

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STATISTICS ACT, No.9, 2007 AND ENACT THE
STATISTICS BILL, 2025 TO ENHANCE THE RESPONSIVENESS, RELEVANCE
AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM IN THE
DIGITAL ERA, ESTABLISH AN IMPROVED FUNDING MECHANISM AND
STRENGTHEN THE SYSTEM TO PROMOTE GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS IN
STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, AND FOR
RELATED MATTERS

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ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria-

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
2 NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

3	1.-(1) There is established the National Statistical System (in this	Establishment of the National Statistical System
4	Bill referred to as "the System").	

5 (2) The System shall comprise of four main elements -

(a) the producers of statistics, including the Bureau as the Coordinating Agency of the System, Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs), State Bureau of Statistics and Local Government Statistical Offices;

(b) data users, including key users such as policy and decision-makers;

12 (c) data suppliers, including establishments and households; and

(d) intermediate data users including academia, research and development institutions, media and non-governmental organisations.

Objectives of the System	1	2. The objectives of the System are to-
	2	(a) raise public awareness about the importance and role of statistical
	3	information to society;
	4	(b) collect, process, analyze, disseminate and archive quality
	5	statistical data;
	6	(c) promote the use of best practices and international standards in the
	7	statistical production, management and dissemination;
	8	(d) promote the use of statistical data and information at individual,
	9	institutional, Local Government Area, State, National and International levels,
	10	especially for evidence-based policy design and decision-making; and
	11	(e) build sustainable capacity for the production and use of statistical
	12	data and information in the country for planning purposes.
Co-ordination of the System	13	3. The System shall be co-ordinated by the-
	14	(a) the Governing Board as established under clause 8 of this Bill;
	15	(b) the Statistician-General of the Federation as appointed under
	16	clause 13 of this Bill; and
	17	(b) the National Consultative Committee on Statistics established
	18	under clause 20 of this Bill.
Official Statistics	19	4.-(1) Official Statistics are statistics produced by statistical agencies
	20	and certified by the custodian of Nigerian official statistics (National Bureau of
	21	Statistics) and this includes governmental and non-governmental
	22	establishments.
	23	(2) The producers of Official Statistics include-
	24	(a) the Bureau;
	25	(b) MDAs of government;
	26	(c) public authorities;
	27	(d) State Bureau of Statistics;
	28	(e) Local Government Statistical Offices; and
	29	(f) Organised Private Sector, Civil Society Organisations,
	30	Community Based Organisations and Opinions Leaders.

1 (g) Modern Technologies like Big Data, Machine Learning,
 2 Artificial Intelligence, Crowdsourcing, Web scrapping, Real-Time Data
 3 Analysis etc

4 PART II - ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL
 5 BUREAU OF STATISTICS

6 5.-(1) There is established the National Bureau of Statistics (in this Establishment
 7 Bill referred to as "the Bureau"). of the National
 Bureau of Statistics

8 (2) The Bureau -

9 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a
 10 common seal;

11 (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name;

12 (c) may acquire, hold or dispose of any movable or immovable
 13 property for the purpose of its functions under this Bill, and

14 (d) have its headquarters located at the Federal Capital Territory
 15 with state offices established in all the states of the Federation and the
 16 Federal Capital Territory.

17 (3) The Bureau shall be an autonomous public authority
 18 responsible to the Presidency.

19 (4) The Bureau shall exercise professional independence in the
 20 way it collects, processes, analyses, reports, disseminates and archives
 21 statistical information, to protect and enhance the integrity and impartiality
 22 of Official Statistics.

23 6. The Bureau which is the main National Statistical Agency Functions of the
 24 responsible for the Functions of the Bureau development and management Bureau
 25 of Official Statistics, the authoritative source and custodian of Official
 26 Statistics in the country, shall-

27 (a) co-ordinate the System;

28 (b) advise the Federal, States and Local Governments on all
 29 matters relating to statistical development;

30 (c) develop and promote the use of statistical standards and

- 1 appropriate methodologies in the System;
- 2 (d) collect, compile, analyse, interpret, publish, reports, disseminate
3 and archive statistical information, alone or in collaboration with other
4 agencies both governmental and non-governmental.
- 5 (e) develop and maintain a comprehensive National Data Bank by
6 ensuring that MDAs of government, States Bureau of Statistics and Local
7 Government Statistical Offices develop their own sectoral data banks and link
8 up with the National Data Bank at the Bureau;
- 9 (f) provide a focal point of contact with international agencies on
10 statistical matters; and
- 11 (g) ensure the integration of statistical data from various sources,
12 including Data Integration and Ministries, Departments & Agencies, and the
13 private sector and therefore; Interoperability-
- 14 (i) establish and maintain national data standards that facilitate
15 interoperability between systems and organizations which cover data formats,
16 coding systems, metadata, and technologies to ensure that all collected data are
17 effectively integrated, analyzed, and shared within and across national and
18 local data systems;
- 19 (ii) enter into agreements with other public and private organizations
20 to share, integrate, and cross-reference statistical data for the purposes of
21 creating accurate and comprehensive national statistics. All data-sharing
22 National Data Protection activities shall adhere to established standards for
23 confidentiality, privacy, Act, 2023 and data protection;
- 24 (iii) establish a data governance framework that ensures the quality,
25 integrity, and consistency of integrated and interoperable data, including
26 periodic reviews, data validation, and adherence to national standards;
- 27 (iv) establish and maintain a centralized national statistical data
28 repository, accessible by. authorized government entities and other
29 stakeholders, to facilitate the integration of data from diverse sources for
30 analysis and reporting purposes;

1 (v) develop, maintain, and deploy technological platforms and
2 infrastructures that ensure the seamless interoperability and integration of
3 data collected by various governmental and private entities, this includes
4 establishing Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), cloud-based data
5 storage, and interoperability standards;

6 (vi) make non-sensitive, aggregated, and anonymized data
7 available to the public in a manner that supports transparency, research, and
8 innovation, using standardized formats to ensure ease of use and
9 interoperability with external platforms;

10 (vii) establish a platform for National Quality Assessment
11 Framework that ensures attainment of prerequisites of quality, Assurance, of
12 Integrity, Methodological Soundness, Accuracy and Reliability,
13 Serviceability, and Accessibility.

14 (h) To enhance the quality, timeliness, and relevance of official
15 statistics, the Bureau shall-

16 (i) have the authority to adopt, develop, and integrate emerging
17 technologies, innovative data sources, and advanced analytical
18 methodologies in the collection, processing, analysis, dissemination, and
19 archiving of statistical information, in line with internationally recognized
20 standards and ethical guidelines;

21 (ii) ensure that the use of such technologies complies with
22 applicable data protection laws and preserves the confidentiality, integrity,
23 and security of all data collected and processed for official statistics;

24 (iii) Emerging data sources may include, but are not limited to,
25 administrative records, geospatial data, mobile data, social media data,
26 sensor data, and other non-traditional sources. Analytical technologies may
27 include big data analytics, machine learning, artificial intelligence, and
28 other advanced computational techniques.

29 (i) perform other functions relating to statistics that may be
30 assigned to the Bureau by the Federal Government.

Establishment of the National Institute of Statistics	1	7.-(1) There is established for the Bureau the National Institute of
	2	Statistics (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute").
	3	(2) The Institute shall-
	4	(a) enroll students drawn from the public and private sectors,
	5	especially data producers, suppliers and users;
	6	(b) award professional and post-graduate certificates in statistics and
	7	related courses, in affiliation with existing universities; and
	8	(c) serve as a global research and bi-lingual institute of statistics and
	9	related subjects.
	10	(3) The Institute shall have its main campus located in designated
Establishment and Composition of the Governing Board	11	state, with additional campuses in other parts of the country.
	12	PART III - ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD
	13	8.-(1) There is established for the Bureau, a Governing Board (in this
	14	Bill referred to as "the Board").
	15	(2) The Board shall consist of-
	16	(a) a Chairman appointed by the President on the recommendation of
	17	the Minister and subject to confirmation of the Senate;
	18	(b) the Ministers responsible for-
	19	(i) budget and economic planning or his representative,
	20	(ii) finance or his representative,
	21	(iii) agriculture or his representative,
	22	(iv) education or his representative, and
	23	(v) innovation, science and technology or his representative,
	24	(vi) petroleum resources or his representative;
	25	(c) the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria or his representative;
	26	(d) President of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria or his
	27	representative;
	28	(e) President of Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria or his
	29	representative;
	30	(f) five members to be appointed by the President to reflect the

1 Federal Character of the country, subject to the confirmation of the Senate;
2 and

3 (g) Statistician-General of the Federation/CEO-National Bureau
4 of Statistics as the Secretary.

5 (3) A person shall be eligible for appointment as a member of the
6 Board if he possesses the requisite qualifications and minimum cognate
7 experience of 10 years in-

8 (a) statistics;

9 (b) management and public administration;

10 (c) information technology;

11 (d) economics; or

12 (e) any other related field.

13 **9.-(1)** Members of the Board, except the Statistician-General of the
14 Federation, shall hold office for a term of four years which may be
15 renewable for another term of four years, and no more.

Tenure of office
of members of
the Board

16 (2) The Board shall meet, at least once in every quarter of the year,
17 for the discharge of its business.

18 (3) The quorum for meetings of the Board shall be two-thirds, and
19 in all meetings of the Board, each member present shall have one vote on any
20 question before the Board, and in event of the equality of votes, the
21 Chairman of the Board shall have a casting vote.

22 **10.** A person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board-

Cessation of
membership of
the Board

23 (a) once his tenure elapses;

24 (b) serves the appointing authority a written notice of his
25 resignation;

26 (c) is unable to perform the functions of his office by reason of
27 infirmity of body or mind;

28 (d) is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or
29 fraud;

30 (e) is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or

	1	(f) is, in the opinion of other members of the Board, not fit to remain a member
	2	of the Board.
Allowances of members of the Board	3	11. A member of the Board, other than the Statistician-General of the
	4	Federation, shall be paid such allowances and expenses as may be determined
	5	by the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission.
Functions of the Board	6	12. The Board shall-
	7	(a) ensure that the Bureau fulfills its mission and that the profile of the
	8	Bureau commensurate with its role in national development;
	9	(b) advise government on national statistics policy procedures,
	10	methods and regulations relating to the development of statistics;
	11	(c) formulate and monitor the implementation of policies for more
	12	effective co- ordination of the System;
	13	(d) monitor the technical quality of Official Statistics, and promote
	14	adherence to best practices and international recommendations and standards;
	15	(e) formulate and monitor the implementation of policies pertaining
	16	the organisation and management of the Bureau;
	17	(f) promote and protect the integrity of Official Statistics and the
	18	professional independence of statistical agencies;
	19	(g) on the recommendation of the Statistician-General of the
	20	Federation, appoint, promote and discipline the senior staff of the Bureau;
	21	(h) set guidelines for recruitment, discipline and promotion of junior
	22	staff as recommended by the Statistician-General of the Federation;
	23	(i) provide the President with quarterly progress reports on the
	24	activities of the Bureau;
	25	(j) review the structure of the Bureau as recommended by the
	26	Statistician-General of the Federation; and
	27	(k) approve the corporate plans, work plans and budgets of the
	28	Bureau.

PART IV - APPOINTMENT OF STATISTICIAN-GENERAL OF THE

FEDERATION AND OTHER STAFF OF THE BUREAU

13.-(1) There shall be a Statistician-General of the Federation who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

Appointment of
the Statistician-
General of the
Federation

(2) A person shall be eligible for appointment as the Statistician-General of the Federation if he-

(a) possesses the requisite qualifications;

(b) has a minimum of 15 years cognate experience in statistics or related disciplines; and

(c) is of proven managerial ability.

14. The Statistician-General of the Federation shall-

Functions of the
Statistician-General
of the Federation

(a) be the chief executive officer of the Bureau;

(b) be the co-ordinator of the National Statistical System, and shall-

(i) advise MDAs, State Bureau of Statistics and Local Government Statistical Offices on issues relating to their statistical activities,

(ii) advise on the appropriate methods for collecting and processing national data for statistical purposes, and on the timing and form of dissemination of these statistics, and

(iii) represent Nigeria in international meetings or designate one or more staff from the System;

(iv) issue directives, guidelines, or standards to operationalize the use of emerging technologies within the System

(c) be a full member of and act as Secretary to the Board and any committee established by the Board;

(d) on the advice of the Board or a Committee, convene any meeting and in performing any function, the Statistician-General of the Federation shall attend-

(i) meetings of the Board or committee, and

(ii) such meetings with other officers as he may deem fit;

	1	(e) subject to the direction of the Board, be responsible to the Board
	2	for the administration and management of funds and properties of the Bureau;
	3	(f) carry out the policies of the Board;
	4	(g) ensure that the Bureau is at all times positioned for effective and
	5	efficient service delivery;
	6	(h) be responsible for the supervision and discipline of staff of the
	7	Bureau;
	8	(i) advise stakeholders in the System on matters relating to statistics.
	9	(j) present to the Board for approval, budgets and audited accounts of
	10	the Bureau; and
	11	(k) perform such other functions and discharge other duties that may
	12	be assigned by the Board.
Delegation of powers	13	15. The Statistician-General of the Federation may, in writing,
	14	delegate to any officer of the Bureau any of his powers and duties under this
	15	Bill, and in respect of any power or duty so delegated, a reference to the officer
	16	to whom the power or duty is delegated may be made.
Tenure of office	17	16. The Statistician-General of the Federation shall hold office for a
	18	term of five years which may be renewable for another term of five years and
	19	no more.
Suspension or dismissal from office	20	17. The President may, on the advice of a two-thirds majority of the
	21	Board through an open vote, suspend or dismiss the Statistician-General of the
	22	Federation from office on the grounds of-
	23	(a) gross misconduct;
	24	(b) incompetence;
	25	(c) negligence of duty; or
	26	(d) being convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or
	27	fraud.
Acting Statistician-General of the Federation	28	18. Where a vacancy exists in the office of the Statistician-General of
	29	the Federation, the most senior director in the Bureau shall serve as the Acting
	30	Statistician-General of the Federation for a period not more than six months,

1 pending the appointment and confirmation of a substantive Statistician-
2 General of the Federation in accordance with the provisions of clause 13.

3 **19.-(1)** The Statistician-General of the Federation may appoint
4 other staff of the Bureau other than the senior staff under clause 12 (g), as
5 may be necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the functions
6 of the Bureau, including experts and consultants.

Other staff of
the Bureau

7 (2) The Bureau shall be removed from the core civil service to
8 reflect the peculiar nature of statistical service delivery and global shortage
9 of professional statisticians.

10 (3) The status of the Bureau shall be in accordance with other
11 globally competitive statistical offices and accordingly, staff of the Bureau
12 shall be entitled to compensation in wages, salaries, peculiar allowances and
13 other professional remuneration.

14 (4) Service in the Bureau other than the members of the Board shall
15 be an approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Reform Act, and
16 accordingly employees of the Bureau shall, in respect of their services, be
17 entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits enjoyed by
18 persons holding equivalent positions in other globally competitive
19 statistical offices.

20 (5) The Statistician-General of the Federation may, in writing,
21 appoint any other person as an authorised officer for the purpose of this Bill,
22 and may in like manner reverse such appointment, in writing, as the situation
23 may demand.

24 (6) Any person employed in carrying out the provisions of this Bill
25 shall take an oath of office and secrecy prescribed in the Second Schedule to
26 this Bill, before a magistrate or commissioner of oaths before commencing
27 the duties relating to the provisions of the Bill.

	1	PART V - ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
	2	NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
Establishment of the National Consultative Committee on Statistics	3	20. There is established the National Consultative Committee on
	4	Statistics (in the Bill referred to as "the Consultative Committee") which shall
	5	be appointed by the President as one of the mechanisms for coordinating the
	6	System.
Functions of the National Consultative Committee on Statistics	7	21. The Consultative Committee shall-
	8	(a) examine the statistical programmes of the various agencies
	9	annually (at an appropriate period before the annual budget preparation) in
	10	order to achieve greater co-ordination, avoid unnecessary duplication of
	11	efforts, and evolve a national statistical programme for the approval of the
	12	Board;
	13	(b) examine this Bill and recommend to the Board any necessary
	14	change as the need arises; and
	15	(c) develop strategies, which shall ensure uniform standards and
	16	methodologies among the various agencies with a view to improving on the
	17	quality, comparability and timeliness of their statistics outputs.
Composition of the National Consultative Committee on Statistics	18	22. The Consultative Committee shall consist of the -
	19	(a) Statistician-General of the Federation as Chairman;
	20	(b) Directors of Planning, Research and Statistics Departments of
	21	relevant MDAs of government;
	22	(c) Directors of States Bureau of Statistics;
	23	(d) a representative each of the-
	24	(i) Central Bank of Nigeria,
	25	(ii) National Population Commission,
	26	(iii) Nigeria Customs Service,
	27	(iv) Nigerian Immigration Service,
	28	(v) Nigerian Armed Forces,
	29	(vi) Ministry of Petroleum Resources, and
	30	(vii) Research and Training Institutions;

- 1 (viii) Nigerian Economic Summit Group
- 2 (ix) Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria
- 3 (e) two representatives of the organised private sector
- 4 (Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) and Nigeria Association of
- 5 Chambers of Commerce, Industry Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA»;
- 6 and
- 7 (f) two representatives of civil society organisations.

8 **23.** The Consultative Committee shall-

- 9 (a) meet at least twice in a year at the time and venue to be
- 10 determined by the Chairman; and

- 11 (b) except for the Chairman of the Consultative Committee, be
- 12 paid sitting allowance by the appropriate authority.

Meeting of the
Consultative
Committee

13 PART VI - POWER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND

14 DISCLOSURE, AND OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

15 **24.-(1)** For the purpose of producing official statistics, the

16 Statistician-General shall have the authority to request and collect data from

17 any person residing in Nigeria, or from any business or company operating

18 within Nigeria-whether governmental or non- governmental, privately or

19 publicly owned, registered or unregistered-regarding any matter set out in

20 the First Schedule to this Bill. This includes, but is not limited to,

21 telecommunication companies, manufacturing firms, banks, digital

22 platforms (such as social media, e-commerce sites, ride-hailing or delivery

23 apps, online payment systems, streaming services, remote jobs or

24 freelancing sites), hospitals and clinics, retail stores, and other service

25 providers-

Power to obtain
information

- 26 (a) Data requested and collected under subclause (1) shall be:
- 27 (i) strictly limited to what is necessary for statistical production;
- 28 (ii) used exclusively for statistical and analytical purposes;
- 29 (iii) anonymized or de-identified where reasonably practicable;
- 30 (iv) protected by appropriate technical and organizational

1 measures as prescribed by this Bill and the Nigeria Data Protection Act;

2 (b) A data holder who, in good faith, provides data under this Clause
3 shall not be liable for breach of confidentiality, contract, or fiduciary duty,
4 provided such disclosure complies with this Bill and applicable laws;

5 (c) The Statistician-General of the Federation may enter into data-
6 sharing agreements or Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with private or
7 public entities to govern the terms, frequency, and scope of data sharing,
8 subject to the confidentiality and ethical obligations under this Bill;

9 (d) In cases where private data holders decline to share data, the
10 Statistician-General of the Federation may apply to a court of competent
11 jurisdiction for an order compelling disclosure, upon demonstration of public
12 interest and proportionality;

13 (e) The Bureau shall publish annual reports on the categories of
14 privately held data accessed and the purposes for which they were used,
15 without revealing any identifying information about data subjects or providers.

16 (2) The Statistician-General of the Federation may, for the purpose of
17 this clause and by-

18 (a) a notice in writing, require a person to furnish, in such form and
19 matter, and within such time as may be specified in the notice, such periodical
20 or other information, estimates, returns or particulars relating to any of the
21 matters specified in the First Schedule to this Bill;

22 (b) interviewing a person, or requiring the person to furnish
23 particulars relating to any of the matters specified in the First Schedule to this
24 Bill; or

25 (c) notice in writing, require a person to complete a form contained in
26 the notice with particulars relating to any of the matters specified in the First
27 Schedule to this Bill, and to return it in such manner and in such time as may be
28 specified in the notice.

29 (3) The notice referred to in subclause (2) (a)-

30 (a) may be served by delivering it to the person to whom it is

1 addressed or by sending it by a registered post to the person's last-known
2 address;

3 (b) shall state that it is served in exercise of the powers conferred on
4 the Statistician-General of the Federation under subclause (1); or

5 (c) shall include a general statement of the purpose for which the
6 information, estimates, returns or particulars is required.

7 (4) Where any information, estimates, returns or particulars is
8 required of a person by notice purported to have been written by the
9 Statistician-General of the Federation, it shall, in any legal proceeding
10 relating to the information, estimates, returns or particulars, be presumed
11 that the-

12 (a) information, estimates, returns or particulars is such as may be
13 lawfully required of that person, in accordance with the provisions of this
14 Bill; and

15 (b) notice was duly served in accordance with subclause (2)(a),
16 unless the contrary is proved.

17 (5) Where the person required to furnish any information,
18 estimates, returns or particulars, in accordance with the provisions of this
19 clause, is a company incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters
20 Act, specifically authorised for the company.

21 (6) The Statistician-General of the Federation shall publish-

22 (a) by notice in the Federal Government Gazette, and in such
23 newspaper as may appear to him to be sufficient notice, to the persons
24 concerned;

25 (b) if he is satisfied that local condition so requires, in such other
26 manner as may appear to him as the most suitable in the area or areas
27 concerned; or

28 (c) a list of the classes or description of undertakings in relation to
29 which returns will be required for any of the purposes of this Part.

30 (7) A person carrying on an undertaking of a class or description

1 referred to in subclause (1), who has not received a notice under subclause
2 (2)(a) requiring him to furnish any information, estimates, returns or
3 particulars in relation to the undertaking, shall inform the Statistician-General
4 of the Federation-

5 (a) within such period as may be specified in the notice, not being less
6 than 21 days after the date of the publication applicable to the person that is
7 carrying on the undertaking; and

8 (b) within the same period or such other period as the Statistician-
9 General of the Federation may deem reasonable, and give the Statistician-
10 General of the Federation such particulars of the undertaking as may be so
11 specified.

12 (8) Ministries and other public institutions which produce statistics
13 relating to their responsibilities, shall continue to do so:

14 Provided that such statistics shall conform to the standards,
15 classifications and procedures as determined by the Bureau, to enhance the
16 comparability of such statistics with other statistics of a similar nature, and to
17 minimise unnecessary over lapping or duplication in the collection or
18 publication of statistics by the various agencies, and where the publication of
19 the data collected requires recognition of the Bureau, the ministries and other
20 public institutions shall be required to provide the Statistician-General of the
21 Federation with the administrative data sets and copies of reports on the
22 completed data.

23 (9) All ministries shall, in order to enhance the professionalism in
24 statistics collection, create statistics units, which shall be staffed with
25 professionals posted from the Bureau.

26 (10) For the purpose of administration, the units referred to in
27 subclause (9) shall be under the control of the Ministry where they are
28 established:

29 Provided that the Statistician-General of the Federation shall be
30 responsible for the professional staff and promotion of standards in the work of

1 these Units and these Units shall, periodically submit reports to the
2 Statistician-General of the Federation.

3 **25.** Without prejudice to the functions of other agencies, the
4 Bureau shall, where appropriate, delegate responsibilities to ministries and
5 other public institutions with requisite capabilities to conduct nation-wide
6 surveys, following standards and methodologies agreed with the Bureau
7 and the publication of the data collected shall be with the prior approval and
8 stamp of the Bureau while the ministries shall be required to forward data
9 sets and reports of the collected data to the Bureau.

Delegation of
responsibilities
to ministries and
other public agencies

10 **26.** In order to establish public confidence in all Official Statistics
11 and analysis, the Code of Practice for Statistician-General of the Federation
12 shall issue a Code of Practice that sets out Official Statistics professional
13 standards to be followed by all agencies producing Official Statistics.

Code of Practice
for Official Statistics

14 **27.** Private institutions in Nigeria as well as foreign entities
15 conducting statistical surveys on a national scale beyond their market
16 studies, shall first obtain the approval of the Bureau for the appropriateness
17 of conducting such surveys and the methodology to be used with the enquiry
18 forms carrying the stamp of approval of the Bureau, and such institutions
19 shall provide the Statistician-General of the Federation with the data sets
20 and reports of the collected data.

Conduct of surveys
by private
institutions

21 **28.-(1)** The provisions of this Bill shall not affect any law relating
22 to the disclosure or non- disclosure of any official secret or confidential
23 information or trade secret.

Confidentiality
and disclosure

24 **(2)** Data collected for statistical purposes shall be treated as
25 confidential, and data confidentiality means that the dissemination of these
26 data (and the statistics calculated from them) shall not permit the
27 identification, directly or indirectly, of the units concerned and that a
28 prohibition is imposed on the data producers against disclosing information
29 of an individual nature obtained in the course of their work.

- 1 (3) Except for the purpose of prosecution undertaken by the Bureau,
2 no-
- 3 (a) individual returns or part of it, made for the purposes of this Part,
4 (b) answer given to any question for the purposes of this Part, and
5 (c) report, abstract or other document containing particulars
6 comprised in returns or answers so arranged as to enable such particulars to be
7 identified with any person, undertaking or business, shall be published,
8 admitted in evidence or shown to a person not employed in the execution of a
9 duty under this Bill without the consent, in writing, of the person making the
10 returns or giving the answers, or in the case of an undertaking or business, of
11 the person who, for the time-being, is the owner, manager or controller of the
12 undertaking or business.
- 13 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subclause (1), a report, an
14 abstract or other document may be published without the required consent if-
- 15 (a) the information about an enterprise or establishment is already
16 published or available on a data base accessible to the public at large; or
17 (b) in the case of a monopoly or duopoly, the statistics of relevant
18 sectors of activity are none-the-less open and publishable, provided that they
19 do not reveal costs of production or profits of individual enterprises.
- 20 (5) Nothing in this Part shall be construed as-
- 21 (a) authorising or requiring the disclosure or production of any
22 information or document if the disclosure or production of the information or
23 document would contravene the provisions of any law for the time-being in
24 force; or
25 (b) prohibiting or restricting the disclosure or production of any
26 information or document which is authorised or required to be disclosed or
27 produced under the provisions of any law for the time-being in force.
- 28 (6) A person required under the provision of this Part to furnish any
29 information, estimates, returns or particulars shall not be obliged to disclose
30 any information or produce any document which he is not-

1 (a) compelled to disclose or produce if he is a witness in a court; or
2 (b) required the disclosure to a ministry, department or authority
3 for the purpose of taxation of any information acquired under the provisions
4 of this Bill.

5 **29.-(1)** Data producers shall be required to process, disseminate in Dissemination
and access
6 a manner that ensures equal and transparent access to all users including
7 government institutions, research and academic bodies, the private sector,
8 civil society organisations, development partners and the general public, as
9 a "public good", data collected or compiled using public funds.

10 (2) Data producers shall be required to release micro-level data sets
11 for further analysis, with suitable provision on confidentiality, unless there
12 is a compelling, reason such as maintaining confidentiality, not to do so.

13 (3) The Bureau shall, in each year, publish in advance the data to be
14 produced with dates for the release of the data, and all data producing
15 agencies, within the System, shall have data release policies to be made
16 publicly available and they have power to impose charges for data products
17 and services.

18 (4) Data producing agencies shall be required to provide
19 information on the methods and procedures used to compile Official
20 Statistics, and to update this as and when changes and improvements are
21 introduced.

22 (5) The Bureau shall periodically engage with stakeholders and
23 data users to--

24 (a) assess the relevance, quality and accessibility of disseminated
25 data;

26 (b) promote statistical literacy and informed use of data; and

27 (c) ensure that dissemination practices are inclusive and
28 responsive to national development needs.

29 (6) The Bureau shall establish and maintain user-friendly digital
30 platforms, including an official open data portal and mobile-accessible

1 services, for the efficient dissemination of official statistics. These platforms
2 shall-

- 3 (a) provide timely access to data, metadata, and statistical releases;
- 4 (b) support data visualisation and analysis by users;
- 5 (c) allow free download and reuse of datasets; and
- 6 (d) include feedback mechanisms for public engagement.

7 (7) The Bureau shall make available a register of establishments
8 showing only names and addresses to those who may want to use it as a
9 sampling frame to conduct surveys.

Offences and
penalties

10 **30.-(1)** A person who-

11 (a) is employed for any purpose under this Bill, without lawful
12 authority, publishes or communicates to any person, outside the ordinary
13 course of his employment, any information acquired by him in the course of his
14 employment,

15 (b) is in possession of information which, to his knowledge, has been
16 disclosed in contravention of this Bill, publishes or communicates to any other
17 person such information,

18 (c) in the execution of any other purpose or duty under this Bill, fails
19 to comply with or contravenes any other term or condition of his oath,

20 (d) fails to furnish any information, estimate, return or particulars
21 which he is required to furnish under this Bill,

22 (e) in purported compliance with the requirement to furnish
23 information, estimates, returns or particulars which he is required to furnish
24 under this Bill, knowingly or recklessly makes a statement in the information,
25 estimates, returns or particulars which is false in any material particular,

26 (f) after conviction under paragraph (a), continues to fail to publish
27 the information, estimates, returns or particulars, or

28 (g) wilfully and without lawful authority, destroys, defaces or
29 mutilates any schedule, form or documents containing information obtained
30 under this Bill, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of

1 N500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of one year or both, at first instance
2 and same shall be imposed for subsequent offence.

3 (2) Where an offence under this Bill is committed by a body of
4 persons-

5 (a) in the case of a body corporate, every director or officer of that
6 body corporate, or

7 (b) in the case of a partnership or other association of persons,
8 every partner or officer of the body, shall be deemed to have committed the
9 offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least N 1,000,000.00 at first
10 instance and same shall be imposed for subsequent offence.

11 (3) No person shall use statistical data collected under the Bill for
12 commercial purposes without the prior written consent of the Statistician-
13 General of the Federation. Any person who contravenes this subclause
14 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N10,000,000.00
15 or to imprisonment of five years or to both such fine and imprisonment at
16 first instance and same shall be imposed for subsequent offence.

17 (4) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under subclause (1), if
18 he proves to the satisfaction of the court that the offence was committed
19 without his knowledge, connivance or consent, or that he exercised all due
20 diligence to prevent the commission of the offence, having regard to all the
21 circumstances of the case.

22 PART VII - FUNDS AND ASSETS OF THE BUREAU

23 31.-(1) The Bureau shall establish and maintain a Fund from which Fund of the
24 shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Bureau. Bureau

25 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established under
26 subclause (1) -

27 (a) annual budgetary allocation by the Federal Government;
28 provided that allocations for the conduct of core statistical activities from
29 the capital component of the Annual Appropriations shall be released at the

1 beginning of each quarter to enable the timely production and release of official
2 statistics;

3 (b) all money raised for the purpose of the Bureau by way of gifts,
4 grants-in-aid, testamentary disposition or otherwise;

5 (c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered (data
6 request for business purposes and data request that require further analysis or
7 mining by the Bureau) or publications made by the Bureau; and

8 (d) all other assets that may accrue to the Bureau.

9 (3) The Fund shall be managed in accordance with Financial
10 Regulations and other extant rules relating to financial transactions of the
11 Federal Government of Nigeria.

12 (4) The Bureau may apply the proceeds of the Fund-

13 (a) to the cost of administration of the Bureau;

14 (b) for the payment of salaries, expenses and allowances of
15 employees of the Bureau;

16 (c) for execution of capital projects, conduct of surveys and censuses,
17 acquisition of capital assets;

18 (d) to reimburse members of the Board and its committees, members
19 of the Consultative Committee and such other expenses as may be expressly
20 authorised by the Statistician-General of the Federation, and for the payment of
21 allowances; and

22 (e) in connection of any or all of the functions under this Bill or any
23 other law.

24 (5) The Bureau may invest any surplus fund in such risk-free
25 securities as may be approved by the Board.

Institutional
Contributions
for Statistical
Development

26 **32.-(1)** To strengthen the financial sustainability and effective
27 implementation of its mandate, the Bureau shall be entitled to receive
28 institutional contributions from regulatory agencies and other entities whose
29 functions significantly rely on official statistics.

30 (2) Without prejudice to general budgetary allocations, the following

1 institutions shall contribute to the funding of the Bureau and its statistical
2 activities:

- 3 (a) The Central Bank of Nigeria;
4 (b) The Securities and Exchange Commission;
5 (c) The Nigerian Communications Commission;
6 (d) such other institutions as may be designated by the Minister in
7 consultation with the Statistician-General of the Federation.

8 (3) Contributions under this section may be sourced from the gross
9 surplus, gross or other appropriate budgetary provisions of the contributing
10 institutions, subject to applicable financial regulations and frameworks.

11 (4) Taking into account the nature and extent of statistical reliance
12 by each institution;
13 provided that, unless otherwise prescribed by regulation, each designated
14 institution shall contribute an amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of its
15 gross surplus from the financial year immediately preceding the fiscal year
16 of contribution, payable within the 1st quarter of the fiscal year immediately
17 succeeding the year from which the gross surplus is earned

18 (5) Contributions made under this section shall be remitted into the
19 Treasury Single Account (TSA) dedicated to the Bureau at the Central Bank
20 of Nigeria and shall be applied solely to finance its operations, programs,
21 and activities in accordance with its mandate and strategic work
22 programme.

23 (6) The Bureau shall annually report to the Minister on the status,
24 receipts, and utilisation of institutional contributions received under this
25 clause, and shall publish this report as part of its annual performance and
26 financial disclosures.

27 (7) Where any institution designated under this clause fails to
28 comply with its contribution obligations without lawful justification, the
29 Minister may, upon the recommendation of the Statistician-General and
30 subject to due process, impose administrative sanctions as may be necessary

1 which include:

2 (a) Public reporting of non-compliance in the Bureau's annual report;

3 (b) Notification to the National Assembly or relevant oversight body;

4 (c) Referral to the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation

5 or relevant budgetary authority for appropriate budgetary adjustments or

6 offsets; and

7 (d) Any other measure deemed necessary to enforce compliance,

8 subject to applicable laws.

Audit of the
Bureau's Account t

9 **33.**-(1) The Bureau shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year

10 and proper records in relation to those accounts, and the Board shall cause the

11 Bureau's accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year to

12 which the accounts relate, by auditors from the list and in accordance with the

13 guidelines supplied by the Auditor- General for the Federation.

14 (2) The Bureau shall prepare and submit to the Minister at least once

15 every year, a report in such a form as the Minister may direct, on the activities

16 of the Bureau during the last preceding year and shall include in the report a

17 copy of the audited accounts of the Bureau for that year and of the auditor's

18 report on the accounts.

19 PART VIII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Transfer of assets
and liabilities

20 **34.**-(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary

21 for the performance of its functions, the Bureau may, subject to the Land Use

22 Act-

23 (a) purchase or take lease any interest in land, building or property; or

24 (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

25 (2) The Bureau may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease any

26 land, office or premises held by it, which is no longer required [or the

27 performance of its functions under this Bill.

Acceptance of
gifts

28 **35.**-(1) The Bureau may accept gifts of land, money or property, on

29 such terms and Acceptance of gifts conditions, if any, as may be specified by

30 the person making the gift.

1 (2) The Bureau shall not accept a gift if the conditions attached by
2 the person or organisation making the gift, are inconsistent with the
3 objectives and functions of the Bureau.

4 **36.**-(1) A suit shall not be initiated against the Bureau until at least
5 one month has passed after written notice of intention to commence the suit
6 has been served on the Bureau.

Suit against the
Bureau

7 (2) The notice shall specify the plaintiff or his agent and clearly
8 state the-

9 (a) cause of action;

10 (b) particulars of the claim;

11 (c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and

12 (d) relief sought in the claim.

13 (2) The notice referred to under subclause (1) in relation to any
14 summons, notice or other document required or authorised to be served on
15 the Bureau in this Bill or any other enactment or law, may be served by-

16 (a) delivering it to the Statistician-General of the Federation, or

17 (b) sending it by registered post to the Statistician-General of the
18 Federation.

19 (3) In any action or suit against the Bureau, no execution or
20 attachment or process shall be issued against the Bureau, but any sum of
21 money which may, by the judgment of the court, be awarded against the
22 Bureau shall, subject to any direction given by the Bureau, be paid from the
23 general reserve fund of the Bureau.

24 **37.**-(1) The Statistics Act, No.9, 2007 (the proposed repealed) is
25 being repealed.

Repeal, savings
and transitional
provisions

26 (2) Without prejudice to Section 6 of the Interpretation Act, the
27 repeal of the Act referred
28 to in subclause (1) shall not affect anything done under the reviewed Bill.

29 (3) The rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of the Bureau
30 existing before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or

	1	instrument, or in law or in equity, shall, by virtue of this Bill, be assigned to and
	2	continue to be vested in the Bureau.
	3	(4) Any contract or instrument mentioned in subclause (3) shall be of
	4	the same effect against or in favour of the Bureau and shall be enforceable fully
	5	and effectively.
Power to make regulations	6	38. The Board shall have power to make regulations, rules or orders to
	7	give effect to the provisions of this Bill.
Interpretation	8	39. In the Bill-
	9	"appointing authority" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
	10	"Board" means the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics
	11	established under clause 8 of this Bill;
	12	"Bureau" means the National Bureau of Statistics established under clause 5 of
	13	this Bill;
	14	"Consultative Committee" means the National Consultative Committee on
	15	Statistics.
	16	"Institute" means the National Institute of Statistics established under clause 7
	17	of this Bill;
	18	"Minister" means the Minister responsible for the National Bureau of
	19	Statistics;
	20	"National Data Bank" means a repository of all data produced from the
	21	statistical activities of all stakeholders within the System which is warehoused
	22	at the National Data Centre of the Bureau within a fell over site (disaster
	23	recovery location);
	24	"Official Statistics" means statistics produced within the System and such
	25	statistics certified by the Statistician-General of the Federation;
	26	"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and
	27	"Statistician-General of the Federation" means the Statistician-General of the
	28	Federation appointed under clause 13 of this Bill;
	29	"Statistics" means information in connection with or incidental to all or any of
	30	the matters specified in the First Schedule to this Bill; and

1 "System" means the National Statistical System established under Clause 1
2 of this Bill.

3 **40.** This Bill may be cited as the Statistics Bill, 2025. Citation

4 SCHEDULE

5 FIRST SCHEDULE

6 *Clauses 25(1), (2) (a), (b),(c) and 39*

7 STATISTICAL SUBJECTS

- 8 1. Population and Housing
- 9 2. Immigration and Migration
- 10 3. National Accounts Statistics
- 11 4. Prices Statistics
- 12 5. Trade Statistics
- 13 6. Labour Force Statistics
- 14 7. Industrial Sector Statistics
- 15 8. Agriculture Statistics
- 16 9. Mining Statistics
- 17 10. Manufacturing Statistics
- 18 11. Construction and Building Statistics
- 19 12. Utilities Statistics
- 20 13. Hotel and Restaurants Statistics
- 21 14. Transportation and Storage Statistics
- 22 15. Information and Communication Statistics
- 23 16. Estate Development and Management Statistics
- 24 17. Professional Scientific, Technological and Information
25 Services Statistics
- 26 18. Finance, Insurance and Stock Market Statistics
- 27 19. Statistics of Public Administration
- 28 20. Education Services Statistics
- 29 21. Human Health and Social Services Statistics
- 30 22. Other Services and Incidence Statistics

- 1 23. Blue Economy Statistics
- 2 24. Welding and Welding related Statistics
- 3 25. Knowledge Economy Statistics
- 4 26. Statistics of Global Competitiveness
- 5 27. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Statistics
- 6 28. Energy Security and power
- 7 29. Climate Change and Environment
- 8 30. Food Security and Nutrition
- 9 31. Crime and Public Safety Statistics
- 10 32. Diaspora Statistics
- 11 33. Digital Economy
- 12 34. People with Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups
- 13 35. Gender Equality (Women and Girls)

14 SECOND SCHEDULE

15 *Clause 19(6)*

16 OATH OF OFFICE AND SECRECY

17 I,do swear that I will faithfully and honestly fulfil my
 18 duties asin conformity with the requirements of the
 19 Statistics Bill, 2025, and as provided in the Bill, I shall not disclose or make
 20 known any matter or thing which comes to my knowledge by reason of my
 21 employment.

22 MADE AT ABUJA THIS.....DAY OF.....20.....

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to repeal The Statistics Act, No.9, 2007 and enact The Statistics Bill, 2025 to enhance the responsiveness, relevance and effectiveness of the National Statistical System in the digital era, establish an improved funding mechanism and strengthen the System to promote global competitiveness in statistical development at all levels of government.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL ORIENTATION AGENCY ACT, CAP. N100, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR AN OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR HARMONY CORPS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE INTER-ETHNIC INTEGRATION, MEDIATION, PEACE-BUILDING, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, PATRIOTISM, FOR PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Shehu Saleh Rijau

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

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| <p>1 1. The National Orientation Agency Act No. 100, Laws of the</p> <p>2 Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is</p> <p>3 amended as set under this Bill.</p> | <p>Amendment of
the National
Orientation Agency
Act, Cap. N1000
LFN, 2004</p> |
| <p>4 2. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 11, new</p> <p>5 sections "11A"- 11W":</p> <p>6 <i>"Establishment of the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps of Nigeria</i></p> <p>7 11A. (1) There is established the Global Initiative for Harmony</p> <p>8 Corps Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "the Harmony Corps}, which shall</p> <p>9 be under the supervision of the Director-General of the Agency;</p> <p>10 (2) The Harmony Corps shall be headed by a General Coordinator</p> <p>11 who shall report to the Director-General of the Agency;</p> <p>12 <i>Objectives of the Harmony Corps</i></p> <p>13 11B. The objectives of the Harmony Corps are to:</p> <p>14 (a) cooperate with the Federal, State and Local government in the</p> <p>15 eradication of anti-social behaviours of the youth, such as street</p> <p>16 trading/hawking; urinating along streets across the nation, cultism,</p> <p>17 prostitution, examination malpractices and drug abuse;</p> | <p>Insertion of new
section 11A-11W</p> |

1 (b) spread the virtues of Universal Basic Education (UBE) by
2 ensuring that children remain in their Schools during school hours;

3 (c) participate in conflict resolution and promote total harmony, unity
4 and tolerance among our communities;

5 (d) highlight the need for peaceful co-existence among Nigerians
6 irrespective of tribe or religion;

7 (e) promote mutual understanding, teach and indoctrinate the youths
8 into accepting Nigeria as one nation of one people destined to live together as
9 one family;

10 (f) promote peace activities and dialogue through publications,
11 including books, newspapers, magazines and journals and through television
12 and radio programmes, etc.

13 (g) embark on supportive intelligent assignment for small and large
14 scale industries in order to checkmate the issuance of fake receipts by
15 unscrupulous Persons;

16 (g) assist the relevant agencies of government to ensure compliance
17 with tax payment laws by individuals and corporate entities in Nigeria;

18 (h) promote Partnership, Education and Peace-Building in all the
19 sectors of national development; and

20 (i) ensure that the proper National Flag is hoisted in all public offices,
21 government establishments, public and private schools nationwide.

22 *Office of the Harmony Corps General Coordinator*

23 11C. (1) There shall be the Office of the Harmony Corps General
24 Coordinator, who shall be-

25 (a) the Chief Executive Officer of the Corps; and

26 (b) shall be a person possessing sound knowledge of the Initiative's
27 mission and administration of matters relating to the advancement of unity,
28 peace and harmony in Nigeria.

29 (2) The President shall, on the recommendation of the Board, appoint
30 the General Coordinator who shall:

1 (a) exercise general supervision and control over members of the
2 Harmony Corps, the Zonal and State Harmony Corps, and the other staff of
3 the Harmony Corps;

4 (b) direct the activities of the Harmony Corps, including training
5 and education, workshop, public awareness campaign to be carried out by
6 the members of the Harmony Corps;

7 (c) manage the financial affairs of the Harmony Corps; and

8 (d) be free to deploy the human and material resources of the
9 Harmony Corps in accordance with this Bill in order to achieve results and
10 ensure the attainment of the objects of this Bill.

11 (3) The Harmony Corps General Coordinator is vested with the
12 power to delegate functions to any capable Senior Officer, in the ranks of
13 Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator, Harmony Corps Assistant
14 General Coordinator, Harmony Corps State Coordinators, Harmony Corps
15 State Deputy Coordinators, Harmony Corps State Assistant Coordinators,
16 Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent, Harmony Corps Deputy
17 Superintendent, Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (I) and Harmony
18 Corps Assistant Superintendent (II) to perform such functions on behalf of
19 the General Coordinator anywhere within the Federation.

20 (4) The Office of the Harmony Corps General Coordinator shall be
21 assisted by other appointed Staff Officers/Personnel and ensure effective,
22 efficient and smooth running of the day to day administration and operation
23 of the Harmony Corps.

24 (5) The Harmony Corps General Coordinator shall be answerable
25 to the Director-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
26 Federal Republic of Nigeria.

27 *Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator (HCDGC)*

28 11D. (1) There shall be three (3) Harmony Corps Deputy General
29 Coordinators shall be in Charge of the various Directorates and Departments
30 of the Harmony Corps, as may be determined from time to time.

1 (2) All Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinators shall be
2 appointed by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator on the advice of the
3 Board of Trustees.

4 (3) A Deputy General Coordinator appointed shall exercise powers as
5 may be delegated/assigned to him/her only within the Directorate or
6 Department of the Corps.

7 (4) All Harmony Corps Deputy-General Coordinators shall be
8 assisted by other appointed staff or officers.

9 *Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator (HCAGC)*

10 11E. (1) There shall be Harmony Corps Assistant General
11 Coordinators who shall hold appointment under the Office of each Harmony
12 Corps Deputy General Coordinator, Directorate or Department in each Zonal
13 Command as may be demarcated under this Bill and the Harmony Corps
14 Assistant General Coordinator shall be the officer in charge of the Zone.

15 (2) The Assistant General Coordinator shall be appointed by the
16 Harmony Corps General Coordinator on the advice of the Board of Trustees.

17 (3) Any Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator appointed
18 under the Office of Harmony Corps General Coordinator or at the National
19 Headquarters, shall exercise powers as may be assigned to him within the
20 Directorate or Department under the Office of the Harmony Corps Deputy
21 General Coordinator or any other Special assignment that he may be called to
22 perform.

23 (4) Any Zonal Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator
24 appointed to Head the Zonal Commands, shall exercise powers as may be
25 delegated or assigned to him only within the designated and specified area of
26 jurisdiction.

27 (5) All Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinators shall be
28 assisted by other staff and officers.

29 *Harmony Corps State Coordinators (HCSC)*

30 11F. (1) There shall be in each State of the Federation and, the Federal

1 Capital Territory, FCT, the Office of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator
2 as the Chief Executive Officer of the State or FCT Command.

3 (2) The Harmony Corps State Coordinators shall be appointed by
4 the General Coordinator on the advice and approval of the Board of
5 Trustees.

6 (3) A Harmony Corps State Coordinator appointed, shall exercise
7 powers as may be assigned to him by the General-Coordinator only within
8 that State.

9 (4) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator shall be assisted by
10 other appointed staff, officers or Personnel to ensure effective, efficient and
11 smooth running of the administration and policy or mandate of the Harmony
12 Corps in the State of appointment.

13 (5) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator is vested with the power
14 to delegate functions to any capable staff or officer in the ranks of Harmony
15 Corps Deputy Coordinator, Harmony Corps Assistant Coordinator,
16 Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent, Harmony Corps Deputy
17 Superintendent and Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent to perform
18 such functions on behalf of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator within the
19 State of appointment.

20 (6) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator shall be answerable to
21 the Harmony Corps General Coordinator.

22 *Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent (HCCS)*

23 11G. (1) There shall be the position of the Harmony Corps Chief
24 Superintendent who shall oversee designated and specified area of
25 jurisdiction, referred to as Area Command.

26 (2) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be appointed
27 by the Harmony Corps State Coordinator on the approval of the Zonal
28 Coordinator to perform delegated functions on behalf of the Harmony Corps
29 State Coordinator.

30 (3) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be answerable

Harmony Corps
Deputy
Superintendent
(HCDS)

1 to the Harmony Corps State Coordinator.

2 (4) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be assisted by
3 staff and officers of the Harmony Corps.

4 11H. (1) There shall be the position of the Harmony Corps Deputy
5 Superintendent who shall be the administrative head of each designated and
6 specified area of jurisdiction referred to as Division.

7 (2) The Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent Officers shall be
8 appointed by the Harmony Corps State Coordinators on the approval of the
9 Zonal Coordinator to perform functions within the area of jurisdiction on
10 behalf of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator.

11 (3) The Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent shall be assisted by
12 staff, officers or personnel of the Harmony Corps.

13 *Approved terms and Conditions of Service*

14 111. (1) The Principal Officers of the Harmony Corps shall, in the
15 performance of their functions be governed by the approved terms and
16 conditions of service provided that, any exercise of such powers prior to the
17 approval and application of the conditions of service, shall be governed by the
18 Standing Orders of the Harmony Corps.

19 (2) Subject to the provision of this Bill, a person may be recruited into
20 the Harmony Corps if he-

21 (a) is not less than eighteen 18 or not more than 25 years of age;

22 (b) is in possession of a minimum Certificate of Education and/or
23 qualification of a Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent and above;

24 (c) is not less than 167.64 centimeters and 162.56 centimeters tall for
25 men and women, respectively;

26 (d) in the case of men, has not less than 86.36 centimeters chest
27 measurement when fully expanded;

28 (e) is of good character and is physically fit; and

29 (f) has signified in writing, his willingness to serve as a member of the
30 Harmony Corps.

1 (3) Every member of the Harmony Corps, if posted, shall be liable
2 to serve in any State of the Federation.

3 (4) Every member of the Harmony Corps shall upon recruitment,
4 be trained for a period of Six months or a specified number of additional
5 months for professional training or course (for Professionals only) and
6 thereafter be issued a Certificate of Appointment by the Harmony Corps
7 General Coordinator.

8 (5) Every member of the Harmony Corps recruited under this Bill
9 shall serve for a period of 35 years or is 60 years of age, whichever comes
10 first, except where duly disengaged in accordance with the provisions of this
11 Bill.

12 *Powers, Privileges and Immunities of the Corps*

13 11J. A member of the Harmony Corps recruited under this Bill,
14 shall, when on duty and in uniform, have the powers, privileges and
15 immunities of a Harmony Corps officer protected by law under any law in
16 Nigeria relating to universal peace.

17 *Functions and Powers of the Corps*

18 11K. The Harmony Corps shall be the responsibility for:

19 (a) promoting inter-ethnic integration, cohesion, mutual
20 understanding, patriotism and solidarity among Nigerians at home and in
21 Diaspora, despite their tribal or ethnic differences;

22 (b) advocating and inculcating among Nigerian citizens, true spirit
23 of nationalism, love and respect for the Nigerian constitution, transparency,
24 loyalty and faithfulness to the government of the Federal Republic of
25 Nigeria at all times;

26 (c) engendering and maintaining brotherliness, peaceful co-
27 existence and communal peace among Nigerians at home and in Diaspora;

28 (d) controlling intra-city road traffic and removal of all perceived
29 obstructions blockades or obstacles that may create hold up and congestion
30 on the road;

1 (e) assisting appropriate Ministries, Departments and Agencies of
2 government or organizations in handling environmental challenges,
3 management, protection and conservation of Nigeria's ecosystem and the
4 natural resources;

5 (f) supporting relevant agencies of government in public
6 enlightenment programmes and educate Nigerians on the importance of
7 immunizations, sanitation, election and electioneering programmes;

8 (g) promoting self-reliance, safety and security of Nigerians and
9 upholding the principles of fairness, fundamental human rights and equal
10 justice;

11 (h) organising programmes, including, regular conferences,
12 organized fora, symposia, workshops, educational programmes on cultural
13 values and peace, sense of unity and social integration, peace building,
14 mediation, conflict resolution for national integration and development;

15 (i) liaising with the traditional institutions to promote the concept of
16 cultural values, societal integration, religious harmony and national unity;

17 (j) imparting the attributes of social justice on Nigerians and actively
18 support all efforts that seek to promote and advance peace-building, thereby
19 fostering a culture of national unity, peace and security, obedience to
20 constituted authorities, imbibing the culture of religious tolerance and peaceful
21 co-existence in Nigeria;

22 (k) assisting pedestrians to cross major roads safely and encourage
23 Pedestrians to use the foot pedestrians bridges, where available;

24 (l) assisting the law enforcement agencies in protecting lives,
25 properties and road infrastructures round the cities and urban towns from
26 intentional damage by aggrieved individuals and groups; and

27 (m) undertaking such other activities as may be directed by the
28 government and the Ministry.

29 *Establishment of Administrative and Operations Departments*

30 11L. (1) In order to facilitate the proper performance of the functions

1 and the exercise of the powers conferred on the Harmony Corps by this Bill,
2 there shall be established for the Corps, the following administrative and
3 operations departments:

- 4 (a) The Department of Zonal and State Coordination;
- 5 (b) The Inter-faith Harmony, Peace and Security Department;
- 6 (c) The Department of Human Resources;
- 7 (d) The Department of Finance and Administration;
- 8 (e) The Department of Procurement and Supply;
- 9 (f) The Legal and Corporate Services Department;
- 10 (g) The Department of Training and Operations;
- 11 (h) The Department of Community Relations and Social
12 Responsibility; and
- 13 (i) The Department of Cultural, Inter-Religious and Traditional
14 Matters.

15 (2) The composition, duties and powers of the administrative and
16 operations departments, established under subsection {1}, shall be as may
17 be determined by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator, subject to the
18 approval of the Baard.

19 *Appointments, Recruitment, Etc. of Officers and other Ranks of the Corps*

20 11M. (1) The Baard is responsible for drawing up programmes for
21 the recruitment and training of members of the Harmony Corps in order to
22 enhance their knowledge, diligence and efficiency in the performance of
23 their functions under this Bill.

24 (2) Members of the Harmony Corps recruited in accordance with
25 the provision of subsection (1), shall bear such insignia as may be assigned
26 to them by the Board, and without prejudice to this subsection, the ranks and
27 insignia for members of the Harmony Corps for the time being, shall be as
28 specified in the Second Schedule to this Bill.

29 (3) The qualification for appointment and recruitment of the
30 officers and other members of the Harmony Corps and the procedure for

1 their promotion to various ranks, shall be in accordance with the rules made by
2 the Board for that purpose.

3 *Accouterments, Immunity, and Protection of Members of the*
4 *Harmony Corps*

5 11N. The Harmony Corps shall provide for every serving member,
6 such accouterments as it may consider necessary, for the proper performance of
7 the functions conferred under this Bill, and without prejudice to the provisions
8 of this section, such accouterments shall include uniforms, identification cards,
9 raincoats, motor-cycles, motor cars, two-way mobile radio, telephone sets and
10 other necessary equipment and such other items stipulated in the First
11 Schedule.

12 *Establishment of Fund and Expenditure*

13 11O. (1) There is established and maintained by the Board, a fund into
14 which shall be paid and credited:

- 15 (a) the take-off grant for the Harmony Corps;
16 (b) donations from donor agencies, international organizations and
17 annual subventions, received from the Government of the Federation;
18 (c) all fees and charges for services rendered by the Harmony Corps to
19 the public; and
20 (d) all other sums which may, from time, accrue to the Harmony
21 Corps.

22 (2) The Board shall apply the proceeds of the Fund at its disposal for
23 the:

- 24 (a) cost of administration and operations of the Harmony Corps and
25 other activities undertaken thereof;
26 (b) payment of fees, allowances and expenses of the members of the
27 Harmony Corps and any Committee set up by the Board;
28 (c) payment of salaries, allowances and benefits of officers, staff and
29 other members of the Harmony Corps;
30 (d) maintenance of any property vested in the Board or under its

1 administration;

2 (e) training of members of the Harmony Corps within and outside
3 Nigeria, and other research programmes carried out by the Harmony Corps;
4 and

5 (f) overall or any of the functions of the Harmony Corps under this
6 Bill.

7 *Establishment Of Investigating Panel*

8 11P. (1) There is established the Harmony Corps Investigating
9 Panel (in this Bill, referred to as "the Panel") charged with the duty of:

10 (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any matter brought
11 before it where it is alleged that an officer or a member of the Harmony
12 Corps has misbehaved or breached any of the Codes of conduct in his
13 capacity as an officer or of the Harmony Corps;

14 (b) deciding whether the matter should be referred to the
15 Disciplinary Committee; and

16 (c) presenting a report containing its recommendations to the
17 Disciplinary Committee in respect of any matter brought before it.

18 (2) The Board shall constitute the Panel, which shall consist of
19 three members of the Board and two other persons who are members of the
20 Harmony Corps, but are not members of the Board at the time of their
21 appointment.

22 (3) The Panel may make rules, not contained in this Bill, as to its
23 procedure for carrying on an investigation into any matter brought before it.

24 *Establishment of Disciplinary Committee*

25 11Q. (1) Without prejudice to the powers of the Board to set up
26 committees for the conduct of its affairs under this Bill, there is established
27 the Harmony Corps Disciplinary Committee (in this Bill referred to as the
28 Disciplinary Committee) charged with the duty of:

29 (a) maintaining discipline among officers and members of the
30 Harmony Corps; and

1 (b) considering and determining any matter of gross misconduct by
2 any officer or member of the Harmony Corps.

3 (2) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman and four
4 other members of the Harmony Corps.

5 (3) The Disciplinary Committee shall have a Secretary and such other
6 number of staff as the Chairman of the Board may determine.

7 (4) The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to
8 summon a meeting of the Committee, at any time to consider and determine
9 any report of indiscipline by any officer and member of Harmony Corps.

10 (5) The Disciplinary Committee may make standing rules for its
11 proceedings under this Bill.

12 *Codes of Conduct for Members of the Initiative*

13 11R. (1) The Board is responsible for setting out the Codes of Conduct
14 for officers and members of the Harmony Corps, which may not be published
15 in the Federal Government Gazette, but shall cause them to be brought to the
16 notice of all officers and members of the Harmony Corps, in such a manner as it
17 may be determined.

18 (2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection ("the Codes of
19 Conduct set out by the Board shall take cognizance of matters relating to the
20 conduct and comportment of officers and members of the Harmony Corps in
21 public places, their dealings with members of the society and attitude to the
22 discharge of their duties.

23 *Offences and Punishment*

24 11S. (1) Where a member or officer of the Harmony Corps breaches,
25 contravenes or violates any of the Codes of Conduct of the Harmony Corps or
26 any other law in force in the Federation, the Disciplinary Committee shall have
27 power to recommend:

28 (a) suspension of the officer or member of the Harmony Corps from
29 duty without pay for a specified period;

30 (b) demotion in rank of the officer or deferment of promotion for a

1 specified period;

2 (c) dismissal from the service of the Harmony Corps; or

3 (d) combination of the punishments.

4 (2) In the case of the contravention or violation of any law in force
5 in the Federation by an officer or a member, the Disciplinary Committee
6 shall, in addition to issuing a recommendation for his dismissal, recommend
7 that the offender be handed over to the appropriate authority for prosecution.

8 (3) Every recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee under
9 this section shall not have force, unless approved by the Board.

10 *Rules and Regulations*

11 11T. (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make
12 such rules and regulations, which in its opinion are necessary or expedient
13 for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill.

14 (2) Without prejudice to the provision of subsection (1), the Board
15 shall may make regulations generally for carrying out the objectives of this
16 Bill and, in particular, shall make regulations relating to:

17 (a) the rank, salaries and allowances of the officers and members of
18 the Harmony Corps;

19 (b) the hours of duty, schedule of work and leave of officers or
20 members of the Harmony Corps;

21 (c) the procedure and terms of appointment and recruitment of
22 officers or members of the Harmony Corps;

23 (d) subject to the provisions of this Bill, the qualification for
24 appointment of officers or members of the Harmony Corps or any ranks, and
25 the procedure for promotion to any such rank;

26 (e) the maintenance of discipline among members of the Harmony
27 Corps; and

28 (f) any other matter for which the Board has powers or which is
29 incidental or supplementary to the provisions of this section.

1 *Retirement and Resignation*

2 11U. (1) An officer or a member of the Harmony Corps recruited
3 under this Bill shall be retired upon attaining 35 years in Public Service or upon
4 attainment of 60 years of age, whichever comes first.

5 (2) Subject to the provision of subsection (1), a member of the
6 Harmony Corps may resign his or her position by a notice in writing, addressed
7 to the Harmony Corps General Coordinator, indicating his intention to resign
8 his appointment on a date mentioned in the notice (at least 28 days from the
9 date on which the notice is given).

10 (3) On receipt of the notice and upon the Harmony Corps General
11 Coordinator consenting in writing to same, the appointment of the member of
12 the Corps shall be determined accordingly.

13 (4) A member of the Corps disengaged in accordance with the
14 provisions of this Bill, shall be issued Certificate of Discharge.

15 *Remuneration and Allowances*

16 11V. (1) Every member of the Harmony Corps employed pursuant to
17 this Bill, shall be entitled to basic salary as may be determined by the authority,
18 including-

- 19 (a) hazard allowance;
20 (b) medical allowance;
21 (c) transport allowance;
22 (d) torch light allowance;
23 (e) meal subsidy allowance;
24 (f) kits (uniform) allowance;
25 (g) insurance scheme;
26 (h) housing scheme; and
27 (i) leave allowance.

28 (2) A member of the Harmony Corps is also entitled to benefit from
29 the National Health Insurance Scheme, (NHIS).

1 *Service Number of Members*

2 11W. (1) Every officer or member of the Harmony Corps recruited
3 under this Bill, shall be issued a Service Number with the letters "CSN" and
4 all members of the Harmony Corps deployed in the Federal Republic of
5 Nigeria shall have their names and numbers appear on the register and data
6 bank kept for that purpose, by the Board.

7 (2) Every officer or member of the Harmony Corps to whom a
8 Harmony Corps number has been allocated in accordance with subsection
9 (1) shall while on duty, wear such Harmony Corps Service Number (for
10 Rank and File only) and name tag on the Chest top pockets of his uniform.

11 (3) To ensure the provisions of logistics and enhance the
12 performance of the Harmony Corps, the Board shall liaise with the Federal,
13 State and Local Government to provide for:

- 14 (a) vehicles, trucks, cars and buses for official uses;
- 15 (b) motorcycles (speed Bike), helmets and riding kits;
- 16 (c) communication equipment/gadgets;
- 17 (d) medical Equipment;
- 18 (e) reflective equipment kits, Jackets, Batons and other logistics
19 for traffic control/directing/dispensing;
- 20 (f) uniform kits, Iron buttons customized with "GIHN", Leg
21 Anklets and Boots, Beret and Belt, Rain Boot, Rain Coat and a round Jungle
22 hat;
- 23 (g) other necessary logistics gadgets as may be required from time
24 to time.

25 (4) A person who, before the coming into force of this Bill, holds an
26 office in the Harmony Corps shall, at the commencement of this Bill, be
27 deemed to have been appointed by the Board under this Bill.

28 3. This Bill may be cited as the National Orientation Agency Act Short title
29 (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

1 FIRST SCHEDULE

2 *Uniforms, Flag and Emblem*

3 1.-(1) The Harmony Corps shall have and maintain the following
4 design of Uniforms, Flag and Emblem;

5 (a) a pair of Trouser for men and Skirt for women with Purple Shirt
6 and Beret, Jungle cap or 'P' cap, a Sky-Blue Line yard for Field control or action
7 uniform or normal daily duty;

8 (b) the Liberty Uniform shall be a complete starched khaki trouser
9 and Shirt with Sky-Blue collar, background Shoulder flap with design pips (for
10 Officers only) or "GIHN" (for Rank/File only) on it, with the Service Colours at
11 the beginning of the flaps and a pair of leg anklets, belt and Beret, Jungle cap or
12 'p' cap with the service Colour-designed feathers on the caps, a line yard and the
13 designed hand badge for general dressing;

14 (c) the Ceremonial Uniform shall be a complete outfit (a pair of
15 trouser and a jacket), for officers only and the Officers' trouser shall have the
16 service colours adorn the sides. The jacket shall be designed with ceremonial
17 line yard, rank and a belt, a cap with the service designed-colours on it and a
18 pair of black shoes, white hand gloves and a sword by the side;

19 (d) for the Rank and File, the Ceremonial uniform shall be a pair of
20 trouser and a jacket and the trouser shall have the Service colours adorn on the
21 sides. The Jacket shall have a Conical shaped design at the arms, down the
22 sleeves, a ceremonial line yard and white hand gloves, with a pair of black
23 boots and anklets, purple belt, a 'p' cap with the service
24 colour-designed feathers on it for ceremonial functions;

25 (e) the Provost Uniform shall be a complete starched khaki trouser
26 and a Shirt with Sky-Blue collar, a pair of White Leg Anklets, Belt, white
27 crossed belt, white line yard and a beret or white 'p' cap or a jungle cap, with the
28 service colours-designed feathers on it, a badge with the inscription "GP"
29 (Initiative Provost) and the hand badge and a neck moflag with the service
30 colours and the emblem on it, for Provost Personnel only;

1 (f) in addition, a special track suit is designed for Harmony Corps
2 sports personnel, the truck suit is purple in colour with the service colour
3 adorn the sides of the trouser and the sleeves of the jacket, running from the
4 neck or shoulders down the arms and round the neck flap and hand or wrist.
5 The Service emblem is also printed on the breast position of the jacket;

6 (g) a special cardigan for Harmony Corps personnel use is also
7 there, it is purple in colour with the Harmony Corps colours running across
8 the 'V' neck, the arms and the down end of the cardigan, to be worn in cold
9 environment or atmosphere; and (h) a hand badge, chest badge are also
10 designed for personnel use to show-case the beauty of the Harmony Corps
11 uniform outfits.

12 (2) Officers Uniform from the rank of Harmony Corps Assistant
13 Coordinator (HCAC) and above would always have a collar designed
14 Corgem attached to it in accordance with the prevailing lay down ethics of
15 senior officers' rights, with other Paramilitary Organisations in the country.

16 (3) The 'GIHN' cap designs of Officers shall be as follows:

17 (a) Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent (HCCS) would always
18 have a silver designed cord in a single crescent form at the front handle,
19 without a wreath surrounding the Harmony Corps emblem and in all the
20 caps worn by these category of senior officers;

21 (b) from the rank of Harmony Corps State Coordinator (HCSC),
22 Harmony Corps State Deputy Coordinator (HCSDC) and the Harmony
23 Corps State Assistant Coordinator (HCSAC) the 'GIHN' cap would always
24 have a designed gold shells in a single crescent form at the front handle with
25 a single wreath surrounding the Harmony Corps emblem and in all the caps
26 worn by these category of senior officers;

27 (c) from the rank of Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator
28 (HCAGC) and the Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator (HCDGC)
29 the 'GIHN' cap would always have a designed goldshells in double crescent
30 form at the front handle with double wreath surrounding the service emblem

1 and in all the caps worn by these category of officers.

2 (d) for the Harmony Corps General Coordinator (HCGC), the 'GIHN'
3 cap would always have a designed gold shells in double crescent form at the
4 handle with triple wreath surrounding the Service emblem and in all the caps
5 worn by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator (HCGC).

6 (4) The Flag shall be Green, Sky-Blue and Purple Colours, arranged
7 horizontally from either sides.

8 (5) The Emblem of the GIHN shall be the Peace and Harmony sign of
9 "Peace and Harmony" represented with cross 'PH' circled, with two batons on
10 top, connected by a cord, with an Eagle sitting on the cord. Underneath a
11 wreath with the ensigned "Peace and Harmony".

12 (6) Any regulation made under subsection (1), need not be published
13 in the Federal Government Gazette but the Board shall cause same to be
14 brought to the notice of all members.

15 SECOND SCHEDULE

16 *Section 11*

17 RANKS STRUCTURE

18 1.-(1) The different ranks of superior officers of the Harmony Corps,
19 the precedence and the insignia of each of such rank, shall be as prescribed
20 below:

21 (a) Harmony Corps General Coordinator the device of the Federation,
22 two star and crossed tip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;

23 (b) Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinatorthe device of
24 the Federation, one star;
25 Star and crossed tip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;

26 (c) Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator.the device of
27 the Federation, one Bar;
28 and crossed trip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;

29 (d) Harmony Corps State Coordinator.....the device of the
30 Federation, and crossed tips taved surrounded by a Laurel wreath;

1 (e) Harmony Corps State Deputy Coordinator.....a star, and
2 crossed tip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;

3 (f) Harmony Corps State Assistant Coordinator.....crossed tip
4 staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;

5 (g) Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent.....the device of the
6 Federation and a star;

7 (h) Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent the device of the
8 Federation;

9 (i) Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (I).....3 stars
10 arranged vertically;

11 (j) Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (II).....2 stars
12 arranged vertically (Substantive rank);

13 (k) Harmony Corps Inspector (I).....one star (on probation/on
14 trial); and

15 (I) Harmony Corps Inspector (II).....one star surmounting a
16 white band on the shoulder trap.

17 (2) The different ranks of the Senior non-commissioned officers of
18 the Harmony Corps, the precedence, and the insignia of each of such rank
19 shall be as prescribed below:

20 (a) Chief Inspector4 horizontal bars arranged vertically;

21 (b) Principal Inspector 3 horizontal bars arranged
22 (Substantive) vertically;

23 (c) Inspector 2 horizontal bars arranged vertically (on
24 probation);

25 (d) Cadet Inspector one epaulette and two horizontal bars
26 (2nd 6 months in training) arranged vertically;

27 (e) Cadet Inspector one epaulette (1'6 months in
28 training).

29 (3) The different ranks of the Junior non-commissioned officer of
30 the Harmony Corps, the precedence and the insignia of each of such rank

1 shall be as prescribed below:

2 (a) Sergeant 3 chevrons, worn points down; and

3 (b) Corporal 2 chevrons, worn points down.

4 *Ranks System of the Corps with Initials*

5 1. Harmony Corps General Coordinator (HCGC);

6 2. Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator (HCDGC);

7 3. Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator (HCAGC);

8 4. Harmony Corps State Coordinator (HCSC);

9 5. Harmony Corps State Deputy Coordinator (HCSDC);

10 6. Harmony Corps State Assistant Coordinator (HCSAC);

11 7. Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent (HCCS);

12 8. Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent (HCDS);

13 9. Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (HCAS I);

14 10. Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (HCAS II);

15 11. Harmony Corps Inspector (HCI - I);

16 12. Harmony Corps Inspector (HCI - II);

17 13. Harmony Corps Inspector (HCI - III);

18 14. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-I);

19 15. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-II); and

20 16. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-III).

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Orientation Agency Act, NI00 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, LFN 2004 to provide for an operational framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps to among other things, promote inter-ethnic integration, mediation, peace-building, mutual understanding, patriotism, for peaceful co-existence .