

FREEDOM AND JUSTICE PARTY (FJP)
(Nigeria without tears)

MANIFESTO

MOTTO: EQUITY AND ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT

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- i. Freedom of peaceful assembly, and association.
- i. Freedom to hold and propagate political beliefs including free to form political parties without undue constraint.
- i. Freedom from inhuman or degrading treatment and fortune.
- 7. Freedom from discrimination, whether based on gender, religion, age or ethnic origin.
- 7. Freedom from invasion of privacy and violation of the human person.
- i. Total eradication of poverty, hardship, marginalization and nepotism.
- . Revenue allocation based on equity and justice. Ethical re-orientation and eradication of corrupt practices in all facets of our national life.
- . Rapid developments and positive transformation like never before.

2. Strategy

The party in government shall:

- a. Maintain the existing Traditional Council of Chiefs in the states.
- b. Assign new roles to the Council in such spheres as social-cultural mobilizations, as well as use of age groups and similar associations for commitment and national development.
- c. Ensure that they are properly remunerated to enable them maintain the dignity of the position.

SECTION X: WOMEN

1. Objectives

- a. To encourage the full emancipation, participation and involvement of women in all political, social, economic and other aspects of national life, particularly as it affects elections.
- b. To recognize the special responsibilities of women and to promote their use as veritable agent of political socialization.

2. Strategy

The party in government shall encourage the mass education and mobilization of our women (as vanguards of peace and harmony) for:

- i. Production purposes
- ii. Uniting the kinship groups together
- iii. Nurturing a healthy family system
- iv. Ensuring that they play positive role in the development
- v. Political socialization

SUMMARY OF FJP AGENDA

- i. Free primary health care with particular emphasis on maternal and child health care.
- i. Free qualitative and functional education up to secondary levels for all citizens.
- i. Full employment
- r. Adequate housing for all Nigerians.
- r. Full employment for all and provision of social security for those who cannot support themselves.
- i. Commitment to democracy and the rule of law
- i. Freedom of speech and expression.
- i. Freedom of conscience, thought and religion.

FREEDOM AND JUSTICE PARTY (NIGERIA WITHOUT TEARS)

A platform of Faithful & Patriotic Nigerian for the masses

SECTION A: PREAMBLE

As we are all aware of the state of the Nation, Nigeria was once known to be the Giant of Africa which can no longer answer to this title because of the multiple social, economic, political and religion crisis that crippled her, the reasons for these hullabaloo are also widely believed to be gross corruption, mismanagement, theft and all manners of self afflictions by our Rulers, immediately after Nigeria's independence, the country was under political jugular attacks of the military interventions, military in civil dress and which cut short the joy of our sovereignty and convert it into regret and galore of sorrows, since then the inventories of the consequences beginning from protests, civil war, militancy, insurgency, clamor for disintegration and national political restructure cannot be over emphasized.

Unemployment, poverty and inflation are also at its peak and is unbearable to enumerate few problems. Nigeria has been plagued with too many diseases and needs divine intervention with political revolution.

We thank God Almighty today for his timely and divine intervention through the creation of this new political party as the only remedy out of this National siege and;

1. The party shall be a solace to the people of Nigeria in all ramifications of life by providing all basic infrastructures and advanced developments.
2. The party will feature God fearing leaders with wisdom, fatherly, friendly and good shepherd's heart that will promulgate policies that will transform Nigeria into Heaven on Earth.
3. Corruption, insurgency, militancy, kidnapping and poverty will become history in Nigeria, with the help of Almighty God. We shall create a prosperous, peaceful, developed and progressive Nation and make all things new through FJP. There will be provisions of all basic amenities such as education, abundant food, clothing, housing, health facilities, employment, uninterrupted power supply, developments and promotion of science and technology across the Country..

4. Our ideology is that bloody revolution, disintegration, protest, conflicts and confrontations will not move this Nation forward but with the revolution of FJP.
5. After over thirty years of military rule out of the Country's fifty five years of independence, the feelings among most people is that democratization of the polity will be difficult if not impossible to achieve. But the will of the people is always stronger than any of military dictatorship, hence the return to democracy in 1999.
6. The characteristics of the authoritarian culture include arbitrariness, deep rooted disregard for accountability and transparency in governance, corporate institutions and private life: disregard for personal liberties and group rights; and the absence of rule of law, amongst others.
7. The current post military regime, though a product of democratic election, is also a manifestation of neo military attributes, culture and tendencies.
8. This could not have been otherwise. Political power did not fall into the hands of those who fought military dictatorship. Above all, the political process alienated a vast majority of the populace and divergent political views.
9. The three political parties which were foisted on the country by the military in 1998, essentially lack the basis for decisively addressing and resolving the problems and ills which prolonged military dictatorship bestowed on the country. Instead, most of the sensitive problems created by the military and brutally suppressed by them, have emerged and are now apparently intractable.
10. The above situation has strengthened the notion that the present civilian dispensation is at best a transition and as such a watershed for the emergence of genuine and sustainable democracy. The myriad of dashed expectations, general disillusionment, cynicism and the future which pervade the populace, further strengthen the above notion.

- vi. Providing sufficient barracks accommodation with amenities to house all members of the police and their families.
- vii. Improving the welfare, working conditions, salaries and allowance of the police with a view to curbing the tendency for corruption among some members of the force: and
- viii. Launching in-house political education among the police to change their attitude to the state and perception of their duties.

SECTION V: THE PRISON

1. **Objectives**
 - a. To make the prison a corrective institution and provide them with equipped and functioning workshops.
 - b. To humanize the prisons
 - c. To improve the sanitary and health conditions of the prison;
 - d. To rehabilitate and modernize the prison environment
- i. The party shall, when in government take measures to
 - i. Decongest the prisons further by building new ones and pay periodic judicial visits to prisons.
 - ii. Construct special prisons for different categories of prisoners.
 - iii. Rehabilitate prisoners by providing adequate facilities and equipment for their acquisition of knowledge and skills while in the prison, enable them live useful life and to obtain gainful employment in discharge.
 - iv. Provide facilities for faster dispensation of justice by our law courts.

SECTION W: TRADITIONAL RULERS

1. **Objectives**

The party sees traditional ruler as custodians of our rich cultural heritage, because of the historic and integrative role traditional ruler's play at the grassroots level as community mobilizers and formidable bridges between the government and the governed, the party in government will consolidate this important socio cultural institution.

Our ultimate aim is to assist the traditional institution so that as the Nigeria society and economy are undergoing basic structural changes, they are able to perform their roles.

2. Strategy

The party shall be committed to constitutional government and constitutionalism: as well as independence of the judiciary.

The party in government shall:

- a. Abide by the constitution in making appointments to the bench and only men and women with proven integrity shall be so appointed.
- b. Continue with the present judiciary set-up, ensuring that the judiciary is self accounting.
- c. Build sufficient court houses across the country to ensure quick dispensation of justice.
- d. Appoint more judges and magistrates
- e. Uphold the principle of habeas corpus:
- f. Review the existing legal system with a view to enhancing opportunity for free legal service for the masses.

The party in government will improve the working conditions of judges and magistrates.

SECTION U: THE POLICE

1. Objectives

- a. To transform the police into a truly nationalist instrument for the maintenance of law and order in the country.
 - ii. To enthrone discipline in the Nigeria Police Force
 - iii. To transform the public image of the police both in appearance, in their living conditions, and their relations with the citizenry.

2. Strategy

The party in government shall intensify present efforts aimed at improving the law and order maintenance capability and images of the police by

- i. Increasing the present strength of the police force.
- ii. Raising the entry qualification into the force.
- iii. Expanding improved training facilities.
- iv. Providing adequate training opportunities for the rank and file with provision for refresher course: in service training and attachment to police commands in other parts of the world.
- v. Providing adequate funding for the modernization of police equipment.

11. The conservative and neo-military forces, who now dominate governance in Nigeria, essentially have no contract with the electorates and the mass of the people. They dread to be identified with any discernible ideology or set of ideals. This is deceitful. They should not be ashamed to identify with conservatism and commitment to sustaining the status quo bequeathed from military dictatorship. They therefore cannot justifiably explain their failures and inability to provide the promised dividends of democracy consequently, for the masses, hope in the future appears dimmed and illusionary.

12. The eighteen and half years of democratic governance and the way it has negatively impacted on the economy, social life and popular expectations tend to compel the average Nigerian to forget the atrocities of the military in the face of mounting hardship and despair. This frightening and regrettable development creates the urgent need for a salvation and liberation mission by our great party FJP.

13. Consequently, the imperatives of today demand that all genuine Democrats and patriotic civil organization and personages must at this crucial moment in the country's history come together to salvage and liberate the nation from the path of destructive drift. This should be the mission of our party.

SECTION B: CHARACTER OF THE PARTY

FJP shall be assembly of a new breed, God fearing, people friendly, patriotic, faithful, charismatic, visionary, selfless and grass rooted leaders that will transform Nigeria into a world of Heaven on Earth like Europe, United States of America and other advanced Nations.

- a. FJP is a new grass root revolutionary political party (**Freedom and Justice Party of Nigeria**) that will take Nigeria to their promised land. The party that will give the masses total freedom from political jugulars, eliminate evil systems that kept Nigeria in perpetual poverty and render justice to all. The party that will restore Nigerians dignity and greater glory in all ramifications of life.

- b. The ideology plank of our party is derived from its orientation and social base. Our party shall be mass based, people oriented and inclusive for the working people, farmers, peasants, artisan, academicians, politicians, professionals and business-men/women and those people with disabilities
- c. Consequently, our party shall be humanistic, people centered, nationalistic and patriotic. It shall have strong commitment to upliftment of the conditions of life of all, the prosperity and stability of the nation and the reign of equity and justice in Nigeria.
- d. In furtherance of the above therefore, the logical and rational minimal ideological plank of the party and its members shall be social democracy. Consequently, our party would be inclusive of all tendencies of social democrats united on the basis of its programme and this manifesto.
- e. Our party, given its social democratic character and ideals, will ensure that there will be no owners and followers.

- b. Pursuit of the principles of peaceful co-existence in international politics and relations with other countries.
- c. Collective self-reliance as a strategy in such cooperation.

SECTION S: CIVIL SERVICE

1. Objectives

The quality and character of the civil service of the country is crucial for the formation of responsive and progressive public policies. In regard, the party in government shall create a civil service that shall be:

- a. Patriotic, modern, creative, innovative and a political
- b. Appropriately motivated, rewarded and guaranteed tenure of office.
- c. Proficient and driven by professionalism and expertise
- d. Attractive to the best brains and hands.

2. Strategy

In order to achieve the above stated objectives, the party in government shall strive to:

- a. Adopt a recruitment system that shall be compete would also be reflective of the federal character.
- b. Ensure that educational attainment is respected but must be complemented with appropriate skills, professionalism and expertise.
- c. Provide training and re-training for skill development.
- d. Adopt measures to empower and encourage civil servants to be transparent, innovative and exhibit initiative at all times.
- e. Ensure that remuneration in the service shall be determined by the process of collective bargaining.
- f. Adopt measures to ensure that civil servants are not denied any form of civil rights.

SECTION T: THE JUDICIARY AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

1. Objectives

- a. To uphold the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- b. To uphold the principles of separation of powers as enshrined in the constitution.
- c. To defend the principles of social justice, equity, equality, and human rights.
- d. To insulate the administration from all forms of parochial interest and to ensure that the national interest and objectives are generally upheld.

2. Strategy

The party shall, within contexts of the country's strategic posture, source of threat, and budgetary constraints.

- a. Ensure a high standard of professionalism through constant training.
- b. Provide sufficient funds that will enable the defence industries corporation produce various types of weapons for defence, deterrence and retaliation.
- c. Pursue as a deliberate policy of self-reliance, the policy of local production of arms, military equipment, and command, control and communication system that will enhance the combat readiness of our armed forces and booster their morale.
- d. Explore the possibilities of setting up similar industries in other location in the country, especially in communities with proven expertise indigenous armament technology.
- e. Ensure that adequate welfare facilities and remuneration are and enhance their capacity.
- f. Ensure that the military is subject to civil authority and control

SECTION R: FOREIGN POLICY

1. Objectives

In conformity with the provisions of the constitution the party shall

- a. Pursue policies of mutual co-existence through bilateral and multilateral agreement.
- b. Observe conventions and obligation of regional and international organizations of which Nigeria is member.
- c. Maintain and strengthen Nigeria's membership of the UN, AU, ECOWAS, the non-Aligned Movement, OPEC and the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) state.
- d. Focus of Africa, the third world and the black race in the diaspora as the centerpiece of Nigeria's foreign policy.
- e. Resist imperialism, neo-colonialism, racial discrimination and all forms of external intervention and domination.
- f. Matching the operation of our foreign policy to serve Nigeria's developmental objectives.

2. Strategy

- a. Use of the political and economic instruments of diplomacy as the standards foreign policy strategy.

SECTION C: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Aims and objective of the Party are:

- a. To rescue Nigeria from her prolonged bad leadership, injustice, insecurity, lack of development and all form of inadequacies in governance by democratically taking over political power at all levels and sustain same for the purpose of enacting a government that shall pursue social democratic programme as basis for good governance, and prerequisite for sustainable democracy and national prosperity
- b. To foster a Political Party with a clear cut policy direction, that shall be unique and different from all other political parties in Nigeria, rooted in internal democracy, accountability and people - centered.
- c. To build a Political Party that shall be sustained by the commitment of all social democrats as members. Consequently, the Party shall be open to all Nigerian irrespective of gender, religion, state and ethnic background who accept the Party's Constitution, Manifesto and Programme.
- d. To create a new Nigerian Nation that shall be patriotic, altruistic, transparent and committed to due process, and rule of law in governance, industry and other spheres of our national life.
- e. To faithfully work towards translating to reality the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State policy contained in the Nigerian Constitution by making them justifiable.
- f. To foster a state based on full and gainful employment and access to free and compulsory education at all levels; health care and social security schemes for the vulnerable, i.e. physically challenges, the aged and pensioners.
- g. To foster self sufficiency of the country in food production and aggressive agricultural schemes.
- h. To consciously narrow the social and economic gap between the urban and rural dwellers by providing access to basic necessities, infrastructure and quality of life.

- i. To broaden participation in governance at all levels by ensuring that the costs of the electoral process do not constitute hindrance to any Nigerian.
- j. To ensure gender balance in governance and promote affirmative action of 35% for all women in Politics and Public Service
- k. To create enabling environment for the private sector, adequately protect them and encourage them to compete with foreign investors.
- l. To sustain and defend democracy in Nigeria, expand the democratic space and culture, strengthen press freedom and guarantee the unfettered right to peaceful protests and assembly.
- m. To promote rapid technological and scientific advancement of Nigeria as basis for bailing the country out of its present ill-development challenges, and industrialized Nigeria within the shortest possible time.
- n. To provide alternative views on all national issues consistent with the ideals of social democracy and canvass same.
- o. To promote and defend the political interests of the working people, businessmen and women and patriotic entrepreneurs and indeed all Nigerians.
- p. The party shall provide at least 40% participation of youth and persons with disability (PWD) and other interest groups.
- q. To constantly organize political and voters education programmes and publish Party literatures, newspapers etc.
- r. To vigorously pursue the principles of integrity, credibility, accountability and consistency in all aspects of our national life.
- s. To promote and ensure the emergence of only worthy and credible candidates to contest elections on the Party's platform at all levels

2. THE NIGERIAN NATION

- a. The party shall be committed to the federal system of government, premised on true federalism, based on agreed devolution of powers between the center and the federating units, anchored on the need for sustained national unity, peace, social justice and balanced development.
- b. The fact that all parts of the country must equitably develop economic, social and political as conditions for a prosperous Nigeria and balanced development.

The party views the provisions of facilities that promote and encourage the development of these activities as vital. The party shall.

- d. Encourage sports at all levels
- e. Provide recreational facilities such as parks, garden and the theatres.
- f. Build stadia in each local government headquarters and improve the existing ones to meet the desired standard; establish national and state parks both for recreational purposes and as a means of promoting tourism; reward young talented sport men and women who have brought laurel to the country.
- g. Formulate a comprehensive insurance scheme which will be developed for the coverage of all members of the various national sports team and
- h. Create and open a National Sport Hall of Fame of honour and immortalize the names of sport men and women who contribute to sports in the country.

4. Culture

The party in government will support and implement an effective and comprehensive culture policy. The thrust of such a policy shall be to.

- a. Sieve out and bad aspects of culture and encourage those which are conducive to our moral and economic development.
- b. Use the rich cultural heritage of the people of the country as a vehicle of national integration and
- c. Promote internalization of the new political culture, the principle of multiparty system, and patriotic and nationalistic values.

Section Q: Defence

1. Objectives

The party's objectives on defence shall be consistent with the provision of the Constitution in this regard. Specially, our objectives are

- a. National security in all its ramifications;
- b. Creation and maintenance of armed force capable not only of discharging the afore-stated responsibility, but also using them to support foreign policy objectives.

The party in government will pay attention to the environment in order to improve the environment by tackling erosion, oil spillage, and decertification, among others. Party in government shall review possibility of increasing the percentage of the revenue allocated for the development of ecologically stricken parts of the country. The party's strategy in its housing programmes will be to provide these facilities for the people on terms that are reasonable.

SECTION P: YOUTH, SPORT AND CULTURE

1. General and Specific Objectives

To integrate sporting and cultural activities into a system of national mobilization, education and development of the youth both as symbols of national character and identify and as future leaders.

As basic elements of these general objectives, the mental, physical and moral development of the youth shall be given priority attention. Existing youth development programmes shall be given priority attention. Existing youth development programmes shall be strengthened and new ones created to.

- a. Make Nigerian Youth realize their maximum potentialities.
- b. Inculcate moral discipline in our youth and
- c. Insulate them from obscene literature, films, etc
- d. Promote integration among youth for national understanding and integration, and enact laws against child abuse and child labour.

2. Strategy

The government shall recognize the NYSC scheme to make it more functional and result oriented and shall promote and encourage societies/clubs such as boys scout, girls guides, man o war, debating societies, etc for the physical and intellectual development of their members.

3. Sports

The Party in government shall use sports to

- a. Promote the physical and mental health of groups and individuals
- b. Promote the spirit of healthy competition among the populace thereby helping to cement relations among Nigerians and
- c. Participate in international sporting activities.

- c. Exploiting optimally, then economic and social potentials for their well being and that of the country.
- d. And therefore contributing appropriately to the center and other federating units that may be disadvantaged at any point in time.

SECTION D

1: FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY

It shall be the duty and responsibility of all organs of government, and of all authorities and persons, exercising legislative, executive or judicial powers, to conform to, observe and apply the provisions of this Chapter of this Constitution.

(1) The Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be a State based on the principles of democracy and social justice.

(2) It is hereby, accordingly, declared that:

- (a) Sovereignty belongs to the people of Nigeria from whom government this Constitution derives all its powers and authority;
- (b) the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government: and
- (c) The participation by the people in their government shall be ensured in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(3) The composition of the Government of the Federation or any of its agencies and the conduct of its affairs shall be carried out in such a manner as to reflect the federal character of Nigeria and the need to promote national unity, and also to command national loyalty, thereby ensuring that there shall be no predominance of persons from a few State or from a few ethnic or other sectional groups in that Government or in any of its agencies.

(4) The composition of the Government of a State, a local government council, or any of the agencies of such Government or council, and the conduct of the affairs of the Government or council or such agencies shall be carried out in such manner as to recognize the diversity of the people within its area of authority and the need to promote a sense of belonging and loyalty among all the people of the Federation.

(5) The motto of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress.

(6) Accordingly, national integration shall be actively encouraged, whilst discrimination on the grounds of place of origin, sex, religion, status, ethnic or linguistic association or ties shall be prohibited.

(6) For the purpose of promoting national integration, it shall be the duty of the State to:

(a) Provide adequate facilities for and encourage free mobility of people, goods and services throughout the Federation.

(b) secure full residence rights for every citizen in all parts of the Federation.

(c) Encourage inter-marriage among persons from different places of origin, or of different religious, ethnic or linguistic association or ties; and (d) promote or encourage the formation of associations that cut across ethnic, linguistic, religious and or other sectional barriers.

(7) The State shall foster a feeling of belonging and of involvement among the various people of the Federation, to the end that loyalty to the nation shall override sectional loyalties.

(8) The State shall abolish all corrupt practices and abuse of power. 16. (1) The State shall, within the context of the ideals and objectives for which provisions are made in this Constitution.

(a) harness the resources of the nation and promote national prosperity and an efficient, a dynamic and self-reliant economy;

(b) Control the national economy in such manner as to secure the maximum welfare, freedom and happiness of every citizen on the basis of social justice and equality of status and opportunity;

(c) Without prejudice to its right to operate or participate in areas of the economy, other than the major sectors of the economy, manage and operate the major sectors of the economy;

(d) Without prejudice to the right of any person to participate in areas of the economy within the major sector of the economy, protect the right of every citizen to engage in any economic activities outside the major sectors of the economy.

Section O: Housing and environment

1. Objectives

The party's objectives in housing and environment are grouped into three broad categories, namely:

a. Provision of housing for all Nigerians.

b. Improving the environment through programmes like environmental sanitation annual tree planting, free supply of nursery plants, reclamation of land for building project and the fight against erosion among others and

c. Disposal of industries wastes in order to protect the lives o four people, as well as plants and animals through controlled pollution of water and the atmosphere and vigilance against industrial waste policies of the advanced countries.

2. Strategy

Our party in government shall therefore endeavor to

a. Simplify the process of acquiring land for building purposes;

b. Initiate research into and development of local building materials with view to reducing cost of building materials.

c. Establish low-interest housing loan scheme for workers.

d. Establish property development agencies, building societies, mortgage institutions to build for sale and or allocation of different type of houses using local material for different levels of workers.

e. Establish housing estates in urban, semi-urban and rural areas on owner-occupier basis. The design of such houses will be such that the houses can be extended owner's wish.

f. Improve and beautify the environment by establishing open spaces, park and gardens for recreational purposes in cities, towns and within estates, and/or cooperatives and

g. Provide all facilities that will make life comfortable and secure for residents of housing estate, schools, places of worship, banks, petrol filling stations, pitches for games.

2. Strategy (for attainment)

In order to achieve the above objectives the party shall ensure that:

- a. Education shall be compulsory for every Nigerian child of age four to fifteen.
- b. State government shall be responsible for primary, secondary, vocational and tertiary education. The federal government shall have the right to establish and run its own universities and polytechnics.
- c. Within five year infrastructure in all institutions shall be modernized and made conducive for learning while the ratio of teacher to pupils shall be one to thirty-five for primary, secondary and vocational institutions.
- d. The federal and state governments shall be encouraged to provide necessary and conducive environment for teaching and acquisition of science, engineering and technology education. This is to create within the next ten year a massive pool of scientists, engineers and technologist for the rapid development of the country.

Section N: Health

1. Objective of the party

The party shall present a comprehensive health policy for the country, the essential aim of which shall be to guarantee the health of all citizens. Under the party free medical service shall be available to all children from birth up to the age of 12, all pupils in post-primary schools, as well as students in university and other tertiary institutions up to graduation. Free medical service will also cover al old people from age of 60.

2. Strategy

The party shall strengthen the national health insurance scheme to which contributions are made by all workers according to income and all private companies and business houses. Primary health care shall be essential element of our national health programme and shall guarantee the provision of clean water, healthy food in a healthy shelter and environment. The party shall improve the standards of the country's general and specialized medical practice into the national modern health programme.

The party shall promote systematic and adequately funded research into all forms of traditional medicine and shall encourage the establishment of traditional health institutions in all the states to complement the national effort in health care delivery.

(9) The State shall direct its policy towards ensuring:

- (a) the promotion of a planned and balanced economic development;
- (b) that the material resources of the nation are harnessed and distributed as best as possible to serve the common good;
- (c) that the economic system is not operated in such a manner as to permit the concentration of wealth or the means of production and exchange in the hands of few individuals or of a group; and
- (d) that suitable and adequate shelter, suitable and adequate food, reasonable national minimum living wage, old age care and pensions, and unemployment, sick benefits and welfare of the disabled are provided for all citizens.

(10) A body shall be set up by an Act of the National Assembly which shall have power;

- (a) to review, from time to time, the ownership and control of business enterprises operating in Nigeria and make recommendations to the President on same; and
- (b) to administer any law for the regulation of the ownership and control of such enterprises.

(11) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section –

- (a) the reference to the "major sectors of the economy" shall be construed as a reference to such economic activities as may, from time to time, be declared by a resolution of each House of the National Assembly to be managed and operated exclusively by the Government of the Federation, and until a resolution to the contrary is made by the National Assembly, economic activities being operated exclusively by the Government of the Federation on the date immediately preceding the day when this section comes into force, whether directly or through the agencies of a statutory or other corporation or company, shall be deemed to be major sectors of the economy;
- (b) "economic activities" includes activities directly concerned with the production, distribution and exchange of weather or of goods and services; and
- (c) "Participate" includes the rendering of services and supplying of goods.

(12)The State social order is founded on ideals of Freedom, Equality and Justice.

(13) In furtherance of the social order-

- (a) Every citizen shall have equality of rights, obligations and opportunities before the law;

(b) the sanctity of the human person shall be recognized and human dignity shall be maintained and enhanced;

(c) Governmental actions shall be humane;

(d) exploitation of human or natural resources in any form whatsoever for reasons, other than the good of the community, shall be prevented; and (e) the independence, impartiality and integrity of courts of law, and easy accessibility thereto shall be secured and maintained.

(14) The State shall direct its policy towards ensuring that- (a) all citizens, without discrimination on any group whatsoever, have the opportunity for securing adequate means of livelihood as well as adequate opportunity to secure suitable employment;

(b) Conditions of work are just and humane, and that there are adequate facilities for leisure and for social, religious and cultural life;

(c) The health, safety and welfare of all persons in employment are safeguarded and not endangered or abused;

(d) There are adequate medical and health facilities for all persons;

(e) There is equal pay for equal work without discrimination on account of sex, or on any other ground whatsoever;

(f) Children, young persons and the age are protected against any exploitation whatsoever, and against moral and material neglect;

(g) provision is made for public assistance in deserving cases or other conditions of need; and

(h) the evolution and promotion of family life is encouraged.

15. (1) Government shall direct its policy towards ensuring that there are equal and adequate educational opportunities at all levels.

(2) Government shall promote science and technology

(3) Government shall strive to eradicate illiteracy; and to this end Government shall as and when practicable provide

(a) free, compulsory and universal primary education; (b) free secondary education;

(c) free university education; and (d) free adult literacy programme. 19. The foreign policy objectives shall be - (a) promotion and protection of the national interest;

(b) Promotion of African integration and support for African unity;

(c) Promotion of international co-operation for the consolidation of universal peace and mutual respect among all nations and elimination of discrimination in all its manifestations;

(d) respect for international law and treaty obligations as well as the seeking of settlement of international disputes by negotiation, mediation, conciliation, arbitration and adjudication; and

c. Air Transport:

The standard strategy shall be the development and sustenance of a viable air transport system for the country. Nigeria Airways shall continue to operate as the national carrier, but effort shall be made to ensure its survival and operational efficiency. Operation of private airlines in the domestic and international routes shall be encouraged, but will be regulated to ensure reliability and safety.

d. Water Transport:

The party shall develop the inland waterways with modern technology

i. Dredging the beds of all major rivers so that they can be navigated to serve as alternative to roads decongestion and reduce motor accidents.

ii. Providing financial allocation for the manufacturer of necessary vehicles required for water transportation.

e. Communication

The party shall ensure:-

i. Total reorganization of the country's postal system with a view to guaranteeing its efficiency

ii. The party shall ensure that the NITEL continues to play a leading role in the country's telecom industry while also encouraging strong private sector participation.

iii. Modernization of communications equipment belonging to NITEL, NIPOST, and Nigerian Television Authority.

SECTION M: EDUCATION

1. Objective

In keeping with the social democratic ideals of the party, education in the country shall be free up to secondary level. Every Nigerian child of school age shall undergo compulsory primary and secondary school education.

The party however, shall recognize the right of private individuals, corporate bodies and religious organizations etc to establish education institutions.

In furtherance of above, the party in government would ensure that the quality of education in both private and public institutions is of the same standard.

- (f) All Nigerian trade unions shall have the rights to affiliate to the Nigerian Labour Congress in recognition of the Party's belief in workers solidarity.
- (g) The trade unions shall administer their affairs without interference by state agencies in keeping with ILO convention on freedom of association.
- (h) Workers are adequately represented in all organs of government dealing with the welfare of workers.

SECTION L: TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

1. Objectives

The objectives of the party shall be

- a. Efficient transportation system throughout the country.
- b. Modernization of all existing modes of transportation in the country (road, rail, air, water/maritime) and
- c. Considerable expansion and modernization of our communication system.

2. Strategy

Our strategy in each sector shall be as outlined below.

a. Road Transportation:

- i. Improvement and development of all major roads linking our state capitals and major cities and towns within the states of the federation.
- ii. Revamping and acceleration of the Mass Transit Programme.

b. Railways:

The party shall ensure that the railway is urgently modernized by way of establishing an expansive rail network in the country that would serve both economic and social needs including national integration.

The party shall ensure that within ten years the network would be fully operational thereby integrating the whole country thus reducing the cost of road maintenance while creating large job opportunities.

(e) promotion of a just world economic order.

(16). The State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguard the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria.

(17). The State shall - (a) protect, preserve and promote the Nigerian cultures which enhance human dignity and are consistent with the fundamental objectives as provided in this Chapter; and

(b) encourage development of technological and scientific studies which enhance cultural values.

(18). The press, radio, television and other agencies of the mass media shall at all times be free to uphold the fundamental objectives contained in this Chapter and uphold the responsibility and accountability of the Government to the people.

(19). the national ethics shall be Discipline, Integrity, Dignity of Labour, Social, Justice, Religious Tolerance, Self-reliance and Patriotism.

(20). It shall be the duty of every citizen to - (a) abide by this Constitution, respect its ideals and its institutions, the National Flag, the National Anthem, the National Pledge, and legitimate authorities;

(b) help to enhance the power, prestige and good name of Nigeria, defend Nigeria and render such national service as may be required;

c) respect the dignity of other citizens and the rights and legitimate interests of others and live in unity and harmony and in the spirit of common brotherhood;

(d) make positive and useful contribution to the advancement, progress and wellbeing of the community where he resides;

(e) render assistance to appropriate and lawful agencies in the maintenance of law and order; and

(f) declare his income honestly to appropriate and lawful agencies and pay his tax promptly.

SECTION E: THE ECONOMY

The party will relentlessly strive to build a strong economy that would bail the country from its present stage of under development within the first term in office, based on the nation's strength of human, natural resources and prudent management.

The principal policy thrust of the Nigeria economy shall be to:

- a. Empower, economically most Nigerians.
- b. Create expanding employment opportunities;

- c. Protect locally produced goods and services;
- d. Encourage domestic competition and investment;
- e. Ensuring continual improvement in quality of life of every citizens.
- f. Discouraged the extremes of poverty and affluence. In order to achieve the above, the Nigerian state, while being the facilitators, shall also be a major player in the strategic sectors of the petroleum industry, energy, communication, rail and ports, health-care, education and Research.

In pursuant of these, the state.

- i. Shall create within the first tenure in office, the critical success imperatives necessary for socio-economic development.
- ii. Shall achieve, far reaching diversification of the Nigerian economy by reducing substantially reliance, on petroleum export.
- iii. Shall, as a matter of conscious policy, develop and empower indigenous entrepreneurs to be major players and compete in all aspects of the country's economy.
- iv. Shall motivate and encourage indigenous scientist and technologist, within and outside the country, and also assist and encourage them to acquire and adapt foreign technologies for the needs of the country.
- v. Shall restore the lost glory of Nigeria and make her a global economic envy/Giant within 8 years.
- vi. Shall recognize the role of the market in all economic activities, but would strive to avoid the tyranny of free market and the excesses of market fundamentalism.
- vii. Shall appreciate the strength of globalization and liberation but would adopt caution and step by step approach, given our country's weaknesses and disequilibrium.

SECTION J: IRON AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT

- 1. **Objective**
The party's major policy goal shall be to ensure that a viable iron and steel industry is established and maintained as a pre-requisite for industrial and technological take-off.
- 2. **Strategy**
The completing and continuous operation of the Ajaokuta Steel complex, other rolling mills and the iron-ore mining projects shall be given to priority. Quality control, shall be enforced to ensure the products acceptability internationally and to build confidence in the goods produced in the country either for home consumption or for export.

SECTION K: LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

- 1. **Objective**
In keeping with the Social democratic ideals of the party, the working man and woman shall be recognized as the motive force for the transformation of the country in which case, wage earners of all categories including intellectual workers and professionals shall be appropriately rewarded, motivated and assured of full employment.
- 2. **Strategy**
To achieve the above objectives the party shall ensure that:
 - (a) Employment creation and sustenance in both public and private sectors are made the cornerstone of government and private sectors activities.
 - (b) Conditions of employment in both public and private sectors including remunerations are constantly reviewed by way of collective bargaining.
 - (c) The national minimum wages at any time is not below subsistence income and take into cognizance the prevailing rate of inflation and the purchasing power of our currency.
 - (d) Pension rates for retired workers are constantly reviewed and minimum pension shall not be less than the prevailing national minimum wage.
 - (e) Trade unions are encouraged and strengthened and independent of employers and government and are not demarcated by the status of workers.

- b. To formulate and implement a comprehensive energy policy ensuring that reasonable tariffs are charged.
- c. Encourage private ownership of commercial power generation and distribution.
- d. Encourage the utilization of Solar Energy as a source of electric power for both domestic and industrial use.
- e. Encourage and fund research into alternative sources of energy.
- f. Assist Nigerian researchers defend their patent right international.

2. Strategy

Hydro-electric thermal and solar-energy shall be further developed and strengthened. The Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) shall be reorganized and adequately funded to ensure uninterrupted supply of power. Ageing turbines and other machines shall be replaced. The Hydro electric projects shall be given greater impetus and support. Thermal power stations shall be established at strategic locations in addition to the one at Egbin. The current policy of linking all the local government headquarters in the country with the National grid shall pursued with greater vigour.

SECTION 1: MINING AND PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

1. Objective

The party policy objectives in this sector shall be:

- a. To ensure responsible and controlled exploitation of our mineral resources.
- b. To ensure that government shall maintain exclusive rights over all mining activities in the country.
- c. To undertake comprehensive surveys so as to determine the quantities and locations of all the country's mineral resources.

2. Strategy

The NNPC and the Nigeria Mining corporation shall be properly organized and adequately funded to enable them play the very active role envisage for them in our administration. The party shall establish and further expand petro-chemical plants as vehicles for industrial development. Also other, LNG projects shall be initiated, bearing in mind the great potential of these projects to generate foreign exchange for the country.

- viii. Shall promote foreign investment and provide ample incentives.
- ix. Shall restore the strength and value of Naira (our legal tender)once again.

SECTION F: AGRICULTURE

1. Objective

The party shall acknowledge the strategic importance of agriculture and accord it top most priority in order to:

- a. Achieve national food self-sufficiency and food security within five years.
- b. Increase the production of raw materials for local industries thereby lessening their dependence on imported raw materials within our first term in office.
- c. Diversify production based on agriculture by expanding fishing, forest preservation and expansion, expanding poultry and animal husbandry and promoting fruits and vegetable production, processing and preservation.
- d. Rejuvenating and expanding agricultural commodity export like cocoa, cotton, groundnut, palm produce, rice, rubber and timber and ensure the maximization of value added to these export products, through domestic fabrication and processing.
- e. Reactivate and expand effective agricultural establishments into production and experimental oriented agencies.
- f. Provide farmers in rural areas easy access to credits and other agricultural inputs like fertilizer.
- g. Provide adequate irrigation and all season rural roads in agricultural areas.

- h. Promote the development of medium and large scale farms including the revamping of farm settlement schemes.
- i. Stimulate agricultural research and relate it to production.
- j. Embark on the local manufacture of food preservation equipment and machinery.

In order to achieve the above, the State would:

- i. Change the status of farmers from that of peasants who primary engage in subsistence farming by encouraging at least 50% of all graduates of all agricultural institutions and retired agriculturists to return to farming.
- ii. Strengthening of public agencies for agricultural development and financing.
- iii. Introducing of cheap labour augmenting technology that would meet the varieties in agricultural landscape in the country.
- iv. Removal of taxes and levies which constrain capital formation and production by peasants, medium and large scale farmers.
- v. Complementing subsidy on agricultural inputs with price support for outputs.
- vi. Intensification of research into organic fertilizers.
- vii. Establish a rural development agency in all L.G.A to provide easy access to credit for farmers.
- viii. Promotion of local fabrication of agricultural implements and equipment to enable the average farmer produce over 5 times his normal output.

SECTION G: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Nigeria is essentially a rural community with over 60% of the country's population living in rural area. But the quality of life amongst rural dwellers is very poor due to extremely inadequate infrastructure and dwindling economic fortunes. Increasingly, the gap between the rural and urban centres in virtually all respects is widening.

In order to urgently address the state of pervasive poverty which has become the lot of the rural communities, the party would be committed to the under listed objectives.

- a. Narrowing the gap between the rural and urban centre
- b. Reduction of the levels of rural poverty and neglect.
- c. Reversal of rural-urban migration.
- d. General improvement of the quality of life of the rural population.

In order to achieve the above objectives; the party shall:

- i. Emphasize community organizations for community development.
- ii. Provide incentives like matching grants necessary for promoting the execution of community projects:
- iii. Ensure the total electrification of the entire country within five years.
- iv. Ensure the sustenance of rural roads, water supply and create enabling environment for rural industrialization.
- v. Encourage skilled personnel to relocate to the rural areas of the country.

SECTION H: ENERGY

1. Objectives

The party's policy objectives shall be:

- a. To ensure a steady and increasing supply of energy for both industrial and social uses.