

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT HIGH COURT MAITAMA – ABUJA**

BEFORE: HIS LORDSHIP HON. JUSTICE S. U. BATURE

COURT CLERKS: JAMILA OMEKE & ORS

COURT NUMBER: HIGH COURT NO. 24

CASE NUMBER: SUIT NO. FCT/HC/PET/194/2021

DATE: 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

BETWEEN:

MR. VLADIMIR ILYANIN.....CLAIMANT

AND

MRS. SAMIRA SAID ILYANIN.....RESPONDENT

APPEARANCES:

E. O. C. Ogbuoji Esq for the Petitioner.

Petitioner is in Court.

Henry O. Chichi Esq for the Respondent.

Respondent absent.

JUDGMENT

This Petition was filed on 23rd June, 2021 seeking dissolution of the marriage between the Petitioner MR. VLADIMIR ILYANIN and his wife the Respondent MRS. SAMIRA SAID ILYANIN.

The Petitioner has adopted his sworn Affidavit before the Court dated 16th day of May 2022, and equally tendered the original Marriage Certificate of the parties which was admitted in evidence and marked Exhibit A. He equally adopted the parties Terms of Settlement.

Meanwhile, the two Counsel representing both the Petitioner and Respondent have applied for the said Terms of Settlement to be accepted by the Court as Consent Judgment in this Petition.

I have carefully considered this Petition for dissolution of marriage, the facts and grounds predicating the Petition, the respective Sworn Affidavits of both the Petitioner and the Respondent, Exhibit A, as well as the Terms of Settlement duly executed by both parties.

Most importantly, I have observed that Petitioner in paragraph 8 of his Petition which is adopted in paragraph 10 of the Sworn Affidavit, has shown that the Respondent has deserted the Petitioner since 2018 and is currently residing at Apartment 5, 1 Konstantinovsky Street, St. Petersburg Russia. While Petitioner currently resides at Suite 402 B Nawa Complex 107, Ahmadu Bello Way Jahi, Abuja, Nigeria.

Desertion is one of the grounds for seeking dissolution of a marriage, under Section 15(2)(d) of the Matrimonial Causes Act Cap M7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.

In the circumstances, therefore, I am satisfied that the Petitioner has been able to bring himself within one of the grounds for dissolution of the marriage under the Matrimonial Causes Act (supra). I am equally satisfied that the marriage herein has broken down irretrievably. I hereby accept the parties Terms of Settlement dated 13th May 2022 but filed on 16th May 2022 and hereby grant a Decree Nisi Dissolving the marriage between the Petitioner **MR. VLADIMIR ILYANIN** and the Respondent **MRS. SAMIRA SAID ILYANIN** celebrated at the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) Registry, Abuja Nigeria on the 28th day of July 2007. The Decree shall become absolute if nothing intervenes within a period of three months from this date.

Parties to bear thier respective costs in this Petition as agreed in the Terms of Settlement.

Signed:

**Hon. Justice S. U. Bature
29/9/2022.**