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"Right to Food".

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999, CAP. C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR RIGHT TO FOOD AND FOOD SECURITY IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

AND FOR RELATED MATTERS Sponsored by Senator Abdulahi Adamu Commencement ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows: 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Cap. 1 Alteration of Cap. C23 LFN. C23 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (referred to as "the Principal 2 2004 Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. 3 2.-(1) (a) Section 16 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting in 4 Alteration of Section 16 Sub-Section 2 (d) the words "suitable and adequate food" appearing in lines 5 1-2 thereof: 6 (b) The Principal Act is altered by inserting a new Section 16 A. 7 "16A(1) The State shall direct its policy towards ensuring that: 9 (a) the means of production, conservation and distribution of food are upgraded and improved upon on a continuous basis; 10 (b) strategies that guarantee food security of the nation in terms of 11 availability, accessibility and affordability of food to the citizens are 12 initiated, undertaken and implemented; and 13 14 (c) adequate measures are provided to ensure that food security of the nation is not compromised by any individual, group or institution, while 15 16 actions that enhance the sustainability of food security are promoted. 3. Section 33 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting 17 Alteration of Section 33 immediately after Section 33 (c), a new Section 33 A and its side note to read 18

	1	"33 A (1) Every person shall have a right to food, which shall be
	2	respected, protected and guaranteed by the State, and no one shall be deprived
	3	of food under any circumstances.
	4	(2) A person shall not be regarded as having been deprived of food in
	5	contravention of this Section if the person is:
	6	(a) physically fit or able to work or find food or not considered a
	7	disadvantaged person or belonging to the vulnerable groups in society;
	8	(b) not affected by natural disasters or any socio-economic
	9	emergencies affecting the person's livelihood in such a manner as to become
	10	the responsibility of government to respond quickly with appropriate
	11	measures; or
	12	(c) seeking remedies to situations other than food or means of
	13	acquiring food directly or otherwise".
Citation	14	4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
	15	Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2019.
	16	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM
		This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to ensure that the State directs its policy towards food security, and making rights to food a guaranteed fundamental Human Right in the Constitution.