

ANAMBRA STATE HOMELAND SECURITY LAW, 2025.

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A Law to provide for the maintenance of internal security and order in the State and to establish the Anambra State Agunechemba and for related matters.

The House of Assembly of Anambra State Enacts as follows:

PART I - PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Citation and Commencement.

1. This Law may be cited as the Anambra State Homeland Security Law, 2025 and shall come into force on the 17th day of January, 2025

Interpretation.

- **2.** In this Law unless the context to the otherwise requires:
 - "Agunechemba" means the security outfit of Anambra State established by section 3(1) of this law;
 - "appropriate authority" means the authority designated by the State or Local Government for a particular purpose under this law;
 - "area" means area of residence or business;
 - "central command" or "command" means the

Agunechemba existing at and operating from the State level;

- "court" means High Court of Anambra State;
- "estate" means Housing Estate
- "fund" means any money accruing to Agunechemba;
- "government" means the Government of Anambra State of Nigeria;
- "governor" means the Governor of Anambra State;
- "gross misconduct" means any conduct incongruous with the status of the member of the Supervisory Committees and Agunechemba;
- "house" means Anambra State House of Assembly;
- "ministry" means the ministry in charge of homeland security;
- "religious place" means any place used for religious worship or activities
- "security council" means the State Security Council;
- "state" means Anambra State of Nigeria;

"supervisory committee" means the State Security Supervisory Committee or the Local Government Security Supervisory Committee established under sections 8 and 9 of this law; and

"town union" means the town union recognized by the Anambra State Government

"valid means of identification" means National Identification Number (NIN) or any other Federal Government approved official means of identification

Anambra State Agunechemba

- (1) There is established for the State a security outfit to be known as Agunechemba which shall exist and operate:
 - (a) In at least each town or community in the State;
 - (b) In each local government of the State;
 - (c) at the State level as the central command
- (2) Agunechemba shall be made up of all the units of Agunechemba in all the towns, communities, local governments, markets or other public places in the State.
- (3) The central command of Agunechemba shall be the central outfit for the State and shall be made up of persons employed by the State Government
- (4) The operatives from the central command of Agunechemba may be deployed to any part of the State and shall only be answerable to the authorities of State established or constituted pursuant to this law
- (5) Every security operative will be thoroughly screened which process will include completion of application form to be designed by the State Security Supervisory Committee.
- (6) The application form shall make provision for proper identification of the operatives by:
 - (a) the Traditional Ruler of his town; and
 - (b) the President General of the Town Union; or
 - (c) the Honourable member representing the constituency in the House; or
 - (d) the Chairman of the Market Association with respect to market only.

- (7) On recruitment of any member of Agunechemba under this law, the State Government shall issue or direct the issuance of identity cards in any manner determined by the Governor to the security operatives who shall carry them, at all times while on duty.
- (8) Each identity card shall among other particulars contain the name and address, service number, the thumb print of the security operative, his signature, his photograph and a barcode for easy identification.
- (9) The identity card shall bear the stamp of the registering office placed in such a way that part of the stamp shall be on the photograph and counter signed by the Divisional Police Officer in the area.
- (10) The terms and conditions of service for all members of the Agunechemba in the communities who are recruited by the Town Security Management and Finance Committee pursuant to this law shall be as determined by that Committee.
- (11) The terms and conditions of service including remuneration for all members of the Agunechemba in the local governments who are recruited by the Local Government Security Supervisory Committee pursuant to this law shall be as determined by that Committee.
- (12) The terms and conditions of service including remuneration for all members of Agunechemba in the central command who are recruited by the State shall be as determined by the Governor.
- (13) The State Government shall give such subventions as may be determined by the Governor to the Agunechemba in the communities to support their remuneration.

Functions of Agunechemba

- **4.** The functions of Agunechemba shall be to assist the Nigeria Police and any other security agency to:
 - (a) prevent and detect crimes;
 - (b) make available relevant information on criminals;
 - (c) take necessary measures to ensure that criminals do not operate in any part of the State;
 - (d) preserve law and order;
 - (e) protect lives and properties;
 - (f) arrest criminals and hand them over to police for investigation; and
 - (g) give further assistance to the police where required in the production of witnesses.

Powers of Agunechemba

- **5.** The Agunechemba shall have powers to:
 - (a) arrest and handover to the police, any person who commits crime;
 - (b) patrol the streets or villages at any time of the day;
 - (c) maintain security barricades in appropriate places;
 - (d) question and handover to the police any person of questionable character or of suspicious movement;
 - (e) enter and search any compound into which a questionable person runs while being pursued; and
 - (f) form special forces or squads for the purpose of tackling kidnapping, banditry, consumption of illicit drugs, cultism, robbery and any other violent crimes in the State

Composition, structure and Administration

6. The composition, structure and administration of the central command of Agunechemba as well as the terms and conditions of service of members, and staff at the said central command shall be as determined by the Governor from time to time.

Private Security Companies

7.

(1) Any person operating any private security outfit or company in the State shall after complying with other laws for the setting up of the said entity, register with the State Government in the manner prescribed by the State, the particulars of the company and all armed security operatives employed or deployed by them in any part of the State.

(2) The Governor or other department or office in charge of security in the State may make regulations to be complied with by the private security outfits or their operatives in order to ensure synergy and avoid security conflicts in the operation of those security operatives and members of Agunechemba

ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SECURITY SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE AND TOWN SECURITY MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Establishment and	8.
Composition of	
Anambra State Secu	rity
Supervisory Commit	tee

- (1) There is established a supervisory body to be known as the Anambra State Security Supervisory Committee.
- (2) The Anambra State Security Supervisory Committee shall consist of:
 - (a) The Governor or any other person designated by him, as the chairman
 - (b) The Commissioner in charge of homeland security, if any, as member
 - (c) The Special Adviser to the Governor on Security, if any, as member
 - (d) A representative of Nigeria Police Force as a member:
 - (e) A representative of Department of State Service (DSS) as a member;
 - (f) A representative of National Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC) as a member;
 - (g) The Chairman of House of Assembly Committee on Security as a member;
 - (h) The Chairman of State Council of Traditional Rulers or his representative as a member;
 - (i) A Secretary/Legal Adviser who shall be a State Counsel from Ministry of Justice;
 - (j) The Mayors of the local government areas:
 - (k) Any other member or members as may be appointed by the Governor.

- (3) The functions of the Anambra State Security Supervisory Committee shall be to:
 - (a) ensure that the Units of Agunechemba and their members are duly registered in accordance with this law;
 - (b) monitor the activities of the different units of Agunechemba in the communities and local governments to ensure that they operate effectively and in accordance with this law;
 - (c) advise the Governor on the programme and activities of Agunechemba;
 - (d) effect the provision of necessary materials by the State to the central command of Agunechemba;
 - (e) intervene and set up Units of Agunechemba in communities or local governments where there is conflict or difficulty in setting up Units of Agunechemba;
 - (f) conduct periodic audit of all units of Agunechemba;
 - (g) identify the areas of need of the Units of Agunechemba and bring them to the knowledge of the Government;
 - (h) intervene in cases of misunderstanding between Units of Agunechemba, Police or other security agencies;
 - (i) ensure that cordial relationship and synergy are maintained among the units of Agunechemba and between the units of Agunechemba in the local governments and communities and the central command
 - (j) document and maintain a data base of all units and all members of Agunechemba, their arms and equipment; and
 - (k) carry out such other activities in the state as are necessary and expedient for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Agunechemba as set out in this law.

- (4) The Anambra State Security Supervisory Committee shall, for the purpose of carrying out its functions under this law, have power to ensure that:
 - (a) Requisite salaries and/or allowances are paid as remuneration to members of the Agunechemba;
 - (b) Members of the Agunechemba are properly kitted and adequately equipped to carry out their functions under this law;
 - (c) Insurance scheme are put in place to cover operational hazards for the members of the Agunechemba; and
 - (d) Operatives are accorded adequate recognition and encouragement by the communities, local governments and the State to boost their morale.

Establishment and Composition of the Local Government Security Supervisory Committee

- (1) There is established for every local government, a supervisory body to be known as the Local Government Security Supervisory Committee which shall be answerable to the Anambra State Security Supervisory Committee.
- (2) The Local Government Security Supervisory Committee shall consist of:
 - (a) The Mayor of the Local Government who shall be the Chairman
 - (b) The Presidents-General of the towns in the Local Government as members
 - (c) The security commanders of the communities in the Local Government
 - (d) The leader of the Congress of Councillors in the Local Government as a member
 - (e) The Divisional Police Officers in the Local Government as members:
 - (f) A person appointed from the Local Government by the State Agunechemba Supervisory Committee to be the Secretary and who shall serve for a period determined by State Security Supervisory Committee.
 - (g) The Leader of the Agunechemba unit in the Local Government as member.
- (3) The functions of the Local Government Security

Supervisory Committee shall be to:

- (a) recruit persons into the Agunechemba Unit at the Local Government level and send them to the State Security Supervisory Committee for profiling and training;
- (b) see to the welfare of the units of Agunechemba at the Local Government level;
- (c) ensure that the units of Agunechemba in the communities and at the local government level keep to the code of conduct laid down by the State:
- (d) ensure that the units of Agunechemba at the local government level are neither involved nor biased in village squabbles and politics; and
- (e) ensure that cordial relationship and synergy are maintained with neighbouring Local Government Security units and among the units of Agunechemba in the communities in the Local Government
- (f) monitor the activities of the different units of Agunechemba in the communities to ensure that they operate effectively and in accordance with this law
- (4) The Units of Agunechemba at the Local Government shall be answerable to the Local Government Security Supervisory Committee.

Establishment and 10. Composition of Town Security Management and Finance Committee

- (1) There is established for every town a body to be known as the Town Security Management and Finance Committee
- (2) The Town Security Management and Finance Committee shall consist of:
 - (a) The Traditional Ruler of the community who shall be the patron;
 - (b) The President General of the town union as a member;
 - (c) Stakeholders in the community of good standing and integrity either with expertise on security matters or with financial capacity to provide financial support to the Agunechemba

- unit, to be nominated by each village in the town and to be constituted by the traditional ruler and the town union but not exceeding fifty in number, as members;
- (d) The Divisional Police Officer as member;
- (e) A chairman and secretary who shall be selected by the members of the Committee from among themselves.
- (3) The stakeholders and chairman appointed under paragraph (c) and (e) of sub section 2 of this section shall serve for a period to be determined by the Town Security Management and Finance Committee.
- (4) The Town Security Management and Finance Committee shall when constituted, be inaugurated by the Mayor of the Local Government Area, before the Committee commences its operations.
- (5) The functions of the Town Security Management and Finance Committee shall be to:
 - (a) recruit persons into the Agunechemba Unit in the community and send them to the State Security Supervisory Committee for profiling and training and to suspend or dismiss any such person from the Agunechemba unit;
 - (b) see to the welfare of the security operatives in the community;
 - (c) ensure that the Agunechemba unit keeps to the code of conduct laid down for Agunechemba;
 - (d) ensure that the Agunechemba unit is neither involved nor biased in village squabbles and politics;
 - (e) ensure that cordial relationship and strategy are maintained with neighbouring town's units of Agunechemba;
 - (f) appoint the Security Commander of the Agunechemba unit in the community;
 - (g) raise funds for the operation, welfare and remuneration of the security operatives in the community;

- (h) determine and prepare the budget for the Agunechemba unit in the community;
- (i) determine the terms and conditions of service including remuneration of the security operatives in the community;
- (j) determine the mode of operation of the security operatives in the community provided that it does not violate the provisions of this law or any other law or any guidelines or directives issued by the State Government;
- (k) constitute the Operations Committee of the Agunechemba Unit in the community

Establishment, Composition and functions of the Agunechemba Operations Committee

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- (1) There shall be for every town, an Operations Committee for the Agunechemba Unit in the community
- (2) The Operations Committee shall be constituted by the Town Security Management and Finance Committee and shall consist of the President General of the Town Union as chairman, the Security Commander of the town as a member, the Divisional Police Officer as a member and such other persons as appointed by the Management and Finance Committee.
- (3) The Operations Committee shall see to the day to day running and operations of the Agunechemba Unit

Powers of the Governor over Committees and Town Unions

- (1) The Governor may for security reasons dissolve any of the Committees established under or pursuant to this law and may remove any person from or appoint any person into any of the Committees as he deems fit.
- (2) Where there is a breakdown of law and order or likelihood of breakdown of law and order in any community, the Governor may for security reasons,
 - (a) suspend the activities or operation of the leadership of the town union; or
 - (b) bar the leadership of the town union from operating;and shall appoint a Caretaker Committee for the community.

- (3) A Caretaker Committee appointed under sub section (2) of this section shall:
 - (a) consist of indigenes or residents of the community and shall administer the affairs of the community for a period not exceeding three months in the first instance or for a subsequent period of three months.
 - (b) assist the State Government in ensuring the restoration or preservation of law and order in the community
 - (c) in a case where the leadership of the town union is barred from operating as stipulated under paragraph (b) of sub section (2) of this section, ensure that another election is conducted for the town union under the supervision of the ministry in charge of the town union before the expiration of the tenure of the Committee, provided that no member of such committee shall be eligible for election to any office in the town union
- (4) The powers of the Governor under this section may be exercised by him or any other official of the State Government designated by him.
- (5) Any person who operates or takes any step as an executive of the town union after the activities or operation of the leadership of the town union are suspended or barred under sub section 2 of this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 6 years with an option of fine of \$\frac{\text{N}}{2}\$0 million or both.

Duty to make monthly security reports and related offences

13.

(1) As from the commencement of this law, all Presidents-General of the town unions recognized by the State Government shall not later than the first week of every month, submit to the Mayors of their respective local government areas and ministry in charge of homeland security or where not existing at the time, any other department or office in charge of security in the State as may be designated by the Governor, a report in any manner as may be prescribed, of:

- (a) all criminal or criminally suspicious activities in their communities or by persons from their communities, for the preceding month;
- (b) any apprehension or arrest of offenders or suspects made by the Agunechemba established under this law, the Nigerian police or any other law enforcement agency in their communities for the preceding month;
- (c) the names, addresses, phone numbers, whereabouts and any other necessary particulars of the person(s) alleged or suspected to have taken part directly or indirectly in the activities in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of this section or apprehended or arrested as in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of this section;
- (d) any person who appears to them to be new and unknown but resides in the community in the preceding month, with the name, address, phone numbers, and any other necessary particulars of such person;
- (e) any location whether in the forest or not, suspected to be occupied or used by kidnappers or bandits either as a dwelling place or for perpetration of crime;
- (f) any person who brandishes wealth or engages in lavish or luxurious spending or lifestyle without an ostensible and verifiable means of livelihood in their communities for the preceding month, with the name, address, phone numbers, and any other necessary particulars of such person; and
- (g) their assessment of the security condition in their communities.
- (2) Any President General who fails to make the report as required under sub section 1 of this section shall be guilty of misconduct and shall be liable to have his recognition by the State Government withdrawn.
- (3) Any President General who parades himself as such after his recognition has been withdrawn by the State Government, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 2 years or a fine of \$\frac{\text{\text{M}}}{5}\$ million or both.

Duty on landlords and proprietors of Hotels, Hostels, Lodges and such likes and related offences **14.** (1)

- (a) As from the commencement of this law, any landlord or owner of any property shall before letting out his property, demand and obtain from the proposed tenant, a copy of the valid means of identification of the tenant with his phone number, details of his occupation and where applicable, his place of work and shall submit such means of identification and information to the President General of the town union who shall upon demand, immediately transmit same to the Mayor of the Local Government.
- (b) In any community where there exist(s) Estate which makes it difficult for the President General of the community to receive the means of identification and information specified in paragraph A of sub-section 1 of this section directly from the landlords, the President General shall direct the leadership of the Estate association to collect such means of identification and information from the landlords and transmit to him.
- (2) Any person who lets out his property without obtaining a valid means of identification from the tenant or the information required under sub section 1 of this section or who fails to submit a copy of the means of identification or such other information as required under sub section 1 of this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 1 year with an option of fine of N5 million or both.
- (3) The proprietor or operator of any hotel, commercial guest house, inn, lodge, motel, shortlet apartment or other commercial dwelling place by whatever name called, or hostel shall before accommodating any person, demand and obtain from the guest, a copy of the valid means of identification of the guest and shall as prescribed by the State or Local Government, submit to the appropriate authority the means of

- identification of the guests and any other information required by the State or Local Government.
- (4) The proprietor or operator of any hotel, commercial guest house, inn, lodge, motel, shortlet apartment or other commercial dwelling place by whatever name called, or hostel shall as from the commencement of this law, install in such facility, a surveillance camera to record the checking in of guests and or the activities taking place within the premises and surroundings and shall as prescribed by the State or Local Government, submit to the appropriate authority the data recorded by the camera.
- (5) Any proprietor or operator of hotel, commercial guest house, inn, lodge, motel, shortlet apartment, hostel or other commercial dwelling place by whatever name called, or hostel who fails to comply with the provisions of sub sections 3 and 4 of this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 6 months with an option of fine of \$\frac{\text{N}}{1}\$ million or both
- (6) The Commissioner in charge of hospitality may withdraw the licence or shut down the operations of any hotel, commercial guest house, inn, lodge, motel, shortlet apartment, hostel or other commercial dwelling place which fails to comply with the provisions of sub sections 3 and 4 of this section.

Property Offences in relation to kidnapping and banditry

15.

(1) Any person being the owner of any land whether or not in a forest or of any building or a person in control of any such land or building, who allows such land or building to be occupied as a camp or settlement or used for purposes of perpetrating or aiding kidnapping, detention of kidnapped victims, demanding or collection of ransoms in relation to kidnapping or any other crime in furtherance of kidnapping or any form of banditry, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 25 years without an option of fine.

- (2) Any person, not being a member of the Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Army or other security agency recognized by the law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or the laws of Anambra State, who lives or harbours people on any land in the forest in any part of the State except for purposes related to farming or in furtherance of any lawful business, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 25 years without an option of fine.
- (3) Any person being the owner of any land in a forest or a person in control of any such land, who allows any person, not being a member of the Police Force, Nigerian Army or other security agency recognized by the law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or the laws of Anambra State to live or camp in such forest except for purposes related to farming or in furtherance of any lawful business, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 25 years without an option of fine.
- (4) Any person being the owner of any property or a person in control of any such property, who is or becomes aware that such property is used for the commission of any offence and conceals such fact or fails to report same to the police or Agunechemba under this law, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 25 years without an option of fine.
- (5) Any land or building used for the commission of any offence under this section shall be forfeited to the State Government.
- (6) Nothing in sub section 5 of this section shall preclude the Governor of the State from revoking or acquiring for overriding public purpose, any property in the State, in line with the provisions of the Land Use Act.

Property Offences in relation to illicit drugs

- **16.** (1) No property in the State shall be used for the manufacture, use or sale of illicit drugs.
 - (2) Any property used for the manufacture, sale or use of illicit drugs in the State shall be forfeited to the State Government.

Case files to be submitted to the Attorney General

- 17. In furtherance of the powers granted to the Attorney General of the State pursuant to section 211 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), section 149 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Anambra State 2023 and section 31 of the Police Act 2020.
 - (1) The files of all cases bordering on or related to kidnapping under investigation by the police shall at the conclusion of investigation, subject to the direction of the Attorney General, be immediately forwarded to the Attorney General for review or advice.
 - (2) Where the investigation is not concluded within 15 days from the date of the arrest or the date the report is made whichever is earlier, the case file shall be duplicated and submitted to the Attorney General immediately upon the expiration of the said period of 15 days for his direction, review or advice.

Offences on use of supernatural powers

- (1) Any person who under the practice of "okite" or "ezenwanyi" or under any other guise, administers any substance or charm on or for any other person for the purpose of commission of any offence or for the purpose of accumulation of wealth by supernatural means other than by any known lawful means of livelihood or who publicly propagates the accumulation of such wealth other than by any known lawful means of livelihood, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 6 years with an option of fine of N20 million or both.
- (2) Any person who performs any sacrifice or dumps on any road or throws into any water body in the State, any charms, substance or items of sacrifice in furtherance of the commission of any offence under

- sub section 1 of this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 6 years with an option of fine of N20 million or both.
- (3) Any person who misleads the public by purporting to wield any supernatural powers which he is found not to possess or who obtains any reward from any person in furtherance thereof, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 6 years with an option of fine of N20 million or both.
- (4) For the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a person possesses the supernatural powers under sub section 3 of this section, any such person suspected of misleading the public under sub section 3 of this section shall at the stage of investigation, be subjected to proof that he possesses such powers.
- (5) An investigation made by the police in respect of any offence under this section shall be forwarded to the Attorney General of the State for review and advice before the prosecution of any person suspected of having committed the offence.

Offences involving the use of religious place

- (1) Any person who uses any religious place for the commission or to aid the commission of any crime, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 6 years with an option of fine of \(\frac{\text{N}}{20}\) million or both.
 - (2) Any religious place suspected of being used to commit or aid the commission of any crime may be sealed by the order of the Governor pending the conclusion of investigation.
 - (3) If after the conclusion of investigation, there exists a prima facie case of the commission or aiding the commission of any crime in such place, any person found culpable shall be charged to court.
 - (4) Where a person is charged to court under this section, the property or place involved shall where sealed,

except unsealed by the order of the Governor, remain sealed until the determination of the charge or unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Offences involving human parts

20. Any person who performs or requires of any person the performance of any rituals involving human parts, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 25 years without an option of fine.

FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

Purpose of funds

21. The purpose of the fund of the Agunechemba shall be for the payment of wages and purchase of security gadgets including vehicles, torchlight, whistles, and operational weapons.

Approval of bank accounts for Agunechemba

- (1) The Units of Agunechemba in the communities and local governments shall operate bank accounts in reputable banks approved by the Management and Finance Committee in the case of the communities and by the Local Government Mayor in the case of the local governments and all monies belonging to the unit shall be paid into this account.
- (2) The central command of Agunechemba shall operate a bank account in a reputable bank approved by the Accountant-General of the State and all monies belonging to the central command shall be paid into this account.
- (3) No cheque or other instrument for withdrawal of any money from the account of the Agunechemba Unit at the local government level shall be valid unless it is signed by the Chairman and the Secretary or a member of the Supervisory Committee authorized generally or specifically in that behalf by the Committee.
- (4) No cheque or other instrument for withdrawal of any money from the account of the central command of Agunechemba shall be valid unless it is signed by the officials of the State designated by the Governor.

Accounts to be kept and made up yearly

- 23. (1) The central command and each Unit of Agunechemba at the Local Government level shall keep accounts of their income and expenditure including a balance sheet for every year.
 - (2) The State Auditor-General shall not later than 31st
 January of every year audit the accounts of the central command of Agunechemba and submit a report thereon to the House.
 - (3) The State Auditor-General or any persons authorized by him to audit those accounts of the central command of Agunechemba shall have access to all books, records and bank account of the central command which the State Auditor-General may deem necessary for effective audit of those accounts.
 - (4) The Auditor-General of the Local Government shall not later than 31st January of every year audit the accounts of the Local Government Units of Agunechemba and submit a report thereon to the House.
 - (5) The Auditor-General of the Local Government or any persons authorized by him to audit those accounts shall have access to all books, records and bank account of the Units of Agunechemba which the Auditor-General may deem necessary for effective audit of those accounts.

Audit

- 24. The central command of Agunechemba shall not later than the 31st day of December of each year submit to the Governor and the House:
 - (a) A report of its activities during the year;
 - (b) The estimates of its income and expenditure for the next ensuing year; and
 - (c) feasibility reports on any activities included in its estimate.

Meeting

- **25.** The Chairman shall convene a meeting of the Supervisory Committee:
 - (i) Whenever the Chairman deems it expedient;
 - (ii) If a simple majority of the members request such meeting.

Meeting Resolution 26.

- (1) At any meeting, the Chairman shall preside but in his absence members present shall elect one of their members to preside.
- (2) A decision of the Supervisory Committee shall be made by resolution passed by the majority of the members present and voting.
- (3) The Chairman or any member presiding at such meeting shall where the votes are equal, have a second or casting vote.

Quorum

27. (1) No business of the Supervisory Committee shall be transacted unless there is a quorum present and 1/3 of members shall form a quorum.

Power to co-opt

28. Where the Supervisory Committee is desirous of obtaining the advice of any person on any specific matter, the Supervisory Committee may co-opt that person for such meeting as the Supervisory Committee may decide and that person so co-opted shall have the powers and privileges of a member except that he shall not be entitled to vote at such meeting.

Validity of Proceeding

- **29.** The validity of the Proceedings of Supervisory Committee shall not be affected by:
 - (a) The absence of any member;
 - (b) Any irregularity in the appointment of any member; or Offences and
 - (c) Reason that a person who is not so entitled has taken part in the proceedings.

Standing Order

30. The State Supervisory Committee shall make standing orders for the regulation of its procedure.

31. The Governor may from time to time, after due consultation with the Security Council, give to the Agunechemba directives of a general or specific nature, as the case may be, for the proper performance of its functions and the Agunechemba shall comply with such directives.

MISCELLANEOUS

Remuneration

32. The State Security Supervisory Committee or Local Government Agunechemba Supervisory Committee shall receive sitting allowance as may be approved by the Governor or Local Government Mayor respectively, from time to time

Offences and Penalty

- 33. Any person who victimizes, assaults, intimidates or obstructs any member of the Agunechemba, Supervisory Committees or Security Operatives in performance of his duties under this law is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to:
 - (a) a fine of $\pm 6,000,000.00$; or
 - (b) imprisonment for six months; or
 - (c) both such fine and imprisonment.

Indemnity of staff

34. No member of the Agunechemba or security operatives or Supervisory Committee shall be liable in damages for any act done or omitted to be done in good faith, in the performance of his duties under this law.

Power to make regulations

35. The Governor may make any regulations for Agunechemba for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this law

Legal Proceedings

- (1) In any suit, Agunechemba shall be represented in court by a counsel in the State Ministry of Justice or by any other legal practitioner nominated in that behalf by the Attorney General.
- (2) Any person who intends to sue any member or staff of the Agunechemba shall first give to the member or staff one month pre-action notice.

Service of Process

- **37.** Service upon Agunechemba or Supervisory Committees of a notice, summons, orders or other documents or process may be effected by:
 - (a) delivering it at the known office of the unit or central command of Agunechemba as the case may be or the Supervisory Committee in the case of that Committee; or
 - (b) sending it by registered post to the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, in case of the Supervisory Committee.

Transitory Provision

38. Every existing Agunechemba at the commencement of this law shall continue in operation but, except for those previously registered, shall within 30 days from the commencement of this law register with the divisional police station in its area of operation.

Repeal of Anambra State Group Vigilante Law, 2014. **39.** The Anambra State Group Vigilante Law, 2014 is hereby repealed

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 3)

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

ANTHONY UGHENU
Ag. Clerk of the Legislature

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Section 4 (1))

I assent/do not assent

PROF. CHARLES CHUKWUMA SOLUDO, CFR Governor

Dated the ------ day of ------, 2025