



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND
LEGAL MATTERS**

REPORT

ON

**THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PEACE,
RECONCILIATION AND MEDIATION
(ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) BILL, 2017 (SB.44)**

MARCH, 2018

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND LEGAL MATTERS ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND MEDIATION; TO IDENTIFY CONFLICTS; AND FOR THE SUPERVISION, COORDINATION AND MONITORING OF ALL PEACEFUL RESOLUTIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, ORGANISATIONS, ETC., IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

1.0 Preamble

The National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation (Establishment, Etc.,) Bill, 2017 (SB.74) was sponsored by ***Distinguished Senator Shehu Sani (Kaduna Central Senatorial District)***. The Bill was read the *First Time* on Thursday 15th October, 2015.

The Senate at its Plenary Sitting of Tuesday 7th March, 2017, deliberated on the general principles of the Bill. After extensive deliberations, the bill was read the *Second Time*, and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, for further legislative action Vide *Senate Order of Referral dated 8th March, 2017* and to report back with its recommendations.

2.0 Methodology

The Committee held a series of meetings after the bill was referred to it and adopted the following legislative framework, in furtherance of its legislative action:

- i. To conduct a public hearing in order to avail stakeholders and members of the general public the opportunity to make contributions on the proposed legislation;

- ii. To consult widely with stakeholders on the justifications for the proposed legislation; and
- iii. To consider any other matter incidental thereto, that would assist the Committee in carrying out this assignment.

3.0 Objectives of the Bill

The main objectives of the Bill, in the Committee's view, are as follows: Firstly, it seeks to establish a Commission to be saddled with the responsibilities of identifying conflicts; supervising; coordinating and monitoring all conflicts and resolution of same in the country; and Secondly, it seeks to implement the National Peace Policy, which provides a framework for peace-building, prevention, management and resolution of dysfunctional conflicts in Nigeria.

4.0 Committee Legislative Action

As part of its legislative action, the Committee held further meetings whereby it examined the bill in great details. In the course of its deliberations, the Committee had regard to views expressed by Distinguished Senators during debates on the general principles of the bill at the second reading stage. And having regard to divergent views expressed during the *Second Reading* of the Bill, the Committee resolved to conduct a public hearing in order to avail stakeholders and the general public the opportunity to make their inputs.

Accordingly, the Committee placed advertisements in the print and electronic media and invited memoranda from stakeholders and the general public. These preliminary legislative actions were geared

towards sensitising the general public on the provisions of the bill, ahead of the public hearing.

The Committee received memoranda from the following organisations, namely:

1. The Federal Ministry of Justice;
2. The Nigerian Law Reform Commission;
3. The Nigerian Army;
4. The Nigerian Navy;
5. The Nigerian Air-force
6. Department of State Services;
7. National Human Rights Commission;
8. The Nigerian Securities and Civil Defence Corps;
9. Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution;
10. Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC); among others.

It should be stated here that apart from the memoranda that the Committee received, oral presentations were also made at the public hearing by some stakeholders, and members of the Civil Society Organisations, who could not submit memoranda before the public hearing.

5.0 Public Hearing

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, I wish to state at this juncture that in line with the legislative framework adopted by the Committee in handling this referral, the Committee conducted public hearing on Monday 12th June, 2017 on the Bill. The purpose of the public hearing

was to aggregate views of interested stakeholders and the general public on the merits of the Bill.

5.1 Opening

The President of the Senate, ***Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON***, was represented by ***Senator Suleiman Adokwe***, who declared the Public Hearing open. In his keynote address, the President of the Senate stated that the Public Hearing is coming at an auspicious time when the 8th Senate is commencing its *Third Session* in this dispensation. He stated that the introduction of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation (Establishment, Etc.,) Bill, 2017 is apt and timely, especially now that the nation has been plagued with disputes, disagreements, conflicts, insurgencies and ethnic and religious violence.

Furthermore, he stated that the passage of the Bill is pertinent as it would bring to bare, technical expertise, strategies, professionalism in the maintenance of peace and resolution of violent conflicts. He commended the sponsor of the Bill for introducing it and thanked the Committee for organising the Public Hearing, which according to him, would provide the needed platform for stakeholders and members of the public to further enrich the Bill with their inputs.

Finally, he urged all the participants to feel free to contribute to the law making process and assured stakeholders that the views and opinions canvassed by them would form part of the Committee's recommendations to the Senate.

On that note, he formally declared the public hearing open.

5.2 Proceedings

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, it is imperative to state here that Stakeholders present at the Public Hearing made far-reaching contributions on the provisions of the proposed legislation and supported the passage of the Bill by the Senate.

Permit me at this juncture, Mr. President, to give highlights of some of the presentations made by stakeholders for the passage of the bill:

Firstly, they submitted that the issue of violent conflicts, especially, in Nigeria and some parts of Africa, has remained at the forefront of global discourse. And in order to seek ways to advance peace, security and development, it is important to put a legal framework and institutional structures in place that will be all-encompassing and broader in scope. This will no doubt, help in conflict prevention mechanism with a view to enhancing peace-building in the country.

Secondly, they posited that the prevalence of violent conflicts in Nigeria has seriously affected the cost of governance and opened avenues for abuse of public resources. Therefore, it is necessary to put measures in place to enhance national cohesion and sustainable development through the instrumentality of law.

Thirdly, it was canvassed that in order to resolve, control and prevent violent conflicts in Nigeria, national response should be targeted at addressing the root causes of such violent conflicts by curtailing the

proliferation of illicit arms and light weapons as well as the influx of foreigners, owing to porous borders. Incidentally, all these issues are contemplated in the proposed legislation. Therefore, it will be highly commendable if this Bill is passed by the Senate.

Fourthly, they averred that the Nigerian Government in a bid to handle conflicts in the country, established in year 2000, the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution with the mandate of promoting peace and security in Nigeria. However, the Institute is limited in scope, given the size of its workforce vis-à-vis the challenges the country is being confronted with. Hence, having the proposed Commission in place would go a long way in providing the needed impetus for effective intervention and peace-building across the country.

Finally, they commended the Senate for introducing the Bill and for the steps taken so far and urged the hallowed Chamber to pass the Bill because of its importance to security architecture, socio-economic and political stability of the country.

6.0 Legislative Summary

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, this legislative summary highlights further inputs made on the provisions of the Bill. We commend the approval of these proposed changes to this Distinguished Senate.

Clause 2

Clause 2 deals with establishment of the Governing Board. In the course of deliberation, the Committee discovered that the composition

of the Governing Board is unwieldy. Therefore, subparagraph (xii) of paragraph (b) was deleted in order to reduce the size of the Governing Board and for administrative expedience.

Clause 7

Clause 7 deals with the objectives of the Commission. The Committee introduced a new paragraph (a) as set out in the table in order to make the objectives of the Bill unambiguous and all-encompassing for the smooth attainment of the organisation's aims and objectives.

Clause 8

Clause 8 deals with the functions of the Commission. The Committee has introduced new paragraphs (d) to (h) in this clause because they are more explicit and straightforward than the ones in the draft Bill. Also a new paragraph (j) was introduced and paragraph (j) of the draft Bill was renumbered as paragraph (k). The intendment of this amendment is to broaden the scope of the functions of the Commission to make it more efficient and effective.

Clause 10

Clause 10 deals with documentation. It is our recommendation that the clause be deleted because anything that has to do with documentation falls within the functions and powers of the Commission as stated in clause 8 of the draft Bill. Secondly, it is not the duty of the Board to embark on such exercise.

Clause 15

Clause 15 deals with appointment and secondment from public service. This clause was deleted because it is our view that the intendment of

this clause has been succinctly captured in clause 14, which is its appropriate place.

7.0 Observations/Findings

The Committee has scrutinised in great details, all the views canvassed by stakeholders and members of the public on the desirability of establishing the Commission. Consequent upon further analysis of the provisions of the Bill in our mark-up session, we hereby make the following observations/findings:

1. That from the views expressed by the stakeholders and the general public, the passage of the Bill is highly recommended;
2. That the passage of the Bill will put measures in place to prevent conflicts and violent crisis across the country and thereby engender peace and enhance socio-economic and political growth of the country; and
3. That even though there is an Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution in the country, the functions and duties of the Institute is limited in scope, hence the need for the proposed Commission, whose functions are broader in scope;
4. That the establishment of subsidiary organs by the Commission under this Bill would enable it to identify potential areas of conflict so as to be able to nip in the bud, early stages of conflict development; and
5. That the submission of annual reports to the National Assembly would enable it to monitor and assess intervention measures, carried out by the Commission on conflict, mediation and reconciliation activities.

8.0 Recommendation

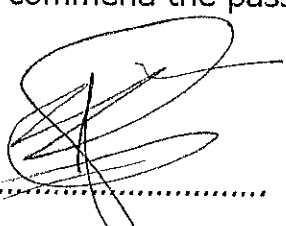
Flowing from the presentations made during the public hearing and the foregoing observations/findings, the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, to which the Bill was referred, having favourably considered same, recommends as follows:

"That the Senate do consider and pass the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution (Establishment, Etc.,) Bill, 2017, as amended".

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9.0 Conclusion

Finally, we wish to use this opportunity to thank the President of the Senate and our Distinguished Colleagues for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and to respectfully commend the passage of this Bill to the Senate.



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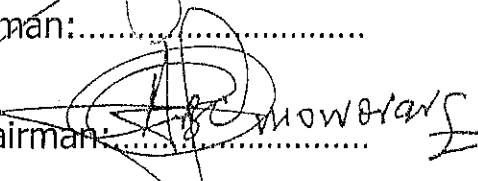
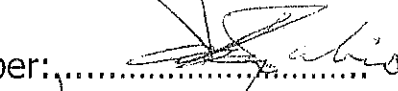
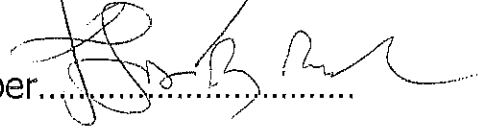
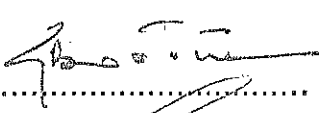
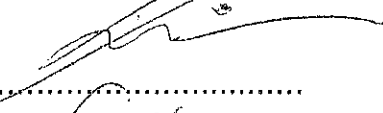
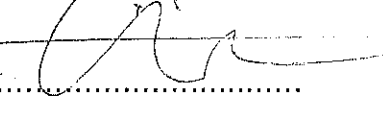
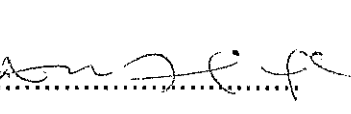
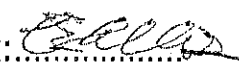
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PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND MEDIATION (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC,) COMMISSION. Establishment of the Commission 1. -(1) There is hereby established, a body to be known as the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation of Nigeria (in this Bill, referred to as "the Commission"). (2) The Commission: (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; (c) may acquire, hold or dispose of any property, movable and immovable for the purposes of carrying out its functions under this Bill . (3) The Commission shall have its corporate headquarters in Abuja.	PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND MEDIATION. (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC,) COMMISSION. Establishment of the Commission 1. Retained as in the Bill	

Establishment of the Governing Board.	Establishment of the Governing Board.	
2. -(1) There is hereby established a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") for the management of the Commission and it shall consist of the following: (a) a Chairman; (b) one representative each of the following, who shall not be below the rank of a Director or its equivalent: (i) Ministry of Interior; (ii) Ministry of Justice; (iii) Ministry of Youth Development; (iv) Ministry of Defence; (v) The Nigerian Army; Navy and Air Force; (vi) The Nigerian Police; (vii) Department of State Security Services; (viii) a representative of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN); (ix) a representative each of the Christian Association of Nigeria(CAN) and Jama'atul Nasirul Islam (JNI); (x) Director-General Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolutions; (xi) One representative of the Non-Governmental Organisations who shall be nominated by the National Council of Voluntary Agencies; (xii) Six persons of proven integrity, one from each of the six geo-political zones; and (c) the Executive Secretary of the Commission who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister. (2) The Chairman and Members of the Board of the Commission shall be:	2. Retained as in the Bill (a) Retained (b) one representative each of the following, who shall not be below the rank of a Director or its equivalent: (i) Ministry of Interior; (ii) Ministry of Justice; (iii) Ministry of Youth Development; (iv) Ministry of Defence; (v) The Nigerian Army; the Navy and the Air Force; (vi) The Nigerian Police; (vii) Department of State Security Services; (viii) a representative of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN); (ix) a representative each of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs (SCIA); (x) Director-General Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolutions; (xi) One representative of the Non-Governmental Organisations who shall be nominated by the National Council of Voluntary Agencies; (xii) Six persons of proven integrity, one from each of the six geo-political zones; and (c) Retained as in the Bill (2) Retained as in the Bill	This clause was amended because membership of the Governing Board appeared to be unwieldy.

(a) Appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the recommendation of the Minister subject to the confirmation of the Senate; (b) be persons of proven integrity, honour and ability; and (c) Part-time Members except the Executive Secretary who shall be a full time member. (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained therein.	(3) Retained as in the Bill	
Tenure of Office 3. The Chairman and Members of the Board, shall each hold office: (a) for a term of 4 years and may be reappointed for a further term of 4 years and no more; and (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.	Tenure of Office 3. Retained as in the Bill	
Cessation of Membership 4. -(1) A person shall cease to hold office as a Member of the Board on the occurrence of any of the following: (a) he/she becomes bankrupt, suspends payment or compounds with his creditors; (b) he/she is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or fraud; (c) he/she becomes of unsound mind or is capable of carrying out his duties; (d) he/she is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; (e) he/she resigns his appointment by a letter under his	Cessation of Membership 4. Retained as in the Bill	

hand to the President. (2) Where a member of the Board ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed, another person representing the same interest as that member shall be appointed to the Board for the un-expired term. (3) A member of the Board may be removed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Commission or the public that the member continues in office.		
Remuneration of Members 5. Members of the Board shall be paid such salaries and allowances in accordance with such rates as the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission may from time to time approve.	Remuneration of Members 5. Retained as in the Bill	
Powers of the Board 6. The Board shall have power to: (a) manage and superintend over the affairs of the Commission; make rules and regulations for the effective running of the Commission;	Powers of the Board 6. The Board shall have power to: (a) manage and superintend over the affairs of the Commission; (b) make rules and regulations for carrying out the functions of the Commission; (c) employ, either directly or on secondment from any civil or public service in the Federal or State, such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Board be required to assist the Commission in the performance of any of its functions under this Bill.	

(b) employ and pay" the staff of the Commission such remuneration and allowances as the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission may from time to time approve; (c) Enter into such contract as may be necessary or expedient for the discharge of its functions and ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission; and (d) Receive, disburse and account for funds of the Commission.	(b) Pay to the staff of the Commission or persons so employed such remuneration and allowances as the Board may determine in consultation with Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission as it may, from time to time approve; (c) Retained (d) Receive, disburse and account for funds of the Commission; and (e) Do such other things as are necessary and expedient for the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission.	
PART II- OBJECTS, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION 7. The Commission shall have the following objectives: (a) to identify, assess and mediate in all conflicts nationwide; (b) to coordinate all intervention efforts and provision of relief materials to affected people and communities; (c) to coordinate and implement the National Peace Policy which provide a framework for building peace, preventing, managing and resolving dysfunctional	PART II- <i>OBJECTIVES</i>, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION 7. Retained as in the Bill (a) to facilitate and develop mechanism for conflict prevention, management and to build sustainable peace in the country; (b) Retained (c) Retained (d) Retained	This new paragraph (a) was introduced in order to make the objectives of the Bill unambiguous and all-encompassing.

conflicts in Nigeria; and (d) to supervise Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR).	(e) Retained	
Functions of the Commission 8. The functions of the Board shall be: (a) to provide policy guidelines for pre and post conflict reconciliation; (b) to create high quality field-based analysis, create policy prescriptions and engage in advocacy work in collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations in Nigeria; (c) to maintain the register of national and international conflicts in Nigeria, with the precise sectors, affiliations and locations; (d) to receive and discuss the annual reports on conflicts, mediation and reconciliation; (e) to develop the knowledge and skills to help manage conflicts effectively and professionally while fostering relationships and successfully moving parties to agreement; (f) to create awareness by way of citizen education on the need for peaceful co- existence;	Functions of the Commission 8. The functions of the Commission shall be: (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained (d) to receive and discuss the annual reports on conflicts, mediation, reconciliation and intervention measures undertaken from subsidiary organs that may be established by it; (e) to develop the knowledge and skills to help manage conflicts effectively and professionally while fostering relationships and successfully moving parties to agreement and facilitate the implementation of agreements and resolutions between parties in conflicts; (f) to create awareness by way of citizen education on the need for peaceful co- existence and encourage the use of non-violent strategies to prevent, manage and resolve conflict and build sustainable peace in the country;	The Committee has introduced new paragraphs in this clause to strengthen the provisions of the Bill. The intendment of this amendment is to broaden the scope of the functions of the Commission.

(g) to work closely with Government and local partners to find commonalities between conflicting parties through mediation and facilitation, capacity strengthening, diplomacy, media and the arts; (h) to encourage/provide a fertile ground for positive relationship building that paves the way for peace and reconciliation; (i) to mobilize genuine community, political and religious support towards prevention and exacerbation of conflicts; and (j) doing all such things incidental to the foregoing functions which, in the opinion of the Board are calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the duties of the Commission under this Bill for sustainable peace in the country.	(g) to promote understanding of the values diversity, peaceful co-existence, trust, tolerance, confidence building, negotiation, mediation, dialogue, reconciliation and any other indigenous mechanisms; (h) Retained (i) To make recommendation to the Government and other stakeholders on actions to promote trust and confidence between and among groups; (j) Retained (k) to liaise with Federal Ministries, Departments, Agencies, States, Local Governments, Traditional Institutions and Development Partners on the implementation of all measures approved by the Board for the resolution, reconciliation and enhancement of peaceful co-existence; and (l) Retained	
Powers of the Commission 9. The Board shall have power:	Powers of the Commission 9. Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the	

(a) to establish such subsidiary organs as may be necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act; and (b) subject to this Act, to appoint such officers as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.	Commission shall have the power to: (a) establish such subsidiary organs at the State and Local Government levels, as may be necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill; and (b) subject to this Act, to appoint such officers as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.	
10. The Board shall establish and maintain a documentation centre on conflicts in Nigeria and such other information as may be necessary for the understanding and promotion of peace and reconciliation.	10. Deleted	This Clause has been deleted because to maintain a documentation centre falls within the functions and powers of the Commission as stated in clauses 8 and 9 of the Bill.
PART III - APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND OTHER STAFF OF THE COMMISSION Appointment of the Executive Secretary 11. There shall be an Executive Secretary for the Commission, who shall be appointed by the President and in the exercise of his functions under this Bill, and be responsible to the Commission.	PART III - APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND OTHER STAFF OF THE COMMISSION Appointment of the Executive Secretary 11. Retained as in the Bill	
Duties of Executive Secretary 12. (1) the Executive Secretary shall be: (a) the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Commission; (b) responsible to the Board for the execution of the policies and administration of the daily affairs of the Commission. (2) The Executive Secretary may, subject to the provisions of this Act and to any special or general directions of the Commission, delegate any of his functions to any employee of the Commission.	Duties of Executive Secretary 12. (1) The Executive Secretary shall be: (a) Retained; (b) responsible to the Board for the execution of the policies and administration of the daily affairs of the Commission. (2) The Executive Secretary may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and to any special or general directions of the Commission, delegate any of his functions to any employee of the Commission.	

Tenure of Office of the Executive Secretary 13. (1) The Executive Secretary shall be appointed for a term of 5 years in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of 5 years and no more. (2) The Executive Secretary shall: (a) be paid such remuneration as may be prescribed in his letter of appointment; and (b) ensure compliance with the provisions of this Bill.	Tenure of Office of the Executive Secretary 13. Retained as in the Bill	
Other Staff of the Commission 14. (1) The Board shall appoint for the Commission, such other officers and other staff as it may from time to time deem necessary for the purposes of the Commission; (2) The terms and conditions of service (including terms and conditions as to remuneration, allowances, retiring benefits and discipline) of the Executive Secretary and other staff of the Commission shall be such as may be determine from time to time, by the Commission. (3) The Commission shall determine the remuneration and tenure of office of its employees. (4) The Commission may accept any member of staff by way of transfer, secondment or deployment from any public service of the Federal, State or Local Government approved establishments.	Other Staff of the Commission 14. (1) Retained as in the Bill (2) Retained as in the Bill (3) Deleted (4) Retained as in the Bill	
Appointment and Secondment from Public Service 15. Notwithstanding the provisions to Section 29, the Board shall have power to appoint for the Commission either directly or on secondment from any Public Service in the Federation, such number of employees (as may, in the	Appointment and Secondment from Public Service 15. Deleted	This clause has been deleted because it is a repetition of the provision of clause 14 (4) of this draft bill, now renumbered as sub-clause (3). Moreover, such powers

opinion of the Board) be required to assist the Commission in the discharge of any of its functions under this Act.		have been conferred in section 6.
Pensions Reforms Act, 2004 16. Service in the Commission shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pension Reform Act, 2004 and accordingly, officers employed in the Commission shall in respect of their service in the Commission be entitled to pension, gratuity and other retirement benefits.	Pension Reform Act, 2014 16. Retained as in the Bill	
Structure of the Commission 17. (1) There shall be established in the Head Office of the Commission the following Departments: (a) Finance and Accounts; (b) Planning, Research and Statistics; (c) Information and Publicity; (d) Community Relations; (e) Legal and Social Services; (f) Administration and Personnel Management; and (g) Procurement. (2) Nothing in Subsection (1) shall prevent the Commission from establishing any additional Department as the Commission may deem necessary for the proper and effective administration of the provision of this Bill.	Structure of the Commission 17. (1) There shall be established in the Head Office of the Commission the following Departments: (a) Retained; (b) Retained; (c) Retained; (d) Community Relations and Social Services; (e) Legal and Social Services; (f) Retained; (g) Procurement; and (h) Conflict, Mediation and Reconciliation (2) Retained as in the Bill	
PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Funds of the Commission. 18. (1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund to which all monies accruing to it shall be paid into or from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission. (2) The Fund of the Commission shall consists of:	PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Funds of the Commission 18. Retained as in the Bill	

(a) all such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Commission by the Federal Government; (b) sums accruing to the Commission by way of grants, subsidies, donations, testamentary, gifts and endowment or otherwise; (c) rents, fees and internally generated revenue from services rendered by the Commission; (d) loans and grant-in-aid from national, bilateral and multilateral agencies; and (e) all other sum as may, from time to time, accrue to the Commission.		
Power to Borrow 19. (1) The Commission may, from time to time, borrow such sums it may require in the execution of its functions under this Act; (2) The Commission may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be prescribed by the person or organisation making the gift. (3) The Commission shall not accept any gifts if the conditions attached are inconsistent with the objectives of the Commission.	Power to Borrow 19. (1) The Commission may, from time to time, borrow such sums it may require in the execution of its functions under this Bill; (2) Retained as in the Bill (3) The Commission shall not accept any gifts if the conditions attached are inconsistent with the objectives of the Commission or against national interest.	
Annual Estimates and Expenditure 20. (1) The Council shall, not later than 30th September of each year, submit to the National Assembly through the Minister an estimate of the expenditure of the Commission during the next succeeding year. (2) The Council shall approve all expenditure of the Commission.	Annual Estimates and Expenditure 20. (1) The Council Board shall, not later than 30th September of each year, submit to the National Assembly through the Minister an estimate of the expenditure of the Commission during the next succeeding year. (2) The Council Board shall approve all expenditure of the Commission.	

Accounts 21. The Commission shall: (a) cause to be kept proper accounts and records of the transactions of the Commission; (b) maintain effective control over its assets and liabilities incurred in the discharge of its functions; and (c) prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of account in such form as the Auditor-General of the Federation may direct.	Accounts 21. Retained as in the Bill	
Audit 22. (1) The Commission shall cause its accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of each year by the Auditor-General of the Federation. (2) The Auditor-General of the Federation or any officer authorised by him is entitled at all reasonable times to full and free access to all accounts, records, documents and papers of the Commission relating directly or indirectly to the receipt or payment of money by the Commission or to the acquisition, receipt, custody or disposal of assets by the Commission.	Audit 22. Retained as in the Bill	
Annual Report 23. The Commission shall submit to the President through the Minister 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 Commission for that year and a copy of the auditor's report on it.	Annual Report 23. The Commission shall submit to the President and the National Assembly through the Minister not later than 30th June of each financial year – (a) a report of its activities during the preceding financial year, and it shall include a copy of the audited accounts of the Commission for that year and a copy of the auditor's report on it; and	

	(b) a report on conflicts, mediation and reconciliation activities, including interventions measures and recommendations.	
PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS Limitation of Suit against the Commission 24. (1) The provisions of the Public Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of the Commission. (2) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Board, the Executive Secretary, officer or employee of the Commission before a written notice of intention to commence the suit shall be served upon the Commission by the intending plaintiff or his agent. (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.	PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS Limitation of Suit against the Commission 24. (1) The provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of the Commission. (2) Retained as in the Bill (3) Retained as in the Bill	
Service of Documents 25. A notice of summons or any other documents required or authorised to be served upon the Commission under the provisions of this Bill or any other law or enactment may be served by delivering it to the Executive Secretary of the Commission.	Service of Documents 25. Retained as in the Bill	
Restriction on Execution against Property of the Commission 26. -(1) No execution or attachment of process shall be issued against the Commission in any action or suit without the consent of the Attorney-General of the Federation.	Restriction on Execution against Property of the Commission 26. Retained as in the Bill	

(2) Any sum of money which may by the judgment of any court be awarded against the Commission shall, subject to any direction given, be paid from the general reserve fund of the Commission.		
Indemnity of Officers 27. A member of the Board, the Executive Secretary, any officer or employee of the Commission shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Commission against any proceeding, whether civil or criminal in which judgment is given in his favour, or in which he is acquitted, if any such proceedings is brought against him in his capacity as member of the Board, the Executive Secretary, officer, employee of the Commission.	Indemnity of Officers 27. A member of the Board, the Executive Secretary, any officer or employee of the Commission shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Commission against any proceeding, whether civil or criminal in which judgment is given in his favour, or in which he is acquitted, if any such proceedings is brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Board, the Executive Secretary, officer or other employees of the Commission.	
Engagement of Professionals other than Staff 28. The Executive Secretary may with the approval of the Board engage persons with knowledge or experience in matters relevant to the functions of the Commission to assist otherwise than on basis of full time employment.	Engagement of Professionals other than Staff 28. The Executive Secretary may, with the approval of the Board, engage persons with requisite knowledge or experience in matters relating to the functions of the Commission to assist in that regard, other than on the basis of full time employment.	Redrafted for elegance.
Power of the Minister to give direction to the Commission 29. The Minister may give to the Commission, directives of a general nature with respect to any of its functions.	Power of the Minister to give direction to the Commission 29. Retained as in the Bill	
Interpretation 30. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires: "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Commission; "Board" means the Governing Board of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation (NCPRM);	Interpretation 30. In this Bill: Retained as in the Bill	

"Register" means the register of conflicts maintained by the Board. "Member" means a member of the Commission; "Minister" means the Federal Minister for the time being in charge of Ministry of Interior; "President" means the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation.		
Citation 31. This Act may be cited as the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation (NCPRM) (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2015.	Citation 31. This Bill may be cited as the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2017.	
SCHEDULE <i>Section 3 (4)</i> SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION, ETC. <i>Proceedings of the Commission</i> 1. Subject to this Bill and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Commission may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of its Committees. 2. Every meeting of the Commission shall be presided over by the Chairman or if the Chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their numbers to preside at that meeting. 3. The quorum at a meeting of the Commission shall consist of the Chairman (or, in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule) and six other members.	SCHEDULE <i>Section 2 (3)</i> SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION, ETC. <i>Proceedings of the Commission</i> Retained as in the Bill	

4. Where, upon any special occasion, the Commission desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Commission may co-opt that person to be member for as many meetings as may be necessary and that person while so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member, except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

Committees

5.-(1) Subject to its standing orders, the Commission may appoint such number of standing and ad-hoc Committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Commission is concerned.

(2) Every Committee appointed under the provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, shall be presided over by a member of the Commission and shall be made up of such number of persons, not necessarily members of the Commission, as the Commission may determine in each case.

6. The decision of a Committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Commission.

Miscellaneous

7. The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and of the Executive Secretary of the Commission or such other member authorised generally or specially by the Commission to act for that purpose.

8. Any contract or instrument which, if made 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 Commission by the Chairman or by any other person generally or

specifically authorised by the Commission to act for that purpose. 9. Any document purporting to be a contract, instrument or other document signed or sealed on behalf of the Commission shall be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed, without further proof, to have been so signed or sealed. 10. The validity of any proceedings of the Commission or a committee thereof shall not be adversely affected: (a) by any vacancy in the membership of the Commission or Committee; or (b) by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Commission or Committee; or (c) by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings. 11. Any member of the Commission or a Committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Commission or Committee shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Commission or Committee and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.		
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM This Bill seeks to provide for among other things the establishment of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation (NCPRM); to identify conflicts; and for the supervision, coordination and monitoring of all peaceful resolutions between governments, organisations, etc. in Nigeria and for Matters Incidental Thereto.	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM This Bill, among other things, seeks to make provision for the establishment of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation (NCPRM); to identify conflicts; and for the supervision, coordination and monitoring of all peaceful resolutions between governments, organisations, etc. in Nigeria.	Redrafted for elegance.