

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT, CAP A20 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO ENSURE AT LEAST 15 PERCENT OF WOMEN REPRESENTATION IN THE ENLISTMENT, RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PERSONNEL, REQUIRE THE ARMED FORCES TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A GENDER-RESPONSIVE COMPLIANCE PROGRAMME IN THE ENLISTMENT, RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION, OPERATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS, PROVISION OF LOGISTICS, MARITAL STATUS, POSTING AND DISCIPLINE OF SERVICE PERSONNEL, AND ENSURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIT TO MONITOR AND MAINTAIN RECORDS OF THE GENDER-RESPONSIVE COMPLIANCE PROGRAMME AND DISAGGREGATED DATA COLLATION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Kafilat Ogbara

[] Commencement

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

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| 1 | 1. The Armed Forces Act, CAP A20 Laws of the Federation of | Amendment of |
| 2 | Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set | the Armed Forces |
| 3 | out in this Bill. | Act, Cap A20, |
| 4 | 2. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting new | LFN, 2004 |
| 5 | subsections "(6)" and "(7)"- | Amendment of |
| 6 | "(6) the Armed Forces shall: | Section 1 of the |
| 7 | (a) provide and maintain a gender-responsive compliance | Principal Act |
| 8 | programme in the enlistment, recruitment, appointment, training, provision | |
| 9 | of accommodation, operational engagements, provision of logistics, marital | |
| 10 | status and posting of service personnel; and | |
| 11 | (b) establish a unit to monitor and maintain records of the gender- | |

1 responsive compliance programme and disaggregated data collation."

2 "(7) The Armed Forces shall ensure at least 15 percent of women
3 representation in the enlistment, recruitment and appointment of service
4 personnel."

Citation

5 3. This Bill may be cited as the Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill,
6 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Armed Forces Act, CAP A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to ensure at least 15 percent of women representation in the enlistment, recruitment and appointment of service personnel, require the Armed Forces to provide and maintain a gender-responsive compliance programme in the enlistment, recruitment, training, provision of accommodation, operational engagement, provision of logistics, marital status, posting and discipline of service personnel, and ensure the establishment of a unit to monitor and maintain records of the gender-responsive compliance programme and disaggregated data collation.