CVS – FUNDAMENTAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT

The Federal Republic of Nigeria (FRN) is a State base on the principles of democracy and social justice.

Security and welfare of the people is the primary purpose of the Nigerian government, and the participation by the people in their environment shall be ensured in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

The motto of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress.

National Integration should be actively encouraged, whilst discrimination on the grounds of place of origin, sex, religion, status, ethnic or linguistic association or ties should be prohibited.

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 different religions, ethnic or linguistic association or ties; and
(d) Promote or encourage the formation of associations that cut across ethnic, linguistic, religious or other sectional barriers.

The Nigeria state ought to foster a feeling of belonging and of involvement among the various peoples of the Federation, to the end that loyalty to the nation shall override sectional loyalties. The Nigerian State ought to abolish all corrupt practices and abuse of power.

Educational Objectives of the Government

Government should direct its policy towards ensuring that there are equal and adequate educational opportunities at all levels.

Government shall promote science and technology.

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 university education.
(c) Free adult literacy programme.

Social Objectives of the Government

The Social Order is founded on ideals of Freedom, Equality and Justice.

Every citizen ought to have equal rights, obligations and opportunities before the law.

Governmental actions shall be humane.

Exploitation of human or natural resources in any form whatsoever for reasons, other than the good of the community shall be prevented.

The independence, impartiality and integrity of courts of law, and easy accessibility thereto shall be secured and maintained.

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

Other Objectives of the Government

- Environment – the State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguard the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria.
- Nigerian Cultures – the State shall protect, preserve and promote the Nigerian cultures which enhance human dignity.
- Mass Media – the press, radio, television and other agencies of the mass media shall at all times be free to uphold the responsibility and accountability of the Government to the people.
- National Ethics (or values) – the national ethics shall be *Discipline*, *Integrity*, *Dignity of Labour*, *Social Justice*, *Religious Tolerance*, *Self-reliance* and *Patriotism*.