



Freedom in Coastal Law and Flag Anthem

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Introduction

If the Nigerian government ever granted the Yorubas autonomy (1) one of the first tasks would be the creation of a flag and anthem. For a flag I propose the letters "CC". The first "C" for "cocoa" and the second "C" for "coast". Black letters on white background for the entire Confederacy/Confederation. For the individual independent states within the confederacy I propose different coloured letters "CC" on white backgrounds or black letters "CC" on different coloured backgrounds [1]. The essence is to create a simple and easily identifiable flag that even children will not find hard to draw.

For a national Anthem I propose the following lyrics: Freedom/Freedom Is What We Want/Freedom For Me/Freedom For Everybody/We Don't Want To Rule Over Anybody/And We Don't Want Anybody To Rule Over Us/We Will Never Ever Be Slaves/The spoken lyrics of this anthem may double as the National Pledge. The coat of arms could be a cheetah and a horse running free, a soaring eagle above them with the motto: free forever.

Just before the colonial era, Yoruba spent cowrie shells as currency. As a homage to this, the Cocoa Coast could call their currency SHELLINGS [NOT shillings] [2]. The shelling will be divided into quarter and half shelling coins as denominations.

The foregoing is purely artistic hypothetical conjecture and is in no way in support of or linked to any subversive philosophy or activity.

I hereby propose the following natural law-That the life, well-being (or otherwise) and death of all living things is ultimately governed by the state and activity of the microzymas/cellular dust thereof. S.A.L.L.T is an acronym for Seun Ayoade's Law of Living Things [3]. This law is a correct statement of invariable sequence between specified conditions and specified phenomenon. The law is reasonable. The extremely and extraordinarily humble Professor Antoine Pierre Jacques Bechamp (died 1908) stopped short of declaring this law. I fulfil his dream in declaring it! Time and reason will vindicate this law, and him.

Recognizing that the Convention on the Law of the Sea is intended to establish a new regime for the seas and oceans which will contribute to the realization of a just and equitable international economic order through making provision for the peaceful use of ocean space, the equitable and efficient management and utilization of its resources, and the study, protection and preservation of the marine environment. Bearing in mind that the new regime must take into account, in particular, the special needs and interests of the developing countries, whether coastal, land-locked, or geographically disadvantaged. Aware of the rapid advances being made in the field of marine science and technology, and the need for the developing countries, whether coastal, land-locked, or geographically disadvantaged, to share in these achievements if the aforementioned goals are to be met, Convinced that, unless urgent measures are taken, the marine scientific and technological gap between the developed and the developing countries will widen further and thus endanger the very foundations of the new regime [4]. Believing that optimum utilization of the new opportunities for social and economic development offered by the new regime will be facilitated through action at the national and international level aimed at strengthening national capabilities in marine science, technology and

ocean services, particularly in the developing countries, with a view to ensuring the rapid absorption and efficient application of technology and scientific knowledge available to them [5].

Considering that national and regional marine scientific and technological centres would be the principal institutions through which States and, in particular, the developing countries, foster and conduct marine scientific research, and receive and disseminate marine technology, Recognizing the special role of the competent international organizations envisaged by the Convention on the Law of the Sea, especially in relation to the establishment and development of national and regional marine scientific and technological centres, Noting that present efforts undertaken within the United Nations system in training, education and assistance in the field of marine science and technology and ocean services are far below current requirements and would be particularly inadequate to meet the demands generated through operation of the Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The future is as bright as we can make it

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Conflict of Interest

None

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