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WHEREAS for divers reasons sittings of the Parliament of the Federation were suspended on 16th January 1966 and it is expedient that Parliament be dissolved with effect from that date:

NOW THEREFORE the Federal Military Government hereby decrees as follows:—

1. (1) Parliament shall for all purposes be deemed to have been dissolved with effect from 16th January 1966.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, the President, all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, and all office holders and office bearers of Parliament shall be deemed to have vacated their respective offices with effect from 16th January 1966.

2. (1) This Decree may be cited as the Parliament (Dissolution) Decree 1967.

(2) This Decree shall be deemed to have come into operation on 16th January 1966 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

MADE by the Supreme Military Council at Lagos this 8th day of May 1967.

LIUTENANT-COLONEL Y. GOWON,
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria