

ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY

Motto: Security, Education & Agriculture.

MANIFESTO OF THE ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY (AGAP)

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CHAPTER 1 BUILDING A NEW NIGERIA

1. Preamble

We the **ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY** – a masses oriented political party of Nigeria, desirous of breaking the jinx of poverty and backwardness in our Nation, and after several deliberations and consultations, have resolved to bring about a stable polity and so therefore decided to put in place a mechanism and vehicle to ensure the emergence of a virile, ideological, patriotic and all-inclusive national political alliance to be known and addressed as the **ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY** (**AGAP**), for the necessary push to propel Nigeria through and beyond the 21st Century.

2. We Are Aware That:

- I. Nigeria is fast decaying by achieving depths of wretchedness and failure in virtually all facets of her national life except in few areas like our telecommunication. More worrisome is our political life which is evolving along tribal and religious lines making breakup of the country look imminent. Some countries of the world have even predicted this.
- ii. Our major problem is the failure to integrate our people. The preferences of the colonial officers led to some built-in structure of imbalance in Nigeria polity. The style of leadership in post independent Nigeria worsened the imbalance and introduced new distortions which include the enthronement of a bad quest for materialism, thievery and cheating, deception and falsehood and these have infested every facet of our national and private lives. Good

- moral values have completely disappeared.
- iii. God bestowed tremendous human and natural resources on Nigeria- many talents from many tribes, good climate, stable earth and fertile soil for our vegetation, abundant material resources are all surplus to her requirements to develop into a global super power;
- iv. The few privileged elites of our successive regimes have been unanimous in their undertaking to transform Nigerian into hell on earth through corrupt practices in the discharge of their duties. Poverty ravages the land, debases our humanity and endangers our existence as creation of God. Our vouths, from the best educated to the barely literate, immigrate to other lands ready to face the uncertain harsh future rather than remain trapped in certain misery if they make the choice to remain here in Nigeria. Some have become valuable assets to their adopted countries, but forever lost to Nigeria, some have turned to menial labor for survival while some others have become economic parasites, turning to various forms of crime and constituting constant embarrassment to Nigeria and her image.
- v. Many of our country men and women have been brainwashed and made to believe convincingly that Nigeria is not worth dying for and they have, therefore, decided to join the force which they believe they cannot beat. They have acquiesced and become accomplices before and after the facts and have given up hope on instituting good leadership

- again in Nigeria.
- vi. Hopes at every level are dashed be it in public or private lives with every successive regime since after our independence. The devastated conditions of our existence have merely become aggravated. It is therefore the resolve of the ALL GRAND ALLIANCE PARTY (AGAP), to UNDERTAKE the mandate of reversing the negative vices militating against the fortunes of our nation over the next four years and beyond, such that if sustained, Nigerian masses will once again see a nation they will be proud to call 'our country' and to which our legion of economic exiles presently scattered around the world will be proud to return to make a home and contribute.

3. We Absolutely Reject The Decay And Continuous <u>Drift To Disintegration As A Nation And Believe</u> That:-

- A new era of new morality and moral value that will bring about a New Nigeria is possible and must be pursued and accomplished with vigor and dedication.
- We can still re-launch Nigeria to accomplish her destiny and become a global super power and occupy a pride of place in the comity of nations of the world.
- iii. We can dethrone self-centered, fraudulent and corrupt leadership and enthrone God-fearing,

- selfless, knowledgeable, honest, principled and detribalized leadership.
- iv. With the square and round pegs put in their proper holes, power can still be returned to its owners i.e. the masses of Nigeria who are the original owners and be used for the attainment of their welfare and happiness.
- v. To achieve this new leaf of life in Nigeria, we shall be guided by the following principles.

4. The Guiding Principles

(a) General

We shall pursue vigorously the attainment of supremacy of our Constitution. In particular, equality of every citizen before the law, respect of the fundamental human rights of all Nigerians, fair and equitable treatment of all shall be the starting point.

(b) On the Polity

I. Subject to the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria the party shall advocate for the return to effective **True Federalism** with fiscal federalism fully practiced. The structure and functions of government shall be governed by the federal principle. The application of the federal principle shall be based largely on the six existing geopolitical zones without prejudice to the states remaining, for the time being, the federating units. We envisage that ultimately either the Zones become the

federating units or there shall be equal number of States in each zone. Fiscal federalism necessitates that revenue allocation be based on the principle of derivation, with due attention given to the principle of national interest.

ii. We accept that Nigeria is multi-religious but uphold secularity as the basis of the state operations.

(c) The Economy and Society

- I. Democracy is the government of the people by the people and for the people. This connotes that man is the reason for and focus of government and governance. Therefore, man's welfare is the commanding determinant of governmental actions.
- ii. Historical process and social organization help make some men rich and some poor. Thus, neither the rich nor the poor can claim total responsibility for their wealth or poverty. Through free basic education, the children of the poor are provided the opportunity to escape from poverty.
- iii. Any result of the historical process, social organization or any situation which is significantly not as good as it should be welfare-wise, should be changed, reformed and replaced with a design for improvement and a plan for better society in order to achieve greater welfare for Nigerians man irrespective of tribe, language, religion, creed, color, circumstances of birth etc.
- iv. We are not doctrinaire. Everything is seen from the

perspective of the welfare of man. That is why we endorse private enterprise in production and government intervention in the commanding heights of the economy and especially, in distribution. We shall ensure a vibrant economic growth in which the private sector plays the dominant and leading roles while the government provides the enabling environment and regulatory framework.

v. Working by these cardinal principles, we shall commit ourselves to the following achievable goals, to wit –

5. Goals

- I. We shall guarantee unity, equity, justice and fairness to all our people within one indivisible and united Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- Belief in a true Federation, in which fiscal federalism is fully implemented with equity for all federating units.
- iii. We shall indeed uphold the secularity of the State and plurality of its ethnic composition and therefore see the necessity to tolerate and respect our differences within the context of true federalism.
- iv. We shall reestablish trust between the government and the governed by fighting corruption to a standstill in all its ramifications and shades in our public life and enthroning transparency in governance.

- v. We shall attract and woo Nigeria people of high integrity, credible character from different professions both in the private and public sector withing and outside the shores of Nigeria to share our ideology through becoming our members and contest elective offices.
- vi. We shall strive for a mental and physical reorientation of Nigerians, to bring about positive attitudinal changes and behavioral modifications that will create a new Nigeria worthy of the trust and respect of civilized mankind.
- vii. We recognize regions/zones as being the coordinate structure for the purpose of harmonizing our political, social and economic cooperation and the provision of common services, functions presently exercised by the Federal Government in the States.
- viii. For the sake of equity and geopolitical balance we advocate for the creation of equal number of States among the geopolitical zones of the country as soon as possible.
- ix. We shall pursue balanced and effective policies with vigor for the protection and good management of our environment in order to ensure sustainable development.
- x. Adoption of agriculture to be of strategic importance to our development and accord priority to it as a national program.

- xi. Ensure a steady and increasing supply of power for both industrial and domestic uses through the reformation of comprehensive energy policy, encouraging and funding research into alternative energy sources and further developing hydroelectric, thermal and solar-energy projects in all geopolitical zones.
- xii. Establish industrial and research banks in all the States of the federation that will make funds available to Institutions carrying out approved projects and research for quick technological turnaround and development.
- xiii.We shall work towards the provision of free, qualitative and compulsory primary to senior secondary education for our children.
- xiv. We shall provide free maternal and child health care.
- xv. We shall advocate full citizenship for all our people wherever they may reside in the federation.
- xvi. We shall guarantee the protection and safety of all citizens and their property at all times throughout Nigeria.
- xvii. We shall also ensure that a fair gender balance is achieved and maintained.
- xviii. We shall strive to achieve gainful employment of our teeming youths as an abiding objective of national policy.

- xix. Job creation and employment. Pension and retirement benefits for the retired without delay.
- xx. Rehabilitation and care of disabled and handicapped members of our society.
- xxi. Ensure that our political alliance has a structure, which recognizes devolution of Party decision-making process on zonal and regional issues to the Zones and Regions and only the issue of election to the position of President and Vice-President may be determined by the National Executive Committee.

6. <u>Developmental Focus</u>

In our quest to achieve our economic goals for the country, we have identified four major priority areas that will be the focus of the government. They include-

- INFRASTRUCTURE Roads and Bridges, Potable Water Supply, Electric Power, Transportation, Communication. etc. etc.
- 2. EDUCATION Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, Research etc.
- 3. HEALTH Primary Health Care,
- 4. CLOSING THE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP

We believe that by providing world-class infrastructure, developing the minds of our citizens through education and ensuring a virile and healthy population, we would have invoked the creativity of our citizens and that will in turn trigger a multiplying chain of developmental activities that will stimulate development of our nation. Actual production and other developmental activities will be private sector driven, with the government providing only the enabling and

regulatory environment. The government will also take special measures to accelerate our drive into modernity by actively encouraging the development of indigenous technology and ingenuity. The above focus is reflected in the detailed program herein under presented.

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THE ECONOMIC PROGRAM

Agriculture

(a) Objective

- Achieve Food Security in food production both for internal consumption and for foreign exchange earnings.
- ii. Harmonization between agricultural and industrial policies so that farm outputs can readily serve as inputs for food processing industries.
- iii. To move away from our all-time peasant-dominated agricultural production to mechanized farming and plantations.
- iv. To put in place a government that will stimulate the marketing and distribution outlets of harvested products by buying off the products at concessionary prices from farmers to encourage increased production. In this wise, government subsidy will be removed from farm inputs and placed in the harvested products, so that they can reach consumers and end users at reasonable prices.
- v. To develop irrigation facilities that will provide water for food production round the year without much dependence on natural rain fall.
- vi. To construct storage facilities across the country in order to reduce post-harvest wastage of agricultural products.

(b) Program

I. Government will encourage the private sector to

establish food processing industries to absorb the products from the farms, and to establish national chain of supermarkets where processed farm products can be purchased by consumers. The marketing system will be such that farmers will sell their products at guaranteed prices to the processors, who will receive their subsidies on quantities purchased direct from the government.

- ii. Foreign investments in our agricultural sector will be encouraged through favorable tax concessions and incentives.
- iii. Government will encourage private foreign investment in mechanized agriculture, in partnership with Nigerian investors, such that Nigerians shall have majority shareholding in such economic investments.
- iv. Peasant farmers will be encouraged by the government through the provision of subsidized land clearing services, agricultural equipment hiring services and access to improved seedlings and better funding so that they can make more positive impact on our overall agricultural output.
- v. Government will invest heavily in the construction of dams across the country's watercourses not only to supply irrigation water for agriculture, but also to supply potable water for our homes, schools, hospitals and industries.
- vi. Government will set up storage facilities throughout the nation where excess products purchased from farmers will be stored.

vii. Sufficient funding of our agricultural research centers and special Universities of Agriculture so they can have a more positive impact on our agricultural output.

2. **Industry and SME**s

(a) Objectives

- I. To make investment in Nigeria to be more attractive both for Nigerians and foreign investors by creating enabling environment for the investors. This will enhance the industrial base of our economy with a target of making manufacturing to contribute at least 35% to our GDP. This is the secret of Chinese economy today.
- ii. Making Nigerians depend less on imports and more on what we can produce locally shall be a focal cardinal objective of our government. Government will strive to reduce the penchant of Nigerians in the consumption of foreign goods and increase their zeal for production and export. This will multiply our foreign exchange earnings.
- iii. To reduce local production costs so that Nigerian goods can sell at competitive prices both locally and abroad.

(b) Programs

 Create an investment friendly environment by improving the security situation in the country so that prospective investors will feel safe for their lives and investments

- ii. Radical improvement in provision of infrastructure, such as power, water supply, access roads, etc. to reduce local production costs and make Nigerianmade products available in the markets at competitive prices.
- iii. We would work towards reduction of the influx of imported goods into our country particularly non-essential goods. We would ban the importation of all non-essential goods and food items that can be readily grown domestically. Some of those that will be affected include luxury cars and buses, furniture, textiles, vehicle tyres, rice, used garments, etc.
- iv. Local production and expansion of production of such banned goods will be encouraged in order to fill the vacuum created by the ban. This will in turn create jobs and employment for our teeming youths.
- v. Creation of various incentives for manufacturers like favorable tax holidays and special recognition to genuine innovative Nigerian Entrepreneurs in the award of national honors.
- vi. We will set up anti-trust regulatory agencies to ensure that local manufacturers do not take advantage of the ban on imported products to exploit consumers.
- vii. Government shall partner with the private sector through holding minority shares to set up

companies for the manufacture of industrial machinery, to service local industries.

- viii.We shall continue with on-going Reform our financial sector in such a way as to ensure that local manufacturers have access to credit facilities at low interest rates.
- ix. We shall allow our automobile assembly plants in Nigerians preferential incentives and concessionary tax regimes to encourage the manufacturing of components of their vehicles in Nigeria.
- x. We shall set up Industrial Lay-outs and Estates throughout the country, where investors can acquire lands for the building of their factories at very liberal prices and conditions and with the necessary infrastructural facilities put in place at government expense.
- xi. We shall give a boost to the development of SMB's through the setting up of special Industrial Parks for them, with provision of standard factory buildings on lease basis at affordable rents.
- xii. We shall create a special Agency for SMB's with minimum bureaucracy. To prepare standard feasibility studies for prospective SME investors, link them with access to finance and also with major industries to which they can be vertically integrated, which can serve as ready buyers for their products.

3. <u>Infrastructure (Roads, Railways, Aviation, Water Transport, Power, Water Supply, Communications)</u>

(a) Objectives

To upgrade and modernize our infrastructure facilities to improve the quality of life of our citizens and reduce costs of industrial production.

(b) Program

- I. Our Party shall expand the nation's road network and ensure their periodic upgrading and maintenance. The enabling law setting up the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) will be reviewed to accommodate radical reformation geared towards total but quality rehabilitation of roads.
- ii. The national rail network will be modernized and expanded to expedite movement of goods and people across the country and reduce the constant pressure and huge traffic on our roads.
- iii. Our Aviation industry will be more effectively regulated to ensure that only air-worthy aircrafts are used for air transportation by Airlines and our Airports equipped with better runways and the most up-to-date air traffic safety control facilities.
- iv. All industrial estates, agricultural plantations and rural farming communities will be provided with well-maintained network of access roads to facilitate easy evacuation of farm produce and distribution of manufactured products.

- v. We will dredge, develop and sustain our inland waterways.
- vi. Provide ferry services over dredged rivers and inland waterways. This will positively impact on the heavy traffic on our roads.
- vii. We will improve and strengthen security at our Sea
- viii. The unbundling of the PHCN will be accelerated, and all facets of its operation will be privatized. Private power producers will be encouraged to invest in power generation, transmission and distribution, with government providing only the regulatory framework. This will help to achieve uninterrupted power supply to all homes and factories within the next couple of years. A consumer protection regulatory agency will be set up to ensure fair billing.
- ix. When power supply is eventually stabilized and sustained in the country, importation of generators into the country will automatically cease or at best reduce to the barest minimum.
- x.Water supply is a major problem in our homes and factories. Less than 25% of Nigerians have access to potable water. Bore-holes may provide temporary solutions to isolated rural communities; but they are not permanent solution to the water supply problem across the nation. Construction of Dams in all the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria will go a long way to

providing portable water for use in our homes, factories and for agriculture.

xi. The improvement in communication brought about by the wide spread use of mobile phones will be sustained by more effective regulation to achieve lower tariffs and improved service delivery.

4. Oil And Gas

(a) Objectives

- I. To build up extensive reserves of our Oil and Gas and increase our daily production of crude to about 4m barrels per day from the present 2.4m barrels within the next four years.
- ii. To pursue and ensure permanent peace and harmony in the Niger Delta in order to prevent interruptions in the production activities of the Oil Companies.
- iii. To gradually reduce government participation in the upstream and downstream oil industry and eventually limit government's role to that of regulation and taxation.
- iv. To ensure ready availability of fuel to Nigerian consumers at affordable prices.

(b) Programs

 Ensure that all domestic petroleum refineries work at capacity and also encourage investors in our Oil and Gas industry to build more refineries in the country.

- ii. Liberalize the granting of Oil blocks to prospective investors with clear time limits for commencement of exploration activities.
- iii. Target sufficiency in the production of petroleum products within two years and also ban the importation of same two years after the commencement of our government.
- iv. The supply of crude oil to domestic refineries shall be on a cost plus basis and not tied to international prices. This would enable Nigerians to enjoy very low pump prices of the product while the government still makes a good profit margin on the domestically consumed crude.
- v. The percentage of derivation in the distribution of federally collected revenue will from time to time be reviewed upward.
- vi. Drastic efforts for the stoppage of gas flaring will be vigorously pursued within four years. When this is achieved, the gas hitherto fared will be converted to other economic uses by our industries.

5. **Solid Minerals**

(a) Objective

Our main objective here would be to make solid mineral sector contribute to our GNP, earn significant foreign exchange and become significant employer of labor.

(b) Programs

- I. Experienced investors in the mining industry will be invited and encouraged to go into partnerships with Nigerian investors to set up commercial mining operations.
- ii. Embark on comprehensive geological surveys of the entire country, not only to establish accurately the types of minerals we have and where we have them but also their quality and quantities to establish their commercial viability.
- iii. Ensure that Nigeria becomes self-sufficient in the production of such industrial raw material as gypsum, kaolin, barites, feldspar, dolomite, calcium carbonate, etc. within the shortest possible time.
- iv. Revenue accruable to Solid minerals producing States and Local governments will be subject to the same derivation percentage as that from Oil.
- An all-encompassing legislative framework will be provided by government to guide operations in the sector.

6. **The Construction Industry**

(a) Objective

- I. Develop indigenous capacity and capability to execute all major engineering construction work needed by the Nigerian construction industry.
- ii. Create jobs from the industry for Nigerians.
- iii. Save costs of major construction projects.

(b) Programs

- I. Only Nigerian owned construction companies will be awarded all contacts for engineering construction works - such as roads, bridges, dams, buildings, power stations, transmission and distributions networks, etc.
- ii. Where the scope of any engineering construction work requires that a non-Nigerian company be employed, the company to be employed must be in partnership with a Nigerian owned company in the same area of competence. Approval to award such a contract must receive the prior consent of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- iii. Also, all engineering consultancy and design contracts will be awarded to only Nigerian owned consultancy companies, or Nigerian companies in partnership with foreign consultancy companies as the complexity of the project demands.
- iv. A construction Bank will be established to grant low interest loans to Nigerian investors in the construction industry to finance purchase of their plants and equipment.
- v. Our universities of science and technology will be charged to develop curricula that will supply the requisite know-how for this industry.

7. **Tourism And Culture**

(a) Objective

- i. To make Nigeria a major tourist destination.
- ii. To make tourism a foreign exchange earner and a significant contributor to the GNP.
- iii. To refine and impart more useful intellectual contents to our culture.

(b) Programs

- The entire country will be surveyed to identify our tourism sites and attractions which will be developed to compete with other tourism destinations of the world.
- ii. Creation of tourism departments in all our Embassies and High Commissions to take care of enquires from prospective tourists to Nigeria on professional basis.
- iii. Encourage the development of the intellectual aspects of our culture, such as the nurturing of drama tropics, operatic, dance troupes and classical musical groups in our major cities who will be staging performances throughout the year especially during the summer holiday periods and provide additional sources of relaxation for tourists.
- iv. Create annual tourist calendar that will highlight the various artistic performances, cultural festivals and other forms of tourism-driven activities so that tourists can plan their movements while in Nigeria.

8. **Housing**

(a) Objectives

- To provide a shelter for every Nigerian, appropriate to his level of income.
- To ensure that Nigerians have access to funds at low interest rates to construct or purchase homes of their choice.

(b) Programs

- I. Our government will facilitate the acquisition of land by private housing developers to build houses for sale at reasonable prices to Nigerians.
- ii. Radical legislation and enforcement of regulations that will ensure that all housing estates are serviced by well laid out and asphalted surfaced roads, water, electricity, sewage disposal, refuse collection systems, etc. and an organized system of estate facilities maintenance.
- iii. We will develop effective mortgage institutions to extend long term but low interest loans to Nigerians to buy their homes.
- iv. We shall encourage the culture of buying and selling of homes deserted after the demise of their owners.
- v. Reformed legislation that will radically affect our Land Use Act for better results in the aspect of land acquisition and ownership.

CHAPTER 3

THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC & SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMME

1. **Education, Science And Technology**

(a) Objectives

- To fully develop the intellectual capacity of every Nigerian man and woman for them to be more useful to themselves, the nation and mankind.
- ii. To have an enlightened populace, easy to govern but difficult to enslave.

(b) Programs

- The present program of free Universal Basic Primary and Secondary school education will be enriched in content, and government will partner the private sector to invest in the publication of educational materials so that students, up to the university level, will have ample supply of text books foruse
- ii. All former regional government colleges, which served as model unity schools before the present generation of unity schools, will be re-integrated into the present generation of unity schools systems.
- iii. We shall provide guidance and counseling services at the junior and senior secondary schools.
- iv. Federal government owned universities will be better funded to rescue them from their present decay, while at the same time, private sector assistance in the provision of facilities will be encouraged. It will be our goal to make all federal

- universities fully residential at the undergraduate level, with boarding facilities.
- Fees charged at Federal Universities will be kept low V. and affordable. Annual award of full federal government scholarships will be introduced so that very gifted students, regardless of the economic status of their parents, will not be denied places in the universities.
- vi. Entry to the Federal Universities will be closely tied to available facilities, to avoid congestion which inevitably leads to lowering of standard.
- vii. To improve the quality of life and the learning environment in the universities, all cult groups will be banned. Student unionism will be rigidly controlled and monitored.
- viii. Private universities will continue to be encouraged.
- ix. Polytechnics and technical colleges shall be made to concentrate on imparting technical and professional education, and to stop trying to be universities. Their roles will be properly differentiated from those of universities, and the skills of their graduates should be sharply different, even though they are all very much needed by society. We shall discourage the urge by polytechnic graduates to go for university degrees before they can feel fulfilled.
- Technical education will be given a pride of place and

efforts will be made to improve the quality of technical education available at our technical colleges and polytechnics, usefully deploy heir graduates and adequately remunerate them.

- xi. We shall emphasize the study of science and technology and of ICT at all levels of education.
- xii. The Science and Technology village in Abuja will be developed and staffed with the nation's most gifted scientists, engineers and technologists, who will be given specific national challenges.
- xiii. Lifelong learning will be encouraged and more facilities provided for adult education to upgrade the skills of artisans and craftsmen and to ensure that adult workers have access to higher education.

2. Health

(a) Objective

- i. Aware that all man's productive activities are predicated on being in good health, we shall seek to ensure that Nigerians, form cradle to grave, are in a sound state of mind and body.
- ii. To stop the need by affluent Nigerians or public officers to go abroad for medical treatments.

(b) Programs

I. Emphasis in health care delivery to the masses will be on having well equipped primary health care centers and general hospitals.

- ii. Free ante-natal, maternal and post-natal health care will be made available to all nursing mothers from the time of conception to six months after delivery. All children will be immunized against the childhood diseases.
- iii. The system of specialist hospitals will be further developed, and up to date equipment and facilities provided in each of them to be able to attract competent specialists, and make it unnecessary for top government officials and wealthy individuals to have to go overseas for medical treatment.
- iv. All children will enjoy free medical services from birth till the completion of secondary school. Such services will be integrated into the primary and secondary school system, with each primary school being served by a dispensary and each secondary school by a clinic, to be visited regularly by a Government doctor.
- v. To supplement our health program, children in primary schools will have a free lunch every school day, to make up for deficiencies in the home meals.
- vi. Free medical services shall also be extended to all undergraduate in the universities.
- vii. For the working population, the NHIS will be finetuned to make it more responsive to the needs of the people, reduce bureaucratic bottlenecks and make it more cost-effective and more attractive.

- viii. We will establish trade-medical departments in our colleges of medicine and teaching hospitals to promote research into, and modernization of traditional medicine.
- ix. HIV education and enlightenment will be intensified and anti-retro viral drugs will be made more available at low costs to infected patients.
- x. Working conditions for doctors in our hospital will be drastically improved to encourage many Nigerian doctors presently working abroad to come home and render services to their own people.
- xi. The fight against fake and adulterated drugs will be intensified, and investment in local drug manufacturing encouraged.
- xii. Special health institutions will be established for the care of the aged and the disabled.

3. Wage Policy And Social Security

(a) Objectives

- To ensure greater productivity, a contented work force, and happiness post retirement and in old age.
- ii. To remove one of the major reasons for corruption in the public service.

(b) Programs

I. The monetization program of the present administration will be carried to its logical conclusion, and remunerations will be a total package from which the worker will have to take care of all his needs like accommodation, transport, etc. The concept of allowances will be stopped.

- ii. We shall immediately embark on a review of the entire wage structure in the public sector to make sure that wages are realistic in the context of the cost of living, and do not tempt workers to engage in corruption.
- iii. The contributory pension scheme will be enhanced to ensure efficiency.
- iv. We shall pay all outstanding arrears of pensions and gratuities within two years in office and subsequently ensure that all gratuities of retiring public servants are paid within a month of retirement, while pensions are paid as and when due.
- Wages to different cadres of professionals in the public sector will be considered, each professional cadre will be set purely on the basis of supply and demand, and the special needs of reach profession.
- vi. The performance of the pension fund managers will be closely monitored by government to ensure workers are not defrauded.

MISCELLANEOUS POLICY ISSUES

1. External Affairs

- i. We shall actively promote the attainment of a Union of all of Africa under one government.
- ii. We shall actively promote the interest of Nigeria at all times followed by the interest of the African continent, even as we maintain friendly relations with all the countries of the world.
- iii. Our embassies and high commissions abroad shall be held accountable for how well they protect the interests and look after the welfare of Nigerians resident in their countries of assignment.

2. Youth And Sports Development

- <u>i</u>. We shall set up organized youth development programmes through youth clubs, to promote patriotism and leadership training.
- ii. Various youth sport clubs will be established across the country to allow talented youths outside the school system to continue their sports development. Particular emphasis will be put on Soccer and Athletics.
- iii. The administration of sports in the country will be placed in the care of people genuinely committed to spots development.
- iv. Sports shall be integrated into the school experience. In this connection, Youth Day shall be marked by inter-Primary schools sports competition in each

local government area of the country. Every secondary school will have provision for sports as compulsory extra-curricular activities. Intercollegiate activities inter-collegiate sport competitions will be revived.

- v. Special secondary schools and sports academies will be established for pupils who have demonstrated exceptional talent in sports will also have access to special scholarships to Universities, where they can continue their sports development.
- vi. The Universities will be fully equipped with sporting facilities and an inter-universities league established in soccer, cricket, hockey, basketball, etc.
- vii. The various stadia around the country will be put to maximum sporting use, and barred from any other use.
- viii. Media, especially TV coverage of sports will be encouraged to stimulate public interest.

3. <u>Corruption And National Reorientation</u>

- I. The war against corruption will be waged more diligently than it is being done under the present administration.
- ii. Corruption offences will be punished more seriously to serve as an effective deterrent. The judiciary and the judicial process will be reformed to have a quicker dispensation of justice in corruption

and other criminal cases.

- iii. More realistic wages to work will set the stage for a morally justified war.
- iv. We shall launch a mass movement of youths and mobilize them into WAIC brigades (War Against indiscipline and Corruption). Such acts of indiscipline as not queuing to take one's turn, lateness o events, noisiness etc. will be tackled. The national Orientation Agency will be empowered and given a committed leadership to mount a serious crusade aimed at achieving a complete attitudinal change and behavioral modification in our people.

4. Security, Law And Order: The Armed Forces

- I. A safe and secure environment is a sine-qua-non for the attraction of both domestic and foreign investment, and for the steady progress of society. To provide greater safety and security of lives and property within the country, we shall embark on a complete reform of the police force.
- ii. New recruits into the police force must undergo at least two years of training to cover all the specialized areas of police work. Exposure to training overseas will be encouraged.
- iii. The minimum educational requirement for entry into the police force will be the Senior Secondary School certificate.

- iv. Every police station will be well equipped with operational and patrol vehicles, with up to date communication gadgets. Emergency police telephone lines will be kept operational at all times and ready to answer calls from the public 24 hours a day. Complaint lines with high police authorities will be established to lodge complaints about shoddy performances of local police stations.
- v. The police will be given special tutoring on how to relate politely to the civil population, and made to strictly observe and respect the civil rights of citizens even when apprehending offenders.
- vi. The policemen will be given a lot of self-esteem by being paid a handsome wage, and being well supplied with uniforms, shoes and other essentials for their duties.
- vii. The policemen will be made to live within the communities where they work, and not in separate barracks. The principle of community policing will be adopted, such that the police can identify with the community, and community with the police.
- viii. Any cases of abuse of police power, "accidental" discharge or excessive use of force in apprehending offenders will be strictly dealt with.
- ix. The Nigerian Armed Forces will be kept combat ready at all times, kept at a high level of discipline and morale, and fully insulated from politics.

x. The Armed Forces will be kept dully in their barracks, with minimum daily interaction with the civil populace. They will be trained to be civil and courteous to civilians when they must interact with them.

5. Prison Reform

- I. The purpose of imprisonment is to reform the prisoner and prisoner him for re-integration into society upon discharge form prison. We shall carry out reforms of the prison to ensure that this goal is achieved.
- ii. During imprisonment, inmates will be exposed to various activities such as sports, skills training and formal education within the prison walls, in order to prepare them for a more responsible life after prison.
- iii. The behavior of prisoners will be subject to periodic review by a parole board, such hat prisoners who exhibit good behavior and signs of repentance will be given early release from prison, ahead of the end of their prison terms.
- iv. We shall greatly reduce the prison congestion by reducing the number of ATM and ATF inmates. Trials of suspects will be expedited and all those charged with bail able offences will be given bail.
- v. Special prison farms will be established for prisons in areas where suitable land can be found, to engage the prisoners in some productive, commercial activities,

and thus make them offset some of the costs of their imprisonment.

6. The National Youth Service Scheme

- I. The NYSC Scheme is a worthy attempt to make Nigerian youths know their country and develop a sense of oneness with one another. Its implementation however, needs some improvements. These, we shall attend to.
- ii. We shall eliminate the use of influence in the posting of fresh graduates for the scheme.
- iii. Since graduates are invariably being posted to States far from their homes, government will bear fully the cost of their transportation and feeding from their homes to their States of posting.
- iv. We shall increase the allowances given to corp members during the service year, to enable them provide accommodation and feeding for themselves.
- v. The orientation period will be extended to include some basic military training. Successive governments have shied away from this, but it is a scheme that will benefit the nation. A reserve of young citizens already trained in the use of weaponry will mean that Nigeria will require a much smaller standing army, as many of the trained youths can be mobilized and armed at short notice when the need

arises.

7. Democratic Structures

- I. Political parties will be subject to INEC recognition, control, monitoring or regulation. They will not be self-controlled. Political parties will be required to register their names, logos and other identification particulars with INEC.
- ii. INEC will be composed of nominees of the various political parties. They will elect their own chairman, and the chairmanship will rotate among the various political parties who compose it.

8. The Management Of National Revenue

I. So Nigeria is not without the necessary resources to finance an accelerated development program. Now that the economic fortunes of the country are nosediving, we shall plan and manage our national revenue in such a way that funds will be adequately generated to finance our ambitious and accelerated economic development programs, while ensuring that we continuously nurture the goose that lays the golden egg of the oil industry in order to guarantee a steady flow of funds. Complimentary efforts shall be put in place to boost revenue from natural resources which are all meant to aid in our determined growth of our nations external reserves.

9. The Judiciary

I. We shall religiously uphold the independence of the judiciary and will not seek to influence court

judgments.

- ii. We shall review the entire justice delivery system to expedite speedy conclusion of court trials.
- iii. We shall enhance the remuneration of judges and other working condition, so that they can better withstand the temptations to be corrupt.
- iv. Proven corrupt judges, magistrates and other justice delivery personnel will be severely sanctioned.

10. <u>Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Policy</u>

- I. We shall review the administrative structure of the FCT to ensure the development of a better system which would facilitate the administrative, economic and infrastructural development of the FCT.
- ii. Ensure that outstanding compensation and resettlement program of the original inhabitants of the territory will be revisited to cater for the individual and collective needs of the affected inhabitants.
- iii. We shall ensure that all Nigerians have equal rights as residents of the FCT.

11. Human Rights Policy

- We shall ensure that every Nigerian enjoys his or her fundamental rights, without undue government interference
- ii. That the process of seeking redress in the event of the

- violation of any of the fundamental rights is simplified.
- iii. That government supports Human Rights Organizations in Nigeria to enable them complement government's efforts in creating awareness, and in checking human right abuses in the country.

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