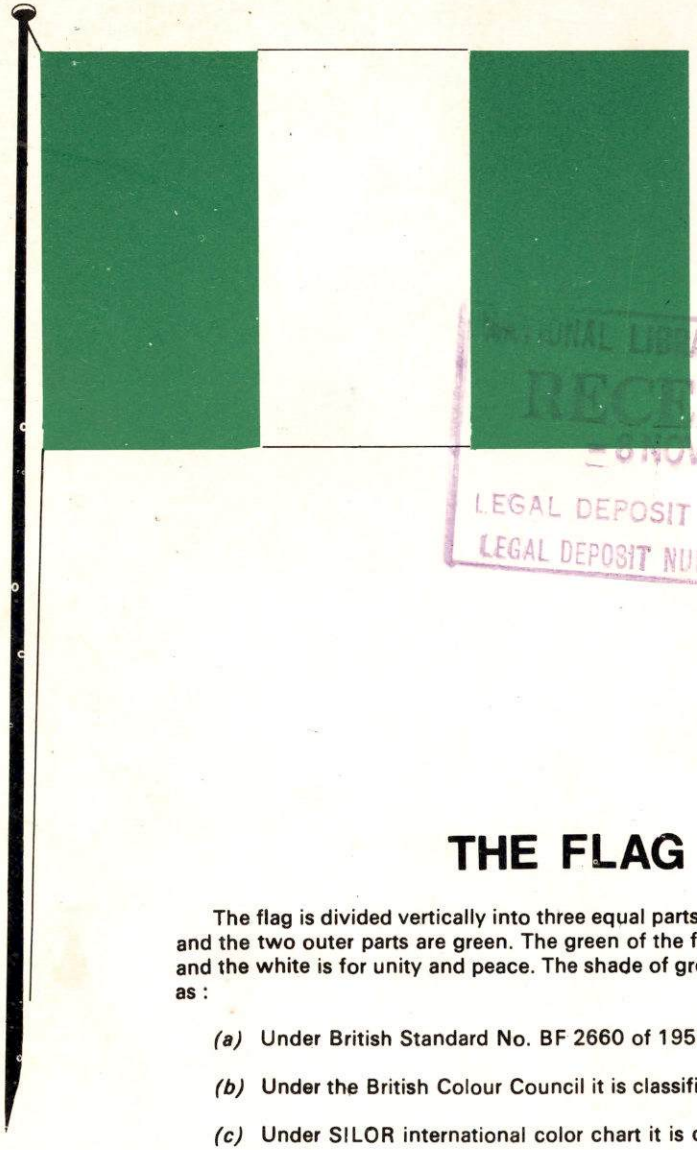
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THE FLAG

The flag is divided vertically into three equal parts. The central part is white and the two outer parts are green. The green of the flag represents agriculture and the white is for unity and peace. The shade of green is variously described as :

(a) Under British Standard No. BF 2660 of 1955 it is chart 0–0–010

(b) Under the British Colour Council it is classified as CC104—CC105

(c) Under SILOR international color chart it is classified as 193—173

Mr. Taiwo Akinkunmi at that time a 25 year old Nigerian engineering student at the Norwood Technical College, London was the designer of the National Flag. At the open competition held by order of the Council of Ministers, a total of 2,870 designs were received in the National Flag Competition. Mr. Akinkunmi's design won

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THE PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.

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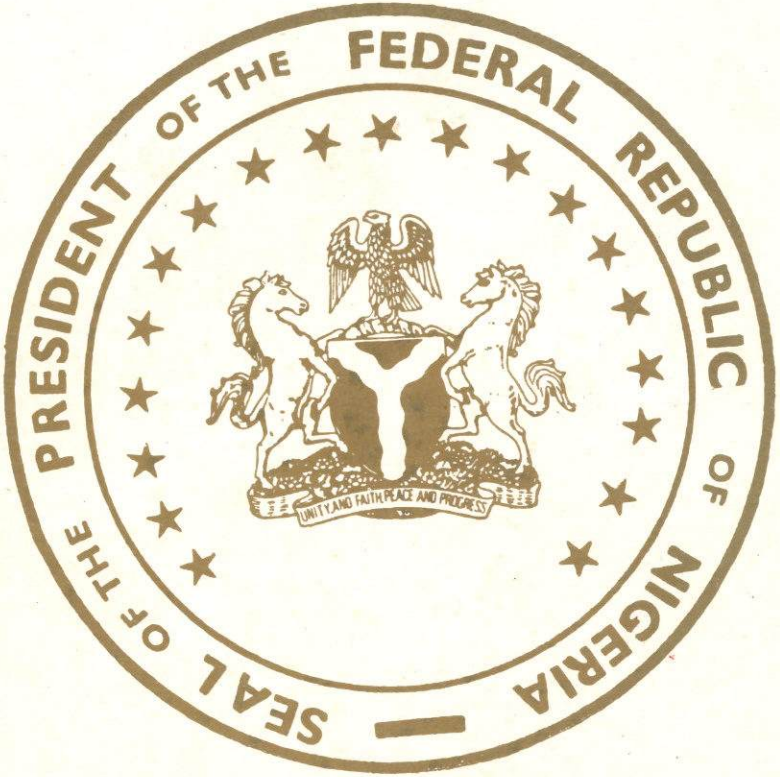
Arise, O Compatriots, Nigeria's call obey
To serve our Fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labour of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.

O God of creation, direct our noble cause;
Guide our Leaders right;
Help our Youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and justice reign.

The Nigerian National Anthem as published herewith was adopted with effect from 1 October 1978


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THE COAT OF ARMS

The shield, which is black, represents the good earth of Nigeria

The wavy bands, which are silver on the shield, represent the rivers Niger and Benue, their junction and confluence

The supporters, that is, the two horses which are white, represent dignity. The ground on which the Bearings stands is Coctus Spectabilis, which is a common wild flower throughout Nigeria. The wreath is in Nigeria's national colours green and white and the eagle stands for strength. The motto "Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress" is a maxim for all Nigerians.

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