

NIGERIA LABOUR CONGRESS (DISSOLUTION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL) DECREE 1994



Decree No. 9

[18th August, 1994] Commencement.

WHEREAS the Nigeria Labour Congress (hereinafter referred to as the "Congress") has of recent and intermittently embarked on, and has persistently kept threatening to call for, nation-wide strike actions over political matters and used the Congress fund to carry out same contrary to clear provisions and objects as contained in its constitution and enabling law.

AND WHEREAS the Congress embarked on the said strike action without the endorsement of its constituent affiliates contrary to its constitution and its declaration did not follow the prescribed Industrial Dispute Resolution Processes.

AND WHEREAS the Congress strikes have been calculated to sabotage a vital and essential sector of the economy and indeed resulted in untold hardship to law-abiding citizens and wrecked incalculable damage to the economy contrary to the provisions of the Trade Disputes (Essential Services) Act.

NOW THEREFORE THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :

1. The National bodies of the Congress specified in the schedule to this Decree are hereby dissolved.

2 (1). The Minister of Employment, Labour and Productivity shall appoint an Administrator and Secretary to run the affairs of the Congress until such a time as the appropriate authority may direct otherwise.

(2) The Minister of Employment, Labour and Productivity shall specify the functions and powers of the administrator and secretary referred to in sub-section 1 of this section.

3 (1) Any person who, on the direction of the appropriate authority had on commencement of this Decree, acted in compliance with this Decree shall stand indemnified in respect thereof and no suit or any other proceedings whatsoever shall lie at the instance of any person aggrieved in respect of any act, matter or thing done or purported to be done in respect of such direction or compliance, and whether any such suit or other proceedings has been or is instituted in any court, it shall abate and be of no effect whatsoever.

Dissolution of Executive Council
Appointment of Administrator, etc

Indemnity and Exclusion of Proceedings.

(2) Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979 is hereby suspended for the purposes of this Decree and any question whether any provision hereof has been or is being or would be contravened by anything done or purported to be done in pursuance of this Decree shall not be inquired into in any court of law; and accordingly sections 219 and 259 of that Constitution shall not apply in relation to any such question.

In force from

4. In this Decree, appropriate authority means the Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Short title

5. This Decree may be cited as the Nigeria Labour Congress (Dissolution of National Executive Council) Decree 1994.

SCHEDULE

Name of bodies Dissolved

1. The National Executive Council of the Nigeria Labour Congress.
2. The Central Working Committee of the Nigeria Labour Congress.
3. Any other national body or committee by whatever name called in the Congress.

MADE at Abuja this 18th day of August, 1994.

GENERAL SANI ABACHA,
Head of State,

*Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*