Amnesty as a Panacea for the Resolution of Resource Control Conflicts in Nigeria's Niger Delta Region

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***Abstract*—The objective of this paper is to determine the extent to which the implementation of the amnesty programme in the Nigeria's Niger Delta region has reduced the incidence of militancy insurrection and conflicts in the area. The paper adopted qualitative approach and relies on secondary data, using the combination of analytical and descriptive method to assess the effects of amnesty programme in the resolution of resource control conflicts in Niger Delta region of Nigeria. The paper observes that in spite of the implementation of the Amnesty programme by various civilian administrations since 2008, recent reports demonstrate that militancy and the attendant consequences are still being experienced in the region. The paper submits that unless the factors causing violent conflicts in the region such as marginalisation, environmental degradation, inequitable distribution of oil revenues and underdevelopment are addressed; the present peace in the region may not subsist for long. It recommends measures for successful implementation of amnesty in order to achieve relative peace in the region in particular and Nigeria as a whole.**

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