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BILL FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION, COORDINATION, TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN AID, GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA; TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE UTILIZATION OF SUCH AID; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2026 (SB. 1034).

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ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

PART I – OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATION

1. Objectives of the Act

The objectives of this Act are to—

- (a) establish a comprehensive framework for the regulation and coordination of foreign aid in Nigeria;
- (b) ensure transparency and accountability in the receipt and utilization of foreign aid;
- (c) promote alignment of foreign aid with national development priorities;
- (d) prevent misuse, diversion, or duplication of foreign-funded projects; and
- (e) enhance public access to information on foreign aid.

2. Application

This Act shall apply to—

- (a) all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal Government;
- (b) State Governments and Local Government Councils receiving foreign aid;
- (c) Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and private entities receiving foreign aid; and
- (d) all foreign aid in the form of grants, donations, technical assistance, concessional loans, or humanitarian support.

PART II – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOREIGN AID REGULATORY COMMISSION

3. Establishment of the Commission

- (1) There is established a body to be known as the Foreign Aid Regulatory Commission (FARC) (in this Act referred to as “the Commission”).
- (2) The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

4. Functions of the Commission

The Commission shall—

- (a) register and maintain a database of all foreign aid received in Nigeria;
- (b) monitor and evaluate the utilization of foreign aid;
- (c) ensure compliance with national policies and priorities;
- (d) publish periodic reports on foreign aid inflows and utilization;
- (e) collaborate with relevant agencies for effective oversight;
- (f) prevent duplication of donor-funded projects; and
- (g) enforce compliance with this Act.

5. Powers of the Commission

The Commission shall have power to—

- (a) request information from any entity receiving foreign aid;
- (b) conduct audits and inspections of foreign aid-funded projects;
- (c) impose administrative sanctions for non-compliance; and
- (d) issue guidelines and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

PART III – REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

6. Mandatory Registration

- (1) Every entity receiving foreign aid shall register with the Commission within 30 days of receipt.
- (2) Failure to register constitutes an offence under this Act.

7. Disclosure Obligations

- (1) All recipients of foreign aid shall disclose—
 - (a) the source and amount of aid received;
 - (b) the purpose and conditions attached;
 - (c) details of implementing partners; and
 - (d) periodic reports on utilization.
- (2) Such disclosures shall be submitted to the Commission and made publicly accessible.

8. National Foreign Aid Register

The Commission shall establish and maintain a publicly accessible National Foreign Aid Register containing details of all foreign aid received in Nigeria.

PART IV – UTILIZATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

9. Utilization of Foreign Aid

- (1) Foreign aid shall be utilized strictly for the purposes for which it is granted.
- (2) Any diversion or misuse shall constitute an offence.

10. Audit and Reporting

- (1) All foreign aid shall be subject to annual independent audit.
- (2) Audit reports shall be submitted to the Commission and the National Assembly.

11. Alignment with National Development Plans

All foreign aid-funded projects shall align with Nigeria's national development plans and priorities.

PART V – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

12. Offences

A person or entity commits an offence if it—

- (a) fails to register foreign aid;
- (b) provides false or misleading information;
- (c) diverts or misuses foreign aid; or
- (d) obstructs the Commission in the performance of its functions.

13. Penalties

(1) An individual convicted under this Act is liable to—

- (a) a fine not less than ₦5,000,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or both.

(2) A corporate body is liable to—

- (a) a fine not less than ₦20,000,000; and
- (b) suspension or revocation of operational license.

PART VI – MISCELLANEOUS

14. Regulations

The Commission may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

15. Collaboration with Agencies

The Commission shall collaborate with—

- (a) the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation;
- (b) the Auditor-General for the Federation;
- (c) relevant anti-corruption agencies; and
- (d) international development partners.

16. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Foreign Aid” means any financial or technical assistance provided by foreign governments, international organizations, or private foreign entities;

“Commission” means the Foreign Aid Regulatory Commission (FARC).

17. Citation

This Act may be cited as the Foreign Aids (Regulation, Transparency and Disclosure) Bill, 2026.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish a legal framework for the regulation, transparency, and accountability of foreign aid received in Nigeria, ensuring that such aid is effectively utilized for national development and that citizens have access to relevant information.