

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR DECOMMISSIONING OF OIL AND GAS INSTALLATIONS (NC-DOGI) UNDER THE PRESIDENCY, TO COORDINATE DECOMMISSIONING EFFORTS AS PART OF NIGERIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL DIPLOMACY STRATEGY, ENSURE AUTONOMY IN DECISION-MAKING, AND PROTECT NATIONAL INTERESTS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

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

1           **1.**-(1) There is hereby established the National Commission for  
2 Decommissioning of Oil and Gas Installations (NC-DOGI) (referred to as  
3 "the Commission") under the direct supervision of the Presidency.

Establishment  
of NC-DOGI

4           (2) The Commission shall be an autonomous body with perpetual  
5 succession, a common seal, and the power to sue and be sued in its corporate  
6 name.

7           **2.** The objectives of the Commission shall be:

Objectives of  
the Commission

8           (a) To ensure environmentally sustainable and globally compliant  
9 decommissioning of oil and gas installations;

10           (b) To position Nigeria as a leader in environmental diplomacy by  
11 demonstrating commitment to environmental restoration and climate  
12 action;

1 (c) To foster national and international collaboration in  
2 decommissioning technology, research, and funding;

3 (d) To protect the health, safety, and livelihoods of communities  
4 affected by oil and gas operations; and

5 (e) To repurpose decommissioned sites for economic, social, or  
6 environmental benefits.

Functions of the  
Commission

7 **3.** The Commission shall:

8 (i) Develop and enforce a national framework for decommissioning  
9 oil and gas installations;

10 (ii) Act as Nigeria's focal agency for international collaboration on  
11 decommissioning and environmental restoration;

12 (iii) Oversee and manage the Decommissioning Funds to ensure  
13 financial accountability and efficiency;

14 (iv) Approve and monitor decommissioning plans submitted by oil  
15 and gas operators;

16 (v) Conduct environmental impact assessments and audits of  
17 decommissioning activities;

18 (vii) Facilitate public and private investment in technologies for safe  
19 and sustainable decommissioning; and

20 (viii) Provide regular reports to the President, National Assembly, and  
21 international stakeholders.

Governance  
and Structure

22 **4. (a)** Board Composition:

23 The Commission shall be governed by a Board comprising:

24 (a) A Chairman appointed by the President;

25 (b) A Director-General as the chief executive officer;

26 (c) Representatives from:

27 (i) Ministry of Environment;

28 (ii) Ministry of Petroleum Resources;

29 (iii) NESREA;

30 (iv) NUPRC;

1 (v) Civil society organizations (CSOs) with environmental focus.

2 (vi) Academic institutions specializing in environmental or energy  
3 studies;

4 (c) Advisory Council:

5 (a) An Environmental Diplomacy Advisory Council, comprising  
6 international and local experts, shall provide strategic guidance on global  
7 best practices and environmental diplomacy initiatives.

8 (c) Tenure:

9 (i) Board members shall serve for a term of four years, renewable  
10 for one additional term.

11 **5.-(1)** The Commission shall operate independently in the Independence  
12 discharge of its functions without interference from any other government and Autonomy  
13 agency or regulatory body.

14 (2) The President shall ensure adequate budgetary allocation to the  
15 Commission to guarantee its operational independence.

16 (3) The Commission shall have authority to make decisions on  
17 decommissioning standards, penalties, and fund disbursements.

18 **6.-(1)** The Commission shall work in collaboration with the Relationship with  
19 NUPRC, NESREA, and the Ministry of Petroleum Resources to avoid other regulatory  
20 duplication of efforts. bodies

21 (2) The Commission shall retain full authority over  
22 decommissioning activities, while NUPRC and NESREA shall provide  
23 technical and environmental support as needed.

24 **7.** The Commission shall be funded through: Funding and  
25 Financial Provisions

26 (a) Budgetary allocations from the Federal Government;

27 (b) Contributions from oil and gas operators into the  
28 Decommissioning Fund;

29 (c) International grants and technical assistance;

30 (d) Revenue from consultancy and advisory services provided to  
foreign governments or organizations; and

1 (e) The Commission shall maintain transparent financial records,  
2 subject to annual audits and public disclosure.

Decommissioning Fund 3 **8.**-(1) A Decommissioning Fund is hereby established to ensure  
4 financial resources are available for decommissioning activities.

5 (2) Contributions to the Fund shall be mandatory for all oil and gas  
6 operators based on their decommissioning liabilities.

7 (3) The Fund shall be managed by the Commission under strict  
8 financial controls, with oversight by the Presidency.

International engagement and environmental diplomacy 9 **9.**-(1) The Commission shall promote Nigeria's leadership in  
10 environmental restoration and decommissioning technologies through:

11 (a) Participation in international forums, treaties, and conventions;  
12 (b) Strategic partnerships with foreign governments and  
13 organizations; and  
14 (c) Sharing of best practices and technical expertise.

15 (2) The Commission shall act as Nigeria's representative in global  
16 negotiations related to decommissioning and environmental remediation.

Offences and Penalties 17 **10.**-(1) Operators who fail to comply with decommissioning  
18 regulations or contribute to the Escrow Fund shall be liable to fines of up to  
19 NI00,000,000 or imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

20 (2) Tampering with decommissioning activities or misappropriation  
21 of funds shall attract criminal prosecution and penalties under this Act.

Miscellaneous Provisions 22 **11.**-(1) The Commission may issue regulations, guidelines, and codes  
23 of practice to facilitate the implementation of this Act.

24 (2) The provisions of this Act shall supersede any conflicting  
25 regulations under existing laws.

26 (3) The President may, by executive order, make further provisions  
27 for the smooth implementation of this Act.

Interpretation 28 **12.** In this Act:  
29 "Commission" means the National Commission for Decommissioning of Oil  
30 and Gas Installations (NC-DOGI);

1 "Decommissioning" refers to the dismantling, removal, and remediation of  
2 oil and gas installations no longer in use;

3 "Installation" includes platforms, pipelines, wells, facilities, and related  
4 infrastructure for oil and gas production;

5 "NUPRC" refers to the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory  
6 Commission; and

7 "NESREA" refers to the National Environmental Standards and  
8 Regulations Enforcement Agency.

9 **13.** This Bill may be cited as the National Commission for Short title  
10 Decommissioning of Oil and Gas Installations (NC-DOGI) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM:

This Bill seeks to establish the National Commission for Decommissioning of Oil and Gas Installations (NC-DOGI) as an autonomous body under the Presidency. It empowers the Commission to oversee decommissioning activities, advance Nigeria's environmental diplomacy, and position the country as a leader in sustainable resource management and climate action. The Bill also provides for the establishment of a Decommissioning Fund to ensure financial responsibility and effective operations