

REPORT ON
A BILL
FOR
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PRESIDENTIAL
PROGRAMME ON REHABILITATION AND
REINTEGRATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY PROGRAMME IN THE
NIGER DELTA AREA OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED
MATTERS (HB. 482)

PRESENTED BY:
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NIGER DELTA AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION

The Bill was referred to the Committee on Tuesday, June 21, 2016

The Committee studied the Bill and organized a one-day Public Hearing. The Hearing was attended by the representatives of State Government in the Niger Delta Region, other stakeholders and host communities and oil exploration companies.

During the hearing, position papers were presented and experts bore their minds on the best way to tackle challenges of Niger Delta Region through the legislative instrument such as the Bill under consideration.

The Committee had studied all presentations and incorporated the appropriate ones into the Bill in order to make it stand the test of time. Therefore, the provisions of the Bill if passed into law will make Amnesty Programme more comprehensive, reliable, transparent and more accountable.

Therefore, we urge all to support the Bill to see the light of the day for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in the Niger Delta region.

By this Bill, all agitations and militancy in the region will be put to rest.

PART II ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY PROGRAMME 2. Establishment of the Programme (1) There is established a body to be known as the Presidential Programme on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (in this Act referred to as "the Programme"). (2) The Programme shall be a body corporate – (a) with perpetual succession and a common seal; (b) which may sue or be sued in its corporate name; and (c) which may acquire, hold, purchase, mortgage and deal howsoever with property, movable or immovable, real or personal. 3. Head office of the Programme The Head Office of the Programme shall be in Abuja with field offices in the Frontline States as defined in Schedule I to this Act. 4. Establishment of the Programme Implementation Committee (1) There is established the National Committee on the Presidential Programme	<i>retained 2 (1)</i> <i>retained 2 (2) (a) (b) and (c)</i> <i>3. The Head Office of the Programme shall be in Abuja act with field offices in the Niger Delta States as defined in Schedule I to this Act.</i> <i>4. retained (1) & (2)</i>	
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on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (in this Act referred to as "the Committee"). (2) The Committee shall be the governing body for the Programme. 5. Composition of the Committee (1) The Committee shall consist of the - (a) the Coordinator as Chairman; (b) one representative each of the Frontline States; (c) one representative each of the Stakeholders; (d) three representatives of the Impacted Communities; (e) three persons to represent the following Security Organisations (i) the Army who shall not be below the rank of a Lieutenant Colonel, (ii) the Police who shall not be below the rank of Superintendent of Police, and	<i>retained 5 (1) (a)</i> <i>5 (b) one representative each of the Niger Delta States;</i> <i>retained 5 (1) (c)</i> <i>deleted 5 (1) (d)</i> <i>amended</i> <i>5 (e) one person each to represent the following security organizations –</i> <i>i) Army – Lieutenant Colonel</i> <i>ii) Navy – Navy Commander</i> <i>iii) Airforce – Wing Commander</i> <i>iv) Police – Assistant Superintendent of Police</i> <i>v) the Civil Defence Corp who shall not be below the rank of Deputy Commandant.</i>	
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(iii) the Civil Defence Corp who shall not be below the rank of Deputy Commandant. (f) One representative of the following Ministries and Commission - (i) Niger Delta; (ii) Finance; (iii) Environment; (iv) Petroleum Resources; and (v) Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC). (2) Members referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be persons versed in areas of resource management, internal security management, environmental management or poverty alleviation programmes management (3) The Supplementary provisions set out in Schedule II to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Committee and other matters contained therein.	5 (f) One representative of the following Ministries and Commission - i) Niger Delta Affairs; ii) Finance; iii) Environment; iv) Petroleum Resources; v) Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), and vi) Local Content Board who shall not be below the rank of Assistant Director. <i>retained 5 (2)</i> <i>retained 5 (3)</i>	
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PART II
FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE PROGRAMME

6. Functions of the Programme

The functions of the Programme are to –

- (a) implement the Presidential Amnesty Programme in the area of disarmament, demobilization, rehabilitation and reintegration;
- (b) provide baseline information to stakeholders for the implementation of the Programme;
- (c) formulate strategies and action plans for the implementation of the programme, deployment of delegates for education, vocational skill acquisition and empowerment;
- (d) coordinate efforts of relevant agencies, organization and institutions towards the attainment of the objectives of the Programme, job placement, internship and sustainable reintegration;

Moved from clause 7 to clause 6

retained 6 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) & (g)

(e) build capacity, knowledge and skills at Federal, States and local community levels for the effective implementation of the Programme; (f) serve as the focal point for the coordination of interventions by regional, sub-regional and international organizations, Academic institutions and agencies involved in the implementation of the Programme; (g) ensure compliance with the provisions of International Conventions, Protocols, Agreements and Treaties pertaining to the Programme as may be ratified and domesticated by Nigeria; (h) monitor and ensure compliance with laws, rules and regulations on sustainable management of the Programme in consultation with the Frontline States; (i) ensure uniformity of laws, rules and regulations that impact on the Presidential Amnesty Programme in Nigeria; (k) ensure that projects funded by donor agencies to mitigate or eradicate effects of violence, are properly implemented towards the sustainable restoration of peace and	6 (h) monitor and ensure compliance with laws, rules and regulations on sustainable management of the Programme in consultation with the Niger Delta States; 6 (j) retained 6 (k) ensure that projects funded by donor agencies to mitigate or eradicate effects of violence, are properly implemented towards the sustainable restoration of peace and security to the Niger Delta States and ensure economic sustainability to the country;	
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security to the Frontline States and ensure economic sustainability to the country; (l) enter into scientific and technical cooperation with persons and institutions, for the effective implementation of the Programme; (m) implement programmes geared towards the rehabilitation of beneficiaries, engage the services of offshore and Nigerian institutions in the pursuit of the educational needs of ex-agitators; (n) Establish appropriate machinery for monitoring and evaluation of the Programme and put in place appropriate feedback mechanisms for necessary action of implementing institutions and stakeholders; (o) establish data bank for effective delivery of the Programme, maintain stipends payroll and exit lists from the payment of stipends; (p) create public awareness and provide education on the goals and objectives of the Programme in addition to promoting private sector and stakeholders compliance with guidelines, rules and regulations including new orientation on sustainable reintegration; and	<i>retained 6 (l) (m) (n) (o) & (p)</i> <i>expunged 6 (q)</i>	
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(q) do any other thing as are expedient for the realization of the functions of the Programme under this Act		
7. Functions and powers of the Committee The Committee shall carry out the following functions- (a) receive and manage funds from allocation of the Federation Account, budgetary allocations and international donors for the settlement, rehabilitation and reintegration of ex – agitators in the Frontline States; (b) consider and approve policies for the implementation of the Presidential Amnesty Programme (Programme); (c) formulate policies for the attainment of the objectives of the Programme under this Act; (d) ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Programme; (e) receive and consider for approval the budget, annual report and audited accounts of the Programme; (f) approve staff regulations, rules and operational guidelines; and	<i>Moved from clause 6 to clause 7</i> <i>7(a) receive and manage funds from allocation of the Federation Account, budgetary allocations and international donors for the settlement, rehabilitation and reintegration of ex – agitators in the Niger Delta States;</i> <i>retained 7 (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) & (g)</i>	

(g) carry out such other functions as are incidental to the performance of its functions under this Act. 8. Powers of the Programme (1) The Programme shall have powers to - (a) receive and disburse funds for the carrying out of approved projects; (b) provide guidelines, procedure and strategies for demobilization, disarmament, rehabilitation and reintegration of ex-agitators subject to the approval of the Committee; (c) acquire, hold and manage movable and immovable property; (d) enter into such contracts as may be contained in approved Programmes; (e) purchase or acquire any asset or business considered necessary for the proper conduct of its functions under this Act; and (f) sell, let, lease or dispose of any of the property of the Programme with the approval of the Committee;	<i>retained 8 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) & (f)</i> <i>retained 8 (2)</i>	
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(2) The powers conferred on the Programme may be exercised by it or through any of its employees or agents as may be specifically authorized by a written mandate or policy direction.		
PART III STAFF OF THE PROGRAMME		
9. The Coordinator of the Programme (1) There shall be for the Programme, a Coordinator who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the National Security Adviser. (2) The Coordinator shall be - (a) the Chairman and chief executive and accounting officer of the Programme; and (b) responsible for the execution of the policies, programmes and plans as approved by the Committee; and (c) responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Programme.	9. (1) <i>There shall be for the Programme, a Coordinator who shall be an indigene of the Niger Delta States and shall be appointed by the President.</i> <i>retained 9 (2) (a) (b) & (c)</i>	
10. Tenure of office and remuneration of the Coordinator		

(1) The Coordinator shall hold office - (a) for a period of four years subject to re-appointment by the President on the recommendation of the National Security Adviser for a further term of four years and no more; and (b) on such other terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment. (2) The office of the Coordinator shall become vacant where - (a) his term of office expires; (b) he resigns his appointment by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President; (c) he dies; (d) he is incapable of performing the functions of his office due to mental or physical illness; (e) has been convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty;	<i>10 (1) (a) for a period of four years subject to re-appointment by the President for a further term of four years and no more</i> <i>retained 10 (1) (b).</i> <i>retained 10 (2) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) & (g)</i>	
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(f) he is guilty of gross misconduct relating to his duties; or (g) the President directs his removal where he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Programme or the public for the person to continue in office as Coordinator.		
11. Appointment of the Secretary for the Committee (1) There shall be appointed by the Committee, a Secretary who shall not be a member of the Committee, but shall possess relevant and adequate professional qualifications, with not less than 10 years post-qualification experience. (2) The Secretary shall keep the corporate records of the Programme and perform such other functions and duties as the Coordinator may assign to him, from time to time.	<i>11 (1) There shall be a Secretary for the Committee who shall be a career Civil Servant not below the rank of a Director.</i> <i>11 (2) retained</i>	
12. Staff of the Programme and their remuneration (1) The Committee shall appoint for the Programme, directly or on secondment from any public service in the Federation, such number of employees as may, in the opinion	<i>12 (1) (2) (3) (4) & (5) retained</i>	

	of the Committee, be expedient and necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Programme under this Act.	
(2)	A person seconded to the Programme under this section may elect to be transferred to the service of the Programme and any previous service that person may have rendered in the public service shall count as service in the Programme for the purpose of any pension or entitlement under the Pension Reform Act.	
(3)	The National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission shall be responsible for determining wages and salaries of employees of the Programme.	
(4)	The Committee shall make rules relating generally to the conditions of service of employees of the Programme, including rules providing for the appointment, promotion, advancement, determination of appointment, and disciplinary control of those employees.	
(5)	Service in the Programme shall be subject to the Pension Reform Act provided that nothing in this section shall exclude the Programme from employing staff on non-pensionable terms and conditions.	

13. The Structure of the Programme (1) The Programme shall be structured into disarmament, demobilization, rehabilitation and reintegration; (2) The Programme shall have powers to establish departments, units and such other administrative outfits as the Programme may deem appropriate with the approval of the Committee from time to time.	13 (1) & (2) retained	
14. Payment of stipends (1) Ex – agitators undergoing the Programme shall be paid monthly stipends as may be approved by the President, from time to time, take care of their basic necessities as part of the demobilization and rehabilitation process. (2) Only Ex – agitators whose names are in the Stipends Roll shall be entitled to receive monthly Stipends or allowances.	14 (1) & (2) retained	
PART IV FINANCIAL PROVISIONS 15. Funds of the Programme (1) The Programme shall establish and maintain a fund ("the Fund") into which		
	15 (1) retained	

monies accruable to the Programme shall be paid and from which all the activities of the Programme shall be funded. (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund (a) all subventions and annual budgetary allocations appropriated by the Federal Government for the Programme; (b) 5 percent of the Ecological Fund accruable to the Federal Government for the Presidential Amnesty Programme; (c) returns on investments; (d) gifts, loans and grants in - aid from national, bilateral and multilateral organizations, donor International development Agencies, individuals or corporate organizations; and (e) the contribution of Companies operating in the area as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility as may be approved by the President, from time to time. 16. Power to accept gifts	15 (2) (a) retained 15 (2) (b) 3 percent of the Ecological Fund accruable to the Federal Government for the Presidential Amnesty Programme; 15 (2) (c) retained 15 (2) (d) retained 15 (2) (e) 1 percent of the total annual Budget of oil producing companies operating onshore and offshore in the	
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(1) The Programme may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift. (2) The Programme shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Programme under this Act.	<i>Niger Delta area, including gas processing companies.</i> <i>16 (1) & (2) retained</i>	
17. Power to borrow The Programme may with the approval of the Committee borrow such sums of money as may be required from time to time to execute or complete any special project of the Programme.	<i>17 retained</i>	
18. Estimates of the Programme The Programme shall not later than 30th September in each financial year submit to the National Assembly through the National Security Adviser, an estimate of income and expenditure of the Programme during the next succeeding year.	<i>18. The Programme shall not be later than 30th September in each financial year submit to the National Assembly, an estimate of income and expenditure of the Programme during the next succeeding year</i>	
19. Accounts and audit (1) The Programme shall keep proper and regular accounts and other records of		

(5) The Auditor-General may dispense with all or any part of detailed inspection and audit of any account or record referred to of this section.	19 (5) & (6) retained	
(6) The Auditor-General or an officer authorized by him is entitled at all reasonable time to a full and free access to all accounts, records documents and papers of the Programme relating directly or indirectly to the receipt or payment of money by the Programme or to the acquisition, receipt, custody or disposal of assets by the Programme.		
(7) As soon as the accounts and the financial statements of the Programme have been audited in accordance with the requirement of this Act, the Committee shall forward a copy of the audited financial statements to the National Security Adviser for onward transmission to the National Assembly, together with any report or observations made by the auditors and the Auditor-General on the statement of accounts.	19 (7) As soon as the accounts and the financial statements of the Programme have been audited in accordance with the requirement of this Act, the Committee shall forward a copy of the audited financial statements to the National Assembly, together with any report or observations made by the auditors and the Auditor-General on the statement of accounts	
(8) The audited accounts of the Programme and the Auditor-General's report on those accounts shall form part of the Auditor-	19 (8) retained	

General's overall annual report to the National Assembly.		
20. Annual Report The Programme shall submit to the National Security Adviser not later than 30th June of each financial year, a report of its activities during the preceding financial year and it shall include a copy of the audited accounts of the Programme for that year and a copy of auditor's report thereon.	20. The Programme shall submit to the National Assembly not later than 30th June of each financial year, a report of its activities during the preceding financial year and it shall include a copy of the audited accounts of the Programme for that year and a copy of auditor's report thereon.	
PART V STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEES		
21. Establishment of States and Local Governments Implementation Committees (1) For the purpose of executing the Programme in the frontline States, such States may establish Implementation Committees or such other similar institutions to carry out any component of the Programme in their respective States. (2) The affected Local Governments in the frontline States may establish Local Government Implementation Committees to	21 (1) For the purpose of executing the Programme in the Niger Delta States, such States may establish Implementation Committees or such other similar institutions to carry out any component of the Programme in their respective States. 21. (2) The affected Local Governments in the Niger Delta States may establish Local Government Implementation Committees to	

carry out any component of the Programme at the Local Government and community levels.	carry out any component of the Programme at the Local Government and community levels.	
22. Relationship between the Programme, States and Local Government Implementation Committees		
(1) The Programme shall maintain effective liaison with the Implementation Committees established in the frontline States and Local Government areas of such States to- (a) ascertain the status of the Programme in the States and Local Government areas concerned; (b) review in conjunction with the States or Local Governments matters connected with or expected to affect the progress of the Programme in the States or Local Government areas; and (c) consider and advise the States and Local Government areas on the adoption of the best strategies for the realization of objectives of the Programme.	22 (1) The Programme shall maintain effective liaison with the Implementation Committees established in the <i>Niger Delta</i> States and Local Government areas of such States to- 22 (a) (b) & (c) retained	
(2) The Programme, as considered appropriate, may assist a frontline State or	22 (2) The Programme, as considered appropriate, may assist a <i>Niger Delta</i> States or	

Local Government Implementation Committee in the formulation and preparation of strategic plans for the implementation of any component of the Programme in a State or its Local Government or in their local communities.	Local Government Implementation Committee in the formulation and preparation of strategic plans for the implementation of any component of the Programme in a State or its Local Government or in their local communities.	
(3) The Programme may provide information and render advice to Implementation Committees in the frontline States and their Local Government areas or to any person or body, where it considers that, to do so will assist in achieving the efficient implementation of the Programme.	22 (3) The Programme may provide information and render advice to Implementation Committees in the Niger Delta States and their Local Government areas or to any person or body, where it considers that, to do so will assist in achieving the efficient implementation of the Programme.	
(4) The Programme shall provide such technical assistance as may be practicable and also encourage frontline States to provide technical and financial assistance, including training, human capacity development, transfer of any required technology to the local communities in the frontline States for the attainment of the objectives of the Programme.	22 (4) The Programme shall provide such technical assistance as may be practicable and also encourage Niger Delta States to provide technical and financial assistance, including training, human capacity development, transfer of any required technology to the local communities in the frontline States for the attainment of the objectives of the Programme.	
23. Progress Report (1) For the purpose of monitoring progress in the execution of the Programme, the Programme may obtain quarterly reports	23 retained	

from the States and Local Government Implementation Committees on the activities and progress made in the implementation of the Programme. (2) The quarterly reports on the progress of implementation of the Programme in the frontline States shall include – (a) the progress of the implementation of the strategic plans; (b) the extent to which the projects set out in the strategic plan are being achieved; and (c) the review of any enforcement mechanism contained in a strategic plan. 24. Monitoring of Programme Implementation in Frontline States The Programme shall put in place appropriate machinery for the monitoring of the implementation of the Programme in the frontline States and their respective Local Government Areas.	23 (2) The quarterly reports on the progress of implementation of the Programme in the <i>Niger Delta</i> States shall include 23 (2) (a) (b) & (c) retained 24. The Programme shall put in place appropriate machinery for the monitoring of the implementation of the Programme in the <i>Niger Delta</i> States and their respective Local Government Areas.	
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**PART VI
MISCELLANEOUS**

25. Limitation of suits against the Programme

(1) The provisions of the Public Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of the Programme.

25 (1) retained

(2) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Committee, the Coordinator, officer or employee of the Programme before the expiration of a period of sixty days after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Programme by the intending plaintiff or his counsel.

25 (2) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Committee, the Coordinator, officer or employee of the Programme before the expiration of a period of **thirty days** after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Programme by the intending plaintiff or his counsel

(3) The notice referred to in subsection (2) of this section shall state the cause of action, the particulars of the claims, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.

25 (3) retained

26. Service of documents

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A notice, summons or any other document required or authorized to be served upon the Programme

under the provisions of this Act or any other law or enactment may be served by delivering it to the Coordinator at the principal office of the Programme.		
27. Restriction on execution against property of the Programme No execution or attachment of process shall be issued against the Programme in any action or suit without the consent of the Attorney-General of the Federation	27. No execution or attachment of process shall be issued against the Programme in any action or suit without the consent of the Attorney-General of the Federation <i>provided that the consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.</i>	
28. Indemnity of officers A member of the Committee, the Coordinator and officers of the Programme shall be indemnified against any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour, or in which he is acquitted, if any such proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as member of the Committee, the Coordinator, officer or employee of the Programme.	28. retained	
29. Engagement of consultants and experts The Coordinator may with the approval of the Committee engage persons with expertise in any	29. retained	

area pertaining to the functions of the Programme to assist the Programme otherwise than on the basis of full time employment.		
30. Power to make regulations (1) Subject to the approval of the National Security Adviser, the Programme shall have powers to make regulations for the proper implementation of the provision of this Act (2) Any contravention of the provisions of a regulation made under this section shall be penalized as may be prescribed in the regulation.	30. (1) Subject to the approval of the <i>National Assembly</i>, the Programme shall have powers to make regulations for the proper implementation of the provision of this Act 30. (2) <i>retained</i>	
31. Power of National Security Adviser to issue directives to the Programme The National Security Adviser may issue to the Programme directives of a general or special nature with respect to any of the functions of the Programme under this Act.	31. <i>expunged</i>	
32. Duration of Programme (1) The Programme, from the commencement of this Act, shall be for a period of three years subject to extension by the President	32. (1) The Programme, from the commencement of this Act, shall be for a period of <i>four</i> years subject to extension by the	

for a further term of three years by an Order published in the Official Gazette. (2) At the expiration of the Programme subject to any extension by the President pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Federal Government shall continue to provide training and apprenticeship for anyone who is still in the programme and may charge any Ministry, Department or Agency to conclude existing obligations at the expiration of the Programme.	President for a further term of four years by an Order published in the Official Gazette. 32. (2) <i>retained</i>	
33. Transitional provisions (1) Any agreement or arrangement in existence before the commencement of this Act shall continue to have effect subject to such modifications as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Act. (2) Any subsidiary legislation in force at the commencement of this Act shall continue to have effect with such modifications as are necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Act.	33. (1) <i>retained</i> 33 (2) <i>expunged</i>	
34. Interpretation In this Act -		

"Programme" means the Presidential Amnesty Programme established under section 2 of this Act;	<i>retained</i>	
"Committee" means the governing Committee of the Programme established under section 4 of this Act;	<i>retained</i>	
"Frontline States" means affected States of Nigeria listed under Schedule I to this Act;	"Niger Delta States" means affected States of Nigeria listed under Schedule I to this Act;	
"function" includes power and duty;	<i>retained</i>	
"Government" where the context so admits include the Federal, State and Local Governments of the Federation;	<i>retained</i>	
"Implementation Committees" means the Implementation Committees at State and Local Governments level referred under Part V of this Act;	<i>retained</i>	
"Member" means a member of the Committee and includes the Chairman and the Coordinator;	<i>retained</i>	
"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and	<i>retained</i>	
"Stakeholders" includes Governments of the affected Niger Delta States, State representatives, traditional institutions, community leaders and leaders of the various ex-militant camps.	<i>retained</i>	

35. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Presidential Programme on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (Establishment and Implementation) Act, 2016

SCHEDULE I
LIST OF NIGER DELTA STATES

[Section 3]

(1) The "Niger Delta States" under this Act includes-

- (a) Abia State;
- (b) Akwa Ibom State;
- (c) Bayelsa State;
- (d) Cross River State;
- (e) Delta State;
- (f) Edo State
- (g) Imo State;
- (h) Ondo State; and
- (i) Rivers State;

(2) Notwithstanding the meaning of Frontline States under section 34 of this Act, the President may from time to time by order published in the Gazette alter, add, delete or amend the provisions of this Schedule.

35. *retained*

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(2) Notwithstanding the meaning of **Niger Delta** States under section 34 of this Act, the President may from time to time by order published in the Gazette alter, add, delete or amend the provisions of this Schedule **subject to the approval of the National Assembly.**

SCHEDULE II
SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE
COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS, ETC

[Section 5 (3)]

1. Proceedings of the Committee

(1) Subject to provisions of this Act and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, CAP 123 LFN 2004 the Committee may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its committees.

retained

(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be the Chairman, or the person presiding at the meeting, and six other members of the Committee, three of whom shall be *ex-officio* members, and the quorum of any committee of the Committee shall be as determined by the Committee.

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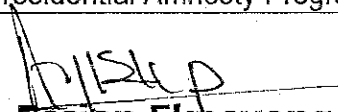
(3) The Committee shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than six other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Committee to be held within twenty-four days from the date on which the notice is given.

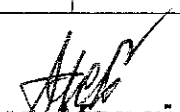
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(4) Where the Committee desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Committee may co-opt him to the Committee for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Committee and shall not count towards a quorum.	<i>retained</i>	
2. Committees of the Committee (1) The Committee may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Committee such functions as the Committee may determine. (2) The committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Committee and a person shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment. (3) A decision of a committee of the Committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Committee.	2. Sub-Committees of the Committee (1) The Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees to carry out, on behalf of the Committee such functions as the Committee may determine. (2) The sub-committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Committee and a person shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment. (3) A decision of a sub-committee of the Committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Committee.	
3. The seal of the Programme (1) The fixing of the seal of the Programme shall be authenticated by the signature of the Coordinator and the Head of the Legal Unit of the Programme	<i>retained</i>	

(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 Programme by the Coordinator or any person generally or specifically authorized by the Committee to act for that purpose.	<i>retained</i>	
4. Miscellaneous (1) The validity of any proceeding of the Committee or its committees shall not be affected by - (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Committee or its committees; (b) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings; or (c) any defect in the appointment of a member. (2) Any member of the Committee or committee who has a personal interest in any arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Committee or any committee shall -	<i>retained</i> <i>retained</i> <i>retained</i> <i>retained</i>	

(a) disclose his interest to the Committee or committee; and (b) not vote on any question relating to the arrangement. (3) A resolution of the Committee is valid, even though it is not passed at a meeting of the Committee, if - (a) the notice in writing of the proposed resolution was given to each member; and (b) the resolution is signed or assented to by a simple majority of members of the Committee, including the Coordinator. EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM <i>(This memorandum does not form part of this Act but it is intended to explain its purport).</i> This Act seeks to provide a legal and institutional framework for the implementation and management of the Presidential Amnesty Programme in Nigeria.	4 (3) A resolution of the Committee is valid, if - <i>expunged 4 (3) (a)</i> <i>retained 4 (3) (b)</i> <i>retained</i>	
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