

THE CONSTITUTION (SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION)
(No. 3) DECREE 1966



Decree No. 17

[17th January 1966]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:—

1. In Part II of Schedule 4 of the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966, for the entry relating to section 75 of the Constitution of Northern Nigeria there shall be substituted the following entry—

Amendment
of provisions
modifying
section 75
(Council of
Chiefs) of
Constitution
of Northern
Nigeria.
1966 No. 1.

Section 75

In subsection (1), for paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

“(a) a chairman, who shall be appointed by the Military Governor of the Region from among the Chiefs of the Region ;

(b) such number of other members as the Military Governor of the Region may appoint from among the Chiefs of the Region ;”.

In subsection (2), for the words “from ‘Premier’ to ‘House of Chiefs’” there shall be substituted the words “chairman of the Council may co-opt four persons from among the Chiefs of the Region”.

In subsection (3), for the words from “Governor” to “powers” there shall be substituted the words “Military Governor of the Region shall consult the Council of Chiefs of the Region before exercising any power”.

2.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) (No. 3) Decree 1966 and shall apply throughout Nigeria.

(2) This Decree shall be deemed to have come into force on 17th January 1966.

Citation,
extent and
commence-
ment.

DATED at Lagos this 28th day of March 1966.

MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. U. AGUIYI-IRONSI,
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Supreme Commander 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 purposes)

The purposes of this Decree are to enable the Military Governor of Northern Nigeria to appoint the chairman and regular members of the Council of Chiefs of Northern Nigeria; to enable the chairman to co-opt four chiefs for the discussion of any particular matter; and to make it no longer compulsory for the Military Governor to follow the advice given by the Council.