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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

An Act to Repeal the <u>Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2003</u> [as Amended <u>Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2005</u>] and to enact the Trafficking Persons (Prohibition), Enforcement and Administration Act 2015 to provide measures against trafficking; and for rela matters.

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TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (PROHIBITION) ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2015

An Act to Repeal the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2003 Amended and to enact the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition), Enforcement and Administration Act to prov measures against trafficking; and for related matters.

[26th Day of March, 2015]

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

PART 1-OBJECTIVES

Objectives.

- 1. The Objectives of this Act are to-
 - (a) provide an effective and comprehensive Legal and Institutional framework for the prohibitic prevention, detection, prosecution and punishment of human trafficking and related offences Nigeria;
 - (b) protect victims of Human Trafficking; and
 - (c) promote and facilitate National and International co-operation in order to meet the Objectives out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section.

PART II - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSON

Establishment of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons

- 2.- (1) There is established the National Agency for the Prohibition Establishment of Trafficking in Persons this Act referred to as "the Agency").
- (2) The Agency shall be a Body Corporate-
 - (a) with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) which may sue or be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) which may acquire, hold, purchase, mortgage and deal howsoever with property, movable immovable, real or personal.

Establishment and Composition of the Governing Board.

- 3.--(1) There is established for the Agency, a part time Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "I Board").
 - a Chairman who shall be a person with knowledge and experience in matters related to count trafficking in persons;
 - (b) two representatives of Civil Society-based Organizations involved in matters relating to traffick in persons;
 - (c) a representative each of the following Institutions or Agencies who shall be within the Director Cadre-
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Justice;
 - (ii) Federal Ministry of Women Affairs;
 - (iii) Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity;
 - (iv) Nigeria Police Force:
 - (v) National Intelligence Agency;
 - (vi) Nigeria Immigration Service; and
 - (vii) National Planning Commission;
 - (d) the Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of the Agency who shall be the Secretary to t Board.
- (3) The Chairman and other Members of the Board shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

First Schedule.

(4) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of a Board and other matters mentioned therein.

Tenure of Office of the Chairman and members of the Board.

- 4.--(1) The Chairman and Members of the Board shall hold Office for a term of four years and may eligible for re-appointment for another term of four years and no more.
- (2) The Office of the Chairman or a Member of the Board shall become vacant where—
 - (a) his term of Office expires;
 - (b) he resigns his Office by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President;
 - (c) he dies;
 - (d) the Board by resolution declares the seat vacant because he-
 - (i) has been absent from the Board meetings for four consecutive times without the permiss of the Board:
 - (ii) becomes a person of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his duties;
 - (iii) has been declared bankrupt or he makes compromise with his creditors;
 - (iv) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness;
 - (v) has been convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty;
 - (vi) is guilty of gross misconduct relating to his duties; or

- (e) in the case of an ex-officio member, he ceases to hold the Office on the basis of which became a member of the Board.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this Section, the President may remove a memiliary from the Board if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Agency or Public for the persappointed to continue in Office.
- (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, the President shall appoint a successor hold office for the remainder of the Term of Office of his predecessor and the successor shall represite the same interest as that member whose exit created the vacancy.

Functions of the Agency.

- 5. The functions of the Agency shall be to-
 - (a) enforce and administer the provisions of this Act;
 - (b) co-ordinate and enforce all other Laws on Trafficking in Persons and related offences;
 - (c) adopt effective measures for the prevention and eradication of trafficking in persons and rela offences:
 - (d) establish co-ordinated preventive, regulatory and investigatory machinery geared towards t eradication of trafficking in persons;
 - (e) investigate all cases of trafficking in persons including forced labour, child labour, force prostitution, exploitative labour and other forms of exploitation, slavery and slavery-lactivities, bonded labour, removal of organs, illegal smuggling of migrants, sale and purchase persons;
 - encourage and facilitate the availability and participation of persons who voluntarily, consent assist in investigations or proceedings relating to trafficking in persons and related offences;
 - (g) enhance the effectiveness of Law Enforcement agents and other partners in the suppression trafficking in persons;
 - (h) create public enlightenment and awareness through seminars, workshops, publications, radio ε television programmes and other means aimed at educating the public on the dangers trafficking in persons;
 - establish and maintain communications to facilitate rapid exchange of information concern offences under this Act;
 - (j) conduct research and strengthen effective legal means of international co-operation in suppress trafficking in persons;
 - (k) implement all bilateral and multilateral treaties and conventions on trafficking in personadopted by Nigeria;
 - (I) strengthen co-operation and conduct joint operations with relevant Law Enforcement and Secul Agencies, International Authorities and other relevant partners in the Eradication of Trafficking Persons:
 - (m) co-ordinate, supervise and control-
 - (i) the protection, assistance and rehabilitation of trafficked persons; and
 - all functions and activities relating to investigation and prosecution of all offences connec with or relating to trafficking in persons;
 - adopt measures to identify, trace, freeze, confiscate or seize proceeds, property, funds or otl
 assets derived from trafficking in persons or related offences;
 - (o) conduct research on factors responsible for internal and external trafficking in persons a initiate programmes and strategies aimed at the prevention and elimination of the problem;
 - (p) facilitate rapid exchange of scientific and technical information concerning or relating to traffick in persons;
 - (q) collaborate with Government Bodies both within and outside Nigeria whose functions are similar those of the Agency in the area of the-
 - movement of proceeds or properties derived from trafficking in persons and other relat offences;
 - (ii) identities, location and activities of persons suspected of being involved in trafficking persons and other related offences; and
 - (iii) exchange of personnel and other experts;
 - establish and maintain a system for monitoring trans-border activities relating to trafficking persons in order to identify suspicious movements and persons involved;

- deal with matters connected with the extradition and deportation of persons involved trafficking in persons and other mutual legal assistance between Nigeria and any other Coun in Trafficking in Persons, subject to the supervision of the Minister;
- (t) initiate, develop and improve special training programmes for personnel of the Agency a relevant Law Enforcement Agents charged with the responsibility of detecting offences creatunder this Act: and
- (u) carry out such other activities as are necessary for the efficient discharge of the function conferred on it under this Act .

Powers of the Agency.

- 6. The Agency shall have the power to—
- (a) investigate whether any person, body or entity has committed an offence under this Act or the offer of trafficking under any other law;
- (b) enter into any premises, property or conveyance for the purpose of conducting searches in furtheral of its functions under this Act or under any other law;
- (c) arrest, detain and prosecute offenders under this Act or any other law on trafficking in persons Nigeria:
- (d) trace, seize, detain or retain the custody, for the purpose of investigation and prosecution, of a property which the Agency reasonably believes to have been involved in or used in the commission offences under this Act or any other law;
- (e) seal up premises upon reasonable suspicion of such premises being involved with or used in connect with offences under this Act; and
- (f) seek and receive information from any person, authority, corporation or company without hindrance respect of the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Act.

Functions and Powers of the Board.

7.- (1) The Board shall-

- (a) formulate and provide general policy guidelines for the discharge of the functions of the Agency
- (b) monitor and ensure the implementation of the policies and programmes of the Agency; and
- (c) carry out such other functions as are necessary or expedient to ensure the efficient performar of the functions of the Agency under this Act.
- (2) The Board shall have power to-
 - (a) approve rules and regulations relating to the appointment, promotion and disciplinary measu for the employees of the Agency;
 - (b) fix the remuneration, allowances and benefits of the employees of the Agency subject to approval of the Salaries and Wages Commission; and
 - (c) regulate its proceedings and make standing orders with respect to the holding of its meetin notices to be given, the keeping of minutes of its proceedings and such other matters as Board may, from time to time, determine.

Appointment and tenure of the Director-General.

- 8. (1) There shall be for the Agency, a Director-General who shall be from the Directorate Cadre in Public Service of the Federation or its equivalent in any law enforcement service and shall be appoint by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) The Director-General shall—
 - (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Agency;
 - (b) be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Agency;
 - (c) keep the books and records of the Agency; and
 - (d) be the Secretary to the Board.

(3) The Director-General shall hold office for a term of four years in the first instance and may be eligible re-appointment for another term of four years and no more.

Other staff of the Agency.

- 9.--(1) The Agency may, from time to time, appoint such other staff as it may deem necessary, to assist agency in the performance of its functions under this Act.
- (2) The staff of the Agency appointed under subsection (1) of this section shall be appointed on such ter and conditions of service as the Agency may determine in accordance with the approved government.
- (3) The staff of the agency shall be public officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic Nigeria.
- (4) The Agency may, subject to the provisions of Section 9(2) of this Act and the approval of other relevangencies, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of its employees provide for-
 - (a) the appointment, promotion and staff discipline;
 - (b) appeals by employees against disciplinary measures; and
 - (c) such other matters to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Agency under t Act.
- (5) Staff regulations and conditions of service made under subsection (4) of this section shall not have eff until it is published in the Gazette and website of the Agency,
- (6) Until the staff regulations and conditions of service under subsection (4) of this section are made, a instrument relating to the conditions of service applicable to the Civil Service of the Federation shall applicable to the Agency with such modifications as may be considered necessary by the Agency fr time to time.

Service in the Agency to be pensionable.

- 10.-(1) Service in the Agency shall be public service for the purpose of the Pension Reform Act ϵ accordingly, officers and other staff of the Agency shall, in respect of their service in the Agency, entitled to such pension and retirement benefits as are prescribed in the Pension Reform Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Act shall prevent appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension and retirembenefits in respect of that office.
- (3) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (not being the power to ma regulations under section 76 of this Act) are hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Board.

Establishment of Special Departments.

- 11.--(1) For the effective conduct of the functions of the Agency, there shall be established for the Agency following Special Department—
 - (a) Investigation and Monitoring Department;
 - (b) Legal and Prosecution Department;
 - (c) Public Enlightenment Department;
 - (d) Counselling and Rehabilitation Department;
 - (e) Research and Programme Development Department;
 - (f) Training and Manpower Development Department; and
 - (g) such other Departments as the Agency may establish with the approval of the Board from time time.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Agency shall have powers to -

- (a) set up units, technical committees, working groups and ask forces to assist the Agency in performance of its duties and functions under this Act; and
- (b) make changes to its structure with the approval of the Board.
- (3) There shall be appointed for each of the Special Departments a Principal Officer who shall be known such designation as the Agency may determine.

Duties of the Special Departments.

- 12.-(1) The Investigation and Monitoring Department shall-
 - (a) be responsible for the prevention and detection of offences under this Act;
 - (b) collaborate with the Nigeria Immigration Service and other relevant law enforcement agencies charge of entry and exit for the purpose of detecting offences under this Act;
 - (c) conduct the proceedings as may be necessary towards the recovery of any asset or prope confiscated, frozen or forfeited under this Act;
 - (d) effect the confiscation or forfeiture of such proceeds, assets and properties in collaboration w the Legal and Prosecution Department.
- (2) The Legal and Prosecution Department shall—
 - (a) be responsible for the prosecution of offenders under this Act;
 - (b) support the Agency and other Departments with legal advice and assistance whenever it required;
 - (c) conduct the proceedings as may be necessary to wards the recovery of any asset or proper confiscated, frozen or forfeited under this Act;
 - (d) deal with matters connected with extradition and mutual assistance in criminal matters; and
 - (e) perform such other legal duties as the Agency may refer to it from time to time.
- (3) The Public Enlightenment Department shall be responsible for—
 - (a) carrying out information and awareness-raising campaigns, seminars and workshops, radio a television programmes aimed at educating the public on the dangers of trafficking in perso especially to sectors and groups that are vulnerable to trafficking in persons, in co-operation w the media, non-governmental organizations, labour, market organizations, migra organizations and other segments of civil society;
 - (b) developing educational programmes, in particular for young people, to—
 - address gender discrimination and promote gender equality and respect for the dignity ε integrity of every human being;
 - (ii) include trafficking in persons in human rights curricula in schools and universities; and
 - (iii) address the underlying causes of trafficking, such as poverty, under-developme unemployment, lack of equal opportunities and discrimination in all its forms, and improvement the social and economic conditions of groups at risk.
- (4) The Counselling and Rehabilitation Department shall have responsibility for—
 - (a) counselling, after care rehabilitation, social re-integration and education of trafficked persons;
 - (b) the promotion of the welfare of victims of trafficking in persons; and
 - (c) supporting, advising and facilitating access to legal aid services by victims.
- (5) The Research and Programme Development Department shall be responsible for-
 - (i) researching into factors causing and promoting internal and external trafficking in persons;
 - (ii) imitating programmes and developing strategies for addressing the problems of trafficking persons;
 - (iii) supporting the Agency in areas of statistics, records, planning; and
 - (iv) performing such other duties as the Agency may refer to it from time to time.
- (6) The Training and Manpower Development Department shall—

- initiate, develop or improve specific training programmes for officers of the Agency and relevlaw enforcement officers charged with the responsibility for the prevention, detectiinvestigation, elimination, prosecution, rehabilitation of victims of trafficking and relaactivities;
- (b) collaborate with relevant law enforcement and security agencies and institutions for the purpose providing training for law enforcement and security officers responsible for the investigation detection, prevention, elimination of human trafficking and related offences and the rehabilitat of victims of trafficking in persons and related unlawful activities; and
- (c) collaborate with, support and keep a register of Non-Governmental Organizations involved in a human trafficking activities especially in the area of training, workshop and seminars.

PART III--PROHIBITION OF ACTS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

- 13.--(1) All acts of human trafficking are prohibited in Nigeria.
- (2) Any person who recruits, transports, transfers, harbours or receives another person by means of-
 - (a) threat or use of force or other forms of coercion;
 - (b) abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or position of vulnerability; or
 - (c) giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control o another person, for the purpose of exploitation of that person, commits an offence and is lia on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 2 years and a fine of not less th N250,000.00.
- (3) For the purpose of sub-section (2)(c), abuse of a position of vulnerability includes intentionally using otherwise taking advantage of an individual's personal, situational or circumstantial vulnerability recruit, transport, transfer, habour or receive that person for the purpose of exploiting him or her, su that the person believes that submitting to the will of the abuser is the only real or acceptable opt available to him or her and that this belief is reasonable in the light of the victim's situation.
- (4) A person who in or outside Nigeria directly or indirectly—
 - (a) does or threatens any act preparatory to or in furtherance of an act of trafficking in persons;
 - (b) omits to do anything that is reasonably necessary to prevent an act of trafficking in persons;
 - assists or facilitates the activities of persons engaged in acts of trafficking in persons or is accessory to any offence under this Act;
 - (d) procures any other person by any means to commit an offence under this Act;
 - (e) participates as an accomplice in the commission of a offence under this Act; or
 - (f) promises or induces any other person by any means to commit any of the offences referred to this Act, commits an offence under this Act and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a te of not less than 5 years and a fine of not less than \mathbb{N}1,000,000.00.
- (5) The consent of a victim of trafficking in persons to the intended exploitation set forth in the definition trafficking in persons in this Act shall be irrelevant where any of the means set forth in the definition I been used.
- (6) The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitat shall be considered trafficking in persons even if this does not involve any of the means set forth in definition of trafficking in persons in this Act.

PART IV--OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Importation and Exportation of person.

- 14. Any person who-
- (a) imports another person into Nigeria, knowing or having reason to know that the person will be force or induced into prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation in Nigeria or while in transit; or
- (b) exports another person from Nigeria, knowing or having reason to know, that the person will be for or induced into prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation in the country to which the person exported or while in transit, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a te of not less than 5 years and a fine of not less than N 1,000,000.00.
- 15. Any person who-

- (a) by the use of deception, coercion, debt bondage or any means, induces any person under the age 18 years to go from one place to another to do any act with intent that such person may be, knowing that it is likely that the person will be forced or seduced into illicit intercourse with anoth person, or
- (b) keeps, detains or harbours any other person with intent, knowing or having reason to know that sud person is likely to be forced or induced into prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation with or any person or an animal, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for 5 ye and a fine of N500,000.00.

Abuse, procurement or recruitment of person under 18 years for prostitution or other forms sexual exploitation.

- 16.--(1) Any person who procures or recruits any person under the age of 18 years to be subjected prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation with himself, any person or persons, either in Nigeria anywhere else, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not lead to 7 years and a fine of not less than \mathbb{N}1, 000,000.00.
- (2) Any person who procures or recruits any person under the age of 18 years to be conveyed from usual place of abode, knowing or having reasons to know that such a person may be subjected induced into prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation in any place outside Nigeria, comman offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 7 years and a fine not less than \$1,000,000.00.

Procurement of person for sexual exploitation.

17.--(1) Any person who-

- (a) procures, recruits, uses or offers any person under the age of 18 years for the production pornography or for pornographic performances ;
- (b) allows a person under the age of 18 years to be harboured in a brothel, commits an offence ϵ is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 7 years and a fine of not less than $\bf N$ 1,000,000.00.
- (2) Notwithstanding the punishment prescribed in subsection (1) of this section, a convicted person unthis section shall, in addition to the prescribed punishment, be liable to a term of not less than 1 yield imprisonment where he administered or stupefied the victim with any drug substance.

Foreign travel which promotes prostitution or sexual exploitation.

18. Any person, who organizes, facilitates or promotes foreign travels which promote prostitution or otl forms of exploitation of any person or encourages such activity, commits an offence and is liable conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 7 years and a fine of not less than 1,000,000.00.

Procurement or recruitment of person for use in armed conflicts.

19. Any person who trafficks any person for the purpose of forced or compulsory recruitment for use armed-conflict, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not lithan 7 years and a fine of not less than N1 ,000,000.00.

Procurement or recruitment of person for organ harvesting.

20.--(1) Any person who-

- (a) through force, deception, threat, debt bondage or any form of coercion—
 - abuses a position of power or situation of dominance or authority arising from a giv circumstance; or
 - (ii) abuses a vulnerable situation; or
- (b) through the giving or receiving of payments or benefits in order to induce or obtain the consent a person directly or through another person who has control over him; enlists, transpot delivers, accommodates or takes in another person for the purpose of removing the perso organs, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less th 7 years and a fine of not less than N5, 000,000.00.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a person who procures or offers a person, assists or is involved in anyway-
 - (a) in the removal of human organs; or
 - (b) buying and selling of human organs, commits an offence and is liable on conviction imprisonment for a term of not less than 7 years and to a fine of not less than \$\mathbf{N}\$ 5,000,000

(3) Any person who enlists, transports, delivers, accommodates or takes in another person under the ϵ of 18 years for the purpose of removing the person's organs, commits an offence and is liable conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 7 years and a fine of not less than 5,000,000.00.

Prohibition of buying or selling of human beings for any purpose.

21. Any person who buys, sells, hires, lets or otherwise obtains the possession or disposal of any pers with intent, knowing it to be likely or having reasons to know that such a person will be subjected exploitation, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less the 5 years and a fine of not less than N2,000,000.00.

Forced labour.

- 22. Any person who-
- (a) requires, recruits, transports, harbours, receives or hires out a person to be used for forced labe within or outside Nigeria; or
- (b) permits any place or premises to be used for the purpose of forced labour, commits an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 5 years and a fine of not less than 1,000,000.00.

Employment of child as domestic worker and inflicting grievous harm

- 23. (1) Any person who-
 - employs, requires, recruits, transports, harbours, receives or hires out a child under the age 12 years as a domestic worker, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonm for a minimum term of 6 months and not exceeding 7 years;
 - (b) employs, requires, recruits, transports, harbours, receives or hires out a child to do any work t is exploitative, injurious or hazardous to the physical, social and psychological development of child, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a minimum term o years but not exceeding 7 years without an option of fine.
- (2) Notwithstanding the punishment prescribed in subsection (1) of this section, a convicted person unthis section shall, in addition to the prescribed punishment, be liable to-
 - (a) a term of not less than 2 years imprisonment where the child is denied payment or reasona compensation for services rendered; or
 - (b) a term of not less than 3 years where the child is defiled or inflicted with bodily harm.

Trafficking in slaves.

24. Any person who recruits, imports, exports, transfers, transports, buys, sells, disposes or in any v trafficks in any person as a slave or accepts, receives, detains or harbours a person as a slave, comman offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 7 years and a fine not less than N2,000,000.00.

Slave dealing.

- 25. Any person who-
- (a) deals, keeps, receives or harbours any person for the purpose of holding or treating that person a slave:
- (b) places, receives, harbours or holds any person as a pledge, pawn, in servitude or security for debt benefits; whether due or to be incurred;
- (c) transports, transfers or in any way induces any person to come into Nigeria in order to hold, posse deal or treat such person as a slave or to be used as a pledge or security for debt; or
- (d) enters into any contract or agreement with or without consideration for the purpose of doing accomplishing any of the purposes enumerated in this section, commits an offence and is liable conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 7 years and to a fine of not less th N2,000,000.00.

- 26.-(1) Any person who knowingly, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or material bene procures the illegal entry of a person into a country of which the person is not a citizen or a permanerisident, commits an offence, and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less that years without an option of fine.
- (2) Any person who, intentionally in order to obtain a financial or material benefit from another persengages in fraudulent acts or conducts purportedly for the purpose of procuring, facilitating or promot the actual or intended entry into, transit across or stay in a country in which that other person is no national or a permanent resident, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment fo term of not less than 5 years without an option of fine and shall refund all monies fraudulently obtair from the victims.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section "illegal entry" means crossing borders with complying with the necessary requirements for legal entry into the receiving State.

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Conspiracy.

- 27. Any person who conspires with another to commit an offence under this Act is liable—
 - (a) where the offence is committed, to the punishment provided for the commission of the offen
 - (b) where the offence is not committed, to a punishment which is half the punishment for the offen

Escape or aiding and abetting escape.

- 28. Any person who—
- (a) being in lawful custody of the Agency, escapes; or
- (b) aids, facilitates or abets the escape of a person in lawful custody of the Agency, or suspected to hat committed an offence under any of the provisions of this Act commits an offence and is liable conviction to imprisonment for a term of 5 years.

Attempt to commit an officer under this Act.

29. Any person who attempts to commit any offence under this Act is liable on conviction to half in punishment for the offence.

Where evidence establishes an attempt to commit an offence or the Commission of the full offence.

- 30.-(1) Where a person is charged with any of the offences under this Act and the evidence establishes attempt to commit that offence, he may be convicted of having attempted to commit the offence ϵ shall be liable on conviction to half the punishment for the offence.
- (2) Where a person is charged with an attempt to commit an offence under this Act, but the evider establishes the commission of the full offence, the offender shall not be entitled to acquittal but shall convicted for the commission of the offence as provided under this Act.

Offence by a Body Corporate.

- 31.-(1) Where an offence under this Act committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed the instigation or with the connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, a Direct Manager, Secretary of the Body Corporate or any person purported to act in any such capacity, officer shall be liable on conviction to the same punishment provided under this Act for individu committing the offence.
- (2) Where a body corporate is convicted of an offence under this Act, it shall be liable to a fine of N 000,000.00 and the Court may issue an order to wind-up the body corporate and its Assets a Properties transferred to the Victims Of Trafficking Trust Fund.
- (3) Nothing contained in subsections (1) and (2) of this Section shall render any person liable to a punishment if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

- 32.-(1) A person who unlawfully-
 - (a) obstructs the Agency or any authorized officer of the Agency in the exercise of any of the pow conferred on the Agency by this Act; or
 - (b) fails to comply with any lawful enquiry or requirements made by any authorized officer accordance with the provisions of this Act, commits an offence and is liable on conviction imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or a fine of N250,000.00 or to both.
- (2) A person who unlawfully-
 - refuses any officer of the Agency access to any premises, or fails to submit to a search by a pers authorized to search him under this Act;
 - (b) assaults, or obstructs any officer of the Agency or any person authorized by the Agency in texecution of his duty under this Act; or
 - (c) fails to produce, conceals or attempts to conceal from an officer of the Agency any bo document, information storage system or article in relation to which such officer has reasona grounds to believe or suspect that an offence under this Act or any other law prohibit trafficking in persons and protection of children has been or is being committed, or which liable to seizure under this Act, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonm for a term not exceeding 5 years or to a fine of not less than N250,000.00 or to both.

Impersonation or assumption of character of an officer of the Agency.

33. Any person who unlawfully assumes the name, character or designation of an officer of the Agenc commits an offence under this Act and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceed 5 years without an option of fine.

Tampering with evidence and witness.

- 34. A person who tampers with-
- (a) a witness by intimidation, threats, blackmail, inducement or similar acts; or
- (b) evidence or exhibit by falsification, conversion, destruction or forgery, commits an offence under this and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to a fine not less the N250,000.00 or to both.
- 35.--(1) Every Airline Operator, Sea Vessel Operator, Commercial Carrier, Tour Operator and Travel Agent under obligation not to aid and abet, facilitate and promote—
 - (a) trafficking in persons; or
 - (b) pornography and exploitation in tourism;
- (2) Every Airline Operator, Sea Vessel Operator, Commercial Carrier, Tour Operator and Travel Agent st notify its clients of its obligation under subsection (1) of this Section.
- (3) Every Airline Operator, Sea Vessel Operator, Commercial Carrier, Tour Operator and Travel Agent required to-
 - (a) provide a clause in contracts with corresponding suppliers in destination Countries, requiring suppliers to comply with the obligations stated in subsections (1) and (2) of this Section;
 - (b) refrain from utilizing messages on printed materials, video or the internet that could suggest allude to behaviour incompatible with the objectives of this Act;
 - (c) inform their staff of their obligations under this Act; and
 - (d) include clauses regarding their obligations under this Act in their conditions of service.
- (4) Every airline operator, sea vessel operator, commercial carrier, tour operator and travel agent w violates the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this Section commits an offence and, in addition any other penalty provided in any other law or enactment, is liable on conviction to a fine not exceed N10, 000,000.00.

PART V--JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction to try offences under this Act.

36.-(1) The High Court shall have jurisdiction to try offences, hear and determine proceedings arising unit this Act.

- (2) Where any person is convicted of an offence under this Act, the Court in passing sentence shall, addition to any punishment which the Court may impose in respect of the offence, order the forfeiture the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund of any property, asset or fund with accrued interest, artic substance, device material or conveyance which has been used or facilitated the commission of offence or the proceed of any unlawful activity under this Act.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this Section, the penalty imposed on a pers convicted of an offence referred to in that subsection may be reduced in such manner as the Co deems fit where that person has, before any proceeding, made possible or facilitated the identificatior other accused persons and their sponsors or who, after the commencement of the proceedings, h made possible or facilitated the arrest of such persons.

Adoption of measures to avoid delays.

- 37.-(1) In any trial for an offence under this Act, the Court shall have power, notwithstanding anything the contrary in any other enactment, to adopt all legitimate measures that it may deem necessary avoid unnecessary delays and abuse in the conduct of proceedings.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, an application for stay proceedings in respect of any criminal matter brought under this Act shall not be entertained.

PART VI--FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Funds of the Agency.

- 38. (1) There shall be established for the Agency a fund from which all expenses incurred by the Agency the execution of its functions under this Act shall be paid.
- (2) There shall be credited to the Fund established under subsection (1) of this section-
 - (a) budgetary allocations approved by the National Assembly for the purpose of the Agency;
 - (b) such monies as may from time to time be lent, deposited with or granted to the Agency by f Government of the Federation, States or Local Governments;
 - (c) grants, gifts or donations from international organizations and donor agencies;
 - (d) charges, fees and other sums collected or received for services rendered by the Agency; and
 - (e) all other funds which may, from time to time, accrue to the Agency.
- (3) The Fund shall be managed in accordance with extant Financial Regulations applicable in the Pul Service.

Expenditures of the Agency.

- 39. The Agency may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the Fund for-
 - (a) the cost of administration of the Agency;
 - (b) the reimbursement of members of the Board or any Committee set up by the Board or a Agency for such expenses as may be authorized in accordance with the rates approved by Government of the Federation;
 - (c) the payment of salaries, fees and other remunerations or allowances, payable to members the Board, employees, experts or professionals appointed by the Agency;
 - (d) the maintenance of any property acquired or vested in the Agency; and
 - (e) any matter connected with an or any of the functions of the Agency under this Act.

Power to borrow and accept gifts.

- 40--(1) The Agency shall have power to borrow money from Banks on the recommendation of the Board a approval by the Minister of Finance.
- (2) The Agency may accept gifts of land, money or other property (whether within or outside Niger provided that the terms and conditions of the gift are not contrary to the objectives and functions of Agency under this Act.

Accounts and Audit.

41.--(1) The Agency shall keep proper records and accounts of its—

- (a) receipts, payments, assets and liabilities; and
- (b) incomes and expenditure in a form which conforms with existing laws on accounts and audit .
- (2) The Agency shall submit the accounts annually for auditing by a qualified auditor from the list auditors and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

Annual Report.

42. The Agency shall, not later than 30th September in each year, submit to the President through Minister, a report of its activities during the immediate preceding year and shall include in such rep the audited accounts of the Agency.

PART VII--SEARCH, ARREST AND SEIZURE

- 43. (1) An officer of the Agency or a duly authorized law enforcement officer may apply ex-parte to the Co for the issuance of a warrant for the purposes of conducting an investigation under this Act.
- (2) The Court may issue a warrant authorizing an officer of the Agency or any law enforcement officer to-
 - (a) enter the premises or conveyance specified or described in the warrant;
 - (b) search the premises or conveyance and any person found therein; and
 - (c) seize and retain any relevant material found therein.
- (3) The Court shall not issue a warrant under subsection (2) of this Section unless the Court is satisf that-
 - (a) the warrant is sought to prevent the commission of an offence under this Act or to prevent interference in an investigation under this Act, or for the purpose of a trafficking in perso investigation;
 - (b) there are reasonable grounds for believing that there is a person or material on the premior conveyance which may be relevant to the investigation; or
 - (c) the person being sought is preparing to commit an offence under this $\operatorname{\mathsf{Act}}$.

Investigation or search without Warrant.

- 44. (1) Where in a case of verifiable urgency, or a life is threatened, or to prevent the commission of offence provided under this Act, an application to the Court or to a Judge in Chambers to obtain warrant would cause delay that may be prejudicial to the maintenance of public safety or order, officer of the Agency or a law enforcement officer may, without prejudice to the provisions of sect 43 of this Act or any other law with the assistance of such other officers as may be necessary ε while search warrant is being sought for-
- enter and search any premises or place if he has reason to suspect that, within those premises, pla or conveyance-
 - (i) an offence under this Act is being committed or likely to be committed :
 - (ii) there is evidence of the commission of an offence under this Act; or
 - (iii) there is an urgent need to prevent the commission of an offence under this Act:,
 - (b) search any person or conveyance found on any premises or place which such officer empowered to enter and search under paragraph (a) of this subsection;
 - (c) require information from and attendance of any person, beneficiary or any person connected any way in a matter under investigation:
 - (d) inspect computer systems, recorded information, electronic devices or accessories or any st device found on the premises;
 - (e) observe the carrying on of business or professional activities by any person;
 - (f) stop, board and search any conveyance where the Agency or its authorised officer h reasons to suspect that there is evidence of the commission or likelihood of the commission an offence under this Act;
 - (g) seize, remove and detain anything which is, or contains or appears to him to be or to contain to be likely to contain, evidence of the commission of an offence under this Act: or
 - (h) arrest, search and detain any person whom the officer reasonably suspects of having commit or likely to commit an offence under this Act.

- (2) Where a seizure is effected in the course of search or investigation under this Act, a copy of the list and the articles, documents and other materials seized shall be made, duly endorsed and handed the—
 - (a) person on whom the search is made; or
 - (b) owner of the premises, place or conveyance seized.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this Section, a woman shall only be searched by woman.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as derogating from the lawful right of any person in defence his person or property.
- (5) Any officer of the Agency or a duly authorized law enforcement officer who uses such force as may reasonably necessary for any purpose in accordance with this Act, shall not be liable in any criminal civil proceeding, for having, by the use of reasonable force, caused injury or death to any person damage to or loss of any property.

Video recording and custody of records.

- 45.- (1) A video or other audio-visual recording may be made and kept in respect of any person, conveyar or property detained under any provision of this Act as may be required by the Agency.
- (2) Records in respect of any person, conveyance or property detained under any provision of this Act sl be kept in the custody of the Agency.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of the Evidence Act, a video recording and other forms of electronic evider shall be admissible in evidence before any Court of competent jurisdiction in Nigeria for offences until this Act.
- (4) In a trial for any offence under this Act, the Court may receive testimony by video-link or such electro medium, provided the witness testifying by such means may be cross-examined.

Protection of informants and information.

46. Where a person volunteers to the Agency or an official of the Agency any information which may useful in the investigation or prosecution of an offence under this Act, the Agency shall take reasonable measures to protect the identity of that person and the information so volunteered shall treated as confidential.

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- 47.- (1) The Court may, on a motion by or on behalf of the Minister, Witness Agency or a law enforcemagency, protect a witness or other persons protection in any proceeding before it.
- (2) Where the Court is satisfied that the life of the witness or any other person is in danger, the Court in on its own, take such measures as it deems necessary and expedient to keep the identity and address of the witness secret.
- (3) The measures which the court may take under subsection (1) of this section may include the-
 - (a) holding of the proceeding at a place to be decided by the Court;
 - (b) avoidance of the mention of the real name and address of the witness in its orde judgments or records of the case, which are accessible to the public; or
 - (c) issuing of a direction for ensuring that the identity and address of the witness are not disclosed
- (4) The Court may also decide, in the public interest, that all or any of the proceedings pending before to Court shall not be published in any manner.
- (5) The Court may in the interest of public safety or order, exclude from proceedings for any offence unithis Act, any person other than the parties and their legal representatives.

(6) A person who contravenes an order or direction made under this section, commits an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 5 years.

PART VIII--ATTACHMENT AND FORFEITURE OF ASSETS

Forfeiture of Passport.

48. The passport of any Nigerian convicted of an offence under this Act shall be forfeited to the Fede Government, and such forfeited passport shall be handed over to the Nigeria Immigration Service appropriate action, and shall not be returned to that person unless the President directs otherwise, at the grant of a pardon on the exercise of prerogative of mercy under the Constitution of the Fede Republic of Nigeria.

Forfeiture of assets after Conviction.

- 49.-- (1) A person convicted of an offence under this Act shall forfeit to the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund
 - (a) all the asset and property which are the subject of an interim attachment order of the Court af an attachment by the Agency as specified in Section 55 of this Act;
 - (b) any asset or property derived from any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly not alreadisclose in the Declaration of Assets Form specified in Form of the Second Schedule to this Act not subject of an interim attachment order; and
 - (c) any property or instrumentality used in any manner to commit or to facilitate the commission such offence not already disclosed in the Declaration of Assets Form or not subject of an Interaction attachment order.
- (2) The court, in imposing a sentence on any person under this Act shall in addition to any other senter imposed under this Act, order that the person forfeits to the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund properties described in subsection (1) of this Section.
- (3) In this section, "proceeds" means any property derived or obtained, directly or indirectly, through commission of an offence under this Act.

Foreign assets.

- 50. (1) Where it is established that any convicted person has assets Foreign or properties in a foreign count acquired as a result of any of the offences assets under this Act, such assets or properties subject any treaty or arrangement with such foreign country, shall be forfeited to the Victims of Traffick Trust Fund.
- (2) The Agency shall, through the Office of the Minister, ensure that the forfeited assets or properties in effectively transferred and vested in the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund.

51.--(1) Any property-

- (a) whether real or personal, which represents the gross receipts which a person obtains directly indirectly as a result of the violation of this Act or which is traceable to such gross receipts; a
- (b) within Nigeria which represents the proceeds of an offence under the laws of a foreign coun within whose jurisdiction such offence or activity would be punishable by imprisonment for a te exceeding 1 year and which would be punishable by imprisonment under this Act if such act activity had occurred within Nigeria.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of any other law permitting the forfeiture of property, the follow shall also be subject to forfeiture under this Act and no proprietary right shall exist in them-
 - (a) all means of conveyance, including vehicles or vessels which are used or are intended for use transport or, in any manner, facilitate trafficking of any person provided that a means conveyance-
 - used by any person in the transaction of business as a common carrier shall not be forfeir
 under this section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of su
 means of conveyance was a consenting party or privy to a violation of this Act;
 - (ii) shall not be forfeited under this section by reason of any act established by the owner have been committed by any person other than that owner while such means conveyance was unlawfully in the possession of a person other than the owner in violat of the criminal laws of Nigeria or any part thereof; and
 - (iii) shall not be forfeited under this section to the extent of an interest of an owner, by reas of any act established by that owner to have been committed without the knowled consent or wilful connivance of that owner;

- (b) all monies, negotiable instruments, securities or other things of value furnished or intended to furnished by any person in exchange for any violation of this Act or all proceeds traceable to su an exchange, and all monies, negotiable instruments and securities used or intended to be us to facilitate any violation of this Act; and
- (c) all real property, including any right, title and interest (including any leasehold interest) in the whole or any piece or parcel of land and any improvements or appurtenances which are used intended to be used, in any manner or part to commit or facilitate the commission of an offer under this Act.

Seizure of property.

- 52.-- (1) Seizure of any property subject to forfeiture under this Act may be effected by the Agency wh the-
 - (a) seizure is incidental to an arrest or search; or
 - (b) property is liable to forfeiture upon process issued by the Court following an application made the Agency in accordance with the prescribed rules.
- (2) Whenever property is seized under any of the provisions of this Act, the Agency may-
 - (a) place the property under seal; or
 - (b) remove the property to a place designated by the Agency .
- (3) Property taken or detained under this section shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Agency subj only to the order of the Court.

Investigation of Assets and Properties of an arrested person.

- 53.--(1) Where a person is arrested or is under investigation for an offence under this Act, the Agency sl immediately trace and attach all the assets and properties of the person acquired as a result of t offence.
- (2) Where an asset or property of any person arrested under this Act is to be attached, the Agency sl apply to the Court for an interim attachment order subject to the provisions of section 55 of this Act.

Disclosure of Assets and Property by an arrested person.

Second schedule.

- 54.--(1) Where a person is arrested for committing an offence under this Act, it shall be obligatory for a person to make full disclosure of all his assets and properties by completing the Declaration of Ass Form as specified in Form 1 of the Second Schedule to this Act.
- (2) The disclosures made in the Declaration of Assets Form shall be investigated by the Agency.
- (3) Any person who-
 - (a) knowingly fails to make full disclosure of his assets and liabilities;
 - (b) knowingly makes a declaration that is false; or
 - (c) fails, neglects or refuses to make a declaration or furnish any information required, in Declaration of Assets Form, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment fo term of 2 years.

Interim attachment order after Seizure of Property.

55. Where any asset or property has been seized by the Agency under this Act, the Agency shall, cause application to be made to the Court for an interim attachment order and the Court shall, if satisfied t there is a prima facie evidence that the property concerned is liable to forfeiture, make an inter attachment order.

- 56. Where an arrested person is convicted of an offence under this Act, the Agency or any authorized offi shall apply to the Court for a final order of forfeiture of the convicted person's assets and propert which are-
 - (a) already subject to an interim attachment order;
 - (b) derived from any proceeds the person obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such offer not already disclosed in the Declaration of Assets Form and not subject to interim order; and
 - (c) any property or instrumentality used in any manner to commit or to facilitate the commission such offence not already disclosed in the Declaration of Assets Form.

Disposal of Forfeited Property.

- 57.--(1) A copy of final Court order forfeiting the asset and property of a person convicted under this Act shape forwarded to the Agency.
- (2) Upon receipt of the final court order under this section, the Director-General shall take steps to dispo of the property concerned by sale or otherwise and where the property is sold, the proceeds shall paid into the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund.
- (3) Where any part of the property included in the final court order is money in a bank or any financ institution or in the possession of any person, the Agency shall cause a copy of the order to be product and served on the manager or any person in control of the head office or branch of the bank concert and that manager or person shall pay over the money to the Agency and the Agency shall pay money received into the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund.
- (4) The Minister may make rules, guidelines or regulations for assets forfeiture, disposal and managemunder this Act.

Offences in relation to Forfeiture Orders.

- 58.--(1) A person who, without due authorization by the Agency, deals with, sells or otherwise disposes any property or asset which is the subject of attachment, seizure, interim attachment order or fi forfeiture order; commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term c years without an option of fine.
- (2) Any manager or person in control of the head office or branch of a bank or other financial institution w fails to pay over any money to the Agency upon the production of a final forfeiture order commits offence under this Act and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 1 y without an option of fine.

Consequences of an acquittal in respect of confiscated Assets and Property.

- 59. (1) Where a person is discharged or acquitted by a Court of an offence under this Act, the Coumay make an order of revocation or confirmation, as the case may be, of an interim attachment or made under this Act whichever order is considered just, appropriate or reasonable within incircumstances.
- (2) The property may be attached where a discharge is merely given on technical grounds.
- Where an interim order is revoked by a Court under subsection (1) of this section, all assets ϵ properties of the person concerned shall be released by the Agency.

Freezing Order on Banks or other Financial Institutions.

- 60.-(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment, where a person is arrested or uninvestigation for an offence under this Act, the Director-General may, if satisfied that the money in account of an arrested person is made through the commission of an offence under this Act, apply the High Court ex parte for an order authorizing the Agency to issue or instruct a bank examiner such other appropriate regulatory authority to issue an order as specified in Form 2 of the Secc Schedule to this Act, addressed to the authority of the bank or financial institution where the accounts or believed to be domiciled or the head office of the bank or other financial institution, to freeze accounts.
- (2) The Director-General or bank examiner may, by an order issued under subsection (1) of this section by any subsequent order, direct the bank or other financial institution to supply any information a produce books and documents relating to the account and to stop all outward payments, operations transactions (including any bill of exchange) in respect of the account of the arrested person or a persunder investigation.

- (3) The manager or any other person in control of the bank or a financial institution shall take necess steps to comply with the requirements of the order made under subsections (1) and (2) of this section
- (4) In this section—
 - (a) "bank" has the meaning given to it in the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, CAP Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 as amended ; and
 - (b) "order" refers to any order, direction or requirement addressed to the manager of a bank or ε other officer of a bank which directs or purports to direct the manager or such officer to stop outward payment, operations or transactions in respect of any account with that bank.

PART IX--TREATMENT OF TRAFFICKED PERSONS

Treatment of Trafficked persons.

- 61. The Agency shall ensure that-
- (a) a trafficked person is not subjected to discriminatory treatment on account of race, colour, gender, s
 age, language, religion, political or other opinion, cultural beliefs or practices, national, ethnic or so
 origin, property, birth or other status, including his status as a victim of trafficking or having worked
 the sex industry;
- (b) a trafficked person has access to adequate health and other social services during the period temporary residence;
- (c) a trafficked person has access to the embassy or, consulate of the country of which he is a citizen where there is no embassy or consulate, has access to the diplomatic representative of the State t takes charge of the country's interest or any national to protect him;
- (d) a trafficked person is able to return home safely, if he wishes and when he is able to do so;
- (e) a trafficked person is not denied temporary residence visas during the pendency of any criminal, civil other legal action;
- (f) investigation, detection, gathering and interpretation of evidence are conducted in such a manner as minimize intrusion into the personal history of a trafficked person;
- (g) the identity of a person trafficked is protected;
- (h) the use of any person's history of being trafficked to discriminate or cause harm to such person, family or his friends in any way whatsoever, particularly with regards to freedom of movement, marria or search for gainful employment is prohibited;
- (i) it takes steps to maintain and rehabilitate facilities provided for trafficked persons; and
- a trafficked person and his family are protected from intimidation, threats, and reprisals from traffick
 and their associates including reprisals from persons in position of authority,

Non-detention or prosecution of a trafficked person in certain circumstance.

62. Where the circumstances so justify, trafficked persons shall not be detained or prosecuted for offenerelating to being a victim of trafficking, including non-possession of valid travel documents, use of false travel or other document.

Rights of a victim to information.

- 63. A victim of trafficking in person shall be provided with—
 - (a) information on relevant Court and administrative proceedings;

- (b) assistance to enable the victim's views and concerns to be presented and considered appropriate stages of criminal proceedings against the traffickers; and
- (c) counselling and information as regards victim's legal rights in a language that the victim of understand.

Establishment of Transit Shelter.

- 64. (1) There shall be established for the Agency Transit Shelters which shall be managed and supervised homes to cater for rescued trafficked persons particularly women and children.
- (2) The Transit Shelters shall be run by staff of the Agency with the aim of providing protection, assistan counseling, rehabilitation and training for the rescued victims to facilitate their reintegration into society.

Right to compensation or restitution.

- 65. (1) A trafficked person, irrespective of his immigration status is entitled to compensation, restitution a recovery for economic, physical and psychological damages which shall be assessed and paid out forfeited assets of the convicted trafficker.
- (2) Where an offender is convicted of an offence under this Act, the Court may order the offender to \$\mathref{\gamma}\$ compensation to the victim, in addition to any other punishment ordered by the Court.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a trafficked person has the right to institute civil act against a trafficker and any other person including a public officer who may have exploited or abused person provided that the amount awarded by the Criminal Court shall be taken into consideration in determination of the amount of compensation to be awarded in the civil suit.

Application of certain enactments.

- 66. The President may, by order published in the Gazette, extend the provisions of the—
- (a) Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters within the Commonwealth (Enhancement and Enforcement) A and
- (b) Transfer of Convicted Offenders (Enhancement and Enforcement) Act, to apply to any country outs the Commonwealth and accordingly the provisions of the Acts mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) this section shall have effect in their application to this Act.

PART X--VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING TRUST FUND

Establishment of Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund.

- 67.--(1) There is established for the Agency a Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund (in this Act referred to as "
 Trust Fund"), into which shall be paid-
 - (a) any take-off grant and special intervention funds as may be provided by the Federal Governmer
 - (b) Such moneys as may be appropriated to meet the objectives of the Trust Fund by the Natio Assembly;
 - (c) proceeds of the sale of assets and properties derived from acts which constitute an offence unthis Act;
 - (d) aids, grants, gifts, bequests, endowments, donations or assistance from bilateral and multi-late international agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, other donor agencies, partners and private sector:
 - (e) any other money which may accrue to the Trust Fund from time to time.
- (2) The sources of monies referred to in paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) of this section shall be acceptat to the Trust Fund by the Agency except where the terms and conditions attached to the aid, grant, g bequest, endowment or assistance are inconsistent with the objective of the Trust Fund or provisions of this Act.
- (3) The Minister shall make regulations and issue guidelines for the management of the Fund establish under sub-section (1) of this section and related matters,

- (4) The Trust Fund shall be utilized—
 - (a) to pay compensation, restitution and damages to trafficked persons; and
 - (b) to fund victim support services for trafficked persons.

Establishment of the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund Committee.

- 68. (1) There is established for the Trust Fund, the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund Committee (in this referred to as 'the Trust Fund Committee') which shall be constituted by the Minister subject to provisions of this Act.
- (2) The Committee shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, administer and have general control over the management of the Trust Fund.
- (3) The membership of the Trust Fund Committee shall consist of—
 - (a) the Minister who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) Director-General of the Agency;
 - (c) a representative of each of the following Federal Ministries and agencies—
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Women Affairs; and
 - (ii) National Directorate of Employment;
 - (d) a representative of Non-Governmental Organizations whose focus is on the eradication trafficking in persons and other related matters.
- (4) The Trust Fund Committee shall be responsible for--
 - managing all monies, aids, grants, gifts, bequests, endowments, donations or assistance accru to the Fund;
 - (b) soliciting for funds for the Trust Fund;
 - (c) approving monies from the Trust Fund to such victims of trafficking on criteria approved by the Committee:

Provided that where it is expedient, and subject to the approval of the Minister, the Director-Gene shall have power to disburse monies, not exceeding **N**500,000.00 to a victim;

- (5) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (6) of this Section, a member of the Committee shall hold off for a term of 3 years in the first instance and may be eligible for reappointment for another term o years and no more.
- (6) A member of the Trust Fund Committee shall cease to hold office if he-
 - (a) resigns his appointment by notice in writing;
 - (b) becomes of unsound mind;
 - (c) becomes bankrupt or makes compromise with his creditors;
 - (d) is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty; or
 - (e) is guilty of misconduct in relation to his duties.
- (7) The Trust Fund Committee—
 - (a) shall meet at least twice in a year and on such other occasions as it may consider necessary;
 - (b) may make rules and standing orders to regulate its proceedings or those of its Committee;
 - (c) may co-opt any person to assist it in carrying out its assignments under this Act, but a co-opt member shall not have the right to vote at Trust Fund Committee's meetings; and
 - (d) may appoint one or more sub-committees to carry out its functions on its behalf.

PART XI--MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE, EXCHANGE OF INFORMTION AND EXTRADITION

Requests from Foreign States.

69.-(1) A foreign State may make a request to the Minister for assistance in the investigation and prosecut of offences under this Act.

- (2) A copy of such request shall be furnished to the Agency.
- (3) Where a foreign State makes a request for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of an offer relating to trafficking in persons, the Minister may, after due consideration-
 - (a) execute the request; or
 - (b) inform the requesting State of any reason for—
 - (i) not executing the request; or
 - (ii) delaying the execution of the request.
- (4) Where the Minister decides to execute a request for assistance under sub-section (1) of this Section, ε directs the Agency to so act, the Agency may apply for-
 - (a) an order for the Agency to—
 - (i) enter and search specified premises or conveyance;
 - (ii) search any specified person; or
 - (iii) remove any relevant document or material;
 - (b) a seizure order;
 - (c) a property tracing order;
 - (d) an interception of communication order; or
 - (e) an order for freezing or forfeiture of property or funds in such manner as may be prescribed the Court or Judge in Chambers.
- (5) The Court or Judge in Chambers, in making an order under sub-section (4) of this Section, may imposuch conditions as to payment of debts, sale, compensation of victims, transfer or disposal of a property as the Court deems fit.
- (6) Where a prima facie case is established on the basis of the request from a foreign State, the Minis shall file a request for an order of forfeiture of all funds or properties used, being used or intended to used for the commission of an offence under this Act and the Court shall grant or reject the applicat for an order of forfeiture after hearing from all parties, including a bona fide third party.
- 70. (1) The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Agency, make a request to any foreign State for-
 - (a) for evidence or information relevant to an offence under this Act; or
 - (b) the restraint and forfeiture of any fund or property located in that foreign State and which is lia to be forfeited for being a fund, property or other assets belonging to, in possession or under control of, a person suspected to have committed an offence or convicted of an offence that used, being used or intended to be used for the commission.
- (2) The Minister may, in respect of any proceeding for an offence, under this Act, apply to the Court or t Judge in Chambers for an order directed to any person resident in a foreign State to-
 - (a) deliver himself or any document or material in his possession or under his control to jurisdiction of the Court; or
 - (b) subject to the approval of the foreign State, deliver himself to the jurisdiction of the Court of t foreign State for the purpose of giving evidence in relation to those proceedings.

Evidence pursuant to a request.

- 71. (1) The evidence taken under section 70 of this Act, in any proceeding in a Court of a foreign State, m if it is authenticated, be admissible in any proceeding to which such evidence relates provided that circumstances and method of collecting the evidence is normally acceptable to Nigeria.
- (2) For the purpose of sub-section (1) of this section, a document is authenticated if it is—
 - (a) signed or certified by a Judge or Magistrate of the foreign State;
 - (b) authenticated by the oath or affirmation of a witness; or
 - (c) sealed with an official or public seal--
 - (i) of a Ministry or Department of the Government of the foreign State, or

in the case of a territory, protectorate or colony, of the person administering Government of the foreign territory, protectorate or colony or a department of territory, protectorate or colony.

Form of request.

(ii)

- 72.--(1) A request under this Part of this Act shall be in writing, Form of dated and signed by or on behall the person making the request.
- (2) A request may be transmitted by facsimile or by any other electron device or means.
- (3) A request shall—
 - (a) confirm either that an investigation or prosecution is being conducted in respect of a suspect offence of trafficking or an act related to trafficking or that a person has been convicted of offence of trafficking or act related to trafficking;
 - (b) state the grounds on which any person is being investigated or prosecuted for an offen related to trafficking or details of the conviction of the person;
 - (c) give sufficient particulars of the identity of the person;
 - (d) give sufficient particulars to identify any financial institution or designated non-financ institution or other persons believed to have information, documents or materials which may of assistance to the investigation or prosecution;
 - (e) specify the manner in which and to whom any information, document or material obtain pursuant to the request is to be produced;
 - (f) specify the information, document or material to be obtained from a financial Institution designated non-financial institution or any person which may assist the investigation prosecution;
 - (g) state whether . . .
 - (i) a freezing or forfeiture order is required; or
 - (ii) the property may be made the subject of such an order; and
 - (h) contain such other information as may assist in the execution of the request.
- (4) A request shall not be invalidated for the purposes of this Act or any legal proceeding by failure comply with the provisions of sub-section (3) of this Section where the Minister is satisfied that there sufficient compliance to enable him execute the request.
- (5) The Minister of finance shall, on the advice of the Minister where he considers it appropriate, eith because an international arrangement so requires or permits or it is in the public interest may af deducting the cost incurred for actions taken in Nigeria, order that any part of any property forfeir under this Act or the value thereof, be returned or remitted to the requesting State.
- (6) Where the whole or any part of the forfeited property, or the value thereof is retained in Nigeria, it she paid into the Victims Trust Fund.

Extradition.

- 73.--(1) Offences under this Act are considered to be extraditable crimes for which extradition may requested, granted or obtained under the Extradition Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) of this Section, no person shall be extradited unthis Act, where the Government has substantial grounds for believing that a request for extradition an offence has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person on account of the person's race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin or political opinion or that compliance with the requirements projudice to that person's position for any of these reasons.
- 74.-(1) The Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, on a request made by the appropriate author of a foreign state, disclose to that authority any information in its possession or any other government relating to-
 - (a) the actions or movements of human trafficking organised criminal groups or persons suspected involvement in the preparation or the commission of human trafficking acts;
 - (b) the use of forged or falsified travel papers by persons suspected of involvement in preparation or the commission of human trafficking acts; or
 - (c) the use of communication technologies by human trafficking organised criminal groups.

Where the Agency considers that there are no means or conditions under which the informatic documents or evidence requested could be provided, disclosed or given without prejudice to national security of Nigeria, the Agency may refuse the request for the production of such document the disclosure of such evidence or refuse the authorization of the production of such document or disclosure of such information and shall notify the requesting Authority of the reasons for doing unless the specification of those reasons would in itself be, in the opinion of the Agency, prejudicial the national security of Nigeria.

PART XII---MISCELLANEOUS

Power of the Minister to give directives of general character to the Agency.

- 75.--(1) The Minister may, from time to time, give general policy guidelines to the Agency.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) of this Section, the Minister may give to the Agei directives of a general or specific nature relating generally to a particular matter or case, as the camay be.
- (3) The Agency shall comply with any policy guidelines or any directive given to it by the Minister under su section (1) or (2) of this Section.

Power to make Regulation.

- 76.-(1) The Minister may make rules or regulations with respect to the exercise of any of the duties, function, powers of the Agency under this Act,
- (2) The contravention of any regulation issued under any of the provisions of this Act shall constitute offence and shall be punishable as prescribed in the particular regulation.
- (3) The Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations as it deems necessary or expedi for giving full effect to the provisions of this Act.

Pre-action Notice.

- 77. (1) No civil action shall be commenced against the Agency or its authorised officers before the expiration a period of 30 days after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on t Agency by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and the notice shall clearly state the-
 - (a) cause of action;
 - (b) particulars of the claim;
 - (c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
 - (d) relief sought.
- (2) The notice referred to in sub-section (1) of this Section and any summons, or other docume required or authorized to be served on the Agency under this Act or any other enactment or law, may served by-
 - (a) delivering it to the Agency; or
 - (b) sending it by registered mail to the postal address of the Agency.

Restriction on execution against property of the Agency.

78. In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution shall be levied or attachment process issuagainst the Agency unless at least three months notice of the intention to execute or attach has be given to the Agency.

Indemnity of officers of the Agency.

79. A member of the Board, Director-General, officer on employee of the Agency shall be indemnified out the assets of the Agency against any proceeding brought against him in his capacity as a member of Board, Director-General, officer or employee of the Agency where the act complained of is not ultra vi his powers.

- 80.-(1) The Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2003 as amended hereby repealed.
- (2) Without prejudice to section 6 of the Interpretation Act, the repeal of the Act specified in sub-sect (1) of this Section, shall not affect anything done under the Act.
- (3) Every regulation, order, requirement, certificate, notice, direction, decision, authorization, conse application, request or things made, issued, given or done under the repealed Act shall, if in force at commencement of this Act, continue to be in force and have effect as if made, issued, given or do under the corresponding provisions of this Act.
- (4) All assets, funds, resources and other movable and immovable property which, immediately before commencement of this Act vested in the former Agency shall, by virtue of this Act and without furtile assurance, be vested in the Agency established under section 2 of this Act.
- (5) Every reference to the former Agency, Board, Minister, Executive Secretary, Board Chairman or a person under their control or a document issued in the name of the former Agency, Board, Minist Executive Secretary, Chairman of the former Board or employee of the former Agency shall be re unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to the Agency, Minister, Board, Director-Gener Chairman, or an employee of the Agency established under this Act, as the case may be.

Transitional Provisions.

- 81.--(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Executive Secretary of the Agency established under repealed Act is deemed to have been transferred to the Agency established under this Act under same conditions as Director-General.
- (2) Any person who immediately before the commencement of this Act was a staff of the Agei established under the repealed Act shall continue in office and be deemed to have been appointed unthis Act for purposes of pension.
- (3) Properties held immediately before the commencement date of this Act on behalf of the National Ager for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons by any person shall, by virtue of this Act, be vested in the Ager established under this Act
- (4) The Agency established in section 2 of this Act shall be subject to all the obligations and liabilities which the former National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons was subject immediat before the commencement of this Act and all other persons shall have the same rights, powers a remedies against the Agency established by this Act as they had against the Agency immediately before the commencement of this Act.
- (5) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this by or against the Agency established under the repealed Act in respect of any right, interest, obligat or liability of the Agency may be continued or commenced, as the case may be, and any determinat of a court of law, tribunal or other commission or person may be enforced by or against the Agen established by this Act to the same extent that such proceeding, cause of action or determination minave been continued, commenced or enforced by or against the Agency as if this Act had not be made.
- (6) As from the commencement of this Act, any disciplinary proceeding pending or existing against a employee of the Agency shall be continued and completed by the Agency established under this Act.

Interpretation.

82. In this Act-

"Agency" means the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons established unsection 2 of this Act;

"Assets" means items of ownership convertible into cash, total resources of person or business, as cas notes and accounts receivable, securities, inventories, goodwill, fixtures, machinery or real estate;

"attachment" includes forfeiture or the permanent deprivation of property by order of a Court;

"brothel" includes any enclosure, house, premises, hotel, restaurant, drinking place, vessel, stationary moving receptacle where a person offers the body commonly for acts of lewdness and sexu gratification;

"child" means a person under the age of 18 years;

"commercial carriers" means any person or any public, private or other entity engaged in transport persons, goods or mails for remuneration, hire or any other benefit;

"Director-General" means the Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of the Agency appoint under Section 8 (1) of this Act;

"export" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions means to take or cause to be talout of Nigeria;

"exploitation" includes, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms sexual exploitation, deprivation of the offspring of any person, forced labour or services or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs;

"exploitative labour" includes the use of a child's labour for the monetary, commercial or economi interest of the recruiter and the receiver;

"financial or other material benefit" includes any type of financial or non-financial inducement, paymer bribe, reward, advantage or service (including sexual or other services);

"Freezing" means temporarily prohibiting the transfer, conversion, disposal or movement of money assets or temporarily assuming custody or control of money or assets;

"force" or "coercion" includes obtaining or maintaining through act of threat the labour, service, or ot activities of a person by physical, legal, psychological or mental coercion, or abuse of authority;

"grievous harm" means any harm which amounts to a maim or dangerous harm or which seriously permanently injures health, or which is likely so to injure health, or which extends to permandisfigurement or to any permanent or serious injury to any external or internal organ, member sense;

"High Court" means Federal High Court, the High Court of a State or the High Court of the Fede Capital Territory;

"import" with its grammatical variation and cognate expressions means to bring or cause to brought into Nigeria;

"Minister" means the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice;

"person" means a natural person and a legal entity;

"President" means the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic Nigeria;

"sexual exploitation" means the participation by a person in prostitution, sexual servitude, or in production of pornographic materials as a result of being subjected to a threat, coercion, abduction force, abuse of authority, debt bondage or fraud;

"slave" means a person who is held in bondage whose life, liberty, freedom and property are unabsolute control of someone;

"smuggling of persons" means arranging or assisting a person's illegal entry into any country of wh the person is not a citizen or permanent resident, including Nigeria, either knowing or being reckless to the fact that the person's entry is illegal, in order to obtain a financial or other material benefit;

"trafficking or traffic in persons" means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or rece of persons by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, decepti the abuse of power of a position of vulnerability or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits achieve the consent of a person having control over another person or debt bondage for the purpo of placing or holding the person whether for or not in involuntary servitude (domestic, sexual reproductive) in forced or bonded labour, or in slavery-like conditions, the removal of organs generally for exploitative purposes;

"trafficked person" means a victim of trafficking in persons;

"trafficker" includes a person or an entity that commits or is in the process of committing, aids, abe facilitates or acquiesces to an act of trafficking in persons;

"transit shelter" means shelter established by the Agency for the purpose of receiving, caring f rehabilitating and re-integrating into society, victims of human trafficking;

"Trust Fund" means the Victims Trust Fund established under section 67 (1) of this Act:

"Trust Fund Committee" means the Victims of Trafficking Trust Fund Committee established unsection 68 (1) of this Act; and

"victim" means a victim of trafficking in persons.

Citation.

83. This Act may be cited as the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration A 2015.

FIRST SCHEDULE - Section 3(4)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

Proceedings

- (1) The Board shall, for the purpose of this Act, meet at least three times in each year.
- (2) Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is unable attend any particular meeting, a member may be appointed by the members present to act as Chairm for that particular meeting.
- (3) A quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be one-third.
- (4) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required do so by notice given to him by at least five members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (5) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may opt him to the Board for such period as it deems fit but a person who is a member by virtue of t sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count toward quorum.

Committees

- (1) The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, its functions unthis Act as the Board may determine.
- (2) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessa members of the Board as may be determined by the Board) and a person other than a member of t Board shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) A decision of a Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

Miscellaneous

- (1) The fixing of the seal of the Agency shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Secret or any other person authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board.
- (2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, wo not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the Chairma Secretary or any person generally or specifically authorized to act for the purpose by the Board.
- (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 49 (1)(b) and 54 (2)

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (PROI1IBITION) ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ACT, 2015 DECLARATION OF ASSETS FORM

To be completed in TRIPLICATE and in BLOCK LETTERS or typed.

All available information should be included

IMPORTANT: it is an offence punishable by 10 years imprisonment under the Act -

- A. (i) knowingly fail to make full disclosure of your assets and liabilities.
 - (ii) knowingly make a declaration that is false.
 - (iii) fail, to answer any question contained in this Form.
 - (iv) fail, neglect or refuse to make a declaration or furnish any information required,
- B. (i) Each item to be completed. If it does not apply, the person affected must write "nil" or "none" in the space. Where necessary an extra sheet or sheets may be used and attached to this form by the person affected.

11/1/2017 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (PROHIBITION) ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ACT, 2015 - LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 1...

To the Director-General of the NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF TRAFFICKING PERSONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (NAPTIP) I, being accused of an offence Surname Other Ιf Place Nationality Local Occupation Present Date State Home death State Name of Birth of Birth of Origin Government Address Addres Date of Death (b) (a) (b) NOW At Birth NOW At Birth .. Different Declaration 2. Spouse 3. Father 4. Mother 5. Brother (i) (ii) (iii) 6. Sisters (i) (ii) (iii) 7. Dependant Relative Uncle Aunt Next of kin Name in Full Address Occupation Nationality 8. Associate Persons (i) (ii) (iii) (a) Alien Registration 9. Aliens (a) State (b) if Naturalized Certificate No. Primary School 10. Schools attended with dates School Secondary, University Qualification et. 11. Amount held in own account: (i) Cash in hand.....

Cash at Bank.....

(ii)

Estate in which you are interested as trustee or beneficially interested

Land; $http://www.lawnigeria.com/Lawsofthe Federation/Trafficking-in-persons-(Prohibition-and-Enforcement), -Administration-Act, -2015. \\ html$

Building;

Cash in hand;

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	(iv) Buildings;
	(v) Other property, (if any).
	Signature of Defendant
	Signature and Address of Witness
	FORM 2
	FREEZING ORDER
	Section
	(This form may be amended according to circumstances)
	1. To the Manager (Here insert name and branch Banks)
	Under the authority conferred on me by section
	(a) To supply the following information relating to the under mentioned accounts, that is say
	(b) To produce the books and documents relating to the under mentioned accounts, that is
	say
	(c) To stop all onward payments, operations or transactions (including bills of exchange) as far as possi in the ordinary course of banking in respect of the following accounts: (Here indicate in accounts)
	2. This order shall cease to have effect after the day of 20
	DATED thisDay of20
	Director-General/Bank Examiner

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