



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10th May, 2007

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1. The Senate met at 10:40 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:  
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 9th May, 2007 and approved same.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. Messages **from Mr. President:**  
The Senate President announced that he had received three letters from the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria which he read as follows:  
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**PRESIDENT,**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

April 3, 2007

Senator Ken Nnamani, GCON,  
President of the Senate,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

*Dear President of the Senate,*

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. EMMANUEL JUSTUS NTUK AS A MEMBER OF  
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE COMMISSION (NASC)**

Section 3(8) of the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) Act, 2000 provides that where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor and such successor shall represent the same geo-political interest. In this connection, there is a vacant position created following the resignation of Engr. Patrick A. Ekpotu, a Commissioner representing South-South Zone in the National Assembly Service Commission. In line with Section 3(3) of the Commission's enabling Act, I have received the nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Justus Ntuk (South-South Zone) from the President of the Senate to complete the remainder of the term of office of Engr. Patrick A. Ekpotu.

Accordingly, in line with the provision of Section 3(4) of the National Assembly Service Commission Act, 2000 which provides that the appointment is subject to the confirmation of the Senate, I hereby present the nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Justus Ntuk, whose CV is attached, for Senate confirmation.

I look forward to your early action.

Your Sincerely

Signed:  
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(B)



PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
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March 22nd, 2007

PRES/134

Senator Ken Nnamani, GCON,  
President of the Senate, Senate  
Chambers, National Assembly  
Complex, Abuja.

Dear President of the Senate,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS  
OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION**

The National Population Commission is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under Section 153 (1)(J) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999. By the provision of Part 1 (J) of the Third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one person from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The under-listed Chairman and thirty-one (31) Commissioners who were appointed between 2003 and 2006 are currently serving on the Commission:

| S/N | Name                  | State of Origin | Designation  | Date of Appt. | Date of Expiration | Remarks |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1   | Mr. S. D. Makama      | Plateau         | Chairman     | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 2   | Mr. S. D. Kwabe       | Adamawa         | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 3   | Dr. U. I. Asibong-Ibe | Akwa Ibom       | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 4   | Mr. A. A. Atuwu       | Bayelsa         | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 5   | Dr. Suleiman Bello    | Borno           | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 6   | Barr. Edu Harry Ezoke | C/River         | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 7   | Mr. F. J. Nwachukwu   | Ebonyi          | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 8   | Barr. Peter Otaigbe   | Edo             | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2001         |         |
| 9   | Prof. Bashir A. Ikara | Kaduna          | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 10  | Alh. Bello A. Wudil   | Kano            | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |
| 11  | Mr. S. S. Lawal       | Kogi            | Commissioner | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         |         |

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| 12 | Alh. Saidu Bamidele Ahmed     | Kwara    | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 13 | Otunba S. Okanlawon           | Lagos    | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 14 | Alh. Abdulwahab Rajab Nuhu    | Nasarawa | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 15 | Alh. Muhammadu Liman Doko     | Niger    | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 16 | Dr. Bode Iwaloye              | Ondo     | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 17 | Dr. Duro Famojuro             | Osun     | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 18 | Mr. J. Kum                    | Plateau  | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 19 | Mr. Moses E. Ofori            | Rivers   | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 20 | Alh. Abdulrazaq Musa          | Taraba   | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 21 | Alh. A. I. Dogondaji          | Sokoto   | Commissioner | 31/10/2006 | 30/10/2011 |  |
| 22 | Alh. Abashe Ira               | Katsina  | Commissioner | 19/12/2006 | 18/12/2011 |  |
| 23 | Chief B. B. O. Emeh           | Anambra  | Commissioner | 19/12/2006 | 18/12/2011 |  |
| 24 | Chief M. O. Anih              | Enugu    | Commissioner | 19/12/2006 | 18/12/2011 |  |
| 25 | Dr. (Mrs.) O. T. Oduneye      | Ogun     | Commissioner | 19/12/2006 | 18/12/2011 |  |
| 26 | Alh. Lateef Aderemi Gbadamosi | Oyo      | Commissioner | 28/4/2005  | 27/4/2010  |  |
| 27 | Alh. Yusuf Yunusa Sankara     | Jigawa   | Commissioner | 28/4/2005  | 27/4/2010  |  |
| 28 | Dr. Timothy T. Sule           | Benue    | Commissioner | 29/8/2005  | 28/8/2010  |  |
| 29 | Alh. Mandi Bukar              | Yobe     | Commissioner | 15/12/2003 | 14/12/2008 |  |
| 30 | Alh Tijani Yahaya Kaura       | Zamfara  | Commissioner | 15/12/2003 | 14/12/2008 |  |

The under-listed six (6) vacant positions have occurred in the Commission as a result of expiration of tenure and/or resignation of appointment to contest for elective posts:

| S/N | Name                  | State of Origin | Designation | Date of Appt. | Date of Expiration | Remarks                                      |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Alh. Abashe Ira       | Katsina         | Member      | 19/12/2001    | 18/12/2006         | Expiration of tenure                         |
| 2   | Mr. O. M. Ogunbolude  | Ekiti           | Member      | 31/10/2001    | 30/10/2006         | Resignation of appt. at expiration of tenure |
| 3   | Jerimiah Isiayei      | Delta           | Member      | 31/10/2001    | 30/10/2006         |                                              |
| 4   | Dr. Sam Anjugu        | FCT             | Member      | 31/10/2001    | 30/10/2006         |                                              |
| 5   | Alh. Yarima A. Giade  | Bauchi          | Member      | 31/10/2001    | 30/10/2006         | , „ ,                                        |
| 6   | Alh. Ibrahim K. Aliyu | Kebbi           | Member      | 31/10/2006    | 30/10/2011         | Resignation of Appt.                         |

*I have, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Sections 154(1) and 156(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, decided to appoint the under-listed six (6) persons as members in the National Population Commission to fill the existing vacancies:*

| S/N. | Name                            | State of Origin | Designation | Remarks        |
|------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1    | Alh. Abashe Ira                 | Katsina         | Member      | Re-appointment |
| 2    | Mr. Raphael Fola Adedayo        | Ekiti           | Member      | Re-appointment |
| 3    | Mr. Stephen Eruvwetere Egbivbie | Delta           | Member      | Re-appointment |
| 4    | Mr. Sani Abdullahi Sulaiman     | FCT             | Member      | Re-appointment |
| 5    | Alhaji Hassan Bashir            | Bauchi          | Member      | Re-appointment |
| 6    | Alhaji Umaru Abdullahi Yelwa    | Kebbi           | Member      | Re-appointment |

*The CVs of the nominees are attached.*

*In line with the provisions of Section 154(1) and (3) of the 1999 Constitution and after due consultation with the Council of State at its meeting of Monday, 5th March, 2007, I hereby present the appointment of the six (6) members for confirmation by the Senate.*

*I look forward to your early action.*

*Your Sincerely*

*Signed:*  
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(c)



**PRESIDENT,**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

20 March, 2007

PRES/134

Senator Ken Nnamani, GCON,  
President of the Senate, Senate  
Chambers, National Assembly  
Complex, Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

Dear President of the Senate,

**RE: REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS  
OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HAJJ  
COMMISSION OF NIGERIA (NAHCON) BY THE SENATE**

Following my letter PRES/134 dated October 25, 2006 on the above subject matter, I write to submit Dr. Sheikh Saleh Okenwa, whose CV is attached herewith, as member of the National Hajj Commission for confirmation by the Senate.

Dr. Okenwa is to replace Alhaji Ibrahim Ezeani who was earlier submitted for confirmation by the Senate.

*While I look forward to early confirmatory action, please accept, Mr. Senate President assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours Sincerely*

*Signed: OLUSEGUN  
OBASANJO*

**4. Committee on Niger-Delta:**

*Report on Screening of Nominees:*

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta, on the screening of the following Persons as the Managing Director and Member of the Governing Board, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and approve the recommendations.

(A) *Nominees recommended for Confirmation:*

(i) Mr. Ndotimi Alaibe (*Bayelsa State*) — Managing Director

(ii) Chief Bassey Dan-Abia (*Akwa Ibom State*) — Member

(B) *Nominee awaiting further consultations prior to Confirmation:*

Mr. Aloysius C. Nwagboso (*Abia State*) — Member

*(Senator Patrick E. Osakwe).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report presented and laid.*

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

*Recommendations:*

- (1) "That the Senate do confirm the nominations of Mr. Ndotimi Alaibe (*Bayelsa State*), Chief Bassey Dan-Abia (*Akwa Ibom State*) Mr. Aloysius C. Nwagboso (*Abia State*) as the Managing Director and Members of the Governing Board, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)".
- (2) "That the Senate withhold confirmation of Mr Aolysius C. Nwagboso (*Abia State*) to enable the' Committee make further consultations".

*Debate:*

*Question:*

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Mr. Ndotimi Alaibe as the Managing Director of the Governing Board, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)?" — *Agreed to.*

*Question:*

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Chief Bassey Dan-Abia as Member of the Governing Board, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Progress.

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta on the Screening of the following as the Managing Director and Member of the Governing Board, Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and approved the recommendations as follows:

*Question:* That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Confirmation:*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Ndutimi Alaibe as the Managing Director of the Governing Board, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)?" — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Mr. Ndutimi Alaibe as the Managing Director of the Governing Board, Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief Bassey Dan-Abia as Member of the Governing Board, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)?" — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Chief Bassey Dan-Abia as Member of the Governing Board, Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) accordingly confirmed.*

Confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Aloysius C. Nwagboso (*Abia State*) as Member of the Governing Board, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) deferred to a later date.

**5. Extension of Time of Sitting:**

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for its sitting (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**6. Ad-Hoc Committee on the Review of the Report on Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and Other Related Matters:**

*Report of the Review Committee on the (PTDF) and Other Related Matters:*

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do consider the Report of the Review Committee of the Adhoc Committee Report on the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and Other Related Matters and approve the recommendations (*Senator Umaru I. Tsauri*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report presented and Laid.*

*Recommendations:*

"That the Senate do approve and adopt the Report of the Review Committee on the Ad-hoc Committee on Petroleum Technology Development Fund (**PTDF**) and Other Related Matters as contained therein".

- (i) The Committee recommends that in the case of deposits that were placed in Trans International Bank (ITB) and Equatorial Trust Bank (ETB), the circumstantial coincidence that existed between the deposits and the loans could not be used to link PTDF money with the companies that were granted loans. If there are any irregularities, it is the responsibility of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to sanction the bank;
- (ii) (a) In respect of the approvals of \$125 million on 25th April, 2003 and the subsequent placements of \$115 million in Equatorial Trust Bank (ETB) and \$10 million in Trans International Bank (TIB), the Committee is satisfied that due process was followed. The subsequent investment was within the contemplation of section 1 (c ) of the PTDF Act and section 23 of the Finance (Management and Control) Act;
- (b) However, in the case of the additional \$20 million for which the then Executive Secretary, Hamisu Abubakar misrepresented the facts and wrongfully approval of the Vice President. The Committee recommends that EFCC which is presently investigating the matter should continue and prosecute him for any offence disclosed;
- (iii) Hussaini Jalo, a former Executive Secretary of the PTDF from July 2005 to November, 2005 is under investigation by EFCC and the sum of N49 million and 6 nos vehicles have so far been recovered from him. The Committee recommends that EFCC which is presently investigating the matter should continue and prosecutes him for any offence disclosed;

(iv) With regards to the approval which the Vice President gave in respect of the \$20 million on 14th October, 2003, without the authority of Mr. President, (See annexure 4 and 5) the Committee views the approval of the Vice President as illegal and therefore recommends that the Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar be referred to the Code of Conduct Bureau for further action;

(v) In respect of some projects commenced by PTDF in 2006 viz:

(a) Incorporation of Galaxy Backbone;

(b) Purchase of Computers for Civil Servants under the Computer for all Nigerians Initiative;

(c) Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria (DICON) Rehabilitation;

For which Mr. President gave approval and later got them ratified retroactively, the Committee views the action of the President, C-in-C, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, as illegal and therefore refers Mr. President Chief Olusegun Obasanjo to the Code of Conduct Bureau for further action.

The Committee also recommends that:

(vi) In respect of the progress report on Obasanjo Administration and Photographs for State House Library, for which the former Executive Secretary approved N4.5 million, the Committee views the project as outside the mandate of the PTDF Act. The Committee recommends that the Executive Secretary, Alhaji Adamu Maina Waziri should be referred to the Independent Corrupt Practices (ICPC) for further action;

(vii) The Committee sustains recommendation No. viii of the Ad-hoc Committee that all projects approved for the PTDF from 2003 till date should be verified and evaluated by the relevant Committees of the Senate, that is:

(a) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream);

(b) Committee on Public Accounts; or alternatively; and

(c) Ad-Hoc Committee for this purpose.

(viii) the Committee sustains recommendation, (No. xii) of the Ad-Hoc Committee that all accounts in the name of PTDF within and outside Nigeria should be established by the Senate Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Public Accounts; or alternatively an Ad-Hoc Committee for this' purpose;

(ix) The Committee sustains recommendation (No. xv) of the Ad-Hoc Committee that the Agencies like the Central Bank of Nigeria, Ministry of Finance, Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation, Department of Petroleum Resources and the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation that have direct bearing with the Fund should play their roles as expected to aid the Fund in meeting the objectives for which it was established;

(x) The maintenance, of four different accounts by the Accountant General of the Federation with the CBN in the name of PTDF, namely: Reserve Account, Inspectorate Accounts, Bank Operations Account and Independent Revenue Account pursuant to the approval of the letter initiated by the then Special Adviser to Mr. President on Petroleum and Energy Engr. Funsho Kupoloku (see appendix 2) for which approval was given by Mr. President putting a restriction of PTDF funding, the Committee states that the approval was illegal and a contravention of Section 1 of the PTDF Act. In this regard both Mr. President and Engr. Funsho Kupoloku are culpable; The Committee therefore recommends that a strict compliance with Section 1 of the PTDF Act should be enforced;

(xi) The Committee recommends that all accounts opened in contravention of section 1 (c) of the PTDF Act should be closed forthwith;

(xii) That the Petroleum Technology Development Fund Act should be amended to accommodate the current realities in the oil and gas industry as well as the Solid Mineral sector.

*Debate:*

*Prayer (i):*

The Committee recommends that in the case of deposits that were placed in Trans International Bank (TIB) and Equatorial Trust Bank (ETB), the circumstantial coincidence that existed between the deposits and the loans could not be used to link PTDF money with the companies that were granted loans. If there are any irregularities, it is the responsibility of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to sanction the bank — *Negated.*

*Prayer (ii):*

(a) In respect of the approvals of \$125 million on 25th April, 2003 and the subsequent placements of \$115 million in Equatorial Trust Bank (ETB) and \$10 million in Trans International Bank (TIB), the Committee is satisfied that due process was followed. The subsequent investment was within the contemplation of section 1 (c) of the PTDF Act and section 23 of the Finance (Management and Control) Act — *Negated.*

(b) However, in the case of the additional \$20 million for which the then Executive Secretary, Hamisu Abubakar misrepresented the facts and wrongfully approval of the Vice President. The Committee recommends that EFCC which is presently investigating the matter should continue and prosecute him for any offence disclosed — *Agreed to.*

*Prayer (iii):*

Hussaini Jalo, a former Executive Secretary of the PTDF from July 2005 to November, 2005 is under investigation by EFCC and the sum of N49 million and 6 nos vehicles have so far been recovered from him. The Committee recommends that EFCC which is presently investigating the matter should continue and prosecute him for any offence disclosed — *Agreed to.*

*Prayer (iv):*

With regards to the approval which the Vice President gave in respect of the \$20 million on 14th October, 2003, without the authority of Mr. President, (See annexure 4 and 5) the Committee views the approval of the Vice President as illegal and therefore recommends that the Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar be referred to the Code of Conduct Bureau for further action;

*Amendment Proposed:*

*Leave out all the words immediately after the word "illegal" in line 3 (Senator Ibrahim N. Mantu),*

*Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.*

*Prayer (v):*

In respect of some projects commenced by PTDF in 2006 viz:

- (a) Incorporation of Galaxy Backbone;
- (b) Purchase of Computers for Civil Servants under the Computer for all Nigerians Initiative;
- (c) Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria (DICON) Rehabilitation;

For which Mr. President gave approval and later got them ratified retroactively, the Committee views the action of the President, Commander-in-Chief, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, as illegal and therefore refers Mr. President Chief Olusegun Obasanjo to the Code of Conduct Bureau for further action — *Negated.*

*Prayer (vi):*

In respect of the progress report on Obasanjo Administration and Photographs for State House Library, for which the former Executive Secretary approved N4.5 million, the Committee views the project as outside the mandate of the PTDF Act. The Committee recommends that the Executive Secretary, Alhaji Adamu Maina Waziri should be referred to the Independent Corrupt Practices (ICPC) for further action — *Negated.*

*Prayer (vii):*

The Committee sustains recommendation No. viii of the Ad-hoc Committee that all projects approved for the PTDF from 2003 till date should be verified and evaluated by the relevant Committees of the Senate, that is:

- (a) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream);
- (b) Committee on Public Accounts; or alternatively; and
- (c) Ad-Hoc Committee for this purpose — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (viii);

The Committee sustains recommendation, (No. xii) of the Ad-Hoc Committee that all accounts in the name of PTDF within and outside Nigeria should be established by the Senate Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Public Accounts; or alternatively an Ad-Hoc Committee for this purpose — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (ix):

The Committee sustains recommendation (No. xv) of the Ad-Hoc Committee that the Agencies like the Central Bank of Nigeria, Ministry of Finance, Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation, Department of Petroleum Resources and the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation that have direct bearing with the Fund should play their roles as expected to aid the Fund in meeting the objectives for which it was established — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (x):

The maintenance, of four different accounts by the Accountant General of the Federation with the CBN in the name of PTDF, namely: Reserve Account, Inspectorate Accounts, Bank Operations Account and Independent Revenue Account pursuant to the approval of the letter initiated by the then Special Adviser to Mr. President on Petroleum and Energy Engr. Funsho Kupoloku (see appendix 2) for which approval . was given by Mr. President putting a restriction of PTDF funding, the Committee states that the approval was illegal and a contravention of Section I of the PTDF Act. In this regard both Mr. President and Engr. Funsho Kupoloku are culpable. The Committee therefore recommends that a strict compliance with Section I of the PTDF Act should be enforced — *Negatived.*

Prayer (xi):

The Committee recommends that all accounts opened in contravention of section I (c ) of the PTDF Act should be closed forthwith — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (xii):

That the Petroleum Technology Development Fund Act should be amended to accommodate the current realities in the oil and gas industry as well as the Solid Mineral sector — *Agreed to.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

Insert a new Prayer (xiii) as follows:

"Appropriate Committees of the Senate should be alive to their responsibilities" (*Senator Musiliu O. Obanikoro*).

*Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

*That:*

- (i) In the case of the additional \$20 million for which the then Executive Secretary, Hamisu Abubakar misrepresented the facts and wrongfully approval of the Vice President. The Committee recommends that EFCC which is presently investigating the matter should continue and prosecute him for any offence disclosed;
- (ii) Hussaini Jalo, a former Executive Secretary of the PTDF from July 2005 to November, 2005 is under investigation by EFCC and the sum of N49 million and 6 nos vehicles have so far been recovered from him. The Committee recommends that EFCC which is presently investigating the matter should continue and prosecutes him for any offence disclosed;
- (iii) With regards to the approval which the Vice President gave in respect of the \$20 million on 14th October, 2003, without the authority of Mr. President, (See annexure 4 and 5) the Committee views the approval of the Vice President as illegal;
- (iv) The Committee sustains recommendation No. viii of the Ad-hoc Committee that all projects approved for the PTDF from 2003 till date should be verified and evaluated by the relevant Committees of the Senate, that is:

- (a) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream);
- (b) Committee on Public Accounts or alternatively; and
- (c) Ad-Hoc Committee for this purpose;
- (v) The Committee sustains recommendation, (No. xii) of the Ad-Hoc Committee that all accounts in the name of PTDF within and outside Nigeria should be established by the Senate Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Public Accounts; or alternatively an Ad-Hoc Committee for this purpose;
- (vi) The Committee sustains recommendation (No. xvj of the Ad-Hoc Committee that the Agencies like the Central Bank of Nigeria, Ministry of Finance, Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation, Department of Petroleum Resources and the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation that have direct bearing with the Fund should play their roles as expected to aid the Fund in meeting the objectives for which it was established;
- (vii) The Committee recommends that all accounts opened in contravention of section 1 (c) of the PTDF Act should be closed forthwith;
- (viii) That the Petroleum Technology Development Fund Act should be amended to accommodate the current realities in the oil and gas industry as well as the Solid Mineral sector;
- (ix) Appropriate Committees of the Senate should be alive to their responsibilities (*S/Res/018/07*).

**7. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**

***Report on the Public Procurement Bill 2007 (5B. 151):***

*By leave of the Senate, Bill stood down to the next legislative day.*

**8. Committee on Finance:**

***Report on the Petroleum Profit Act (Amendment) Bill 2007 (5B. 177):***

*By leave of the Senate, Bill stood down to the next legislative day.*

**9. National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2007 (SB. 358):**

*By leave of the Senate, Bill stood down to the next legislative day.*

**10. Adjournment:**

And it being 4.50 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 15th May, 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

*Adjourned accordingly at 4.50p.m.*

**Ken Nnamani, GCON**  
*President of the Senate*