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1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE
2 FOR PAPER INDUSTRY

(2) The National Guard shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(a) Provide additional support to the Armed Forces and other security agencies in ensuring national security;

(b) Assist in the protection of lives and property during emergencies and disasters;

14 (c) Enhance internal security operations and border protection;

(d) Participate in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations within and outside Nigeria;

(e) Support civil authorities in maintaining law and order during large-scale events and civil unrest.

Functions of
the National
Guard

- 1 **3.** The National Guard shall:
- 2 (a) Provide rapid response to security threats and emergencies;
- 3 (b) Conduct joint operations with the Armed Forces and other security
- 4 agencies;
- 5 (c) Engage in surveillance and intelligence gathering activities;
- 6 (d) Assist in disaster relief and humanitarian assistance;
- 7 (e) Participate in peacekeeping missions as may be directed by the
- 8 President;
- 9 (f) Conduct training and capacity-building programs for its personnel
- 10 and other security agencies;
- 11 (g) Protect critical infrastructure and key national assets.

12 PART II - THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

Establishment
of the Board

- 13 **4.-(1)** There shall be a Board for the National Guard (In this Act
- 14 referred to the "Board").
- 15 (2) The Board shall consist of:
- 16 (a) A Chairman, who shall be appointed by the President;
- 17 (b) The Commandant-General of the National Guard;
- 18 (c) One representative from each of the following ministries:
- 19 Defence, Interior, and Finance;
- 20 (d) Four persons with relevant experience in security, defence, or
- 21 emergency management, appointed by the President;
- 22 (e) A representative from the Nigerian Armed Forces;
- 23 (f) A representative from the Nigerian Police Force;
- 24 (g) A representative from the Nigeria Security & Civil Defence
- 25 Corps;
- 26 (h) A representative from the National Emergency Management
- 27 Agency;
- 28 (i) A representative from the Nigerian Navy;
- 29 (j) A representative from the Nigerian Air Force

Tenure of Office

Functions of the Board

National Guard;

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this Act.

PART III - ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

Appointment of the Commander

National Guard and shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the National Guard.

Staff of the National
Guard

Guard shall be as determined by the Board.

PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Funds of the
National Guard

(a) Grants and subventions from the Federal Government;

and international bodies:

(c) Funds generated from investments and other sources as may be

	1	approved by the Board.
Annual Estimates and Accounts	2	10. -(1) The National Guard shall prepare and submit to the Board not
	3	later than 30th September in each financial year an estimate of its expenditure
	4	and income during the next succeeding financial year.
	5	(2) The National Guard shall keep proper accounts and records and
	6	shall prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of accounts.
Audit	7	11. The accounts of the National Guard shall be audited annually by a
	8	qualified external auditor appointed by the Board, and the audit report shall be
	9	submitted to the National Assembly.
	10	PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Regulations	11	12. The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Board, make
	12	regulations generally for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this
	13	Act.
Repeal and Savings	14	13. -(1) Any existing regulations, orders, or notices related to security
	15	operations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
	16	repealed.
	17	(2) Any regulations, orders, or notices made or issued under repealed
	18	laws shall, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,
	19	continue in force until they are revoked or amended under this Act.
Interpretation	20	14. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
	21	"National Guard" means the National Guard of Nigeria established under this
	22	Act.
	23	"Board" means the Board of the National Guard;
	24	"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for defence;
	25	"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
	26	"Security Agencies" include the Nigerian Armed Forces, Nigeria Police Force,
	27	Department of State Services, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and
	28	any other security organization established by law.
Citation	29	15. This Bill may be cited as the National Guard Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the National Guard of Nigeria to provide additional support to the Armed Forces and other security agencies in ensuring national security. The National Guard will enhance internal security operations, assist in the protection of lives and property during emergencies, participate in peacekeeping missions, and support civil authorities in maintaining law and order and will be domiciled under the jurisdiction of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.