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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Nigerian Peace Corps Bill was passed in the House of Representatives on Thursday 23rd June 2015 while the same Bill was passed by the Senate on Thursday 24th November, 2016.

The two Chambers of the National Assembly set up a Conference Committee to reconcile areas of differences in the passed Bill.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Conference Committee has the following as members:

2.1 SENATE:

1. Senator Usman Bayero Nafada, CON - Chairman, Conference Committee
2. Senator Abdullahi Adamu, CON - Member
3. Senator Solomon Adeola Olamilekan - Member
4. Senator Umar Kurfi - Member
5. Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa - Member
6. Senator Foster Ogola - Member

2.2 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

1. Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba - Chairman, House Committee on Interior
2. Hon. Sunday Katung Marshal - Member
3. Hon. Yakubu Balogun - Member
4. Hon. Alagbaoso Jerry - Member
5. Hon. Shehu Aliyu Musa - Member
6. Hon. Beni Lar - Member

3.0 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The Conference Committee met on Thursday 8th December, 2016 and deliberated on the two versions of the Bill passed by both Chambers of National Assembly. Members observed differences in twelve (12) Clauses of the Bill passed and harmonized same as follows:

The Explanatory Memorandum as contained in the Senate version of the Bill was adopted since there was no provision to that effect in the House version.

- (a) Clauses: **Title, 2, 11(6), 16(b), 24(1), 28(1), 30, 31(a) & (b)** in Senate Version were adopted.
- (b) Clauses **1(b), Part viii, 37(g)** in House of Representatives version were adopted.

Clause **37(g)** was adopted to read *"that groups, Associations and Organisations that have similar objectives and have shown or demonstrated interest to be absorbed as members of the Nigeria Peace Corps shall be absorbed subject to the mandatory initial training/orientation program as prescribed from time to time upon the commencement of this Act"*.

S/N	SENATE VERSION	MARGINAL NOTE	HOUSES OF REPRESENTATIVES VERSION	MARGINAL NOTE	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMM.
	Clause		Clause		
1.	Title: A Bill to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Gainful employment for the Youths, to facilitate Peace, Volunteerism,	Provide Gainful Employment, Neighbourhood Watch. Not in H/R Version	Title: A Bill to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative employment for the Youths, to facilitate Peace, Volunteerism,	Provide: Alternative Employment Not in Senate Version	Senate Version Adopted.

	Community Service, Neighbourhood watch, Nation-building and for other related matters.		Community Service, Neighbourhood watch, Nation-building and for other related matter, 2016 (HB.88)		
2.	1(2) The Headquarters of the Peace Corps shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja		1(b) The Headquarters of the Peace Corps shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and shall have offices in all the States, Local Government Areas and Education Institutions.	Shall have offices in all the States, Local Government Areas and Education Institutions. Not in Senate Version	House of Representatives version adopted with an amendment.
3.	2 Functions of Peace Corps	Well classified and Summarized	2 Functions of peace Corps	Widely elaborated	Senate Version adopted.
4.	11(6) Subject to the Provisions of this Bill,-----	Subject to the Provisions of this Bill Senate uses Bill	12(vi) Subject to the Provision of this Bill.....	Subject to the provision of this Bill. House of Reps. uses Bill	Senate Version adopted.
5.	16(b) The Board may subject to the provisions of this Bill.....	Senate uses Bill	17(b) The Board may subject to the provisions of this Bill.....	House of Reps. Uses Bill	Senate Version adopted.
6.	24(1) The Peace Corps may from time to time, apply the Proceeds of the Fund established in this Section 23 of this Bill....	Senate uses Bill	25(d) For and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Bill.....	House of Reps. Uses Bill	Senate Version adopted.
7.	28(1) The Peace Corps may, from	Senate uses Bill	29 (a) The Peace Corps may from		

	time to time, borrow by over draft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Act.	Senate uses Bill throughout the document.	time to time, borrow by over draft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill.	House of Reps. Uses Bill throughout the document.	Senate Version adopted.
8.	30 The Council shall provide and maintain a Library at the Headquarters and State Branch Commands of the Peace Corps	This Clause is not in the H/R Version.	No provision for Library	Not included in the H/R Version unlike the Senate version	Senate Version adopted.
9.	31 (a) The Peace Corps shall be exempted from payment of any Income Tax on any Income accruing from investments made by the Board for the Peace Corps.	This clause is not in the H/R Version	No provision of Tax Exemption	Not included in the H/R Version unlike the Senate Version	Senate version adopted.
10.	(b) The provisions of any enactment relating to the Taxation of company or trust funds shall not apply to the Peace Corps or the Board.	This clause is not in the H/R version	No provision of Tax Exemption.	Not included in the H/R unlike Senate Version	Senate version adopted
11.	Part viii - Dissolution of the existing Peace Corps of Nigeria, National Unity	National Unity and Peace Corps. Not in H/R	Part viii – Dissolution of the Existing Peace Corps of Nigeria and Savings	National Unity and Peace Corps. Included in	House of Reps. Version adopted

	and Peace Corps and Savings.	version		Senate Version.	
12.	38 (a) (ii) The body known as the National Unity and Peace Corps (in this section referred to as the <i>National Unity and Peace Corps</i>) existing before the Commencement of this Act is dissolved.	National Unity and Peace Corps. Not in the House of Reps. version	37 (g) The Body known as the Peace Corps of Nigeria (in this section referred to as the "Peace Corps") existing before the commencement of this Bill is dissolved.	National Unity and Peace Corps. Included in Senate Version	House of Reps. Version adopted.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Conference Committee recommends that the Senate do approve the Conference Committee Report on the Nigerian Peace Corps Bill, 2016 as amended.

5.0 CONCLUSION

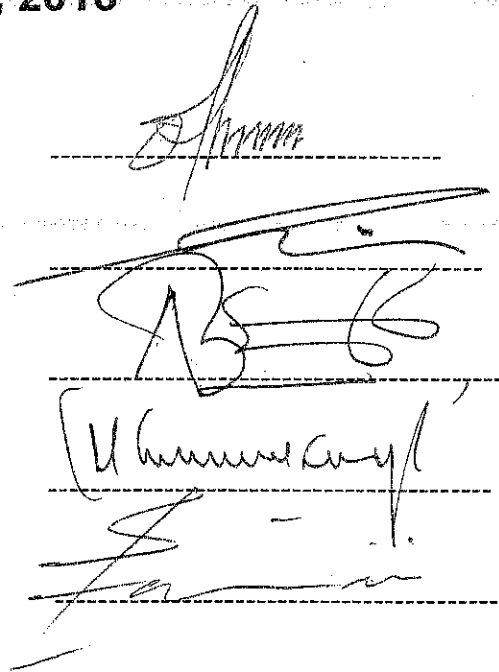
The Conference Committee expresses its appreciation to the Leadership and entire members of the 8th National Assembly for the privilege to serve in this capacity.

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