

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING TREATIES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu

| | Commencement

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

1 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999) (As
2 Altered) (herein referred to as the "principal Act") is further altered as set out
3 in this Bill. Alteration of the
Constitution, 1999

4 2. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by- Alteration of
Section 12

5 (a) inserting the following as new subsections (1) and (2) thereof-
6 “(1) The National Assembly may make laws for the making of
7 treaties between the Federation and any other country on any matter on the
8 Exclusive Legislative List.

9 (2) All treaties to be negotiated and entered into for and on behalf of
10 the Federal Republic of Nigeria by any Ministry, government agency, body
11 or person shall be made in consultation with the relevant committees of both
12 houses of the National Assembly before such treaties are signed.”; and

13 (b) renumbering the existing subsections (1), (2) and (3) as
14 subsections (3), (4) and (5) respectively.

15 3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
16 Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Altered) so as to empower the National Assembly to make laws for treaties on an matter on the Exclusive Legislative List and for the participation of the National Assembly in negotiations for treaties.