

**THE CONSTITUTION (SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION) (No. 8)
DECREE 1966**



Decree No. 55

[1st August 1966]

Commence-
ment.

THE NATIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1.—(1) Schedule 2 of the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 is hereby amended as follows—

(a) for the entry relating to section 88 of the Constitution of the Republic there shall be substituted the following entry—

'Section 88

For subsection (1) there shall be substituted the following subsections —

"(1) The Head of the National Military Government may, if he thinks fit, appoint a person to be Attorney-General of the Republic.

(1A) The functions of the Attorney-General of the Republic shall include the exercise, subject to the authority of the Executive Council, of general direction and control over the National Ministry of Justice.

(1B) Whenever and so long as no person holds the office of Attorney-General of the Republic, any function which is conferred by this Constitution or any other law upon the Attorney-General of the Republic shall vest in the Solicitor-General of the Republic and may be performed by him notwithstanding anything in subsection (4) of this section."

In subsection (3), for the words "that office" there shall be substituted the words "the office of Attorney-General of the Republic", and the words in brackets and the words "whether or not that person is a Minister" shall be omitted.;

(b) in the entry relating to section 97 of that Constitution, as substituted by section 2 of the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) (No. 4) Decree 1966, for the figure "88 (1)", in both places where it occurs, there shall be substituted the figure "88 (1A)".

(2) Section 2 (a) of the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) (No. 4) Decree 1966 is hereby repealed.

Modification
of provisions
of Constitu-
tion of
Republic
relating to
appointment
and functions
of Attorney-
General.

1966 No. 1.

1966 No. 20.

Citation and
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2. This Decree may be cited as the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) (No. 8) Decree 1966 and shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st August 1966.

DATED at Lagos this 8th day of August 1966.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL Y. GOWON,
*Head of the National Military Government,
Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,
Republic of Nigeria*