

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT DECREE 1974



Decree No. 5

[15th February 1974]

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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1.—(1) There shall be established as an integral part of the Federal Ministry of Labour a division to be known as the Co-operative Development Division (hereinafter in this Decree referred to as “the division”).

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Co-operative
Development
Division..

(2) The division shall exercise the functions relating to the development of co-operatives specified in section 2 of this Decree and such other functions as may be specified from time to time by the Commissioner.

(3) The division shall consist of a Federal Registrar of Co-operative Societies and such other supporting staff as may be required for the purposes of the performance of the duties of the division.

(4) All the officers of the division shall be members of the public service of the Federation (within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federation).

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2. The division shall, subject to this Decree be charged with responsibility for the following matters, that is to say—

Duties of
the division.

(a) co-ordination of inter-governmental and inter-state co-operative activities ;

(b) formulation of broad national economic policy for co-operative development and financing, and the integration of co-operative policies into national development plans ;

(c) supervision of national co-operative societies and the implementation of development policies relating to national co-operative projects ;

(d) disbursement of federal and foreign assistance to the Nigerian co-operative movement ;

(e) liaison with federal economic institutions and representation of co-operative interests at inter-ministerial meetings ;

(f) relations on co-operative matters with central labour organisations and similar bodies especially in matters relating to jointly sponsored welfare schemes ;

(g) co-ordination of research into co-operative problems ;

(h) compilation of information on all matters relating to co-operative development ;

(i) co-ordination of publicity on co-operative matters and preparation of reports on co-operative development in Nigeria ;

(j) inter-African and other international co-operative matters including relations with international co-operative organisations and specialised agencies of the United Nations Organisation ;

(k) co-operative education and training at the national level and relations with appropriate Nigerian and foreign educational institutions ;

(l) organisation of national and international conferences and seminars on co-operative matters including visits by representatives of foreign co-operative societies and bodies ; and

(m) National Advisory Council for Co-operative Development.

Establishment, functions and composition of National Advisory Council for Co-operative Development.

3.—(1) There shall also be established a body to be known as the National Advisory Council for Co-operative Development (hereinafter in this Decree referred to as “the council”) which shall meet from time to time for the purpose of deliberating on matters relating to co-operative development and tendering advice thereon to the Commissioner.

(2) The Council shall consist of the following :—

(a) the Federal Registrar of Co-operative Societies ;

(b) State Registrars of Co-operative Societies ;

(c) one representative of each State Apex of Co-operative Societies ;

(d) one representative of the National Apex of Co-operative Societies ;

(e) one representative of the Federal Apex of Co-operative Societies ;

(f) four persons with experience or qualifications in co-operative matters.

(3) In subsection (2) above, the reference to—

(a) Federal Apex of Co-operative Societies is a reference to an organisation representing the interests of co-operatives in a particular functional sector ; and

(b) National Apex of Co-operative Societies is a reference to an organisation representing the interests of co-operative societies irrespective of their sphere of operation.

(3) Appointments under paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subsection (2) above shall be made by the Commissioner.

(4) Members of the Council appointed under paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subsection (2) above shall hold office for such period not being less than twelve months as the instrument of appointment may provide.

(5) The Council shall meet at such times and places as the Commissioner may direct.

(6) The quorum for meetings of the Council shall be ten.

Interpretation.

4. In this Decree, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Commissioner” means the Federal Commissioner for Labour ;

“the council” means the National Advisory Council for Co-operative Development established by section 2 of this Decree ;

“the division” means the Co-operative Development Division established by section 1 of this Decree.

5. This Decree may be cited as the Co-operative Development Decree Citation.
1974.

MADE at Lagos this 15th day of February 1974.

GENERAL Y. GOWON,
*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 establishes (as part of the Federal Ministry of Labour) a Division to be known as the Co-operative Development Division and charges the Division with responsibility for the matters set out in section 2. It also establishes an Advisory Council whose function is to deliberate on co-operative development and tender advice thereon to the Commissioner.