

NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA ORGANISATION

BELGIUM / LUXEMBOURG

or NIDOE-BELUX

NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION

UNDER BELGIAN / LUXEMBOURG LAW

CONSTITUTION OF

NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA ORGANISATION

BELGIUM / LUXEMBOURG

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND SEAT

Article 1.1. The organisation shall be known, called and addressed as "NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA ORGANISATION, BELGIUM / LUXEMBOURG" or NIDO-BELUX for short (hereinafter referred to as "The Organisation").

Article 1.2. The registered seat of the organisation, for the time being, shall be, Tervurenlaan 288, 1150 Brussels and when deemed necessary, a general assembly called for that purpose can change the address upon passing a resolution in that behalf.

ARTICLE 2: STATUS OF THE ORGANISATION

Article 2.1. The Organisation shall exist as a NON-PROFIT, Non-Governmental Organisation with legal rights and obligation distinct from that of its members under Belgian / Luxembourg Laws.

ARTICLE 3: AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The organisation is established for the purpose set forth in this article . Provided that it shall not be construed to be exclusive of other purpose(s) related thereto and not particularly mentioned in this article: ~

Article 3.1. To create a network of Nigerians in Belgium and Luxembourg in order to facilitate their involvement in the development process of Nigeria.

Article 3.2. The organisation can undertake any activity, commercial or otherwise, as a means to achieving its objectives

ARTICLE 4: POWERS AND MANDATE OF THE ORGANISATION

In furtherance to these objectives, the organisation can exercise the following powers:

Article 4.1. Establish and operate a secretariat, which would be responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation in Belgium and Luxembourg;

Article 4.2. Organise meetings, conferences and functions in Nigeria, Belgium/Luxembourg and /or elsewhere and to conduct gatherings of specialist groups, community groups, voluntary organisations, government departments, statutory and non-statutory authorities, businesses and individuals when necessary with the aim of encouraging members to meet and discuss matters of mutual concern and issues relating to Nigeria and to the objects of the organisation;

Article 4.3. Collect, print, and sell when appropriate, papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documents or films , or recorded tapes (whether audio or visual including digital and / or electronic formats) and circulate to its members and others the views of the organisation, events affecting Nigerians in Belgium and Luxembourg and elsewhere and events in Nigeria and any other matter of common interest to Nigerians in general including relevant information about democratic, social, economic and cultural matters in Nigeria and Europe;

Article 4.4. Assist and receive assistance from any such charitable association, trust, society or organisation incorporated or unincorporated in furtherance of the objects of the organisation;

Article 4.5. Establish, finance and manage, whether in Europe or elsewhere, any charitable or non-charitable activities, association or organisation (whether Incorporated or unincorporated) to carry out the objects within the territory it is established;

ARTICLE 5: NO DISTRIBUTION OF PROFIT

Article 5.1. The profits (if any) and the income and property of the organisation, howsoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the organisation and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, gift, bonus or otherwise to members or Trustees provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of any:

- (A) Reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer, employee, servant of the organisation or to any member for goods procured and/or services actually rendered to the organisation;
- (B) Reasonable out of pocket expenses necessarily Incurred by any Trustees in carrying out the duties of the organisation;
- (C) Interest at market rate for money borrowed by the organization; and
- (D) Rent on premises let on behalf of the organization following approval of the Board.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP

Article 6. 1. Membership of the organisation shall be open to :

- (A) Nigerian citizens, or their descendants resident in Belgium/ Luxembourg, who agree to abide by and uphold the organisation's statute;
- (B) Persons that agree with the objectives of the organisation and are interested in furthering the work of the organisation and abide by and uphold its statute; and

(C) Non-Nigerian spouses of Nigerians shall be admitted as Associate members provided that they are interested in furthering the work of the organisation and abide and uphold the statute of the organisation.

Article 6.2. Application for membership must be made by filling out the Membership Application Form and submit same online or in hard copy to the General Secretary with the appropriate non-refundable Application Fee which is payable only once.

Article 6.3. The Application Fee and the Annual Subscription payable by each Member shall be such sums as shall be determined by the Executive Council and approved by the General Assembly and the membership shall not take effect until the Application Fee and the Annual Subscription determined under Article 6.2 above have been paid to the organisation.

Article 6.4. Application to be a member of the organisation can be reviewed by the Membership Committee or by delegation, at any of its sittings following the receipt of the Application Form . The Committee after due consideration of all Application Forms submitted to it shall make its recommendations to the Executive Council on the suitability of the applicants. The Executive Council must provide written approval of all Application Forms prior to any applicant becoming a member. Decision of the Executive Council in respect of any application shall be final

Article 6.5. For the purpose of registration, subject to Belgian law, the number of members of the organisation shall be unlimited.

ARTICLE 7: RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Article 7.1. Full membership of the organisation shall confer the following rights and privileges:

- (A) The right to speak and vote at any meeting of the organisation;
- (B) The right to vote and be voted for at elections into the various positions available within the organisation;
- (C) The right to participate in the activities, workshops and programmes of the organisation, subject to any stipulation that the organisers may prescribe. Provided that such stipulations are not discriminatory and apply to all the members;
- (D) Such other privileges that may be announced by the relevant bodies from time to time.

Article 7.2. The rights, privileges and obligation of a member is personal to him and shall not be transferable and shall cease on his death or if he resigns or otherwise becomes ineligible to be a member of the organisation.

ARTICLE 8: CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 8. 1. A member of the organisation shall cease to be a member and his name shall be forthwith removed from the Register of Members in any of the following cases:

- (A) The member sends written notice of resignation to the General Secretary; or
- (B) The member fails to pay the amount of any subscription or other sum payable under these Articles within three months of the date when such amount became payable and a written notice of default has been sent to him/her without any response thereto; or
- (C) The conduct of the member has, in the opinion of the Executive Council, become injurious, capable of embarrassment, contravening the objectives of the organisation or inimical to the interest of the organisation. The Executive Council may resolve at a meeting where a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Full members present and voting convene solely or *inter alia* for the purpose of considering such resolution, at which the member concerned has been afforded reasonable notice and room of being heard or having submitted a written representation, that such member be expelled from membership of the organisation whereupon such member shall cease to be a member of the organisation and his or her name shall be struck off from the register of members.
- (D) Where a member ceases permanently to reside within the territory of Belgium / Luxembourg or is deceased or otherwise incapable of participating objectively in the affairs and activities of the organisation.

Article 8.2. No member upon ceasing to be a member shall be entitled to be repaid his/her Application Fee, Annual Subscription or any other payments made to the organisation while he was a member, but shall remain liable to pay the organisation all sums becoming due and payable by him/her to the organisation by way of annual subscription, unsettled expenses incurred by the organisation on his/her behalf prior to such cessation of membership.

ARTICLE 9: ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

Article 9.1. There shall be established the following bodies for the effective management of the organisation:

- (A) The General Assembly
- (B) The Executive Council (Management Board)
- (C) The Technical Bureau
- (D) The Board of Trustees (Board of Directors)

Article 9.2. The Composition and duties of these bodies shall be specified in other Articles of this Constitution by the Executive Council (Management Board) and approved upon a Resolution duly passed by two-third majority of the members present at the general assembly.

ARTICLE 10: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 10.1. The General Assembly shall consist of all the members of the organisation whose names appear in the Register of Members.

Article 10.2. The General assembly shall be the Supreme organ of the organisation.

Article 10.3. The General Assembly shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year, and periodic General Meeting, where ordinary business of the organisation shall be transacted.

Article 10.4. The ordinary business of the organisation as provided for under Article 10.3 shall be, *inter alias* the following:

- (A) To receive, consider, ratify, and approve the Annual Report and Summary of activities of the Executive Council;
- (B) To receive, consider, ratify and approve the report of the Audit Committee
- (C) To receive the Summary of Activities of the Technical Bureau.
- (D) To dissolve, elect and approve new officers as appropriate

Article 10.5. Where expedient to so do, the Executive Council shall be entitled to summon an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting to consider matters that are so urgent and critical and cannot wait until the next Meeting.

Article 10.6. In cases where there are exceptional circumstances warranting the same, members of the General Assembly shall be entitled to advise the Executive Council to convene meetings to discuss crucial issues affecting the organisation. Where the Executive Council fails, neglects and/or refuses to call the meetings, members who are so disposed shall deposit a requisition signed by one-third (1/3) of the members in the Register of members calling for the meeting and it shall become obligatory for the Executive Council to convene such meetings to consider the issues listed by the members in their requisition.

Article 10.7. The meetings of the General Assembly shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Executive Council and in his absence, the Vice Chairman (Deputy Chairman), and in his absence, the General Secretary (Deputy Chairman Administration), and also in his absence, the Financial Secretary (Vice Chairman Finance), and down the line so long as a member of the Chairmanship is available to preside over all the meetings of the General Assembly.

Article 10.8. The quorum for every meeting shall be 25% of the number of members registered in the Register of members and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is formed.

Article 10.9. Decisions at meetings shall be taken by consensus. In the absence of it, such issues shall be voted upon. A simple majority vote shall suffice to adopt a decision, except otherwise specified.

ARTICLE 11 : THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL QUALIFICATION

- (A) Members shall be accomplished Nigerians who are fit and responsible persons who have acquired considerable experience in their respective fields of endeavour and in life generally; such experience being an invaluable resource for the Organization;
- (B) Membership shall reflect a variety of backgrounds, competences, gender, ethnicity, occupation, and others;
- (C) Geographical balancing shall be a desirable principle in electing the members of the Executive Council provided, however, that this should not compromise the need for electing the best hands for the positions.
- (D) He should have been a member for at least 1 year (except otherwise specified) and has paid his dues fully.
- (E) Any full member who has fulfilled (d) above, shall be qualified to be nominated or to submit his/her letter of intent for any office and be voted for, provided he/she shall not have been sentenced for any serious criminal offence.

ARTICLE 12: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Article 12.1. The under mentioned offices shall be elective offices of the Organisation. In the event an election is not feasible and the General Assembly deems it appropriate, a member shall be appointed to any position upon a Resolution duly passed by two-third majority of the members present at the general assembly.

Article 12.2. Positions

- (A) The Chairman
- (B) The Vice Chairman,
- (C) The General Secretary,
- (D) The Assistant General Secretary,
- (E) The Financial Secretary,
- (F) The Treasurer,
- (G) The Social, Welfare and Public Relations Officer,
- (H) Officers without Portfolio.

Article 12.3. Qualifications

Article 12.3.1. Office of the Chairman and Vice Chairman

In addition to the general qualification of officers, a member contesting for the office of the Chairman and Vice Chairman must fulfil the following criteria:

- (A) He/she shall be in good command of the English language
- (B) He/she shall be a person of high integrity and of impeccable character;
- (C) He/she shall be of a unifying personality;
- (D) He/she shall not have been declared bankrupt

Article 12.3.2. Other Offices:

In addition to the general qualification of officers, a member contesting for any other office should have experience in dealing people and have good command of the English language.

Article 12.4. Functions of Officers

Article 12.4.1. The Chairman: The Chairman of the Organisation shall exercise and perform the following functions:

- (A) Preside over all meetings and activities of the Organisation
- (B) Preside over all meetings of the Executive Council
- (C) Represent the Organisation in all matters with other NIDO Organizations.
- (D) Represent the Organisation in external matters, accompanied by any other member of the executive council he/she may consider appropriate;
- (E) Convene all general, Executive or emergency meetings through the General Secretary;
- (F) Declare all meetings and activities of the Organisation open and close them thereafter;
- (G) Dissolve the Executive Council following the completion of its term of office, before the commencement of a new election;

- (H) Coordinate the activities of other Executive Council members;
- (I) In the event of a deadlock, use a casting vote to resolve the decision;
- (J) Perform any other duties that may be assigned to him/her by the House
- (K) Be co-signatory to all financial/monetary transactions of the Organisation

Article 12.4.2. The Vice Chairman: functions of the Vice Chairman shall be as follows:

- (A) In the absence of the Chairman, represent and exercise delegated powers;
- (B) Cooperate and assist the Chairman in the execution of his/her duties
- (C) Other duties that may be delegated to him/her by the Chairman or the House

Article 12.4.3. The General Secretary: functions of the General Secretary shall be as follows:

- (A) Take minutes of all meetings and activities of the Organisation
- (B) Draft and receive correspondence on behalf of the Organisation;
- (C) On prompting of the Chairman, convene all meetings of the Organisation
- (D) Countersign, with the Chairman, all official correspondence and documents on behalf of the Organisation
- (E) Keep custody of all Secretarial records and documents of the Organisation

Article 12.4.4. The Assistant General Secretary: functions of the Assistant General Secretary shall be as follows:

- (A) In the absence of the General Secretary, assume all his/her functions;
- (B) Co-operate and assist the General Secretary in the execution of his/her duties;
- (C) Carry out any other duty as may be delegated to him/her by the General Secretary.

Article 12.4.5. The Financial Secretary: functions of the financial secretary shall be as follows:

- (A) Keep custody of the financial records of the Organisation
- (B) Give detailed account on all moneys collected on behalf of the Organisation
- (C) Be co-signatory to all financial/monetary transactions of the Organisation. In the absence of a Financial Secretary, the Chairman and Treasurer shall be accepted as signatories to all financial/monetary transactions of the Organisation.
- (D) Prepare and submit all necessary and required documents on the financial state of the Organisation to the State Authorities.
- (E) Make available to the Auditors all financial records and documents in his/her possession for auditing purposes;
- (F) Issue and collect receipts for income and expenditure accounts of the Organisation
- (G) Give financial reports at every meeting.

Article 12.4.6. The Treasurer: functions of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- (A) Collect from the Financial Officer within 72 hours all moneys collected during any activity of the organisation;

- (B) Pay such amount into the accounts of the Organisation within 72 hours;
- (C) Collect receipts for money spent and make them available to the Financial officer
- (D) Assist the Financial officer in the execution of his/duties.
- (E) Be co-signatory to all financial/monetary transactions of the Organisation. In the absence of a Treasurer, the Chairman and Financial Secretary shall be accepted as signatories to all financial/monetary transactions of the Organisation.

Article 12.4.7. The Social, Welfare and Public Relations Officer: functions of the Social, Welfare and Public Relations Officer shall be as follows:

- (A) Be responsible for the co-ordination of press reports
- (B) In consultation with the Chairman, answer all press or news reports
- (C) Be responsible for the formulation and coordination of social and welfare matters
- (D) Be master of ceremony (MC) during social activities of the Organisation
- (E) Organise the venue and necessary items for any social gatherings or meetings

Article 12.4.8. Officers without Portfolio: the functions shall be as follows:

- (A) To assist the other officers in their duties when called upon to do so
- (B) To carry out any assignment that may be assigned by the House or the Chairman.

ARTICLE 13: TENURE OF OFFICE AND HANDOVER

Article 13.1. Every office shall have tenure of two calendar years.

Article 13.2. Officers or incumbent of the respective offices shall be eligible for re-election for a second term of one more period or as otherwise stated in Article 14.5 of this Constitution.

Article 13.3. A member of the Executive Council shall be removed from office before the expiration of the statutory term by two third majorities of members at a General Meeting on the ground of gross abuse of office, incompetence, or any other act or omission deemed to be detrimental to the values and norms of the organisation.

Article 13.4. At the end of term/service, either after election, resignation, or termination, the out-going officer must handover the property of the organization in his custody not later than 15 days after the new officer assumes his/her position. Any officer who fails to comply with the stipulation of this article is liable to a fine of 50Eur per day for every consecutive day after the stated 15 days. The organization shall explore every possible means to enforce this article.

ARTICLE 14: ELECTIONS

Article 14.1. Elections shall hold once every two years during the Annual General Meeting or during an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

Article 14.2. Election into the Executive Council shall be by open secret balloting in which a winner shall emerge by simple majority vote.

Article 14.3. ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

Article 14.3.1. For the purpose of election, there shall be an Electoral Committee elected by the House by a simple majority vote during the last general meeting preceding the election. The Committee shall consist of three (3) or five (5) members.

Article 14.3.2. The electoral committee shall be deemed dissolved once the electoral process has been concluded.

Article 14.3.3. No member of the Electoral Committee shall be nominated for any position nor shall contest for any of the elective positions, unless he or she shall have resigned his/her committee membership before the deadline for the final submission of names of contestants to the electoral committee.

Article 14.3.4. The Electoral Committee shall have the following functions:

- (A) To receive nominations on behalf of / from prospective candidates and conduct consultations with them.
- (B) Announce all the vacant offices to which elections are to be held.
- (C) Prepare, sign, distribute and retrieve all ballot papers used during election
- (D) In the event that the election is interrupted, the electoral Committee shall remain in office until the election is completed. The electoral committee shall conclude the election within a further period of 90 days.

Article 14.4. PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The Electoral Committee shall be guided by the following procedures in discharging its duties:

- (A) Any full member who is a member for at least one year can be nominated by any member or submit his/her nomination for any office.
- (B) Officer or incumbent of the respective offices can be nominated or submit his/her nomination for re-election after completing his/her two terms if no other member is willing or available for the same position.
- (C) A member's candidacy for any position shall be allowed if a period of 4 years has lapsed since the end of his/her last held elective position.
- (D) A new member's candidacy, in the first year of his/her registration, shall be allowed if no other member is willing or available for the same position.

- (E) In the event that after due consultation with all nominated candidates, the electoral committee is of the view that a nominated candidate for a particular position is more suitable for another position other than he/she has been nominated for, the electoral committee may with the consent of such a candidate, recommend the candidate for another position
- (F) At least 7 days before the election, the names of the candidates for the respective offices must be made public.

ARTICLE 15: THE TECHNICAL BUREAU

Article 15.1. There shall be a body known and called the Technical Bureau.

Article 15.2. The Bureau shall be responsible for coordinating/initiating technical projects that will be realized by the organisation

Article 15.3. The Technical Officer shall be the head of the Bureau.

Article 15.4. The Technical Bureau Officer shall be assisted by Sectoral Heads who will be responsible for the activities of their sectors. The sectors of the Technical Bureau shall function in committees and be headed by professionally qualified experts in their specialised fields .

Article 15.5. Subject to further modifications on the recommendation of the Technical Officer to the Executive Council , the Bureau shall take off with the following sectors:

- (A) Health
- (B) IT & Software Development
- (C) Globalisation, Trade & Investment
- (D) Human Development

Article 15.6. The Bureau shall have a right to coordinate/initiate projects by way of proposals, which shall be thoroughly researched and passed to the Executive Council for approval. It may in this respect receive inputs from the members of the organisation at large.

Article 15.7. The Executive Council may direct the Technical Bureau to initiate proposal(s) in respect of any issue forming part of the activities or the objects of the organisation or any other issue(s) connected thereto.

Article 15.8. The Approval procedure for proposals submitted by the Technical Board to the Executive Council shall comply with the provisions under Article 12.4.1(I).

Article 15.9. Upon approval , the Bureau shall implement such projects within the means available to it. In case of ongoing projects, periodic appraisal by way of reports shall be submitted to the Executive Council on a quarterly basis.

Article 15.10. The Sectoral Heads of the Bureau shall be appointed by the Executive Council and they shall enjoy a working term of three years provided that the Executive Council may deem it fit to re-appoint them to the same position or other position(s) subsequently. The members of their committees shall likewise be so appointed and re-appointed.

Article 15. 11. The members of the Bureau shall not earn any remuneration or make any secret profit or in any way compromise their offices in the course of rendering their services to the Bureau provided that nothing shall be deemed to prevent the payment of any out of pocket expenses expended on behalf of the Bureau in the course of their service to the Bureau in this provision .

Article 15.12. The Bureau shall stand dissolved at the end of its duration of office whilst the projects shall be accounted for as Work-in-Progress and shall be handed over to the new Bureau succeeding it.

Article 15.13. The Bureau may be dissolved upon a motion to the General Assembly by the Executive Council before the expiration of its term of office if it is established that the Bureau is:

- (A) incompetent to handle the project assigned to it;
- (B) unable to work harmoniously as a team and such disharmony is hindering its activities;
- (C) allowing the personal interest of its members to jeopardise the attainment of the objectives for which it is set up;
- (D) Acting prejudicially to the interest of the organisation and/or the interest of the end-users of their project.

ARTICLE 16: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Article 16.1. There shall be established a Board of Trustees for the organisation.

Article 16.2. The Board of Trustees shall exercise advisory powers over the programmes and policies of the organisation .

Article 16.3. The Board of Trustees shall comprise of at least seven members one of whom shall be the serving Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for Belgium and Luxembourg and/or EU. The other members shall be persons of good standing in the society at least one of whom shall be a citizen of Belgium and/or Luxembourg.

Article 16.4. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by the executive Council subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

Article 16.5. A member of the Board shall serve in that capacity for maximum of two terms of three years each except determined by conditions of ill health, death, relocation or resignation.

Article 16.6. Any member of the Board except the Ambassador may be removed before the expiration of his /her term if in the opinion of the Executive Council and subject to a two third majority vote at a meeting of the General Assembly he/she is adjudged incompetent or his conduct or membership is in conflict with the norms and values of the organisation.

Article 16.7. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least twice in a year with the Chairman of the Board presiding at such meetings where matter relating to the organisation shall be discussed. The Board shall design its own procedure and mechanism for summoning such meetings. Where necessary, it may consider it fit to bring its decision to the knowledge of the members of the organisation in any manner it considers appropriate with prior consultation and advice of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE 17: FINANCE

Article 17.1. The sources of finance of the organisation shall be, but not limited to the following:

- (A) Membership Registration fees paid by members;
- (B) Annual Subscription paid by members under categories specified in the Schedule to this constitution;
- (C) Donations by members of the organisation and persons or groups who identify with the objects and ideals of the organisation;
- (D) Grants from local, statutory, international , humanitarian or developmental organisations;
- (E) Proceeds from paid programmes like Conferences, Workshops or Fund Raising Dinners and/or other cultural activities;
- (F) Any other source(s) that may be available to the organisation from time to time and is ethically compliant with the constitution of the Organisation.

Article 17.2. The organisation shall maintain a bank account in a bank pursuant to a resolution of the members of the Executive Council in that behalf.

Article 17.3. The Signatories to the Bank Account of the organisation shall be the following :

- (A) The Chairman as mandatory " A" signatory
- (B) The Financial Secretary as "B" signatory

(C) The Treasurer as "C" signatory
Provided that two signatories shall suffice in so far as the Chairman's signature is obtained.

Article 17.4. The appropriate officers of the organisation shall maintain proper books of account in accordance with the provisions of Articles 12.4.5 and 12.4.6, and the Belgian Law

Article 17.5. The Accounting year of the organisation shall be from 1st of January to 31st of December of each year. The first accounting year shall be presumed to begin from the date of enforcement of this statute and it shall end in December of the same year.

Article 17.6. The Audit Committee of the organisation shall audit the Account of the organisation together with the Operational Account of the Technical Bureau annually.

ARTICLE 18: THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Article 18.1. The General Assembly shall appoint an *ad hoc* audit committee each year to audit the books of account of the organisation and the operational account of the Technical Bureau of the organisation.

Article 18.2. The Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the organisation who are neither members of the Executive Committee nor members of the Technical Bureau.

Article 18.3. The Audit Committee shall submit its report to the General Assembly during the first meeting of the General Assembly in the year following its appointment.

Article 18.4. The Audit Committee shall stand dissolved upon the completion of its assignment. Members may be re-appointed on their individual basis for subsequent audit assignments.

ARTICLE 19: AMENDMENT

Article 19.1. When and if any member of the organisation is satisfied or has any reason to believe that there is need to amend, alter or modify any part of this statute, such a member shall propose an amendment in that behalf to the Executive Council not later than one month before the date of the next General Meeting and the Executive Council shall submit such a proposal to the General Assembly for consideration.

Article 19.2. The Executive Council shall make the proposal available to the members of the General Assembly to allow them room to contribute adequately to the debate on the proposed amendment at the resumed meeting of the Assembly.

Article 19.3. After due deliberations at the General Meeting, the proposed amendment(s) shall be passed only upon a Resolution duly passed by two-third majority of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 20: WINDING

Article 20.1. A winding up proceeding shall be commenced when and only when:

- (A) in the opinion of two third of the members of the organisation the main object of the organisation has become extinct;
- (B) the organisation has become incurably unable to run its affairs owing to disagreements amongst its members that have become unable to resolved despite all entreaties;
- (C) The organisation has become so indebted that it is unable to meet its obligations both to its creditors or the public at large.

Article 20.2. A motion for the dissolution of the organisation shall only be entertained when it bears the signature of at least half of its members demanding for such dissolution.

Article 20.3. The motion shall only be passed when a vote in its favour has been passed by three quarter majority of the members present at the meeting where such a motion has been already slated for debate and resolution .

Article 20.4. A winding-up Committee shall be set up which shall see to the effective liquidation of the assets and liabilities of the organisation

Article 20.5. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the organisation, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among its members; but shall be given or transferred to some other charities/bodies with Nigerian ownership and/or patronage having similar objects to the objects of this organisation or in default thereof to any other organisation having similar object with the object of this organisation.

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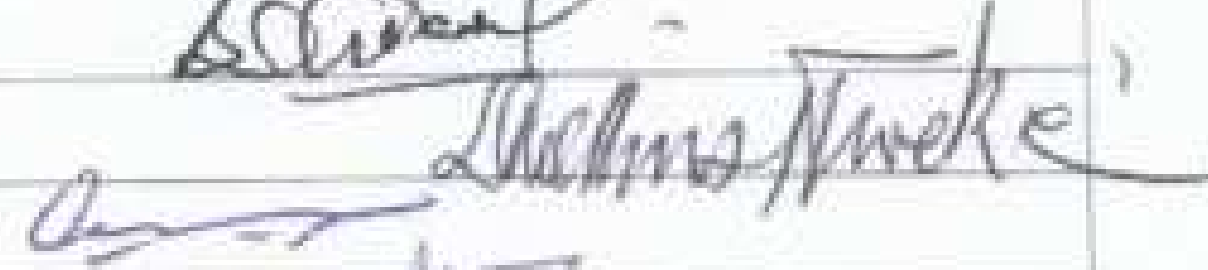
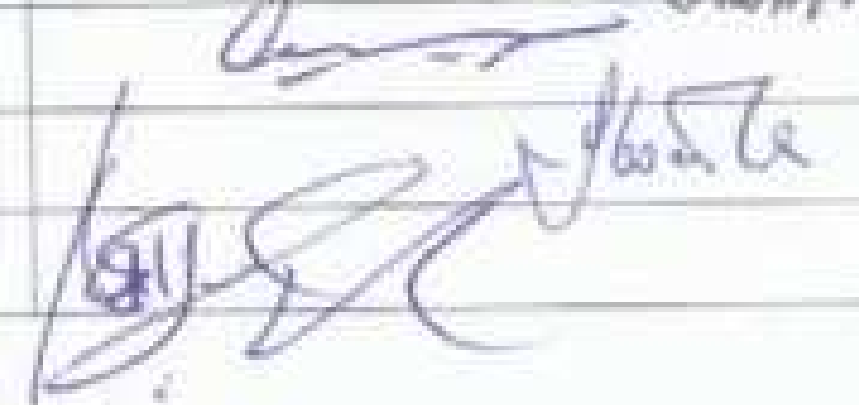
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