



REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS BILL, 2017

PREAMBLE

The Conference Committee on the Electronic Transactions Bill, 2017 met on Tuesday, 4th April 2017 to harmonise the Senate and House of Representatives versions of the Bill. In attendance were the following members:

i.	Senator Buhari Abdulfatai	-	Chairman
ii.	Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta	-	Co - Chairman
iii.	Senator Rafiu A. Ibrahim	-	Member
iv.	Senator Tijjani Y. Kaura	-	Member
v.	Senator Danjuma Goje	-	Member
vi.	Senator Stella A. Oduah	-	Member
vii.	Senator Foster Ogola	-	Member
viii.	Hon. Samaila Suleiman	-	Member
ix.	Hon. Abubakar Amuda Kannike	-	Member
x.	Hon. Zakariya'u Galadima	-	Member
xi.	Hon. Jide Akinloye	-	Member
xii.	Hon. Diri Douye	-	Member

2.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE BILL

The Electronic Transactions Bill seeks to provide a legal and regulatory framework for conducting transactions using electronic or related media, and for the protection of the rights of the consumers and other parties in electronic transactions and services, as well as facilitation of electronic commerce in Nigeria.

The desire to provide this legislative framework is predicated on the need to upgrade Nigeria's commercial system in line with the global digital economic system occasionally by information and communication technology revolution.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

Firstly, copies of the two versions of the Bill (i.e. the Senate and House of Representatives versions) were shared to members of the Conference Committee

for their individual study. Having individually perused them, a meeting of the committee was held to consider and harmonise the differences therein.

4.0 ANALYSIS OF THE BILL

The Senate version of the Bill contains nine (9) parts and forty-five (45) clauses while the House version is arranged in twenty-three (23) clauses. Though the numbering of the clauses with their provisions does not follow the same sequence in the two versions, all the provisions in the House version are contained in that of the Senate, which is more in-depth and elaborate, and consequently has a wider coverage.

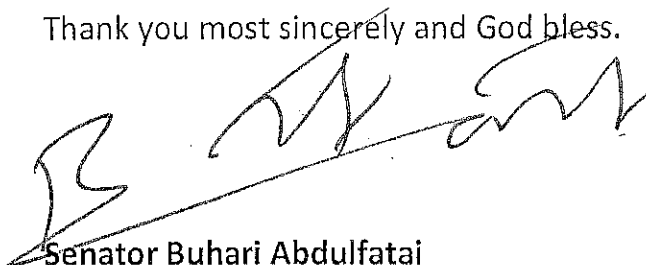
5.0 TECHNICAL SESSION

In view of the fact that the Senate version of the Bill encompasses all the provisions in the House version and has a wider scope, the Committee adopted all the clauses in the Senate version including the Long Title and the Explanatory Memorandum. However the date is corrected to read 2017, the current year in which the harmonisation is done.

6.0 CONCLUSION

On behalf of the Conference Committee on the E-Transactions Bill, I wish to express sincere appreciation to the President of the Senate, Distinguished Senator (Dr.) A. B. Saraki CON, and the rest of my Distinguished colleagues for the opportunity given us to serve the Senate, the National Assembly and our dear country Nigeria.

Thank you most sincerely and God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Buhari Abdulfatai', written over a horizontal line.

Senator Buhari Abdulfatai
Chairman, Senate Conferees.



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Ayoh O. Edung Ogon
Clerk, Senate Committee
on ICT and Cybercrime

Barrister Salisu
Clerk, House Committee
on Rules and Business