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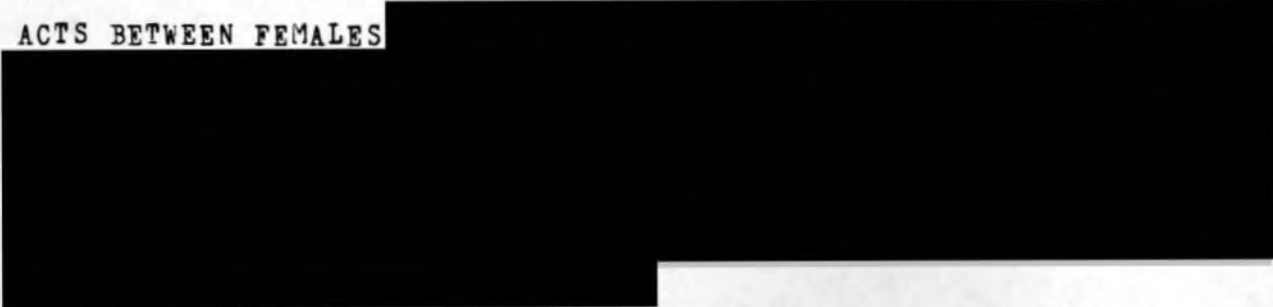
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---ASSIGNMENT OF HOMOSEXUAL EMPLOYEES

HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY IS OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 214 OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL CODE ACT IN NIGERIA, AND THIS ACT IS EMBODIED IN CRIMINAL LAW OF ALL STATES OF FEDERATION. SUCH OFFENCES AGAINST MORALITY AMOUNT TO FELONY, PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO 14 YEARS. THIS SECTION ESSENTIALLY ENVISAGES HOMOSEXUAL ACTS BY MALES, BUT INCLUDES HAVING CARNAL KNOWLEDGE OF FEMALE QUOTE AGAINST ORDER OF NATURE UNQUOTE I.E. BUGGERY WHICH, IF WITH CONSENT OF FEMALE PARTNER, RENDERS FEMALE EQUALLY LIABLE TO CONVICTION. OTHER SECTION OF CODE DEAL WITH ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT UNNATURAL ACTS, UNLAWFUL AND INDECENT TREATMENT OF BOYS UNDER 14 AND HOMOSEXUAL PRACTICES BETWEEN CONSENTING MALES WHETHER IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE. PENALTIES FOR THESE OFFENSES RANGE FROM 7 TO 3 YEARS IMPRISONMENT. THERE IS NO/NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HOMOSEXUAL ACTS BETWEEN FEMALES



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HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY IF KNOWN WLD ADVERSELY AFFECT ABILITY OF  
EMPLOYEE OF THIS MISSION TO PERFORM HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES EFFECTIVELY.  
SEEMS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT SUCH NEGATIVE IMPACT WLD HAVE  
GREATER EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES WITH REPRESENTATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, BUT IN  
ANY POSITION HERE, LOCAL PREJUDICE AGAINST REVEALED HOMOSEXUALITY OR  
HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY WLD DEROGATE FROM EFFECTIVENESS OF EMPLOYEE  
PERFORMANCE.

3. WHAT PRECEDES SEEMS TO RESPOND TO YOUR PARA 2(C), TO WHICH ANSWER  
IS DECIDELY AFFIRMATIVE. LEGAL CONSTRAINTS AND LOCAL SOCIAL ATTITUDES  
WLD CREATE NOT/NOT ONLY DIFFICULTIES BUT POSSIBLY DANGERS FOR  
HOMOSEXUAL OR SUSPECTED HOMOSEXUAL. CASES OF SUCH SERIOUS JEOPARDY  
AFFECTING FOREIGN NATIONALS HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION. SHLD ADD THAT  
ALTHOUGH LEGAL CONSTRAINTS PRIMARILY ENVISAGE MALE INVOLVEMENT,  
SOCIAL OUTRAGE WHICH WLD RESULT FROM REVELATION OF FEMALE  
HOMOSEXUALITY WLD PROBABLY MAKE FOR AT LEAST EQUALLY OR EVEN MORE  
DRASTIC ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES.

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