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NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2022

(SB's. 375 & 271)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS TO FACILITATE PEACE, VOLUNTEERISM, COMMUNITY SERVICES, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, AND NATION-BUILDING; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2022

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Commencement

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

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS

1. (1) There is established the Nigerian Peace Corps (in this Bill referred to as “the Corps”) Establishment and Functions of the Nigerian Peace Corps
 - (2) The Corps:
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
 - (3) The Common seal of the Corps shall be kept in the custody of the National Corps Secretary.
 - (4) The Headquarters of the Corps shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), and the Corps shall have offices in all the States, Local Governments and Area Councils.

2. The functions of the Corps shall include: Functions of the Corps Governing Board of the Corps
 - (a) Enlist, mobilise, train and orientate the youths in order to develop them as supporting agents of social order by providing a second line of public safety;
 - (b) serve as a think-tank and educate residents of every community on security and safety measures peculiar to their neighbourhood;
 - (c) uphold a bottom-up surveillance through monitoring, observation, evaluation and to detect, collate and analyse intelligence data on matters that may likely cause breach of peace and security within the neighbourhood and transmit same to the appropriate Security Agency for pre-emptive measures and actions;
 - (d) engage in Peace Advocacy, Mediation and Conflict Resolution in order to advance the course of Peace-Building, Reconciliation and Conflict Transformation in all communities in Nigeria;
 - (e) secure Educational Institutions from intruders and to combat all forms of social decadence and vices, including cultism and examination malpractices with a view to creating peaceful and conducive atmosphere for learning;
 - (f) serve as a Reservoir and Spring-board of skilled man-power as adhoc staff for providing Social and Community Services such as Crowd Control, Emergency Relief Services, Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons, Voters’ Registration, Election Duties, Census, Immunization and First Aid;
 - (g) set-up a Centre saddled with the responsibility of training and building the capacity of the

youths in the areas of Critical Thinking, Creativity, Innovation, Entrepreneurial and Skill Acquisition;

(h) set-up well organized and structured farm settlement across the various Senatorial Districts in order to redirect the untapped and productive energy of the youths into large-scale and mechanized farming for increased food production, and planting of economic trees, to mitigate desertification and the effect of climate change in Nigeria; and

(i) set-up desk at the various entry points into the country in order to register tourists and other visitors, after clearance by the Nigerian Immigration Service and other relevant Security Agencies, and to serve as Tour Guards and Guides to their respective destinations upon the payment of charges; and

(j) Any other functions as may be assigned by the Minister.

PART II — GOVERNING BOARD, COMPOSITION AND POWERS

3. There is established for the management of the Corps a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").

4. The Board shall consist of:

Composition of
the Board

(a) Chairman to be appointed by the President;

(b) two nominees each appointed by the President as members representing the six (6) Geo-Political Zones of the Country; and

(c) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed subject to confirmation by the Senate.

5. No person shall be appointed as chairman or member of the Board, if-

Qualifications of
the Chairman and
other members of
the Corps

(a) he is not qualified or if he is disqualified for election as a member of the House of Representatives;

(b) Within the preceding 10 years, he has been removed as a member of the bodies established by section 153 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999(as altered), or as a holder of any other office on grounds of misconduct.

6. (1) The President shall appoint the Chairman and Members of the Board on the recommendation of the Minister.

Appointment of
the Chairman and
Members of the
Board

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister shall perform the functions of the Board where the Board has:

(a) not been constituted; and

(b) been dissolved.

(3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained in the Schedule.

7. The Chairman and other members of the Board, other than ex-officio members: Tenure of office
- (a) shall hold office for a term of 4 years on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointments; and
- (b) may be re-appointed for another term of 4 years and no more.
8. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of this Bill, a member may at any time be removed from office by the President if he: Removal from office
- (a) is unable to discharge the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of the body or mind;
- (b) is convicted by a court of law of a felony, fraud or any serious act of misconduct; and
- (c) without permission of the Board, is absent for more than 3 consecutive meetings of the Board or without such permission is absent from the country for a period exceeding 1 year.
- (2) The Chairman or a member may resign by a notice addressed through the Minister to the President and such notice of resignation becomes effective from the date of acceptance of the resignation by the President.
9. A member shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission. Allowances
10. The Board shall be responsible for: Powers of the Board
- (a) providing the general policies and guidelines relating to major expansion programmes of the Corps;
- (b) the supervision of management and general administration of the Corps;
- (c) recruiting regular members of the Corps;
- (d) organising basic development and refresher courses for members of the Corps;
- (e) fixing, with the approval of the Minister, the terms and conditions of service of members and employees of the Corps, including their remuneration; and
- (f) doing such other things, which, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Corps.

PART III — STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPS

11. (1) There shall be for the Corps a National Commandant who shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief subject to confirmation by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

National
Commandant of
the Corps

(a) Notwithstanding any provision in this Bill, the position of the National Commandant shall be appointed from among the very Senior Officers cadre of the Corps; and

(b) The appointee must have occupied an office in the Corps not below the position of Assistant National Commandant and would have served in the Peace Corps meritoriously for a period not less than Ten (10) years and must possess a minimum qualification of First Degree or its equivalent.

(2) The National Commandant shall hold office:

(a) in the first instance for a term of 4 years and may be eligible for reappointment for another term of 4 years and no more; and

(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(3) The National Commandant shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Corps.

(4) The National Commandant shall, in the performance of his functions, be directly responsible to the President.

(5) The National Commandant shall be responsible for the execution of the policies of the Corps and its day-to-day administration.

(6) The National Commandant Shall be the Secretary of the Board.

12. (1) The National Commandant shall recommend for appointment by the Board such number of Deputy National Commandants, Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants, Commandants and such officers from Level 8 and above as it may deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the Corps.

Deputy National
Commandants,
Corps Secretary,
Assistant National
Commandants
and other
employees of the
Corps

(2) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration, allowances, benefits and pensions) of regular members and employees of the Corps shall be determined by the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission.

(3) The Volunteers of the Corps shall, for any period they are on duty for the Corps, be paid such allowances and other benefits as may be approved by the National Commandant.

(4) The National Commandant, after due consultation with the Board, shall appoint for the Corps such number of officers, other ranks and employees below Level 8 as it may deem necessary for the purposes of effective administration of the Corps.

13. (1) The Personnel of the Corps shall consist of:

Membership of
the Corps

(a) regular members and volunteers; and

(b) officers and other ranks.

(2) Members of the Corps shall be Nigerians within the age of 18-35 years at the time of enlistment.

(3) Regular members and other staff shall be recruited by the Board periodically to meet the personnel requirements of the Corps, while the recruitment of the volunteers shall be handled by the National Commandant as the need arises.

14. (1) The service in the Corps shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act and, regular members and employees of the Corps are entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pension Reform Act.

Pensions Act No.
4, 2014

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill prevents the appointment of a person to any office on such terms which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.

(3) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable by the Minister or other authority of the Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations under section 40 of the Bill is vested in, and shall be exercisable by the Corps and not by any other person or authority.

PART IV — APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OFFENCES AND DISCIPLINE OF STAFF

15. (1) The Senior Staff of the rank of Commandant and above shall be appointed by the President upon nomination by the Board and on the recommendation of the National Commandant

Appointment of
staff of the Corps

(2) The appointment of State Commandants shall be by the Board on the recommendation of the National Commandant.

(3) The post of the Deputy National Commandant shall be a terminal post on which the holder shall retire from the Corps as may be determined by the President.

(4) The National Commandant shall, in consultation with the Board, establish such number of offices or units in the Headquarters and recruit officers to discharge responsibilities.

(5) If for any reason, the National Commandant is unable to perform his functions and there exists a vacancy in the office of the National Commandant, the officer who is next in rank to the National Commandant is to act for the period of his inability or vacancy, until a National Commandant is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, and the officer shall, while so acting, have all the powers to perform the functions of the National Commandant.

16. (1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff of the Corps.

Condition of
Service of other
staff of the Corps

(2) The staff of Corps shall be Public Officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of the Nigeria.

17. (1) The power of appointment, promotion and discipline of the junior staff of the Corps is vested in the National Commandant.

Discipline of staff
of the Corps

(2) The National Commandant may delegate his powers in respect of discipline of junior staff to Deputy or Assistant National Commandant in the Headquarters and State Command who shall discipline such staff in their Departments and Commands respectively in accordance with existing Corps regulations.

(3) Appeal against all decisions concerning the discipline of such staff shall be to the National Commandant.

(4) There is established the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee vested with the power to discipline the senior staff of the Corps.

(5) The Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consist of:

(a) a Deputy National Commandant and Assistant National Commandant with the Deputy National Commandant serving as Chairman, while in the absence of a Deputy National Commandant, the most Senior Assistant National Commandant shall serve as Chairman;

(b) the Provost Marshal;

(c) the Head of Legal Matters; and

(d) Corps Secretary.

(6) There is established the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee vested with the power to discipline the junior staff of the Corps.

(7) In addition to functions specified in subsection (3) of this section, the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consider and determine appeals emanating from decisions of the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee of the Corps and decisions on such appeals shall be final.

(8) Appeal against the decisions of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall lie with the Board.

(9) The National Commandant shall, in relation to the staff of the Corps, ensure:

(a) probity and accountability;

(b) maintain a system of screening and vetting at the recruitment stages which shall be a continuous exercise throughout the career of personnel in the Corps; and

(c) maintain a policy of continuous staff assessment.

(10) The National Commandant shall promulgate and distribute a code of conduct to staff of the Corps, the breach of which shall attract the appropriate penalty stipulated in the code.

(11) For the purpose of proper legal guidance and accountability, the heads of the legal and audit unit shall report directly to the National Commandant.

PART V — ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND ZONAL COMMANDS OF THE CORPS

18. (1) There shall be established in the National Headquarters of the Corps the Departments of:

Administrative structures of the Corps.

- (a) Administration;
- (b) Finance and Accounts;
- (c) Intelligence and General Duties;
- (d) Policy and Plans;
- (e) Training and Operations;
- (f) Logistics and Supply; and
- (g) Corps Secretariat.

(3) The Departments shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of a Deputy National Commandant.

(4) Each of these Departments shall be established at the various Command structures of the Corps as provided in subsection (2) and shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of Assistant Commandant.

19. (1) The Board shall:

Zones and Zonal Commands of the Corps

- (a) create such number of Zones as it deems fit for the effective operations of the Corps; and
- (b) Establish, in each zone, a Zonal Command, which shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of Assistant National Commandant.

(2) The Zonal Command shall, subject to the direction and overall command of the Corps, be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Corps in the zone.

20. (1) The Corps shall have a State Command in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

State Command

(2) The State Command shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the Corps Headquarters and Zonal Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Corps in the State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

21. (1) The Corps shall have a Command in each Local Government Area of the Federation and Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Local Government Command

(2) The Local Government and Area Council Commands shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the Corps and State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Corps in each of the Local Government Areas or Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory,

Abuja.

22. (1) The Corps shall establish a Squadron Command in each educational institution in the Federation, which shall be headed by a Squadron Commander. Squadron Command
- (2) The Squadron Command shall, subject to the direction and overall Command of the Corps, State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Corps in the educational institutions.

PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

23. The Corps shall establish and maintain a fund into which shall be paid: Funds of the Corps
- (a) Statutory and budgetary allocations from the National Assembly;
 - (b) all sums accruing to the Corps from donations made by local or international donor agencies;
 - (c) gifts from the three tiers of government, ministries or agencies and private corporations;
 - (d) loans, grants and aid; and
 - (e) bequests.
24. The Corps may apply the proceeds of the Fund established under section 23 of this Bill: Expenditure of the Corps
- (a) to the cost of administration of the Corps; and
 - (b) to the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances, gratuities payable to the officers and other employees of the Corps.
 - (c) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Corps; and
 - (d) for and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Bill.
25. (1) The Corps shall, not later than 30th September in each year, submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the Corps Fund) during the next succeeding year, after approval by the Board. Annual estimates, accounts and audit
- (2) The Corps shall keep proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list, and in accordance with the guidelines, supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.
26. The Corps shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council, through the Minister after approval by the Governing Board, not later than six months after the end of each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Corps during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Corps for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts. Annual report
27. (1) The Corps may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the donations. Power to accept donations

(2)The Corps shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the functions ofthe Corps.

28. (1) The Corps may borrow, by overdraft or otherwise, such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill Power to borrow
- (2) The Corps shall not, without the approval of the Board, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the amount set by the Board.
29. The Corps may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Bill, in such other securities as may be approved by the Minister. Investment
Cap. T22 LFN,
2004
30. The Board shall provide and maintain a library at the Headquarters and State Commands of the Corps comprising such books and publications as may be provided for the advancement of the knowledge and skills of members of the Corps, for research purposes, and for other purposes connected with the objects and functions of the Corps. Provision of library
facilities
31. (1) The Corps is exempted from payment of any income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Board for the Corps. Exemption from
tax
- (2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of company or trust funds does not apply to the Corps or the Board.

PART VII — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

32. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of the Corps. Limitation of suits
against the Corps
Cap. P41 LFN, 2004
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment, no suit against any member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Corps, for any act done in pursuance or execution or in respect of any alleged enactment or law, or of any public duty or authority or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or any other enactment or law, duty or authority, shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced:
- (a) within three months after the Bill, neglect or default complained of or;
- (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six months after the ceasing of the damage or injury.
- (3) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Corps before the expiration of one month after a written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on Corps by the intending plaintiff or his agent.

(3) The notice referred to in subsection (3) shall clearly state:

- (a) the cause of action;
- (b) the particulars of claim;
- (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
- (d) the relief, which the plaintiff claims.

33. A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to be served on the Corps under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering it to the National Commandant or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the National Commandant at the Headquarters of the Corps. Service of documents
34. In any action or suit against the Corps, no attachment or process shall be issued against the Corps except as provided under the Sheriffs and Civil Process Act. Restriction on execution against property of the Corps
35. A member of the Board or the National Commandant or any officer or employee of the Corps shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Corps against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member, National Commandant, officer or other employee of the Corps. Indemnity of officers
36. (1) A member of the Board, the National Commandant or any other officer or the employee of the Corps shall: Secrecy
- (a) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information, which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board, the National Commandant or officer or employee of the Corps;
 - (b) treat as confidential any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the discharge of his duties under this Bill; and
 - (c) not disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this subsection except when required to do so by any court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed by the Board.
- (2) A person who contravenes the provisions of section 36 (1) (a) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least N100,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.
37. (1) For the purpose of performing the functions conferred on the Corps under this Bill, the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Corps authorized in that behalf: Power to obtain information
- (a) shall have a right of access to all the records of any person or authority affected by this Bill for the specific purpose of discharging his duties under this Bill; and

(b) may, by notice in writing served on any person or premises require that person or authority to furnish information on such matters as may be specified by the notice.

(2) The person or authority served with the notice under section 33 shall furnish information as required under section 37 (1) (a) and comply with the notice within a reasonable time.

PART VIII — DISSOLUTION OF THE EXISTING PEACE CORPS OF NIGERIA AND NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS AND SAVINGS

38. (1) The Peace Corps of Nigeria and, National Unity and Peace Corps (in this section referred to as the "Corps") existing before the commencement of this Bill is dissolved.

Dissolution of the existing Peace Corps of Nigeria and National Unity and Peace Corps

(2) There shall be vested in the Corps, immediately at the commencement of this Bill, all assets, funds, resources and other movable or immovable property which immediately before the commencement of this Bill, were vested in the dissolved Corps.

(3) As from the commencement of this Bill:

(a) all rights, interest, obligations and liabilities of the dissolved Corps existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or instrument, at law or in equity, shall by virtue of this Bill, be assigned to and vested in the Corps;

(b) any contract or instrument as mentioned in paragraph (c) of this subsection shall have the same force and effect against or in favour of the Corps and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if, the Corps had been a party to the contract; and

(c) the Corps shall be subject to all obligations and liabilities to which the dissolved Corps was subject to immediately before the commencement of this Bill, and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights, powers and remedies against the Corps as they had against the dissolved Corps immediately before the commencement of this Bill.

(4) Any action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the dissolved Corps respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the dissolved Peace Corps of Nigeria and National Unity and Peace Corps, an action may be commenced, continued or enforced by or against the Corps.

(5) Notwithstanding the provision of this Bill, but subject to such directions as may be issued by the Corps, a person who, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, was either a regular member or a volunteer of or held office in the dissolved Corps shall be deemed to have been transferred to the Corps on such terms and conditions not less favourable than those obtained immediately before commencement of this Bill.

(6) The service in the dissolved Corps shall be deemed to be service in the Corps for purpose of pension.

(7) Notwithstanding the provision of this Bill or any other existing law in force, apart from all officers, regular and volunteer members of the dissolved Corps, any individual, Group, Association

or body that may be absorbed as a member of the Corps either by transfer, enlistment or by whatsoever legal means shall not, as at the time of commencement of this Bill be less than 18 years of age and not above the age of 45 years.

(8) Individuals, Groups, Associations or bodies that have shown or demonstrated interest to be absorbed as members of the Corps shall be absorbed subject to the mandatory basic training and orientation programme of the Corps as prescribed from time to time upon the commencement of this Bill.

(9) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (8) the Basic training and orientation programme of the Corps may be subject to periodic review after the commencement of this Bill as the Board may deem fit.

(10) Notwithstanding any provision in this Bill, an individual who has served in any capacity in the public service at any level (Federal, State, Local Government or Area Councils) and is entitled to gratuity and pension benefit is not eligible for consideration as a staff of the Corps.

PART IX — MISCELLANEOUS

39. (1) The Minister may give to the Corps, the Board or National Commandant such directives:

Directives by the Minister

(a) of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regards to the exercise of its functions; and

(b) with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order, as he may consider necessary and the Corps, the Board or the National Commandant shall comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a Governor of a State may give to a State Commandant such directives with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order in the State as he may consider necessary and the State Commandant shall comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with.

40. The Corps or the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effects to the provisions of this Bill and the regulations shall be laid before the National Assembly and published in the Federal Government Gazette.

Regulations

41. In this Bill:

"Board" means the Governing Board of the Nigerian Peace Corps established under section 3 of this Bill;

"Corps" means the Nigerian Peace Corps, established under section 1 of this Bill;

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Ministry of Special Duties and Intergovernmental Affairs ;

"Peace Corps Volunteers" means accredited youth within the age range of 18-35 years not on full remuneration but are on monthly stipend to be determined by the Board and are to serve as reservoirs for the Corps and other security agencies;

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

"Regular Staff officers" means main core staff of the Corps on full remuneration.

"Senate" means the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

42. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2022.

Citation

SCHEDULE

Section 6 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD

Proceedings

1. (1) The Board shall, for the purpose of this Bill meet at least four times in each year.

(2) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by a notice given to him by at least five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt the person to the Board for such period as it deems fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this subparagraph is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and is not counted towards a quorum.

"Peace Corps Volunteers" means accredited youth within the age range of 18-35 years not on full remuneration but are on monthly stipend to be determined by the Governing Board and are to serve as reservoirs for the Corps and other security agencies;

Committees

2. (1) The Board may set up one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, its functions under this Bill as the Board may deem fit.

(2) A Committee set up under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board as may be determined by the Board) and a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(3) A decision of the Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

Seal

3. (1) The fixing of the Seal of the Peace Corps shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any other person authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board and the National Commandant.

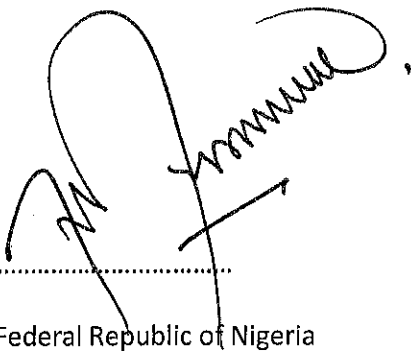
(2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the National Commandant or any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Board.

(3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be executed.

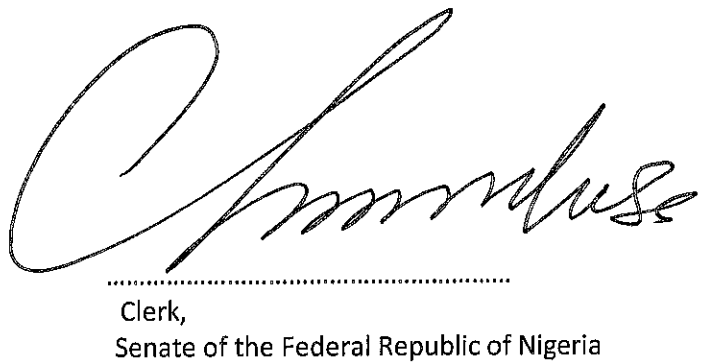
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC), a body charged with the responsibility to develop empower and provide gainful employment for the youth, facilitate peace, volunteerism, community services, neighbourhood watch and nation-building; and for other related matters,2022.

THIS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON TUESDAY, 12TH APRIL, 2022



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President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Clerk,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria