

DECREE 1996



Decree No. 29

[23rd October 1996]

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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:-

1. As from the commencement of this Decree, no trade union registered under the Trade Unions Act, as amended, shall affiliate with any international labour organisation or trade secretariat except in accordance with the provisions of this Decree.

Prohibition of
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sations, etc.
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2. The Central Labour Organisation and all trade unions registered under the Trade Unions Act, as amended, shall cease to be affiliated to any international labour organisation or trade secretariat except as provided under this Decree.

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organisations.

3.-(1) The Central Labour Organisation and any trade union may affiliate with the bodies set out hereunder, that is -

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may be
permitted.

(a) the Organisation of African Trade Union Unity;

(b) the Organisation of Trade Unions for West Africa; and

(c) any other international labour organisation in respect of which a specific application has been made and approval given by the Provisional Ruling Council.

(2) If the Central Labour Organisation wishes to affiliate with an international labour organisation pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this section, it shall apply to the Minister in the appropriate manner stating such particulars as the Minister may, from time to time, specify.

4.-(1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Decree is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of ₦100,000 or to imprisonment for a term of five years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Where an offence under this section is committed by a trade union or association, it shall have its certificate revoked by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of the Trade Unions Act, as amended.

Interpretation.

5. In this Decree, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for trade unions matters.

Citation.

6. This Decree may be cited as the Trade Unions (International Affiliation) Decree 1996.

MADE at Abuja this 23rd day of October 1996.

GENERAL SANI ABACHA,
*Head of State, Commander-in-Chief
of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the above Decree but is intended to explain its purport)

This Decree specifies the international trade unions with which the Central Labour Organisation or any trade union may affiliate and provides the penalties for the contravention of its provisions.

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