

## FORCES ACTS (AMENDMENT) DECREE 1976



## Decree No. 17

[9th April 1976]

Commence-  
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. The Nigerian Army Act 1960 (as amended) is hereby amended as follows :—

(a) for subsections (1) and (2) of section 7 there shall be substituted the following new subsections :—

Reconsti-  
tution of the  
Army Coun-  
cil.  
1960 No. 26.

“(1) The members of the Army Council shall be :—

(a) the Head of the Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, who shall be the Chairman of the Council ;

(b) the Chief of Army Staff ;

(c) the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters ; and

(d) the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

(2) The Council may, whenever it deems it necessary, co-opt any officer or any public officer as a member of the Council for the purpose of any particular meeting of the Council.”

2. For section 4 of the Navy Act 1964 (as amended) there shall be substituted the following new section :—

Reconsti-  
tution of the  
Navy Board.  
1964 No. 21.

“Member-  
ship of the  
Navy Board.

4.—(1) The members of the board shall be—

(a) the Head of the Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, who shall be the Chairman of the board ;

(b) the Chief of Naval Staff ;

(c) the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters ; and

(d) the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

(2) The board may, whenever it deems it necessary, co-opt any officer or any public officer as a member of the board for the purpose of any particular meeting of the board."

Reconstitution of the Air Council.  
1964 No. 11.

3. For section 4 of the Air Force Act 1964 (as amended) there shall be substituted the following new section:—

"Membership of the Air Council.

- 4.—(1) The members of the Air Council shall be—  
 (a) the Head of the Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, who shall be the Chairman of the council;  
 (b) the Chief of Air Staff;  
 (c) the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters; and  
 (d) the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

(2) The council may, whenever it deems it necessary, co-opt any officer or any public officer as a member of the council for the purpose of any particular meeting of the council."

Citation and repeal.

4.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the Forces Acts (Amendment) Decree 1976.

1975 No. 1.

(2) The Forces Acts (Amendment) Decree 1975 is hereby, consequentially, repealed.

MADE at Lagos this 9th day of April 1976.

LT-GENERAL O. OBASANJO,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
 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 purpose)*

The Decree provides for the reconstitution of the Army Council, the Navy Board and the Air Council.