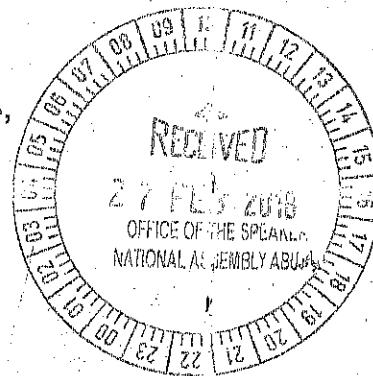


PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

25th January, 2018

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Rt. Hon. Y. Dogara,

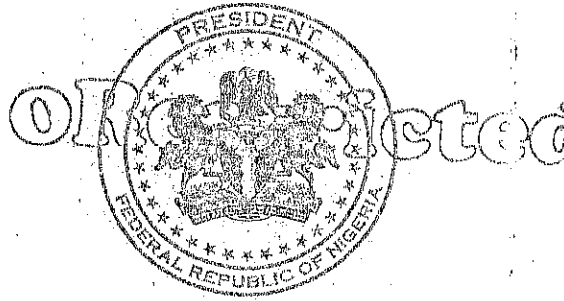


**PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO
NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2017
RECENTLY PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Pursuant to Section 58(4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on 25th January, 2018 to decline Presidential Assent to the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2017 recently passed by the National Assembly.

2. Specifically, reasons for the decision to decline assent to this Bill include among others:

- a. Security concerns regarding the proposed Nigerian Peace Corps being authorized to undertake activities currently being performed by extant security and law enforcement agencies; and



b. Financial implications of funding the establishment and operations of the proposed Nigerian Peace Corps, given the scarce financial resources may pose serious challenge to the Government.

3. Please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Buhari
Muhammadu Buhari