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ABSTRACT

The title of this thesis is “Amnesty for Stability in Oil Revenue: Trends of the Niger Delta Conflict”. It’s a research thesis. The thesis focuses on analysis concerning the Niger Delta Conflict. The analysis in this academic paper are intended to find the nature and causes of unrest, armed confrontation and the different arguments of parties involved in the Niger Delta conflict; these differences which undermines the socio-economic stability and survival of the region, and Nigeria’s political future. In my discussions, I will analyze the ethnic, economic, environmental, political and other factors which are some of the main underlying elements, contributing to the Niger Delta conflict, particularly the ongoing amnesty program and the importance of oil revenue to the Nigerian government. Postmodern arguments will also be used to analyze the conflict, given facts that contemporary international relations theories see conflicts from different perspectives. Above all, the ongoing amnesty program and process will also be discussed and solution based arguments will be recommended as preferable alternatives for sustainable peace in the region.

The Niger Delta, which has been able to sustain an history of cultural development and economic survival through fishery, farming and hunting, also scores remarkable peace and co-existence between communities, ethnic groups and kingdoms except, the wars against slave trade and cultural protection against the ‘European Imperialists’ in the 18th and 19th centuries. However, conflict became a phenomenon from the beginning of large scale oil exploration in the 1980s, though the apocalypses of the Niger Delta conflict, predates oil exploration activities in the region.

Keywords: Niger Delta, postmodern, contemporary, conflict, unrest, armed confrontation, stability, socio-economic, environmental, political, history, cultural development, fishery, farming, hunting, ethnic groups, wars, slave trade, kingdoms, European Imperialists.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AD: Alliance for Democracy

AG: Action Group

APP: All People's Party

BORO: Major Isaac Jasper Adaka Boro

COR: Calabar Ogoja Rivers

ECOWAS: Economic Community of West African States

EU: European Union

FCDA: Federal Capital Development Authority

FCT: Federal Capital Territory

FDI: Foreign Direct Investment

GNPP: Greater Nigerian People's Party

IYC: Ijaw Youths Council

LGA: Local Government Area

LNG: Liquefied Natural Gas

MEND: Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta

MOSOP: Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People

NCNC: National Council of Nigeria and Cameroon; National Convention of Nigeria Citizens

NDDC: Niger Delta Development Commission

NDC: Niger Delta Congress

NDPVF: Niger Delta People's Volunteer Force

NDV: Niger Delta Vigilante

NDVF: Niger Delta Volunteer Force

NNPC: Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation

NPC: Northern People's Congress

NPP: Nigerian People's Party

NPN: National Party of Nigeria

OPEC: Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

PDP: Peoples Democratic Party

PCASED: Program for the Coordination and Assistance for Security and Development

PRP: People's Redemption Party

UK: United Kingdom

UN: United Nations

UPN: Unity Party of Nigeria

USA: United States of America