



**REPORT**  
**OF**  
**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR**  
**ON**  
**NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS BILL**  
**(SB.271)**  
**AND**  
**NATIONAL UNITY CORPS BILL**  
**(SB.375)**

April, 2022

## **REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS BILL (SB.271) AND NATIONAL UNITY CORPS BILL (SB.375)**

### **1.0 PREAMBLE**

The Senate at its Plenary Sitting of Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, deliberated on the general principles of the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2020 (**SB. 271**) which was sponsored by **Distinguished Senator Ali Mohammed Ndume (Borno South)**. Similarly, the Senate on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 deliberated on the general principles of the National Unity Corps Bill (SB 375) sponsored by **Distinguished Senator Gyang Istifanus Dung (Plateau North)**.

After extensive deliberations, the two bills were referred to the Committee on Interior on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 respectively, for further legislative action.

### **2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE BILLS:**

The objectives of these two Bills are related and similar in nature which includes but not limited to:

1. Empower, Develop and provide gainful employment for the youths, to facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Neighborhood Watch and Nation-building;
2. Training the youths to advance the course of Peace-building and Conflict Transformation through Peace Education, Mediation and Conflict Resolution among warring groups or communities where there are crisis in Nigeria;
3. Building the capacity of the youths in the areas of Creativity, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition;
4. Re-directing the creative potentials of the youths towards Patriotic Services and Nation-building through Citizenship and Leadership Training;

5. Establishment of Peace Corps Club and combating all forms of social decadence in Educational Institutions in order to create a peaceful and conducive atmosphere for learning;

6. Creating a Reservoir of trained personnel and volunteers of diverse qualifications to serve as a spring board for easy accessibility of manpower whenever the Nation needs their services for either permanent employment or Ad-hoc Staff for National and International Programmes such as Emergency Relief Services, Voters' Registration, Census, Immunization and Sanitation; and

7. To carry out any other function as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly or by any Bye-Law.

### **3.0 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:**

In furtherance of its legislative action on these Bills, the Committee took the following decisions:

- i. Held meetings for the purposes of fashioning out modalities in carrying out the assignment;
- ii. Resolved to Conduct a Public Hearing on the Bills;
- iii. Convened a Meeting with the leadership of the two organizations (Peace Corps of Nigeria and National Unity and Peace Corps);
- iv. Made publications in the Media (Prints, Electronic and Social) requesting for Memoranda as well as invitation to a public hearing;
- v. Conducted a one-day Public Hearing on the Bills.

### **3.1 PUBLIC HEARING:**

On Tuesday, 18th May, 2021, the Committee conducted a Public Hearing which elicited the views of the Stakeholders and the general public on the merits and otherwise of the Bills. The Public Hearing was well attended even

though restrictions were made to the number of persons in the hall as a form of adherence to COVID-19 protocol.

In a bid to ensure that interested persons were not left out; members of the public were encouraged to make written submissions available to the Committee through its Secretariat.

### **3.2 Memoranda Received During the Public Hearing:**

The Committee received written Memoranda and Oral submissions from Government Agencies, Traditional Institutions, Religious Bodies, Academia, NGOs, other various interest groups and Individuals during the hearing.

Three Hundred and Eighty (380) of the written Memoranda received and most of the oral presentations at the hearing supported the establishment of the Nigerian Peace Corps while Ninety three (93) supported the establishment of National Unity Corps.

The Ministry of Justice (Represented by the Solicitor General), in its presentation did not support the establishment of either of the Nigerian Peace Corps or National Unity Corps, while Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) only recommended some modifications in the Functions.

However, other establishments of Government gave their overwhelming supports to the Bill and acknowledged that it is timely.

### **4.0 BILLS CONSOLIDATION:**

In view of the similarities in the Core mandates, functions and objectives of the two bills, the Committee consolidated the two Bills into one for ease of advancing its work.

### **5.0 OBSERVATION/FINDINGS:**

The Committee made the following observations and findings in the course of its assignment:

- i. That one of the Bills, Nigerian Peace Corps Establishment Bill, was overwhelmingly passed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly and transmitted to Mr. President for Assent, though the Assent was declined mainly due to the economic situation of the Country at the time;
- ii. The core mandate and functions of the Corps, among others, are to develop, empower and provide gainful employment to the Nigerian youths in order to facilitate peace, community services, volunteerism, nation building, maintenance of discipline at all levels of educational institutions in the Country and related matters.
- iii. The bill when given legislative support will be of great benefit to the Nigerian youths as many of them will be gainfully employed through the establishment of the Corps;
- iv. Majority of the Stakeholders and the general public support the passage of the Nigerian Peace Corps Bill into law in view of the enormous benefits it will have on the Nigerian Youths;
- v. There is the need to develop comprehensive, multi-sectorial, multi-stakeholder and inclusive approaches in order to stem the trend of youth restiveness which portend dangerous trend toward insecurity in the Country;
- vi. Some of the government agencies that opposed the passage of this bill, took similar position when the National Assembly passed the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence bill (NSCDC) into law some years ago; fortunately, the Country is massively reaping the benefits of establishing the Civil Defence Corps.

## **6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee's recommendations which reflect the majority of the memoranda and submissions received from the stakeholders and the general public during the public hearing are in the attached Bill.

The Committee having extensively considered the bill, recommends that the Senate do Consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee as contained in the Bill attached to this report.

## **7.0 CONCLUSION:**


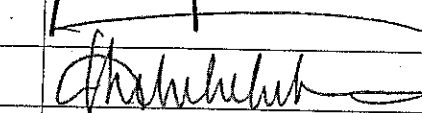
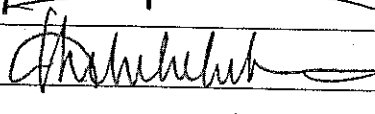
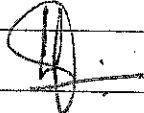
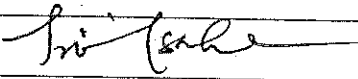

May I, on behalf of the Committee thank the President of the Senate, **Distinguished Senator Ahmad Lawan, PhD, CON** and our distinguished colleagues for the opportunity to serve the Senate in this capacity and to humbly request that the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate do consider and pass this Bill, accordingly.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS BILL,**

**2022**

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REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS TO DEVELOP, EMPOWER AND PROVIDE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR THE YOUTH; TO FACILITATE PEACE, VOLUNTEERISM, COMMUNITY SERVICES, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, NATION-BUILDING; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2022 (SB.271) AND A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL UNITY CORPS TO EMPOWER, DEVELOP AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE YOUTHS, TO FACILITATE PEACE THROUGH MEDIATION AND CONFLICT PREVENTION, VOLUNTEERISM, COMMUNITY SERVICES, NATION-BUILDING AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2022 (SB.375)

NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS BILL (SB.271)	NATIONAL UNITY CORPS BILL (SB.375)	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS	REMARKS
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS TO DEVELOP, EMPOWER AND PROVIDE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR THE YOUTH; TO FACILITATE PEACE, VOLUNTEERISM, COMMUNITY SERVICES, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, NATION-BUILDING; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019</p>	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL UNITY CORPS TO EMPOWER, DEVELOP AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE YOUTHS, TO FACILITATE PEACE THROUGH MEDIATION AND CONFLICT PREVENTION, VOLUNTEERISM, COMMUNITY SERVICES, NATION-BUILDING AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2020</p>	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS TO FACILITATE PEACE, VOLUNTEERISM, COMMUNITY SERVICES, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, AND NATION-BUILDING; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2022</p>	
<p><b>PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS</b></p> <p><b>Establishment, Functions and Objectives of the Nigerian Peace Corps</b></p> <p>1. (1) There is established the Nigerian Peace Corps (in this Bill referred to as “the Peace Corps”) and:</p> <p>(a) shall be a corporate body with perpetual succession and a common seal; and</p> <p>(b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.</p>	<p><b>PART I: ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL UNITY CORPS</b></p> <p><b>ESTABLISHMENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL UNITY CORPS</b></p> <p>1. (a) There is established a body to be known as the National Unity Corps (in this bill referred to as: Unity Corps) and shall be a corporate body with perpetual succession with a Common Seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;</p> <p>(b) The Headquarters of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS shall be located in the Federal Capital</p>	<p><b>PART I — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS</b></p> <p><b>Establishment and Functions of the Nigerian Peace Corps</b></p> <p>1. (1) There is established the Nigerian Peace Corps (in this Bill referred to as “the Corps”)</p> <p>(2) The Corps:</p> <p>(a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and</p>	



<p>(2) The Headquarters of the Nigerian Peace Corps shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), and the Peace Corps shall have offices in all the States, Local Government Areas and Educational Institutions.</p> <p>(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions relating to the general duties of the Peace Corps set out in this Bill, the objectives of the Peace Corps shall be to:</p> <p>(a) train, educate and re-orientate the youth of this nation, on:</p> <p>(i) their future leadership roles in the society;</p> <p>(ii) the art of nation-building;</p> <p>(iii) the need to become good citizens of the country with due respect for constituted authorities;</p> <p>(iv) democratic norms and the rule of law; and</p> <p>(b) re-direct the productive energies of the youth towards the socio-economic and political advancement of the nation.</p>	<p>Territory (FCT), and shall have offices in all the States, Local Government areas and Educational Institutions.</p> <p>(c) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions relating to the general duties of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS set out in the Act, the Objectives of the Unity Corps shall be to Train, Educate and Re-orientate the Youth of this Nation, particularly Students, on their future leadership roles in the society, the Art of Nation-Building, as well as to become good citizens of the Country with due respect for Constituted Authorities, Democratic Norms and the Rule of Laws, and to re-direct the productive energies of the youths towards the Social-Economic and Political Advancements of the Nation.</p>	<p>(b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.</p> <p>(3) The Common seal of the Corps shall be kept in the custody of the National Corps Secretary.</p> <p>(4) The Headquarters of the Corps shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), and the Corps shall have offices in all the States, Local Governments and Area Councils.</p>	
<p><b>Functions of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>2. (1) The core mandate of the Peace</p>	<p><b>FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS</b></p> <p>2. Functions of NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall include:</p>	<p><b>Functions of the Corps</b></p> <p>2. The functions of the Corps shall include:</p>	

Corps is to Develop, Empower and Provide Gainful Employment for the Youths; to facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Neighbourhood Watch and Nation-building.

(2) The functions of the Peace Corps shall include to:

- (a) enlist, mobilise, train and orientate the youths in order to develop them as supporting agents of social order by providing a second line of public safety;
- (b) serve as a think-tank and educate residents of every community on security and safety measures peculiar to their neighbourhood;
- (c) uphold a bottom-up surveillance through monitoring observation, evaluation and to detect, collate and analyse intelligence data on matters that may likely cause breach of peace and security within the neighbourhood and transmit same to the appropriate Security Agency for pre-emptive measures/actions;

- (a) Mediation among warring parties thereabout bringing and establishing Peaceful coexistence and stability among peoples and communities. Empower, develop and provide gainful employment for the youths to facilitate peace volunteerism, community services, neighbourhood watch and Nation Building.
- (b) Promote Social and Economic Development by involving Members and Volunteers in the scheme through working with Government, Schools, Non-Profit Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, etc. in order to pre-occupy the youths;
- (c) Enlist, Provide distinct training and orientation of unemployed youths of diverse qualifications as permanent staff and place them in a reservoir to serve as a spring board for easy accessibility of manpower whenever the Nation needs their services for either permanent employment or ad-hoc staff for National OR International programs such as emergency relief services,

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- (b) serve as a think-tank and educate residents of every community on security and safety measures peculiar to their neighbourhood;
- (c) uphold a bottom-up surveillance through monitoring, observation, evaluation and to detect, collate and analyse intelligence data on matters that may likely cause breach of peace and security within the neighbourhood and transmit same to the appropriate Security Agency for pre-emptive measures and actions;
- (d) engage in Peace Advocacy, Mediation and Conflict Resolution in order to advance the course of Peace-Building, Reconciliation and Conflict Transformation in all communities in Nigeria;
- (e) secure Educational Institutions from intruders and to combat all forms of social decadence and vices, including cultism

<p>(d) engage in Peace Advocacy, Mediation and Conflict Resolution in order to advance the course of Peace-Building, Reconciliation and Conflict Transformation in all communities in Nigeria;</p> <p>(e) secure Educational Institutions from intruders and to combat all forms of social decadence/vices, including cultism and examination malpractices with a view to creating peaceful and conducive atmosphere for learning;</p> <p>(f) serve as a Reservoir and Spring-board of skilled man-power as adhoc staff for providing Social and Community Services such as Crowd Control, Emergency Relief Services, Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons, Voters' Registration, Election Duties, Census, Immunization and First Aid;</p> <p>(g) set-up a Centre saddled with the responsibility of training and building the capacity of the youths in the areas of Critical Thinking,</p>	<p>voters registration, census, Immunization sanitation.</p> <p>(d) Prevention of Conflict eruption that may lead to Violence Crisis, loss of lives and destruction of properties</p> <p>(e) Training the youth to advance the course of Peace-Building and Conflict transformation through Peace education.</p> <p>(f) Building the capacity the youths in the area of critical thinking , creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship and skill acquisition;</p> <p>(g) Serves as Orderlies to National Personalities such as members of the Executives, Parliament, Judiciary and Traditional Rulers etc.</p> <p>(h) Engage members as Tourist Assistants to Nigerians and Foreigners on visit on the Country's Tourist Sites and other National and State Monuments and Heritage;</p> <p>(i) To empower and pre-occupy the Nigerian Youths through job creation and provision of alternative employment;</p> <p>(j) Training Nigerian youths with good</p>	<p>and examination malpractices with a view to creating peaceful and conducive atmosphere for learning;</p> <p>(f) serve as a Reservoir and Spring-board of skilled man-power as adhoc staff for providing Social and Community Services such as Crowd Control, Emergency Relief Services, Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons, Voters' Registration, Election Duties, Census, Immunization and First Aid;</p> <p>(g) set-up a Centre saddled with the responsibility of training and building the capacity of the youths in the areas of Critical Thinking, Creativity, Innovation, Entrepreneurial and Skill Acquisition;</p> <p>(h) set-up well organized and structured farm settlement across the various Senatorial Districts in order to redirect the untapped and productive energy of the youths into large-scale and mechanized farming for increased food production, and planting of economic trees, to mitigate desertification and the effect of climate change in Nigeria; and</p>	<p>Paragraphs (h), (i) and (j) were introduced</p>
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<p>Creativity, Innovation, Entrepreneurial and Skill Acquisition;</p> <p>(h) carry out other functions as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly or any Bye-law.</p>	<p>virtues, strong passion and commitment to the art of patriotism, volunteerism, community services and Nation-building.;</p> <p>(k) To train and equip the youths with knowledge for Peace Education, Conflict Resolution, Mediation, Reconciliation and Confidence Building;</p> <p>(l) To give distinct orientation and training to the members of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS and engage them in the provision of Essential Services such as; Community Services such as Immunization, Census and Sanitation Exercises, especially in Urban Cities, States and Local Government Capitals;</p> <p>(m) Reactivation, enforcement and implementation of the of the abandoned "War Against Indiscipline" in our institutions and public places by Providing Refuse Bins, Waste Baskets and handy waste bags in Public Buildings, Buses and Schools in order to</p>	<p>(i) set-up desk at the various entry points into the country in order to register tourists and other visitors, after clearance by the Nigerian Immigration Service and other relevant Security Agencies, and to serve as Tour Guards and Guides to their respective destinations upon the payment of charges; and</p> <p>(j) Any other functions as may be assigned by the Minister.</p>	<p>further strengthen the functions of the Corps in line with global best practices</p>
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<p>obliterate littered materials;</p> <p>(n) Assist in planting and nursing of economic trees and all forms of environmental conservations; and</p> <p>(o) Involve members and volunteers of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS in crowd control during public functions and in neighborhood watch in order to curb insecurity within the community;</p> <p>(p) Monitoring, control and enforcement of street begging/trading Laws/Regulation in our institutions and public places</p> <p>(q) Animal Monitoring, Control and Safety for harmonious and Peaceful Coexistence and safety of lives and properties among Nigerians;</p> <p>(r) Participatory Collaboration/Synergy in Humanitarian Services and deliveries among destitute and IDPs including the construction and maintenance of shelters alongside the appropriate Humanitarian service delivery agency/organizations;</p> <p>(s) Participatory/Synergy in emergency</p>		
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<p>and rescue services alongside the appropriate designated agencies/organizations;</p> <p>(t) Participatory Collaboration/Synergy in the enforcement of Environmental Law/Regulations alongside the appropriate and designated agencies/organizations for a serene and healthy Society.</p> <p>(u) Provide security for all Educational Institutions and check all forms of examination malpractices and other negative vices such as drugs abuse/addiction and prostitution, prevalent in Schools and Colleges in order to create a conducive atmosphere for learning the following means:-</p> <p>(a) Maintain surveillance on students organizing secret societies; identify their members, associates, modus operandi and to make such discoveries known to the appropriate authorities;</p> <p>(b) Assist the School Authorities in the maintenance and enforcement of School Rules and Regulations;</p> <p>(c) Organise Holiday camps, for students where they would be involved in less academic work but</p>		
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	<p>more of Games, Creative Work, Martial Art, Citizenship and Leadership Training, as well as other extra-curricular programs;</p> <p>(d) Set up anti-students loitering Squad periodically to check students loitering within the School premises and in town during school hours, in school uniform; and</p> <p>(e) Organize special Conference, Seminars and Workshop in order to equip the Nigerian youths in Leadership Building Mechanism, so as to prepare them mentally, morally and physically for their future leadership roles;</p> <p>(f) To check all forms of examination malpractices as may be perpetuated by students, invigilators, teachers, lecturers and other educational staff.</p> <p>(g) To carry out any other function that may be prescribed by an act of the National assembly or by any bye-law.</p>		
<p><b>PART II — GOVERNING BOARD, COMPOSITION AND POWERS</b></p>	<p>As permanent staff or volunteers</p> <p>3. Discharge such other functions that will</p>	<p><b>PART II — GOVERNING BOARD, COMPOSITION AND POWERS</b></p>	

<p><b>Governing Board of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>3. There is established for the management of the Peace Corps a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").</p>	<p>facilitate the accomplishment of its objectives.</p>	<p><b>Governing Board of the Corps</b></p> <p>3. There is established for the management of the Corps a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").</p>	
<p><b>Composition of the Board</b></p> <p>4. The Board shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) Chairman to be appointed by the President;</p> <p>(b) a nominee each appointed by the President from the six (6) Geo-Political Zones of the Country;</p> <p>(c) a representative of the Ministry charged with the responsibility for matters relating to Interior;</p> <p>(d) the National Commandant, who shall serve as the Secretary; and</p> <p>(e) other members appointed by the President from the following Ministries or Bodies-</p> <p>(i) Ministry of Youth Development</p>	<p><b>PART II - GOVERNING BOARD COMPOSITION AND POWERS</b></p> <p><b>GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NATIONAL UNITY CORPS</b></p> <p>4. There is established for the management of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS a Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board").</p>	<p><b>Composition of the Board</b></p> <p>4. The Board shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) Chairman to be appointed by the President;</p> <p>(b) two nominees each appointed by the President as members representing the six (6) Geo-Political Zones of the Country; and</p> <p>(C)The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed subject to confirmation by the Senate.</p>	<p>Two nominees from each zone expands the representation on the board.</p> <p>Confirmation by the Senate gives room for more assessment of the nominees' characters and capacity to undertake</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Ministry of Justice</li> <li>(iii) Ministry of Finance</li> <li>(iv) Ministry of Education</li> <li>(v) Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution</li> <li>(vi) Federal Ministry of Environment</li> <li>(vii) Federal Ministry of Agriculture</li> <li>(viii) Federal Ministry of Tourism</li> </ul>			the assignment
<p><b>Qualifications of the Chairman and other members of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>5. (1) The Chairman shall be a person who has cognate experience and proven capacity to discharge his responsibilities to facilitate the accomplishment of the objectives of the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(2) The members referred to in section 4 of this Bill shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) not be below the rank of Director or its equivalent in the Armed Forces; and</li> </ul> <p>be persons who have cognate experience</p>	<p>COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS.</p> <p>5. The Board shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A Chairman</li> <li>(b) A representative each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ministry of Interior;</li> <li>(ii) Ministry of Youth Development;</li> <li>(iii) Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity;</li> <li>(iv) Ministry of Education</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Qualifications of the Chairman and other members of the Corps</b></p> <p>5. No person shall be appointed as chairman or member of the Board, if-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) he is not qualified or if he is disqualified for election as a member of the House of Representatives;</li> <li>(b) Within the preceding 10 years, he has been removed as a member of the bodies established by section 153 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999( as altered), or as a holder of any other office on grounds of misconduct.</li> </ul>	To ensure that appointees have the qualifications and competence to represent the people of Nigeria

<p>and proven capacity to discharge their duties.</p>	<p>(v) Ministry of Environment;</p> <p>(vi) Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution;</p> <p>(vii) National Orientation Agency;</p> <p>(viii) National Population Commission;</p> <p>(ix) Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation;</p> <p>(x) National Directorate of Employment;</p> <p>(xi) Ministry of Finance</p> <p>(xii) Ministry of Justice</p> <p>(c) The Commandant General to serve as Secretary.</p>		
<p><b>Appointment of the Chairman and Members of the Board</b></p>	<p>QUALIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL UNITY CORPS</p>	<p><b>Appointment of the Chairman and Members of the Board</b></p>	

<p>6. (1) The President shall appoint the Chairman and Members of the Board on the recommendation of the Minister.</p> <p>(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister shall perform the functions of the Board where the Board has:</p> <p>(a) not been constituted; and</p> <p>(b) been dissolved.</p> <p>(3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained in the Schedule.</p>	<p>6. (a) The Chairman shall be a person having cognate experience and proven capacity in discharging his responsibilities to facilitate the accomplishment of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS Objectives;</p> <p>(b) A member referred to in Section 5(2) shall not be below the rank of Director or its equivalent in the force;</p> <p>(c) A member referred to in Section 5(2) shall be a person having cognate experience and proven capacity to discharge his duties.</p>	<p>6. (1) The President shall appoint the Chairman and Members of the Board on the recommendation of the Minister.</p> <p>(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister shall perform the functions of the Board where the Board has:</p> <p>(a) not been constituted; and</p> <p>(b) been dissolved.</p> <p>(3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained in the Schedule.</p>	
<p><b>Tenure of office</b> <i>Schedule</i></p> <p>7. The Chairman and other members of the Board, other than ex-officio members:</p> <p>(a) shall hold office for a term of 4 years on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointments; and</p> <p>(b) may be re-appointed for another term of 4 years and no more.</p>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS</b></p> <p>7. (a) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria on the recommendation of the Minister.</p> <p>(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Act, the Minister shall perform the functions of the Board where:</p> <p>(i) The Board has not been constituted;</p> <p>(ii) The Board has been dissolved; and</p> <p>The provisions of the schedule to this Act</p>	<p><b>Tenure of office</b> <i>Schedule</i></p> <p>7. The Chairman and other members of the Board, other than ex-officio members:</p> <p>(a) shall hold office for a term of 4 years on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointments; and</p> <p>(b) may be re-appointed for another term of 4 years and no more.</p>	

	shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained therein.		
<p><b>Removal from office</b></p> <p>8. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of this Bill, a member may at any time be removed from office by the President if he:</p> <p>(a) is unable to discharge the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of the body or mind;</p> <p>(b) is convicted by a court of law of a felony, fraud or any serious act of misconduct; and</p> <p>(c) without permission of the Board, is absent for more than 3 consecutive meetings of the Board or without such permission is absent from the country for a period exceeding 1 year.</p> <p>(2) The Chairman or a member may resign by a notice addressed through the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to the President and such notice of resignation becomes effective from the date of acceptance of the resignation by</p>	<p>TENURE OF OFFICE, ETC</p> <p>8. The Chairman and other members of the Board, other than ex-officio members;</p> <p>(a) Shall hold office for a period of Four (4) Years on such terms and conditions as contained in their letters of appointment; and</p> <p>May be re-appointed for one further period of Four (4) Years and no more.</p>	<p><b>Removal from office</b></p> <p>8. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of this Bill, a member may at any time be removed from office by the President if he:</p> <p>(a) is unable to discharge the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of the body or mind;</p> <p>(b) is convicted by a court of law of a felony, fraud or any serious act of misconduct; and</p> <p>(c) without permission of the Board, is absent for more than 3 consecutive meetings of the Board or without such permission is absent from the country for a period exceeding 1 year.</p> <p>(2) The Chairman or a member may resign by a notice addressed through the Minister to the President and such notice of resignation becomes effective from the date of acceptance of the resignation by the President.</p>	

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<p><b>Allowances</b></p> <p>9. A member shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission.</p>	<p><b>REMOVAL FROM OFFICE</b></p> <p>9. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8 of this Act, a member may at any time be removed from office by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if:</p> <p>(i) He is unable to discharge the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of the body or mind;</p> <p>(ii) He is convicted by a Court of Law of a felony, fraud or any serious act of misconduct; and</p> <p>(iii) He without permission of the Board is absent for more than three consecutive meetings of the Board without such permission is absent from the country for a period exceeding one year.</p> <p>(b) The Chairman or member may resign by a notice addressed through the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to the President and such notice of resignation shall become effective from the date of acceptance of the resignation by the President.</p>	<p><b>Allowances</b></p> <p>9. A member shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission.</p>
<p><b>Powers of the Board</b></p> <p>10. The Board shall be responsible for:</p> <p>(a) providing the general policies and</p>	<p><b>ALLOWANCES</b></p> <p>10. A member shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the National Wages and Salaries Commission.</p>	<p><b>Powers of the Board</b></p> <p>10. The Board shall be responsible for:</p> <p>(a) providing the general policies and</p>

<p>guidelines relating to major expansion programmes of the Peace Corps;</p> <p>(b) the supervision of management and general administration of the Peace Corps;</p> <p>(c) recruiting regular members of the Peace Corps;</p> <p>(d) organising basic development and refresher courses for members of the Peace Corps;</p> <p>(e) fixing, with the approval of the Minister, the terms and conditions of service of members and employees of the Peace Corps, including their remuneration; and</p> <p>(f) doing such other things, which, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Peace Corps.</p>		<p>guidelines relating to major expansion programmes of the Corps;</p> <p>(b) the supervision of management and general administration of the Corps;</p> <p>(c) recruiting regular members of the Corps;</p> <p>(d) organising basic development and refresher courses for members of the Corps;</p> <p>(e) fixing, with the approval of the Minister, the terms and conditions of service of members and employees of the Corps, including their remuneration; and</p> <p>(f) doing such other things, which, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Corps.</p>	
<p><b>PART III — STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE PEACE CORPS</b></p> <p><b>National Commandant of the Peace Corps</b></p>	<p><b>11. POWERS OF THE BOARD:</b> The Board shall be responsible for: (a) Providing the general policies and guidelines relating to major expansion programs of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS;</p>	<p><b>PART III — STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPS</b></p> <p><b>National Commandant of the Corps</b></p> <p><b>11. (1)</b> There shall be for the Corps a National</p>	

<p>11. (1) There shall be for the Peace Corps a National Commandant who shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief on the recommendation of the Minister-</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any provision in this Bill, the position of the National Commandant shall be appointed from among the very Senior Officers cadre of the Peace Corp;</p> <p>(b) The appointee must have occupied an office in Peace Corps not below the position of Assistant National Commandant and would have served in the Peace Corps meritoriously for not less than Ten (10) years and must possess a minimum qualification of First Degree or its equivalent; and</p> <p>(c) The appointee must have been in the service of the Peace Corps actively and consistently for upward of Five (5) years without taking leave of absence or a break.</p> <p>(2) The National Commandant shall hold</p>	<p>(b) The supervision of management and general administration of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS;</p> <p>(c) Recruiting regular Members of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS</p> <p>(d) Organizing basic developments and refresher courses for members of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS;</p> <p>(e) Fixing, with the approval of the Minister the terms and conditions of service of members and employees of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS, including their remuneration; and</p> <p>(f) Do such other things, which in the opinion of the Board are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS.</p>	<p>Commandant who shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief subject to confirmation by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any provision in this Bill, the position of the National Commandant shall be appointed from among the very Senior Officers cadre of the Corps; and</p> <p>(b) The appointee must have occupied an office in the Corps not below the position of Assistant National Commandant and would have served in the Peace Corps meritoriously for a period not less than Ten (10) years and must possess a minimum qualification of First Degree or its equivalent.</p> <p>(2) The National Commandant shall hold office:</p> <p>(a) in the first instance for a term of 4 years and may be eligible for reappointment for another term of 4 years and no more; and</p> <p>(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.</p>	<p>To allow the peoples' Representatives scrutinize and evaluate the competence and character of the appointee</p>
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<p>office:</p> <p>(a) in the first instance for a term of 5 years and may be eligible for reappointment for another term of 5 years and no more; and</p> <p>(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.</p> <p>(3) The National Commandant shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(4) The National Commandant shall, in the performance of his functions, be directly responsible to the President but shall regularly consult with the Minister and the Board.</p> <p>(5) The National Commandant shall be responsible for the execution of the policies of the Peace Corps and its day-to-day administration.</p> <p>(6) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the National Commandant shall hold office on such terms and emolument as may be specified in his letter of appointment, and as</p>		<p>(3) The National Commandant shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Corps.</p> <p>(4) The National Commandant shall, in the performance of his functions, be directly responsible to the President.</p> <p>(5) The National Commandant shall be responsible for the execution of the policies of the Corps and its day-to-day administration.</p> <p>(6) The National Commandant Shall be the Secretary of the Board.</p>	<p>To allow for prompt execution of the</p>
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<p>may be approved by the President.</p>			<p>Board's decisions</p>
<p><b>Deputy National Commandants, Peace Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants and other employees of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>12. (1) The National Commandant shall recommend for appointment by the Board such number of Deputy National Commandants, Peace Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants, Commandants and such officers from Level 8 and above as it may deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(2) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration, allowances, benefits and pensions) of regular members and employees of the Peace Corps shall be determined by the Board using the same criteria as may be applied to other similar Agencies with the approval of the Minister.</p> <p>(3) The Volunteers of the Peace Corps shall, for any period they are on duty for the Peace Corps, be paid such allowances and</p>	<p>PART III – STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITY CORPS</p> <p>COMMANDANT GENERAL OF THE UNITY CORPS</p> <p>12.(a) There shall be for the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS a National Commandant who shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief on the recommendation of the Minister;</p> <p>(b) The Commandant General shall:</p> <p>(i) Hold office in the first instance for a period of Five (5) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for a further period of Five (5) years and no more;</p> <p>(ii) On such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;</p> <p>(iii) The Commandant General shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS;</p> <p>(iv) The Commandant General shall in the performance of his function be directly responsible to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, but shall regularly consult with Minister and the Board;</p>	<p><b>Deputy National Commandants, Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants and other employees of the Corps</b></p> <p>12. (1) The National Commandant shall recommend for appointment by the Board such number of Deputy National Commandants, Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants, Commandants and such officers from Level 8 and above as it may deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the Corps.</p> <p>(2) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration, allowances, benefits and pensions) of regular members and employees of the Corps shall be determined by the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission.</p> <p>(3) The Volunteers of the Corps shall, for any period they are on duty for the Corps, be paid such allowances and other benefits as may be approved by the National Commandant.</p>	

<p>other benefits as may be approved by the National Commandant in consultation with the Minister.</p> <p>(4) The National Commandant, after due consultation with the Minister, shall appoint for the Peace Corps such number of officers, other ranks and employees below Level 8 as it may deem necessary for the purposes of effective administration of the Peace Corps.</p>	<p>(v) The Commandant General shall be responsible for the execution of the policies of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS and its day-to-day administration; and</p> <p>(vi) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Commandant General shall hold office on such terms and emolument as may be specified in his letter of appointment, and as may from time to time, be approved by the President.</p>	<p>(4) The National Commandant, after due consultation with the Board, shall appoint for the Corps such number of officers, other ranks and employees below Level 8 as it may deem necessary for the purposes of effective administration of the Corps.</p>
<p><b>Membership of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>13. (1) The Personnel of the Peace Corps shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) regular members and volunteers; and</p> <p>(b) officers and other ranks.</p> <p>(2) Members of the Peace Corps shall be Nigerians within the age of 18-35 years at the time of enlistment.</p> <p>(3) Regular members and other staff shall be recruited by the Board periodically to meet the personnel requirements of the Peace Corps, while the recruitment of the volunteers shall be handled by the National</p>	<p>DEPUTY COMMANDANT GENERALS, NATIONAL CORPS SECRETARY, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT GENERALS, ETC AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS</p> <p>13. (a) The Commandant General shall recommend for appointment to the Board such number of Deputy Commandant General, National Corps Secretary, Assistant Commandant Generals, Commandants and such Officers from Level Eight (8) and above as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS;</p> <p>(b) The terms and conditions of service (including remunerations, allowances, benefits and pensions) of regular members</p>	<p><b>Membership of the Corps</b></p> <p>13. (1) The Personnel of the Corps shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) regular members and volunteers; and</p> <p>(b) officers and other ranks.</p> <p>(2) Members of the Corps shall be Nigerians within the age of 18-35 years at the time of enlistment.</p> <p>(3) Regular members and other staff shall be recruited by the Board periodically to meet the personnel requirements of the Corps, while the recruitment of the volunteers shall be handled by the National Commandant as the need arises.</p>

<p>Commandant as the need arises.</p>	<p>and employees of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall be determined by the Board using same criteria as may be applied to other similar Agencies with the approval of the Minister.</p> <p>(c) The Volunteers of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall, for any period they are on duty for the NATIONALUNITY CORPS be paid such allowances and other benefits as may be approved by the Commandant General in consultation with the Minister.</p> <p>(d) The Commandant General, after due consultations with the Minister shall appoint for the NATIONALUNITY CORPS such number of officers, other ranks and employees below Level Eight (L8) as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS.</p>	
<p><b>Pensions Act No. 4, 2014</b></p> <p>14. (1) The service in the Peace Corps shall be approved service for the purposes of the</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS</p> <p>14. Membership/Personnel of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall consist of:</p>	<p><b>Pensions Act No. 4, 2014</b></p> <p>14. (1) The service in the Corps shall be approved service for the purposes of the</p>

Pension Reform Act and, regular members and employees of the Peace Corps are entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pension Reform Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill prevents the appointment of a person to any office on such terms which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.

(3) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable by the Minister or other authority of the Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations under section 40 of the Bill is vested in, and shall be exercisable by the Peace Corps and not by any other person or authority.

(4) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation or other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under section 40 of this Bill is vested in, and shall be exercisable by the

- (a) Regular members and volunteers;
- (b) Officers and other Ranks;
- (c) Members of the Corps shall be Nigerians within the ages of 18-35 years as at the time of enlistment; and
- (d) Regular members and other staff shall be recruited by the Board periodically to meet the personnel requirements of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS. While that of the volunteers will be handled by the Commandant General as the need arises.

Pension Reform Act and, regular members and employees of the Corps are entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pension Reform Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill prevents the appointment of a person to any office on such terms which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.

(3) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable by the Minister or other authority of the Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations under section 40 of the Bill is vested in, and shall be exercisable by the Corps and not by any other person or authority.

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<p><b>PART IV — APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OFFENCES AND DISCIPLINE OF STAFF</b></p> <p><b>Appointment of staff of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>15. (1) The Senior Staff of the rank of Commandant and above shall be appointed by the President upon nomination by the National Commandant and on the recommendation of the Board.</p> <p>(2) The appointment of State Commandants shall be by the Board on the recommendation of the National Commandant.</p> <p>(3) The post of the Deputy National Commandant shall be a terminal post on which the holder shall retire from Peace Corps as may be determined by the President.</p> <p>(4) The National Commandant shall, in consultation with the Board, establish such number of offices or units in the Headquarters and recruit officers to discharge responsibilities.</p>	<p><b>PENSIONS</b></p> <p>15. (a) The service in the UNITY CORPS shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Act and, accordingly, regular members and employees of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pensions Act;</p> <p>(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sub-Section (a) of this Section, nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on such terms, which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or other retirement benefit in respect of that office;</p> <p>(c) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Act, any power exercisable by the Minister or other authority of the Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations under Section 23 of the Act, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the NATIONALUNITY CORPS and not by any other person or authority;</p> <p>(d) Service in the NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Reform Act 2004 and,</p>	<p><b>PART IV — APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OFFENCES AND DISCIPLINE OF STAFF</b></p> <p><b>Appointment of staff of the Corps</b></p> <p>15. (1) The Senior Staff of the rank of Commandant and above shall be appointed by the President upon nomination by the Board and on the recommendation of the National Commandant</p> <p>(2) The appointment of State Commandants shall be by the Board on the recommendation of the National Commandant.</p> <p>(3) The post of the Deputy National Commandant shall be a terminal post on which the holder shall retire from the Corps as may be determined by the President.</p> <p>(4) The National Commandant shall, in consultation with the Board, establish such number of offices or units in the Headquarters and recruit officers to discharge responsibilities.</p> <p>(5) If for any reason, the National Commandant is unable to perform his</p>	

<p>(5) If for any reason, the National Commandant is unable to perform his functions and there exists a vacancy in the office of the National Commandant, the officer who is next in rank to the National Commandant is to act for the period of his inability or vacancy, until a National Commandant is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, and the officer shall, while so acting, have all the powers to perform the functions of the National Commandant.</p>	<p>accordingly, officers and the other persons employed in the NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall; be entitles to pensions, gratuities and other benefits as are prescribed here under; and (e) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2004 any power exercisable there under by a Secretary to the Government of the Federation or other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under Sections 23 thereof is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS and not by any other persons or authority.</p>	<p>functions and there exists a vacancy in the office of the National Commandant, the officer who is next in rank to the National Commandant is to act for the period of his inability or vacancy, until a National Commandant is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, and the officer shall, while so acting, have all the powers to perform the functions of the National Commandant.</p>
<p><b>Condition of service of other staff of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p><b>16.</b> (1) The appointment of other staff of the Peace Corps shall be governed by the general terms and conditions of service as the Board may, after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission or related organisations, determine.</p> <p>(2) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff of the Peace Corps, and the</p>	<p>PART IV –APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OFFENSES AND DISCIPLINE OF STAFF APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION OF STAFF OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS</p> <p>16. (a) The Senior Staff of the Rank of Commandant and above shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces upon nomination by the Commandant General and on the recommendation of the Board;</p> <p>(b) Commandant shall be vested with the Board on the recommendation of the Commandant General.</p>	<p><b>Condition of Service of other staff of the Corps</b></p> <p><b>16.</b> (1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff of the Corps.</p> <p>(2) The staff of Corps shall be Public Officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of the Nigeria.</p>

<p>regulations may provide for:</p> <p>(a) the appointment, promotion, termination, dismissal and disciplinary control of the staff of the Peace Corps; and</p> <p>(b) appeal by such staff against wrongful dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of officers in the civil service of the Federation or related organisations shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be necessary to the staff of the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(3) The staff of Peace Corps shall be Public Officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of the Nigeria.</p> <p>(4) Staff regulations made under subsection (2) of this section shall not have effect until they have been approved by the Board and, when so approved, the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons.</p>	<p>(c) The post of the Deputy Commandant General shall be a terminal post on which the holder shall retire from NATIONALUNITY COPS as may be determined by the President, and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces;</p> <p>(d) The Commandant General shall, in consultation with the Board, establish such number of offices/units in the Headquarters and recruit officers to discharge responsibilities;</p> <p>(e) If for any reason, the Commandant General is unable to perform his functions and there exist a vacancy in the office of the Commandant General, the officer who is next in rank to the National Commandant is to act for the period of his inability or vacancy, until a Commandant General is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Officer shall, while so acting have all the powers to perform the functions of the Commandant General.</p>		
<b>Discipline of staff of the Peace Corps</b>	APPOINTMENT OF STAFF OF THE UNITY	<b>Discipline of staff of the Corps</b>	

<p>17. (1) The power of appointment, promotion and discipline of the junior staff of the Peace Corps is vested in the National Commandant.</p> <p>(2) The National Commandant may delegate his powers in respect of discipline of junior staff to Deputy or Assistant National Commandant in the Headquarters and State Command who shall discipline such staff in their Departments and Commands respectively in accordance with existing Peace Corps regulations.</p> <p>(3) Appeal against all decisions concerning the discipline of such staff shall be to the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee.</p> <p>(4) There is established the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee vested with the power to discipline the senior staff of the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(5) The Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) a Deputy National Commandant and Assistant National Commandant with the Deputy</p>	<p>CORPS</p> <p>17. (a) The appointment of Staff of the UNITY CORPS shall be governed, mutatis mutandis, by the general terms and conditions of service as the Board may, after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission or related organizations determine.</p> <p>(b) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Act, make Staff Regulations relating generally to the Conditions of Service of the Staff of the UNITY CORPS; and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing. Such regulations may provide for:</p> <p>(i) The appointment, promotion, termination, dismissal and disciplinary control of the Staff of the UNITY CORPS and:</p> <p>(ii) Appeals by such Staff against wrongful dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made any instrument relating to the conditions of Service of Officers in the Civil Service of the Federation or related organization shall be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary, to the staff of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS</p> <p>(c) The Staff of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS</p>	<p>17. (1) The power of appointment, promotion and discipline of the junior staff of the Corps is vested in the National Commandant.</p> <p>(2) The National Commandant may delegate his powers in respect of discipline of junior staff to Deputy or Assistant National Commandant in the Headquarters and State Command who shall discipline such staff in their Departments and Commands respectively in accordance with existing Corps regulations.</p> <p>(3) Appeal against all decisions concerning the discipline of such staff shall be to the National Commandant.</p> <p>(4) There is established the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee vested with the power to discipline the senior staff of the Corps.</p> <p>(5) The Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) a Deputy National Commandant and Assistant National Commandant with the Deputy National Commandant serving as Chairman, while in the</p>
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<p>National Commandant serving as Chairman, while in the absence of a Deputy National Commandant, the most Senior Assistant National Commandant shall serve as Chairman;</p> <p>(b) the Provost Marshal;</p> <p>(c) the Head of Legal Matters; and</p> <p>(d) Peace Corps Secretary.</p> <p>(6) There is established the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee vested with the power to discipline the junior staff of the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(7) In addition to functions specified in subsection (3) of this section, the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consider and determine appeals emanating from decisions of the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee of the Peace Corps and decisions on such appeals shall be final.</p> <p>(8) Appeal against the decisions of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall lie with the Board.</p>	<p>shall be public officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended).</p> <p>(d) Staff Regulations made under Sub-Section 17(b) of this Section shall not have effect until it has been approved by the Board, and when so approved, the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons.</p>	<p>absence of a Deputy National Commandant, the most Senior Assistant National Commandant shall serve as Chairman;</p> <p>(b) the Provost Marshal;</p> <p>(c) the Head of Legal Matters; and</p> <p>(d) Corps Secretary.</p> <p>(6) There is established the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee vested with the power to discipline the junior staff of the Corps.</p> <p>(7) In addition to functions specified in subsection (3) of this section, the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consider and determine appeals emanating from decisions of the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee of the Corps and decisions on such appeals shall be final.</p> <p>(8) Appeal against the decisions of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall lie with the Board.</p> <p>(9) The National Commandant shall, in relation to the staff of the Corps, ensure:</p>	
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<p>(9) The National Commandant shall, in relation to the staff of the Peace Corps, ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) probity and accountability;</li> <li>(b) maintain a system of screening and vetting at the recruitment stages which shall be a continuous exercise throughout the career of personnel in the Peace Corps; and</li> <li>(c) maintain a policy of continuous staff assessment.</li> </ul> <p>(10) The National Commandant shall promulgate and distribute a code of conduct to staff of the Peace Corps, the breach of which shall attract the appropriate penalty stipulated in the code.</p> <p>(11) For the purpose of proper legal guidance and accountability, the heads of the legal and audit unit shall report directly to the National Commandant.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(d) probity and accountability;</li> <li>(e) maintain a system of screening and vetting at the recruitment stages which shall be a continuous exercise throughout the career of personnel in the Corps; and</li> <li>(f) maintain a policy of continuous staff assessment.</li> </ul> <p>(10) The National Commandant shall promulgate and distribute a code of conduct to staff of the Corps, the breach of which shall attract the appropriate penalty stipulated in the code.</p> <p>(11) For the purpose of proper legal guidance and accountability, the heads of the legal and audit unit shall report directly to the National Commandant.</p>
<p><b>PART V — ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND ZONAL COMMANDS OF THE PEACE CORPS</b></p>	<p><b>DISCIPLINE OF THE STAFF OF THE UNITY CORPS:</b> 18. - (a) The Commandant General may</p>	<p><b>PART V — ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND ZONAL COMMANDS OF THE CORPS</b></p>

<p><b>Administrative structures of the Peace Corps.</b></p> <p>18. (1) The Peace Corps Headquarters shall be in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and headed by the National Commandant.</p> <p>(2) There shall be established in the National Headquarters of the Peace Corps the Departments of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Administration;</li> <li>(b) Finance and Accounts;</li> <li>(c) Intelligence and General Duties;</li> <li>(d) Policy and Plans;</li> <li>(e) Training and Operations;</li> <li>(f) Logistics and Supply; and</li> <li>(g) Peace Corps Secretariat.</li> </ul> <p>(3) The Department shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of a Deputy National Commandant.</p> <p>(4) Each of these Departments shall be</p>	<p>delegate his powers in respect of discipline of junior staff to Deputy or Assistant Commandant Generals in the Headquarters and State Command who shall discipline such staff in their Departments and Commands respectively in accordance with NATIONAL UNITY CORPS regulations;</p> <p>(b) The power of appointment, promotion and discipline of the junior staff of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS is vested in the Commandant General;</p> <p>(c) Appeal against all decisions concerning the discipline of such staff shall be with the senior Staff Disciplinary Committee;</p> <p>(d) The power to discipline the Senior Staff is vested with the disciplinary committee hereby established; and</p> <p>(e) The Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall comprise the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A Deputy Commandant General and Assistant Commandant General(s) with the Deputy Commandant General serving as Chairman, while in the absence of a Deputy Commandant General, the most Senior Assistant Commandant General shall serve as Chairman.</li> <li>(ii) The Provost Marshal;</li> <li>(iii) The Head of Legal Matters;</li> </ul>	<p><b>Administrative structures of the Corps.</b></p> <p>18. (1) There shall be established in the National Headquarters of the Corps the Departments of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Administration;</li> <li>(b) Finance and Accounts;</li> <li>(c) Intelligence and General Duties;</li> <li>(d) Policy and Plans;</li> <li>(e) Training and Operations;</li> <li>(f) Logistics and Supply; and</li> <li>(g) Corps Secretariat.</li> </ul> <p>(3) The Departments shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of a Deputy National Commandant.</p> <p>(4) Each of these Departments shall be established at the various Command structures of the Corps as provided in subsection (2) and shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of Assistant Commandant.</p>
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<p>established at the various Command structures of the Peace Corps as provided in subsection (2) and shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of Assistant Commandant.</p>	<p>(iv) National Corps Secretary</p> <p>(v) In addition to function specified in sub-Section 19</p> <p>(e) of this Section, the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consider and determine appeals emanating from decisions of the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS. The decisions of such appeals shall be final.</p> <p>(vi) Appeal against the decisions of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall lie with the Board and</p> <p>NATIONAL UNITY CORPS ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Probity and Accountability</li> <li>(ii) Maintenance of a system of screening and vetting at the recruitment stages and which shall be a continuous exercise throughout the career of personnel in the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS and</li> <li>(iii) Maintenance of a policy of continuous staff assessment</li> </ul> <p>(viii) The Commandant General shall promulgate and distribute a code of conduct to staff of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS, the breach of which shall attract the appropriate penalty stipulated therein and</p>	
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	<p>(ix) For the purpose of proper Legal Guidance and accountability, the Heads of the Legal and Audit Unit shall report directly to the Commandant General</p>		
<p><b>Zones and Zonal Commands of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>19. (1) The Board shall:</p> <p>(a) create such number of Zones as it deems fit for the effective operations of the Peace Corps; and</p> <p>(b) establish, in each zone, a Zonal Command, which shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of Assistant National Commandant.</p> <p>(2) The Zonal Command shall, subject to the direction and overall command of the Peace Corps, be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Peace Corps in the zone.</p>	<p><b>PART V - ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND ZONAL COMMANDS OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS</b></p> <p><b>19. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS:</b></p> <p>a) The <b>UNITY CORPS</b> Headquarters shall be in the Federal Capital Territory and Headed by the Commandant General</p> <p>(b) There shall be established in National Headquarters of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS various Departments each of which shall be Headed by an Officer not below the Rank of a Deputy Commandant General. The Departments are:</p> <p>(i) Administration;</p> <p>(ii) Finance and accounts;</p> <p>(iii) Training and Operations;</p> <p>(iv) Intelligence and Security; and</p> <p>(v) Peace Building and Conflict Resolution</p> <p>(vi) Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p>(vii) Personnel, Records and Welfare and</p> <p>(viii) Logistics and Supply</p>	<p><b>Zones and Zonal Commands of the Corps</b></p> <p>19. (1) The Board shall:</p> <p>(a) create such number of Zones as it deems fit for the effective operations of the Corps; and</p> <p>(b) Establish, in each zone, a Zonal Command, which shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of Assistant National Commandant.</p> <p>(2) The Zonal Command shall, subject to the direction and overall command of the Corps, be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Corps in the zone.</p>	

	(c) Each of these Departments shall be established at the various Command Structure of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS as provided in sub-Sections 21 (a) above and shall be headed by an officer not below the Rank of Assistant Commandant.		
<p><b>State Command</b></p> <p>20. (1) The Peace Corps shall have a State Command in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p> <p>(2) The State Command shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the Peace Corps Headquarters and Zonal Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in the State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p>	<p><b>ZONES AND ZONAL COMMANDS OF THE NATIONALUNITY CORPS:</b></p> <p>20.(A) THE BOARD SHALL:</p> <p>(i) divide Nigeria into such number of zones as it may, from time to time determine for the effective operations of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS; and</p> <p>(ii) Establish, in each Zone, a Zonal Command, which shall be headed by an officer not below the Rank of Assistant Commandant General</p> <p>(b) The Zonal Command shall, subject to the direction and overall command of NATIONALUNITY CORPS, be responsible for coordinating the activities of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS in the Zone.</p>	<p><b>State Command</b></p> <p>20. (1) The Corps shall have a State Command in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p> <p>(2) The State Command shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the Corps Headquarters and Zonal Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Corps in the State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p>	
<p><b>Local Government Command</b></p> <p>21. (1) The Peace Corps shall have a Command in each Local Government Area of the Federation and Area Council of the</p>	<p><b>STATE COMMAND:</b></p> <p>21. - (a) The NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall have a State Command in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and</p>	<p><b>Local Government Command</b></p> <p>21. (1) The Corps shall have a Command in each Local Government Area of the Federation and Area Council of the Federal</p>	

<p>Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p> <p>(2) The Local Government and Area Council Commands shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the Peace Corps and State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in each of the Local Government Areas or Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p>	<p>(b) The State Command shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS Headquarters and Zonal Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS in the State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p>	<p>Capital Territory, Abuja.</p> <p>(2) The Local Government and Area Council Commands shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the Corps and State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Corps in each of the Local Government Areas or Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p>	
<p><b>Squadron Command</b></p> <p>22. (1) The Peace Corps shall establish a Squadron Command in each educational institution in the Federation, which shall be headed by a Squadron Commander.</p> <p>(2) The Squadron Command shall, subject to the direction and overall Command of the Peace Corps, State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in the educational institutions.</p>	<p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMAND:</b></p> <p>22. - (a) The <b>NATIONALUNITY CORPS</b> shall have a Command in each Local Government Area of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and</p> <p>(b) The Local Government Command shall subject to the directive and overall Command of the <b>NATIONAL UNITY CORPS</b> and State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the <b>NATIONALUNITY CORPS</b> in each of the Local Government Areas or the Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.</p>	<p><b>Squadron Command</b></p> <p>22. (1) The Corps shall establish a Squadron Command in each educational institution in the Federation, which shall be headed by a Squadron Commander.</p> <p>(2) The Squadron Command shall, subject to the direction and overall Command of the Corps, State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Corps in the educational institutions.</p>	
<p><b>PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS</b></p> <p><b>Funds of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>23. The Peace Corps shall establish and</p>	<p><b>SQUADRON COMMAND:</b></p>	<p><b>PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS</b></p> <p><b>Funds of the Corps</b></p> <p>23. The Corps shall establish and maintain a</p>	

<p>maintain a fund into which shall be paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) all subventions and budgetary allocations from the Federal Government;</li> <li>(b) all sums accruing to the Peace Corps from donations made by local or international donor agencies;</li> <li>(c) statutory allocations from the Federal Government;</li> <li>(d) gifts from the three tiers of government, ministries or agencies and private corporations;</li> <li>(e) loans, grants and aid; and</li> <li>(f) bequests.</li> </ul>	<p>23. - (a) The NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall establish a Squadron Command in each Educational Institution in the Federation, which shall be headed by a Squadron Commander, and</p> <p>(b):The Squadron Command shall, subject to the direction and overall Command of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the NATIONALUNITY CORPSin Educational Institutions.</p>	<p>fund into which shall be paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Statutory and budgetary allocations from the National Assembly;</li> <li>(b) all sums accruing to the Corps from donations made by local or international donor agencies;</li> <li>(c) gifts from the three tiers of government, ministries or agencies and private corporations;</li> <li>(d) loans, grants and aid; and</li> <li>(e) bequests.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Expenditure of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p>24. The Peace Corps may apply the proceeds of the Fund established under section 23 of this Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to the cost of administration of the Peace Corps; and</li> <li>(b) to the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances, gratuities payable to the officers</li> </ul>	<p><b>PART VI – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS</b> <b>FUNDS OF THENATIONALUNITY CORPS:</b></p> <p>24. The NATIONAL UNITY CORPS shall establish and maintain a fund, into which shall be paid;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a)All subventions and budgetary allocations from the Federal Government.</li> <li>(b) All sums accruing to NATIONAL UNITY CORPS from donations made by Local or International Donor Agencies;</li> <li>(c) Statutory Allocations from Federal Government;</li> </ul>	<p><b>Expenditure of the Corps</b></p> <p>24. The Corps may apply the proceeds of the Fund established under section 23 of this Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to the cost of administration of the Corps; and</li> <li>(b) to the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances, gratuities payable to the officers and other employees of the Corps.</li> </ul>	



<p>and other employees of the Peace Corps, and no payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be expressly authorised), shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government;</p> <p>(c) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Peace Corps; and</p> <p>(d) for and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Bill.</p>	<p>(d) Gifts from the three (3) tiers of Government, Ministries/Agencies and Private Corporations;</p> <p>(e) Loans, grants and Aid; and</p> <p>(f) Bequests.</p>	<p>(c) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Corps; and</p> <p>(d) for and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Bill.</p>	
<p><b>Annual estimates, accounts and audit</b></p> <p>25. (1) The Peace Corps shall, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September in each year, submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the Peace Corps Fund) during the next succeeding year, after approval by the Board.</p> <p>(2) The Peace Corps shall keep proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list, and in accordance with the guidelines, supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.</p>	<p><b>EXPENDITURE OF THE NATIONAL UNITY CORPS:</b></p> <p>25. The NATIONALUNITY CORPS may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established in Section 25 of this Act:</p> <p>(a) To the cost of administration of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS; and</p> <p>(b) To the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances, gratuities payable to the officers and other employees of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS, so that no payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be expressly authorized) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government;</p> <p>(c) For the maintenance of any property</p>	<p><b>Annual estimates, accounts and audit</b></p> <p>25. (1) The Corps shall, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September in each year, submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the Corps Fund) during the next succeeding year, after approval by the Board.</p> <p>(2) The Corps shall keep proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list, and in accordance with the guidelines, supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.</p>	

	<p>vested in the NATIONALUNITY CORPS;</p> <p>(d) For and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Act;</p> <p>(e) The accounts of the UNITY CORPS shall be audited by an external Auditor</p>		
<p><b>Annual report</b></p> <p>26. The Peace Corps shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council, through the Minister after approval by the Governing Board, not later than six months after the end of each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Peace Corps during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Peace Corps for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts.</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL ESTIMATES AND ACCOUNTS:</b></p> <p>26. - (a) The NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September in each year submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the NATIONALUNITY CORPS Fund) during the next succeeding year after approval by the Board; and</p> <p>(b) The NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall keep proper accounts in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.</p>	<p><b>Annual report</b></p> <p>26. The Corps shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council, through the Minister after approval by the Governing Board, not later than six months after the end of each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Corps during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Corps for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts.</p>	
<p><b>Power to accept donations</b></p> <p>27. (1) The Peace Corps 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 donations.</p> <p>(2) The Peace Corps shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation offering the gift are</p>	<p><b>PROVISION OF LIBRARY FACILITIES.</b></p> <p>27. The Council shall provide and maintain a library at the headquarters and State Branch Commands of the Peace Corps comprising such books and publications as may be provided, for the advancement of the knowledge and skills of members of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS, for research purposes; and for other purposes connected with the objects and functions of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS.</p>	<p><b>Power to accept donations</b></p> <p>28. (1) The Corps 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 donations.</p> <p>(2) The Corps shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation offering the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Corps.</p>	

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<p><b>Power to borrow</b></p> <p>28. (1) The Peace Corps may borrow, by overdraft or otherwise, such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Act.</p> <p>(2) The Peace Corps shall not, without the approval of the Board, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the amount set by the Board.</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL REPORT:</b></p> <p>28. The NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council through the Minister after approval by the Governing Board, not later than six months after the end of each year, a report in such form as he may direct on the activities of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Peace Corps for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts.</p>	<p><b>Power to borrow</b></p> <p>28. (1) The Corps may borrow, by overdraft or otherwise, such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill</p> <p>(2) The Corps shall not, without the approval of the Board, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the amount set by the Board.</p>	
<p><b>Investment</b> <b>Cap. T22 LFN, 2004</b></p> <p>29. The Peace Corps may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property,</p>	<p><b>POWER TO ACCEPT GIFT:</b></p> <p>29. -(a) The NATIONALUNITY CORPS may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift; and</p>	<p><b>Investment</b> <b>Cap. T22 LFN, 2004</b></p> <p>29. The Corps may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all</p>	

<p>invest all or any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Bill, in such other securities as may be approved by the Minister.</p>	<p>(b) The NATIONAL UNITY CORPS SHALL not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the functions or objectives of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS.</p>	<p>or any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Bill, in such other securities as may be approved by the Minister.</p>	
<p><b>Provision of library facilities</b></p> <p>30. The Board shall provide and maintain a library at the Headquarters and State Commands of the Peace Corps comprising such books and publications as may be provided for the advancement of the knowledge and skills of members of the Peace Corps, for research purposes, and for other purposes connected with the objects and functions of the Peace Corps.</p>	<p><b>POWER TO BORROW:</b></p> <p>30. -(a) The NATIONAL UNITY CORPS may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Act;</p> <p>(b) The NATIONAL UNITY CORPS shall not, without the approval of the Board, borrow money, which exceeds, at any time, the amount set by the Board; and</p> <p>(c) Notwithstanding Sub-Section 30(a) of this Section, where the sum to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of the Board.</p>	<p><b>Provision of library facilities</b></p> <p>30. The Board shall provide and maintain a library at the Headquarters and State Commands of the Corps comprising such books and publications as may be provided for the advancement of the knowledge and skills of members of the Corps, for research purposes, and for other purposes connected with the objects and functions of the Corps.</p>	
<p><b>Exemption from tax</b></p> <p>31. (1) The Peace Corps is exempted from payment of any income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Board for the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of company or trust funds</p>	<p><b>INVESTMENT:</b></p> <p>31. The NATIONAL UNITY CORPS may, subject to the provisions of this Act and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Act in such other securities as may, from time to time, be approved by the Minister.</p>	<p><b>Exemption from tax</b></p> <p>31. (1) The Corps is exempted from payment of any income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Board for the Corps.</p> <p>(2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of company or trust funds does not apply to the Corps or the Board.</p>	

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**PART VII — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

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32. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of the Peace Corps.

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(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment, no suit against any member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps, for any act done in pursuance or execution or in respect of any alleged enactment or law, or of any public duty or authority or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or any other enactment or law, duty or authority, shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced:

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(i) Within three months after the act, neglect or default complained of and/or

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<p>damage or injury, within six months after the ceasing of the damage or injury.</p> <p>(3) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps before the expiration of one month after a written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on Peace Corps by the intending plaintiff or his agent.</p> <p>(4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) shall clearly state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the cause of action;</li> <li>(b) the particulars of claim;</li> <li>(c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and</li> <li>(d) the relief, which the plaintiff claims.</li> </ul>	<p>of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS before expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on NATIONAL UNITY CORPS by the intending plaintiff or his agent.</p> <p>(d) The notice referred to in Sub-Section (i)(c) of this section shall clearly and explicitly state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The cause of action</li> <li>(ii) The particulars of claim</li> <li>(iii) The name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and</li> <li>(iv) The relief, which the plaintiff claims</li> </ul>	<p>member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Corps before the expiration of one month after a written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on Corps by the intending plaintiff or his agent.</p> <p>(3) The notice referred to in subsection (3) shall clearly state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the cause of action;</li> <li>(b) the particulars of claim;</li> <li>(c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and</li> <li>(d) the relief, which the plaintiff claims.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Service of documents</b></p> <p><b>33.</b> A notice, summons or other document required or authorised to be served on the Peace Corps under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering it to the National Commandant or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the National Commandant at the Headquarters of the Peace Corps.</p>	<p><b>SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS:</b></p> <p><b>33.</b> A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to be served on the Corps under the provisions of this Act or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering it to the Commandant General or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the Commandant General at the Principal Office of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS.</p>	<p><b>Service of documents</b></p> <p><b>33.</b> A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to be served on the Corps under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering it to the National Commandant or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the National Commandant at the Headquarters of the Corps.</p>
<p><b>Restriction on execution against property of the Peace Corps</b></p> <p><b>34.</b> (1) In any action or suit against the Peace Corps, no execution or attachment of process in that nature shall be issued against the Peace Corps unless a notice of at least three months, of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(2) Any sum of money, which may, by the judgment of any court, be awarded against the Peace Corps shall, subject to any direction given by the court where the notice of, appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid from the Fund of the Peace Corps.</p>	<p><b>RESTRICTION ON EXECUTION AGAINST PROPERTY OF THE UNITY CORPS:</b></p> <p><b>34.</b> (a) In any action or suit against the NATIONALUNITY CORPS, no execution or attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the NATIONALUNITY CORPS unless a notice of not less than three months of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the NATIONALUNITY CORPS; and</p> <p>(b) Any some of money, which may, by the judgment of any court, be awarded against the NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall, subject to any directions given by the court where notice of appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid from the general reserve fund of the <b>NATIONALUNITY CORPS.</b></p>	<p><b>Restriction on execution against property of the Corps</b></p> <p><b>34.</b> In any action or suit against the Corps, no attachment or process shall be issued against the Corps except as provided under the Sheriffs and Civil Process Act.</p>



<p><b>Indemnity of officers</b></p> <p><b>35.</b> A member of the Board or the National Commandant or any officer or employee of the Peace Corps shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Peace Corps against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member, National Commandant, officer or other employee of the Peace Corps.</p>	<p><b>INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS:</b></p> <p><b>35.</b> A member of the Board or the Commandant General or any officer or employee of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall be indemnified out of the assets of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member, Commandant General, officer or other employee of the Peace Corps.</p>	<p><b>Indemnity of officers</b></p> <p><b>35.</b> A member of the Board or the National Commandant or any officer or employee of the Corps shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Corps against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member, National Commandant, officer or other employee of the Corps.</p>	
<p><b>Secrecy</b></p> <p><b>36.</b> (1) A member of the Board, the National Commandant or any other officer or the employee of the Peace Corps shall:</p> <p>(a) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information, which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board, the National Commandant or officer or employee of the Peace Corps;</p>	<p><b>SECRECY:</b></p> <p><b>36.</b> A member of the Board or the Commandant General or any other officer or the employee of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS shall;</p> <p>(a) Not, for his personal gain, make use of any information, which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board, as the Commandant General or officer or employee of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS;</p> <p>(b) Treat as confidential any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him</p>	<p><b>Secrecy</b></p> <p><b>36.</b> (1) A member of the Board, the National Commandant or any other officer or the employee of the Corps shall:</p> <p>(a) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information, which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board, the National Commandant or officer or employee of the Corps;</p>	

<p>(b) treat as confidential any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the discharge of his duties under this Bill; and</p> <p>(c) not disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this subsection except when required to do so by any court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed by the Board.</p> <p>(2) A person who contravenes the provisions of section 36 (1) (a) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least N100,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.</p>	<p>in the performance of his duties under this Act;</p> <p>(c) Not to disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this Sub-Section except when required to do so by any court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed by the Board, from time to time; and</p> <p>(d) A person who contravenes the provisions of Sub-Section 37(a) of this Section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000) only or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years.</p>	<p>(b) treat as confidential any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the discharge of his duties under this Bill; and</p> <p>(c) not disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this subsection except when required to do so by any court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed by the Board.</p> <p>(2) A person who contravenes the provisions of section 36 (1) (a) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least N100,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.</p>	
<p><b>Power to obtain information</b></p>	<p><b>POWER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION:</b> 37(a) For the purpose of carrying out the</p>	<p><b>Power to obtain information</b></p>	

<p><b>37.</b> (1) For the purpose of performing the functions conferred on the Peace Corps under this Bill, the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps authorised in that behalf:</p> <p>(a) shall have a right of access to all the records of any person or authority affected by this Bill for the specific purpose of discharging his duties under this Bill; and</p> <p>(b) may, by notice in writing served on any person or premises require that person or authority to furnish information on such matters as may be specified by the notice.</p> <p>(2) The person or authority served with the notice under section 33 shall furnish information as required under section 37 (1) (a) and comply with the notice within a reasonable time.</p>	<p>functions conferred on the <b>NATIONALUNITY CORPS</b> under this Act, the Commandant General or any other officer or employee of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS authorized in that behalf:</p> <p>(i) Shall have a right of access to all the records of any person or authority affected by this Act for the specific purpose of discharging his duties under this Act; and</p> <p>(ii) May by notice in writing served on any person or premises require that person or authority to furnish information on such matters as may be specified by notice.</p> <p>(b) The person or authority served with the notice under Section 34 shall furnish information as required under Sub-Section 38(a) of this Section and comply with the notice within a reasonable time.</p>	<p><b>37.</b> (1) For the purpose of performing the functions conferred on the Corps under this Bill, the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Corps authorized in that behalf:</p> <p>(a) shall have a right of access to all the records of any person or authority affected by this Bill for the specific purpose of discharging his duties under this Bill; and</p> <p>(b) may, by notice in writing served on any person or premises require that person or authority to furnish information on such matters as may be specified by the notice.</p> <p>(2) The person or authority served with the notice under section 33 shall furnish information as required under section 37 (1) (a) and comply with the notice within a reasonable time.</p>
<p><b>PART VIII — DISSOLUTION OF THE EXISTING PEACE CORPS OF NIGERIA AND SAVINGS</b></p> <p><b>Dissolution of the existing Peace Corps of Nigeria</b></p> <p><b>38.</b> (1) The Peace Corps of Nigeria (in this</p>	<p><b>PART VIII - DISSOLUTION OF THE EXISTING NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS AND SAVINGS</b></p> <p><b>38. DISSOLUTION OF THE EXISTING: NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS.</b></p>	<p><b>PART VIII — DISSOLUTION OF THE EXISTING PEACE CORPS OF NIGERIA AND NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS AND SAVINGS</b></p> <p><b>Dissolution of the existing Peace Corps of Nigeria and National Unity and Peace Corps</b></p>

section referred to as the "Peace Corps") existing before the commencement of this Bill is dissolved.

(2) There shall be vested in the Peace Corps, immediately at the commencement of this Bill, all assets, funds, resources and other movable or immovable property which immediately before the commencement of this Bill, were vested in the dissolved Peace Corps.

(3) As from the commencement of this Bill:

(a) all rights, interest, obligations and liabilities of the dissolved Peace Corps existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or instrument, at law or in equity, shall by virtue of this Bill, be assigned to and vested in the Peace Corps;

(b) any contract or instrument as mentioned in paragraph (c) of this subsection shall have the same force and effect against or in favour of the Peace Corps and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if, the Peace Corps

(a) The body known as the National Unity and Peace Corps (in this section referred to as the "National Unity and Peace Corps") existing before the commencement of this Act is dissolved;

(b) Accordingly, there shall be vested in the **NATIONALUNITY CORPS** immediately at the commencement of this Act and without further assurance, all assets, funds, resources and other movable or immovable property which immediately before the commencement of this Act were in the Dissolved Peace Corps;

(c) As from the commencement of this Act:

(i) All rights, interest, obligations and liabilities of the Dissolved Peace Corps existing immediately before the commencement of this Act under any contract or instrument, or at law or in equity, shall by virtue of this Act be assigned to and vested in **NATIONALUNITY CORPS**;

(ii) Any contract or instrument as mentioned in paragraph C of this Sub-Section shall have the same force and effect against or in favour of the

**38.** (1) The Peace Corps of Nigeria and, National Unity and Peace Corps (in this section referred to as the "Corps") existing before the commencement of this Bill is dissolved.

(2) There shall be vested in the Corps, immediately at the commencement of this Bill, all assets, funds, resources and other movable or immovable property which immediately before the commencement of this Bill, were vested in the dissolved Corps.

(3) As from the commencement of this Bill:

(a) all rights, interest, obligations and liabilities of the dissolved Corps existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or instrument, at law or in equity, shall by virtue of this Bill, be assigned to and vested in the Corps;

(b) any contract or instrument as mentioned in paragraph (c) of this subsection shall have the same force and effect against or in favour of the Corps and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if, the Corps had been a party to the contract; and

<p>had been a party to the contract; and</p> <p>(c) the Peace Corps shall be subject to all obligations and liabilities to which the dissolved Peace Corps was subject to immediately before the commencement of this Bill, and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights, powers and remedies against the Peace Corps as they had against the dissolved Peace Corps immediately before the commencement of this Bill.</p> <p>(4) Any action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the dissolved Peace Corps in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the dissolved Peace Corps, an action may be commenced, continued or enforced by or against the Peace Corps.</p> <p>(5) Notwithstanding the provision of this Bill, but subject to such directions as may be issued by Peace Corps, a person who, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, was either a regular member or a</p>	<p>NATIONALUNITY CORPS and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if, instead of being a party thereto; and</p> <p>(iii) The NATIONALUNITY CORPS shall be subject to all obligations and liabilities to which the Dissolved National Unity and Peace Corps was subjected immediately before the commencement of this Act, and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Act have the same right, powers and remedies against the NATIONALUNITY CORPS as they had against the Dissolved Peace Corps immediately before the commencement of this Act;</p> <p>(d) Notwithstanding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Act by or against the Dissolved Peace Corps in respect of any right, interest, obligations or liability of the Dissolved Peace Corps may be commenced, continued or enforced by or against</p>	<p>(c) the Corps shall be subject to all obligations and liabilities to which the dissolved Corps was subject to immediately before the commencement of this Bill, and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights, powers and remedies against the Corps as they had against the dissolved Corps immediately before the commencement of this Bill.</p> <p>(4) Any action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the dissolved Corps respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the dissolved Peace Corps of Nigeria and National Unity and Peace Corps, an action may be commenced, continued or enforced by or against the Corps.</p> <p>(5) Notwithstanding the provision of this Bill, but subject to such directions as may be issued by the Corps, a person who, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, was either a regular member or a volunteer of or held office in the dissolved Corps shall be deemed to have been transferred to the Corps on such terms and</p>	
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volunteer of or held office in the dissolved Peace Corps shall be deemed to have been transferred to the Peace Corps on such terms and conditions not less favourable than those obtained immediately before commencement of this Bill.

(6) The service in the dissolved Peace Corps shall be deemed to be service in the Peace Corps for purpose of pension.

(7) Notwithstanding the provision of this Bill or any other existing law in force, apart from all officers, regular and volunteer members of the dissolved Peace Corps, any individual, Group, Association or body that may be absorbed as a member of the Peace Corps either by transfer, enlistment or by whatsoever legal means shall not, as at the time of commencement of this Bill be less than 18 years of age and not above the age of 45 years.

(8) Individuals, Groups, Associations or bodies that have shown or demonstrated interest to be absorbed as members of the Peace Corps shall be absorbed subject to the mandatory basic training and orientation programme of the Peace Corps

NATIONALUNITY CORPSas if this Act has not been made

(e) Notwithstanding the provision of this Act, but subject to such directions as may be issued by Peace Corps a person who immediately before the commencement of this Act was a volunteer or a regular member of or held office in the Dissolved Peace Corps shall be deemed to have been transferred to NATIONALUNITY CORPS on terms and condition not less favourable than those obtaining immediately before commencement of this Act, and service in the Dissolved Peace Corps shall be deemed to be service in Peace Corps for purpose of pension; and

(f) Notwithstanding the provision of this Act or any other existing law in force, apart from all Regular and Volunteer Members and Officers of the dissolved Peace Corps, any individual(s), group, association or body absorbed as a member of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS either by transfer, enlistment or by whatsoever legal means shall not as at the time of commencement

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(8) Individuals, Groups, Associations or bodies that have shown or demonstrated interest to be absorbed as members of the Corps shall be absorbed subject to the mandatory basic training and orientation programme of the Corps as prescribed from time to time upon the commencement of this Bill.

(9) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (8) the Basic training and orientation programme of the Corps may be subject to periodic review after the commencement of this Bill as the Board may

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(10) Notwithstanding any provision in this Bill, an individual who has served in any capacity in the public service at any level (Federal, State, Local Government or Area Councils) and is entitled to gratuity and pension benefit is not eligible for consideration as a staff of the Peace Corps.

of this Act be less than 18 years of age and not above the biological age of 45 years old.

(g) That individual(s), group, association, body that have shown or demonstrated interest to be absorbed as members of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS other than the Regular and Volunteer Members of the hitherto Dissolved Peace Corps of Nigeria shall be subject to the Mandatory Statutory four weeks initial training and orientation program upon the commencement of this Act.

(h) Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (g) above, the four weeks initial training and orientation program of the NATIONALUNITY CORPS may be subject to periodic review from time to time after the commencement of this Act as the Board may so deem.

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<p><b>PART IX — MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <p><b>Directives by the Minister</b></p> <p><b>39.</b> (1) The Minister may give to the Peace Corps, the Board or National Commandant such directives:</p> <p>(a) of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regards to the exercise of its functions; and</p> <p>(b) with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order, as he may consider necessary and the Peace Corps, the Board or the National Commandant shall comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with.</p> <p>(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a Governor of a State may give to a State Commandant such directives with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order in the State as he may consider necessary and the State Commandant shall comply with</p>	<p><b>PART IX MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <p><b>39. DIRECTIVES BY THE MINISTER:</b></p> <p>(a) The Minister may give to the NATIONALUNITY CORPS, the Board or Commandant General such directives:</p> <p>(i) of a general nature or relating generally to matters or policy with regards to the exercise of its functions and</p> <p>(ii) With respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order, as he may consider necessary and the NATIONALUNITY CORPS, the Board or the Commandant General shall complied with the directives or cause them to be complied with;</p> <p>(b) Subject to the provisions of Sub-Section 44(a) of this Section, a Governor of a State may give to a State Commandant such directives with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order in the State as he may consider necessary and it shall be the duty of the State Commandant to comply with the directives or cause them to be complied</p>	<p><b>PART IX — MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <p><b>Directives by the Minister</b></p> <p><b>39.</b> (1) The Minister may give to the Corps, the Board or National Commandant such directives:</p> <p>(a) of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regards to the exercise of its functions; and</p> <p>(b) with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order, as he may consider necessary and the Corps, the Board or the National Commandant shall comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with.</p> <p>(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a Governor of a State may give to a State Commandant such directives with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order in the State as he may consider necessary and the State Commandant shall comply with the directives or cause them to be complied</p>



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<p><b>Regulations</b></p> <p><b>40.</b> The Peace Corps or the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effects to the provisions of this Bill and the regulations shall be laid before the National Assembly and published in the Federal Government Gazette.</p>	<p>REGULATIONS OF THE NATIONAL UNITY CORPS</p> <p><b>40.</b> The NATIONALUNITY CORPS or the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effects to the provisions of this act and for the due administrations of its provisions which regulations shall be laid before the National Assembly and published in the official gazette.</p>	<p><b>Regulations</b></p> <p><b>40.</b> The Corps or the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effects to the provisions of this Bill and the regulations shall be laid before the National Assembly and published in the Federal Government Gazette.</p>	
<p><b>Interpretation</b></p> <p><b>41.</b> In this Bill:</p> <p>"Board" means the Governing Board of the Nigerian Peace Corps established under section 3 of this Bill;</p> <p>"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Interior;</p>	<p><b>INTERPRETATION:</b></p> <p>41. In this Act;</p> <p>"The NATIONALUNITY CORPS" means the NATIONALUNITYCORPS established under section 1 of this Act;</p> <p>"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Internal Security;</p>	<p><b>Interpretation</b></p> <p>41. In this Bill:</p> <p>"Board" means the Governing Board of the Nigerian Peace Corps established under section 3 of this Bill;</p> <p>"Corps" means the Nigerian Peace Corps, established under section 1 of this Bill;</p> <p>"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Ministry of</p>	<p>The arrange ment interpreta</p>

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<p><b>Citation</b></p> <p>42. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2019.</p>	<p>CITATION.</p> <p>42. This Bill may be cited as the <b>NATIONALUNITY CORPS</b>(Establishment) Bill, 2020.</p>	<p><b>Citation</b></p> <p>42. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2022.</p>	
<p><b>SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>Section 6 (3)</b></p> <p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD</b></p>		<p><b>SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>Section 6 (3)</b></p> <p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD</b></p> <p>Proceedings</p>	

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1. (1) The Board shall, for the purpose of this Bill meet at least four times in each year.

(2) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by a notice given to him by at least five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt the person to the Board for such period as it deems fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this subparagraph is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and is not counted towards a quorum.

Committees

2. (1) The Board may set up one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, its functions under this Act as the Board may deem fit.

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(3) A decision of the Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

**Seal**

**3.** (1) The fixing of the Seal of the Peace Corps shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any other person authorised generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board and the National Commandant.

(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 Board by the National Commandant or any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Board.

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<p><b>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</b></p> <p>This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Peace Corps to develop empower and provide gainful employment for the youth, facilitate peace, volunteerism, community services, neighbourhood watch and nation-building.</p>	<p><b>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</b></p> <p>This Bill seeks to provide a statutory existence of the NATIONAL UNITY CORPS (NUCO), which shall be a body charged with the responsibility to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Employment for the Youth, to Facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services and for other Related Matters, 2020.</p>	<p><b>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</b></p> <p>This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC), a body charged with the responsibility to develop empower and provide gainful employment for the youth, facilitate peace, volunteerism, community services, neighbourhood watch and nation-building; and for other related matters, 2022.</p>	