

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STATUTORY REGULATION OF PEACE KEEPING OPERATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES, THE NIGERIAN POLICE, THE NIGERIA SECURITY AND CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS AND OTHER SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS 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 PART I - SCOPE OF APPLICATION

2 1.-(1) Any Member of the Nigerian Armed Forces or the Nigerian  
3 Police may participate in military crisis management and peace support  
4 (hereinafter peacekeeping activities) based on a decision by the United  
5 Nations (UN) or the African Union (AU) of the Economic Community of  
6 West African States (ECOWAS) or the two third majority decision of both  
7 Houses of the National Assembly that aims at preserving international or  
8 regional peace and security or protecting the execution of humanitarian aid  
9 and the civilian population.

Peace Keeping  
as Missions

10 (2) This Bill shall apply, as applicable, to the participation of Any  
11 Member of the Nigerian Armed Forces or Nigerian Police or the Nigerian  
12 Security and Civil Defence Corps (also referred to as Civil Defence) in the  
13 execution of humanitarian aid or protection of same on request by a special  
14 organization or agency of the UN or AU or ECOWAS. This Act shall not  
15 apply to participation in coercive military measures governed by articles 42  
16 and 51 of the Charter of the UN.

17 (3) Subject to approval of the two third majority of both Houses of  
18 the National Assembly, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
19 shall decide on Nigeria's participation in peacekeeping activities and on the

1 termination of participation.

2 (4) Before introducing a proposal to the National Assembly to deploy  
3 a peacekeeping force, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall  
4 consult the Foreign Affairs Committee of both Houses of the National  
5 Assembly and where major changes are planned in the tasks of the  
6 peacekeeping force.

7 (5) If the rules of engagement of the peacekeeping force are planned  
8 to be wider than in traditional peacekeeping, the President must consult and  
9 secure the consent of the Foreign Affairs Committees and the Defence  
10 Committees of both Houses of the National Assembly.

11 (6) The Ministry of Defence may decide upon minor increases or  
12 decreases in the peacekeeping activity but any troop increase above one -  
13 quarter of the original troop deployment levels shall require the simple  
14 majority consent of both Houses of the National Assembly.

Organization,  
Chain of Command,  
Internal Order  
and Authority

15 2.-(1) A Nigerian Peace Keeping Mission may consist of  
16 peacekeeping forces, separate units, military observers and individuals.

17 (2) Operationally, the Peace Keeping Mission shall fall within the  
18 authority of the arm of the Nigerian Armed Forces or a Department of the  
19 Nigerian Police or a Department of the Civil Defence responsible for the  
20 peacekeeping operation, and under the purview of the Ministry of Defence.

21 (3) In the practical execution of peacekeeping activities, the Peace  
22 Keeping Mission shall form part of the Armed Forces or the Nigerian Police of  
23 the Civil Defence (as the case may be) and shall be subordinate to the command  
24 of the arm of the Nigerian Armed Forces or a Department of the Nigerian Police  
25 or a Department of the Civil Defence responsible for the peacekeeping  
26 operation, and under the general purview of the Ministry of Defence.

27 (4) In the case of a Peace Keeping Operation involving the Nigerian  
28 Armed Forces, the Ministry of Defence shall confirm the strength and the type  
29 of unit and the administrative position and authority of the elements of the  
30 Peace Keeping Mission.

1 (5) In the case of a Peace Keeping Operation involving th  
 2 Nigerian Police Force, the Nigerian Police Force shall confirm the strengt  
 3 and the type of unit and the administrative position and authority of th  
 4 elements of the Peace Keeping Mission.

5 (6) In the case of a Peace Keeping Operation involving the Civil  
 6 Defence, the relevant Department of the Civil Defence shall confirm the  
 7 strength and the type of unit and the administrative position and authority  
 8 of the elements of the Peace Keeping Mission.

9 3.-(1) Nigeria shall participate in peacekeeping activities within  
 10 the framework of the appropriations provided for this purpose in th  
 11 Appropriation Act for the Ministry of Defence or the Nigerian Police or th  
 12 Civil Defence.

Budgeting for  
Peace Keeping  
Operations

13 (2) Costs incurred by Nigeria's participation in the peacekeeping  
 14 activities shall be reimbursed according to the general reimbursement  
 15 policy of the UN or the AU or the ECOWAS, or as agreed separately. Tenure  
 16 of office of members of the Council

17 4.-(1) In order to create the readiness required by the peacekeeping  
 18 activities referred to in this Bill, peacekeeping training may be provided in  
 19 Nigeria or in any other country, or by the UN, the AU or the ECOWAS or  
 20 other international organization or arrangement in which Nigeria  
 21 participates.

Training for  
Peace Keeping  
Operations

22 (2) The Nigerian Armed Forces, the Nigerian Police and the Civil  
 23 Defence shall manage peacekeeping training and the readiness,  
 24 organization and implementation tasks related to peacekeeping activities.

25 (3) Peacekeeping training may also be provided for foreign  
 26 military units or other security and para/military organizations in Nigeria.

#### 27 PART II - PEACE KEEPING PERSONNEL

28 5. The Peace Keeping Personnel shall consists of members of the  
 29 Nigerian Armed Forces, the Nigerian Police Force and the Civil Defence,  
 30 however, a member or members of other security and para/military

Composition of  
a Peace Keeping  
Mission

1 organizations in Nigeria may be involved in Peace Keeping Operations but  
2 shall be under the command of either an arm of the Nigerian Armed Forces or  
3 the Nigerian Police or the Civil Defence.

Rights and  
responsibilities  
of Peace Keeping  
personnel

4 6. The rights and responsibilities of the Peace Keeping Personnel  
5 shall be as determined by any Guidelines, Regulations and Rules of  
6 Engagement issued by the Ministry of Defence, the Nigerian Police or the Civil  
7 Defence.

Qualification for  
participation in a  
Peace Keeping  
Mission

8 7. The Ministry of Defence, the Nigerian Police and the Civil  
9 Defence shall determine the qualification for any personnel to participate in a  
10 peacekeeping mission.

Appointment  
of a Commander  
of a Peace Keeping  
Mission

11 8. The Commander of a peacekeeping mission shall be appointed by  
12 the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Terms of Service

13 9. The term of service of the Commander and other personnel of a  
14 peacekeeping force shall be determined by the President of the Federal  
15 Republic of Nigeria.

Discipline of  
Personnel

16 10. Discipline of a personnel involved in a Peace Keeping Mission  
17 shall be based on the disciplinary provisions and procedures of laws and  
18 subsidiary legislations applicable to the affected personnel.

Entitlement to  
Compensation

19 11. A personnel involved in a Peace Keeping Mission shall be entitled  
20 to compensation from the Federal Government of Nigeria for damage or injury  
21 caused to his/her property outside Nigeria while on duty or in circumstances  
22 connected with his/her service, provided that possession of the damaged  
23 property in the mission area of the peacekeeping operation was necessary for  
24 the performance of that person's duties.

Compensation  
and contribution  
to cause of  
injury

25 12. If the injured party has himself/herself contributed to the damage,  
26 or if any circumstance unrelated to the incident causing the damage also  
27 contributed to the damage, the said compensation may be reduced or the right  
28 to compensation revoked. Also, any other compensation that the injured party  
29 may be entitled to under another act or under a voluntary insurance policy may  
30 be deducted from the said compensation. The compensation for damages may

1 cover expenses incurred in repairing the damaged property and any other  
 2 expenses incurred through the damage, as well as depreciation in value of  
 3 the full value of property lost or destroyed.

4 **13.** Compensation paid to an injured party entitled to same under  
 5 this section must not exceed the equivalent of 5 years net annual wages of  
 6 the personnel, including any reductions made under Section 12 of this Bill,  
 7 however, a higher level of compensation may be paid if the damaged  
 8 property was damaged in the course of its use for a purpose that significantly  
 9 aided the efforts of the peacekeeping mission or for saving a human life.

Cap on  
Compensation

10 **14.** If a personnel involved in a peacekeeping operation under this  
 11 Act dies, financial compensation equivalent to that payable under group life  
 12 insurance shall be paid in accordance with the group life insurance  
 13 compensation payable for an employee of that rank or status.

Death and  
Financial  
Compensation

14 **15.** If a person in service as referred to in this Bill dies and his next  
 15 of kin is entitled to compensation from the UN or the AU or the ECOWAS on  
 16 the basis of the same service, the compensation referred to in Section 14 of  
 17 the Bill shall only be paid insofar as it exceeds the compensation referred to  
 18 in this Section.

Foreign  
Compensation

19 **16.** Notwithstanding the provisions of the Personal Income Tax  
 20 Act and the Federal Inland Revenue (Establishment) Act 2007, the salary of  
 21 any personnel involved in a peace keeping mission shall be subject to  
 22 personal income tax, however, the daily allowances and fringe benefits  
 23 enjoyed by peacekeeping personnel shall not be liable to any tax.

Taxation of  
Income

24 **17.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

25 "Civil Defence" means the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps;

26 "Armed Forces" means the Nigerian Army, the Nigerian Navy and the  
 27 Nigerian Air force;

28 "Houses of the National Assembly" means the Senate and House of  
 29 Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

30 "Ministry of Defence" means the Federal Ministry of Defence;

- Short title
- 1 "Security and Para-Military Organizations" means the Nigerian intelligence  
2 agencies and other Federal Government controlled security organizations;  
3 **18. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Peace Keeping (Support &**  
4 **Participation) Bill, 2019.**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for Statutory Regulation of Peace Keeping Operations by Members of the Nigerian Armed Forces, the Nigerian Police, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and other Security Organizations.