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## ARTICLES OF FEDERATION OF THE UNITED REGIONS OF NIGERIA (URN)

### PREAMBLE

Recognizing the imperative to restructure Nigeria for justice, peace, prosperity, and stability;  
Affirming the collective will of the peoples and regions of Nigeria to build a union founded on equality, partnership, autonomy, cooperation, and shared destiny;  
Desiring a modern Federal Democracy rooted in transparency, meritocracy, and inclusive governance;

We hereby proclaim the formation of a new political union known as the **United Regions of Nigeria (URN)** and adopt these Articles of Federation as the foundational framework for a new negotiated Constitution.

### ARTICLE 1:

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| 1. Proposed number of region  |     |    |
| 2. Composition of the region (States/parts of current state that is to constitute a region)                                     |     |    |
| 3. Autonomy for the regions   | Yes | No |
| 4. Equal number of parliamentarians to represent each region  | Yes | No |
| 5. A collegiate Federal Executive Council of equal number from the regions to be drawn from the Federal parliament              | Yes | No |
| 6. The Federal Executive Council to elect from its members a primus-inter-pares Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister        | Yes | No |
| 7. Parliamentarians not serving in FEC constitute part-time Federal Legislative Council to be led by Speaker and Deputy Speaker | Yes | No |

### ARTICLE 2: FEDERATED REGIONS

#### 2.1 Structure of Federated Regions

The URN shall consist of the Federated Regions, each enjoying political autonomy and possessing its own:

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|--|-----|----|
| a. <b>Regional Constitution</b>              | Yes | No |
| b. <b>Regional Parliament</b>                | Yes | No |
| c. <b>Regional Executive Council</b>         | Yes | No |
| d. <b>Regional Security Architecture and</b> | Yes | No |
| e. <b>Regional Judiciary</b>                 | Yes | No |

#### 2.2 Powers of Federated Regions

Each Region shall have authority over its:

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|---|-----|----|
| a. Natural resources, subject to revenue-sharing obligations.           | Yes | No |
| b. Education, healthcare, policing, and local economic development.     | Yes | No |
| c. Regional taxation and fiscal policy.                                 | Yes | No |
| f. Participation in national economic planning and security management. | Yes | No |
| g. Regions shall conduct elections and remunerate their representative  | Yes | No |

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|---|------------|-----------|
| h. Regions shall subscribe the principle of Respect for Territorial Integrity, Non-Aggression and Peaceful Coexistence and Cooperation for Mutual Benefit | Yes        | No        |
| i. Each Federated Region shall create and administer its own states and local governments.  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| j. Regions may adopt multiple capital cities  | Yes        | No        |

### ARTICLE 3: INCLUSIVITY

It is imperative that all voices are heard and considered in decision-making processes. This promotes social justice by ensuring that groups are not marginalized or left behind with the result more resilient communities, reduced conflict and build trust between citizens and their government. Constitutional roles for

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|--|-----|----|
| a. Traditional and Indigenous Leadership Councils: | Yes | No |
| b. Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria   | Yes | No |
| c. Faith leader                                    | Yes | No |
| d. Women   | Yes | No |

### ARTICLE 4: FEDERAL COUNCIL OF STATE (FCS)

#### 4.1 Composition

The **Federal Council of State** shall be the highest coordinating authority of the URN and shall comprise:

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|--|-----|----|
| a. The Ceremonial President                        | Yes | No |
| b. The Vice President                              | Yes | No |
| c. The Prime Minister                              | Yes | No |
| d. Deputy Prime Minister                           | Yes | No |
| e. Federal Speaker                                 | Yes | No |
| f. Deputy Federal Speaker                          | Yes | No |
| g. Regional Premier Ministers                      | Yes | No |
| h. Head, Federal Supreme Court                     | Yes | No |
| i. Heads of all Regional Supreme Courts            | Yes | No |
| j. Heads of Federal and Regional Security Councils | Yes | No |

#### 4.2 Principles of Governance

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|--|-----|----|
| a. Symmetric federalism with <b>equal regional representation</b> in all federal organs. | Yes | No |
| b. Collective and cooperative leadership rather than concentration of power.             |     |    |

#### 4.3 Tenure

1. Elected members of the FCS shall serve a six-year term, renewable once.

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## ARTICLE 5: FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

### 5.1 Composition

- a. Each Region shall elect an **equal number of Federal Parliamentarians.** Yes No
- b. Parliament shall be divided into:
  - i. **Federal Executive Council (FEC)** – Cabinet, drawn from parliament Yes No
  - ii. **Federal Legislative Council (FLC)** – Part-time legislature Yes No

### 5.2 Leadership

Federal Parliamentarians shall elect:

- i. Speaker Yes No
- ii. Deputy Speaker Yes No

Leadership shall rotate among the Regions.

## ARTICLE 6: FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC)

### 6.1 Structure

- 1. The FEC shall comprise **equal numbers of parliamentarians from each Region.**
- 2. Executive authority shall be **collegial**, vested jointly in the FEC, not in a single individual.

### 6.2 Appointment of Leadership

- 1. The FEC shall elect from among its members:
  - o **Prime Minister** (primus inter pares)
  - o **Deputy Prime Minister**
- 2. Cabinet portfolios shall be assigned by the Prime Minister.
- 3. Not more than **five ex-officio members** may be appointed for technical purposes.

### 6.3 Approval and Management

- i. All appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Federal Council of State. Yes No
- ii. Portfolios and cabinet membership shall be at the discretion of the Prime Minister. Yes No

## ARTICLE 7: FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (FLC)

- i. Parliamentarians not serving in the FEC shall constitute the **Federal Legislative Council.** Yes No
- ii. The FLC shall be **part-time**, meeting for **four legislative weeks** annually. Yes No
- iii. It shall be led by a Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Yes No
- iv. Federal Legislative Council shall be remunerated by their regions Yes No
- v. The FLC shall enact federal laws, budgets, and carry out oversight measures. Yes No

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## ARTICLE 8: FEDERAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS (FCE)

### 8.1 Composition

From each Region:

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|------|---|-----|----|
| i.   | One Traditional Ruler   | Yes | No |
| ii.  | Three Religious Leaders   | Yes | No |
| iii. | Four Professionals nominated by the Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria | Yes | No |
| iv.  | Three Women Leaders   | Yes | No |

### 8.2 Functions

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|------|---|-----|----|
| i.   | The FCE shall be the moral and ethical custodian of the URN.                      | Yes | No |
| ii.  | It shall elect the <b>Ceremonial President of the United Regions of Nigeria</b> . | Yes | No |
| iii. | All positions shall rotate among the Regions.                                     | Yes | No |

## ARTICLE 9: RESOURCE CONTROL AND FISCAL FEDERALISM

### 9.1 Resource Management

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|------|--|-----|----|
| i.   | Natural resources belong to the Region where they are located.   | Yes | No |
| ii.  | Regions shall contribute a percentage to the <b>National Development Fund</b> .                                    | Yes | No |
| iii. | The Federal Government shall:  |     |    |
|      | a. Not directly control regional resources   | Yes | No |
|      | b. Regulate national trade and economic policies in consultation with Regions                                      | Yes | No |
|      | c. An <b>Economic Cooperation Council (ECC)</b> shall manage revenue-sharing and coordinate investment in Regions. | Yes | No |

### 9.2 Revenue Sharing Formula

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|---|---|-----|----|
| • | <b>20%</b> contributed to the Center                          | Yes | No |
| • | <b>80%</b> retained by the Region. (This may be reallocated): |     |    |
|   | ○ 30% Local Government  | Yes | No |
|   | ○ 25% State level   | Yes | No |
|   | ○ 25% Regional Government                                     | Yes | No |

## ARTICLE 10: SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

### 1. National Security:

Managed by the Federal Government, including defense, intelligence, diplomacy, and territorial protection.

Yes No

### 2. Public Security:

Managed by each Region—law enforcement, policing, disaster management, cybercrime, riots, community engagement.

Yes No

### 3. A Region may **organize and maintain defense forces** (Region Defense Force (RDF), a Regional militia under the command of the Premier of that Region. The Regional Guard may possess:

Yes No

a. Light arms and infantry equipment;

Yes No

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|--|-----|----|
| b. Armored patrol vehicles;  | Yes | No |
| c. Surveillance and reconnaissance drones;                           | Yes | No |
| d. Communications, cyber-security, and emergency-response equipment. | Yes | No |
4. **Section 3: National Security Council (NSC):** To coordinate national intelligence and counter-terrorism strategies and shall comprise of:
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|---|-----|----|
| a. The Prime Minister (Chair);                                    | Yes | No |
| b. The Deputy Prime Minister;                                     |     |    |
| c. Regional Security Commissioners from each Federated Region;    | Yes | No |
| d. Head of the National Defense Forces;                           | Yes | No |
| e. Head of the National Intelligence and Counterterrorism Agency; | Yes | No |
| f. Other members as designated by the Federal Council of State.   | Yes | No |
5. No region may recruit foreign military trainers or exceed **10,000 active personnel** without FEC approval. Yes No

## ARTICLE 11: JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SYSTEM

### 11.1 Multi-Tiered Judiciary

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|---|-----|----|
| 1. <b>Federal Constitutional Court</b> – adjudicates disputes between Federation and Regions. | Yes | No |
| 2. <b>Regional High Courts</b> – interpret regional constitutions.                            | Yes | No |
| 3. <b>Local Arbitration Councils</b> – handle customary, religious, and indigenous matters.   | Yes | No |

### 11.2 Legal Pluralism

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| i. Regions may operate customary and religious legal systems consistent with human rights. | Yes | No |
| ii. Harmonization of laws shall be handled by a <b>National Legal Council</b> .            | Yes | No |

## ARTICLE 12: PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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| 1. A <b>National Reconciliation and Mediation Council (NRMC)</b> shall oversee conflict prevention and resolution.            | Yes | No |
| 2. Regions shall maintain Early Warning Systems.  | Yes | No |
| 3. A <b>Constitutional Arbitration Mechanism</b> shall settle disputes between the Federal Government and Regions peacefully. | Yes | No |

## ARTICLE 13: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND DIRECT DEMOCRACY

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|---|-----|----|
| 1. Each region shall adopt <b>Ward/Village Assemblies</b> (modeled after India's Panchayat system) and <b>Participatory Budgeting</b> , enabling citizens to directly design, debate, and vote on local development priorities and <b>community security</b> . The Ward Assembly shall be the <b>supreme decision-making body at the grassroots</b> . | Yes | No |
| 2. Citizens shall have the right to initiate <b>referendums</b> on major national issues.   | Yes | No |

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## ARTICLE 14: Federal & Regional Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission (DEIC)

- i. Tasked with responsibilities of Fostering unity among Nigeria’s diverse regions and ethnic groups within a region. Yes No
- ii. identifying disadvantaged regions and minority communities requiring targeted interventions, Yes No
- iii. fair representation of minority ethnic groups, Yes No
- iv. ensuring equitable resource distribution Yes No
- v. promoting inclusive governance, addressing systemic inequities, and Yes No

## ARTICLE 14: AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

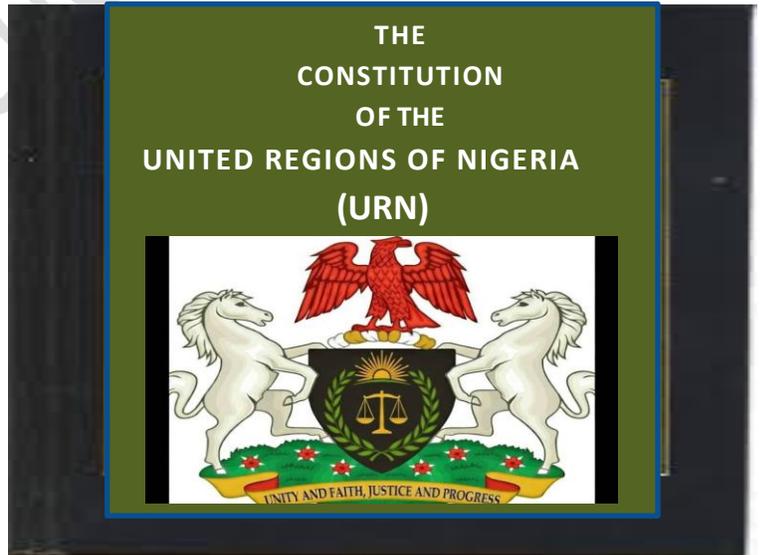
- i. These Articles may be amended by:
  - a. Two-thirds majority of the Federal Legislative Council, and
  - b. Approval by two-thirds of Federated Regions.
- ii. Any amendment affecting regional autonomy must be approved through a **national referendum**.

## CONCLUSION

These Articles of Federation represent a foundational blueprint for a decentralized, cooperative, inclusive, and prosperous union of autonomous Regions. They seek to promote justice, shared responsibility, regional empowerment, and participatory democracy under a united and stable political framework—the **United Regions of Nigeria**.

TEMPLATE FOR ROTATIONAL POSITIONS						
POSITION	ZONE	ZONE	ZONE	ZONE	ZONE	ZONE
Prime Minister	A	B	C	D	E	F
Deputy Prime Minister	B	C	D	E	F	A
Speaker	C	D	E	F	A	B
Deputy Speaker	D	E	F	A	B	C
President	E	F	A	B	C	D
Deputy President	F	A	B	C	D	E

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