accept Military and Police Officers on posting as members
- 25 of Directing Staff and Defence Fellows, if such officers have attended and
- 26 passed the Senior Executive Course and have been recommended by the
- 27 National Institute for posting as Directing Staff based on their performance in
- 28 the course; and
- 29 (xiii) Carry out or exercise any other powers that may be necessary for
- 30 the attainment of the objects of this Act.

1 11.-(1) Management of the National Institute shall be vested in its
 2 Principal Officers, which shall comprise:
 3 (i) Director General;
 4 (ii) Secretary/Deputy Director-General (Administration);
 5 (iii) Deputy Director-General (Studies);
 6 (iv) Deputy Director-General (Research);
 7 (v) Institute Librarian;
 8 (vi) Institute Bursar.
 9 12.-(1) There shall be appointed for the National Institute, a
 10 Director-General, who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the National
 11 Institute.
 12 (2) The Director-General shall be:
 13 (i) Appointed by Mr. President of the Federal Republic, on the
 14 recommendation of the Board of Governors of the National Institute;
 15 (ii) Responsible to the Board for the management of the affairs of
 16 the National Institute;
 17 (iii) entitled to earn a remuneration and allowances which is at par
 18 with a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in addition to any
 19 allowances as may be approved by the Board from time to time; and
 20 (iv) Hold a renewable tenure of four years on such terms and
 21 conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
 22 13.-(1) There shall be appointed by the Board the following
 23 Principal Officers who shall constitute members of the Management
 24 Committee of the National Institute:
 25 (i) The Secretary/Deputy Director-General (Administration) of the
 26 National Institute shall be at par with the office of a Federal Permanent
 27 Secretary in the Federal Civil Service of the Federation, earning such
 28 remuneration and allowances as enjoyed by the office, or as may be
 29 prescribed by the Board. He shall be responsible to the Director-General for
 30 the day-to-day administration of the National Institute. The

Appointment of
 other Principal
 Officers of the
 National Institute

Appointment
 of the Director-
 General of the
 National Institute

1 Secretary/Deputy Director-General (Administration) shall serve as Secretary
2 to the Board of the National Institute, and hold a non-renewable tenure of four
3 years;

4 (ii) The Deputy Director-General (Studies), shall be a Professor or
5 equivalent and be at par with the office of a Federal Permanent Secretary in the
6 Federal Civil Service of the Federation, earning such remuneration and
7 allowances as enjoyed by the office or as may be prescribed by the Board and
8 be responsible to the Director-General for organizing and conducting courses
9 undertaken by the National Institute, including the collation and publication of
10 course materials and other publications relating thereto. The Deputy Director-
11 General (Studies), shall hold a non-renewable tenure of four years;

12 (iii) The Deputy Director-General (Research) shall be a Professor or
13 equivalent and be at par with the office of a Federal Permanent Secretary in the
14 Federal Civil Service of the Federation, earning such remuneration and
15 allowances as enjoyed by the office or as may be prescribed by the Board and
16 be responsible to the Director-General for coordinating research staff, research
17 projects, collation and publication of research materials of the National
18 Institute. The Deputy Director-General (Research) shall hold a non-renewable
19 tenure of four years;

20 (iv) The National Institute Librarian, having the status, qualifications
21 and remuneration of a University Librarian, shall be responsible to the
22 Director-General for administering, coordinating and implementing the
23 Institute's Library policy with respect to the development of the Library under
24 this Bill. The National Institute Librarian shall be appointed on such terms and
25 conditions as may be approved by the Board;

26 (v) The National Institute Bursar having the status, qualifications and
27 remuneration of a University Bursar is the Chief Financial Officer of the
28 National Institute and shall be responsible to the Director-General for the day
29 to day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Institute. The
30 National Institute Bursar shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as

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| 1 | may be approved by the Board. | |
| 2 | 14.-(1) There shall be established an Academic Board for the | Academic Board of the National Institute |
| 3 | National Institute, which shall be the highest academic decision-making | |
| 4 | body for the National Institute. | |
| 5 | (2) The Academic Board shall have powers to: | |
| 6 | (i) Approve programme of studies, major research and courses to | |
| 7 | be undertaken by the National Institute; | |
| 8 | (ii) Approve final results for all courses; | |
| 9 | (3) The Academic Board shall comprise: | |
| 10 | (i) Director General; | |
| 11 | (ii) Secretary/Deputy Director-General (Administration); | |
| 12 | (iii) Deputy Director-General (Studies); | |
| 13 | (iv) Deputy Director-General (Research); | |
| 14 | (v) Institute Librarian; | |
| 15 | (vi) All Directing Staff; | |
| 16 | (vii) All Senior Fellows I and Heads of Department in Research | Directorate. |
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| 18 | 15. Salaries and allowances of members of Staff of the National | |
| 19 | Institute, shall be in accordance with the conditions and scheme of service as | Salary and Allowances of employees of the National Institute |
| 20 | may be approved by the Board of the National Institute; provided that rates | |
| 21 | and salary scale and other emoluments accruing to the employees shall not | |
| 22 | in any case be less than 50% of what is prevailing in Nigerian Federal | |
| 23 | Universities. | |
| 24 | 16.-(1) Subject to the provisions of the Law, the Board may make | Regulations |
| 25 | Regulations: | |
| 26 | (i) For the effective implementation of any of the provisions of this | |
| 27 | Act. | |
| 28 | (2) The Board may approve staff Regulations and adopt staff | |
| 29 | Conditions of Service and may provide for: | |
| 30 | (i) appointment, promotion, fringe benefits, incentives, and | |

1 discipline of members of staff of the National Institute provided that in the case
2 of academic positions such rules and regulation shall provide that the standard
3 learning and scholarship in respect of candidates to be appointed or promoted
4 are comparative to the standard required for similar appointment in Nigerian
5 Universities;

6 (ii) The remuneration and tenure of office of members of staff of the
7 National Institute.

8 (3) The Board shall have power to amend Regulations made under
9 this Act, provided that the proposal for amendment shall be passed by two-third
10 of the Board members.

11 (4) All Regulations made by the Board subject to the provisions of this
12 Act, may be published in the Official Gazette of the Government of Nigeria.

Removal and
discipline of staff
in the National
Institute

13 17.-(1) Subject to procedure as may be established thereof:

14 (i) The Principal Officers of the National Institute may be removed
15 from office by the Board;

16 (ii) Other senior members of staff of the National Institute may be
17 removed from office by the Director-General with the approval of the Board;

18 (iii) Removal from office of any junior staff shall be with the approval of the
19 Director-General.

Pensions

20 18.-(1) Service in the National Institute shall be Public Service for the
21 purpose of the Pensions Reform Act and Officers and other persons employed
22 in the National Institute shall in respect of the service in the National Institute,
23 be entitled to pension and other retirement benefits as are prescribed by the
24 Pension Reform Act and/or any extant laws relating to pension, but nothing in
25 this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which
26 preclude the grant of a pension in respect of that office.

27 (2) For the purpose of the application of the Pensions Reform Act, any
28 power exercisable thereunder by the President or authority other than the
29 Federal Government vested in and exercisable by the National Institute.

30 (3) Subject to subsection (1) of this Section, the Pensions Reform Act, shall in

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| 1 | its application by virtue of subsection (2) of this section, have effect as if, the | |
| 2 | office were in the public service of the Federation within the meaning of the | |
| 3 | Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as Amended). | |
| 4 | 19.-(1) The National Institute shall establish and maintain an | Establishment |
| 5 | Endowment Fund, which shall be applied towards the implementation of the | of Fund for the |
| 6 | aims and objectives of this Act. | National Institute |
| 7 | (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established | |
| 8 | pursuant to subsection (1) of this Section: | |
| 9 | (i) Such sums as may be provided by the Government of the | |
| 10 | Federation or of a State for payment into the Fund; | |
| 11 | (ii) Fees charged for services rendered by the Institute; and | |
| 12 | (iii) all sums accruing to the National Institute by way of gifts, | |
| 13 | testamentary dispositions, endowments or contributions from philanthropic | |
| 14 | persons or organizations or otherwise howsoever. | |
| 15 | (3) A Board of Trustees of not more than seven members shall be | |
| 16 | established by the Board of the National Institute to manage the Fund. | |
| 17 | 20.-(1) The National Institute shall not later than 30th September | Annual estimates, |
| 18 | of each year, submit to the Board for approval its estimates of income and | accounts and |
| 19 | expenditure for the next financial year. | audit |
| 20 | (2) The National Institute shall: | |
| 21 | (a) keep proper records of all accounts of its income and | |
| 22 | expenditure; and | |
| 23 | (b) prepare a statement of account in respect of each financial year. | |
| 24 | (3) The National Institute shall, not later than 30th June of each | |
| 25 | financial year, submit its accounts to auditors appointed from a list of | |
| 26 | qualified auditors in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Auditor- | |
| 27 | General for the Federation and the auditors fees and expenses shall be paid | |
| 28 | from the Funds of the National Institute. | |
| 29 | 21.-(1) The National Institute shall not later than 30th June of each | Annual Report |
| 30 | financial year, submit to the Board, in respect of the preceding financial | |

1 year, an annual report on the activities of the National Institute in such form as
2 the Board may direct.

3 (2) The report referred to in subsection (1) of this Section shall
4 include:

5 (a) information on the activities of the Institute in that year;

6 (b) a copy of the audited accounts of the Institute for that year together
7 with the Auditor-General's report on the accounts of the National Institute; and

8 (c) such other information as the Board may request.

9 (3) The Director-General shall provide such information on the affairs
10 of the National Institute as the Board may from time to time request.

Power to accept
gifts

11 22.-(1) The National Institute may accept any gift of land, money or
12 other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by
13 the person or organization making the gift.

14 (2) The National Institute shall not accept any gift where the
15 conditions attached by the person or organization making the gift are
16 inconsistent with the functions and objectives of the National Institute.

Borrowing and
investment powers
of the National
Institute

17 23.-(1) The National Institute may, with the consent or in accordance
18 with any general authority given by the Board, borrow by way of loan or
19 overdraft from any source, any specified amount of money required by the
20 Institute for its obligations and functions under this Act.

21 (2) The National Institute may, subject to the provisions of this Act
22 and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest any of
23 its funds with the consent or general authority of the Board or Board of trustees
24 under Section 19.

25 (3) The National Institute may invest any of its surplus funds in such
26 securities as the Board may, from time to time, approve.

The seal of the
National Institute

27 24.-(1) The seal of the National Institute shall be such as may be
28 administered by the Board and the affixing of the seal of the National Institute
29 shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board and the Secretary/Deputy
30 Director-General (Administration).

1 (2) Certificates issued by the National Institute shall have the
2 National Institute seal affixed and signed by the Director General and the
3 Secretary/Deputy Director General (Administration) of the National
4 Institute.

5 (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a
6 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal
7 may be made or executed on behalf of the National Institute by any
8 authorized by the Board.

9 25.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the
10 Public Officers Protection Act shall apply to any suit instituted against the
11 National Institute, an officer or employee of the National Institute.

12 (2) No suit shall lie or be instituted in any court against the National
13 Institute, a member of the Board or any principal officer or employee of the
14 National Institute for an action carried out in pursuance to the execution of
15 this Act or any enactment, or of any public duty in respect of any alleged
16 neglect or default in the execution of this Act or any other enactment or law,
17 duty or authority, unless it is commenced:

18 (a) within three months of such act, neglect or default complained
19 thereof; or

20 (b) in the case of a continuation of damages or injury, within six
21 months after the ceasing of the act, neglect or default.

22 (3) No suit shall be commenced against the National Institute, a
23 member of the Board or any principal officer or employee of the National
24 Institute before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice
25 of the intention to commence the suit has been served on the National
26 Institute by the intending plaintiff or his agent.

27 (4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) of this Section shall
28 clearly state the cause of action, particulars of the claim, the name and place
29 of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief sought.

Limitation of
suits against the
National Institute

Repeal, savings
and Transitional
Provision

1 26.-(1) The National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies is
2 hereby repealed (Cap. N51 L.F.N. 2004).

3 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this Section,
4 all the amendments to the repealed Act and all the subsidiary instruments made
5 thereunder, shall be deemed to have been made under this Act;

6 (3) From the commencement of this Act, all rights, functions,
7 interests, obligations and liabilities of the National Institute for Policy and
8 Strategic Studies existing before the commencement of this Act under any
9 contract or instrument of Law or in equity shall by virtue of this Act be deemed
10 to have been assigned to and vested in the National Institute established by this
11 Act.

12 (4) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing
13 immediately before the commencement of this Act by or against the National
14 Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies in respect of any rights, interest or
15 obligation may be continued or discontinued by or against the National
16 Institute in any court of Law or Tribunal.

17 (5) Every assets, funds, resources and other movable or immovable
18 property which before the commencement of this Act, was vested in the
19 National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies shall by virtue of this Act and
20 without further assurance be vested in the National Institute.

21 (6) Any person who at the coming into force of this Act was the holder
22 of any office in the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, shall on
23 the commencement of this Act continue in that office and be deemed to have
24 been appointed to the office by the National Institute under this Act.

25 (7) Every regulation, order, requirement, certificate, notice, direction,
26 decision, authorization, consent, application, request or thing made, issued,
27 given or done under the repealed Act or sections shall, if in force at the
28 commencement of this Act, continue to be in force and have effect as if made,
29 issued, given or done under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

Interpretation

27. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
 "Board" means the Board of Governor of the National Institute constituted as provided under Section 3 of this Act;

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Institute;

"Directing Staff" mean Officers on posting and appointees of the Board as members of Directing Staff;

"member" includes the Chairman of the Board and other members of the Board of Governors of the National Institute;

"misconduct" means any act of misconduct as may be specified by regulations;

"Participants" mean course enrollees at the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies;

"President" means the President and Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

"the National Institute" means the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies established by Section 2 of this Act.

26. This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru Bill, 2021.

Short title

1 SCHEDULE

2 *Proceedings of the Board*

3 1. Subject to this Act and section 27 of the Interpretation Act (C.A.P.I
4 23) 2004, Laws of the Federation:

5 (a) the Board may make Standing Orders to regulate its proceedings
6 or those of any of its Committees; and

7 (b) the quorum of the Board shall be the Chairman or the person
8 presiding at the meeting and 4 other members of the Board, the quorum of any
9 Committee of the Board shall be as determined by the Board.

10 ~~2. The Board shall meet not less than twice a year or when the~~
11 ~~Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less 3 other~~
12 ~~members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen~~
13 ~~days from the date on which the notice is given.~~

14 3. At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside but where
15 he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their
16 members to preside over the meeting.

17 4. Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a
18 particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it
19 deems fit, but the person who is in attendance by virtue of this paragraph shall
20 not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards
21 the constitution of required quorum as contemplated by paragraph 2.

22 *Committees*

23 5. The Board may constitute one or more Committees to carry out, on
24 its behalf, such functions as it may consider necessary.

25 6. A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such
26 number of persons as may be determined by the Board and such persons shall
27 hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of their
28 appointment.

29 7. A decision of a Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it
30 is confirmed by the Board.

Miscellaneous

- 1 8. The affixing of the seal of the National Institute shall be
2 authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman or any other member of the
3 Board generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that
4 purpose and the Secretary of the National Institute.
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6 9. Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a
7 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal,
8 may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the Director-General or
9 any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that
10 purpose.
11 10. A document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of
12 the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the
13 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
14 11. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or of a Committee
15 shall not be adversely affected by:
16 (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Board or the Committee; or
17 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or the
18 Committee; or
19 (c) reason being that a person not entitled to do so took part in the
20 proceedings of the Board or the Committee.
21 12. Any member of the Board or any person holding office on a
22 Committee of the Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or
23 arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or a
24 Committee thereof, shall disclose his interest to the Board and shall not vote
25 on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
26 13. A person shall not by reason of his membership of the Board be
27 treated as holding an office of emolument under the State.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM .

(This note does not form part of the above Act but is intended to explain its purport)

The Bill seeks to establish the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies to serve as the apex institute for research activities on policy and strategy in Nigeria, for policy initiators and executors at the helm of government affairs in the Public Service of the Federation, Military, Paramilitary, the Academia, Private Sector, Professionals, political organizations, commerce and industry and other sectors of Nigeria's national life through seminars, studies, workshops, conferences and other action-oriented courses, to analyze and exchange ideas as to long-term national goals, by providing advance courses leading to award of different categories of certificates to successful participants.

