



**SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER**

Tuesday 2nd May, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of Ad-hoc Committee on Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North-East
Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North-East
-That the Senate do receive the report of Ad-hoc Committee on Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in respect of a motion on the Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North-East - *To be Laid*.
Sen. Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. Confirmation of Nomination.
Senate Leader
-That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President C-n-C on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the following 3 persons as Non-Career Ambassadors Designate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in accordance with Sections 171(2)(c) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Amended).

S/N	NAME	STATE	REMARKS
1.	Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor	Imo	Re-submission
2.	Joseph Olusola Iji	Ondo	Replacement
3.	Comodore Yusuf Jonga Hinna (Rtd)	Gombe	Replacement

2. Confirmation of Nomination.
Senate Leader
-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-n-C on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioners for the Independent National Electoral Commission in accordance with Sections 14(3)(a) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Amended).

S/N	NOMINEES	STATE OF ORIGIN	REMARKS
1.	Professor Godswill Obioma	Abia	New Appointment

2.	Ibrahim Abdullahi, mni	Adamawa	New Appointment
3.	Alhaji Ahmad Makama	Bauchi	Reappointment
4.	James Iorliam Apam	Benue	New Appointment
5.	Barr. Mike A. Igini	Delta	Reappointment
6.	Dr. Nkwachukwu Orji	Ebonyi	New Appointment
7.	Dr. Iloh Joseph Valentine Chuks	Enugu	New Appointment
8.	Hussaini Halilu Pai	FCT	Reappointment
9.	Sadiq Abubakar Musa	Kaduna	Reappointment
10.	Jibrin Ibrahim Zarewa	Kano	Reappointment
11.	Dr. (Mrs.) Asmau Sani Maikudi	Katsina	New Appointment
12.	Dr. Mahmuda Isah	Kebbi	New Appointment
13.	Professor Samuel G. Egwu	Kogi	New Appointment
14.	Amb. (Dr.) Rufus O. Akeju	Lagos	Reappointment
15.	Professor Mustapha Zubairu	Niger	New Appointment
16.	Agboke Mutiu Olaleke	Ogun	New Appointment
17.	Sam Olugbadebo Olumekun, mni	Ondo	Reappointment
18.	AbdulGaniyu Olayinka Raji	Oyo	New Appointment
19.	Professor Riskuwa A. Shehu	Sokoto	New Appointment
20.	Barr. Kasim Gana Geidam	Yobe	Reappointment
21.	Ahmad Bello Mahmud	Zamfara	New Appointment
22.	Dr. Nentawe Goshwe Yilwatda	Plateau	New Appointment
23.	Umar Ibrahim	Taraba	New Appointment
24.	Mr. Emeka Ononamadu Joseph	Imo	New Appointment
25.	Obo O. Effanga	Cross River	New Appointment
26.	Professor Francis Chukwuemeka Ezeonu	Anambra	New Appointment
27.	Dr. Briyai O. Frankland	Bayelsa	New Appointment

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Conference Committee Report

Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) Bill, 2017 (SB. 173 & SB. 183)

Sen. Bayero U. Nafada (*Gombe North*)

-That the Senate do consider the Conference Committee Report on the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 173 & SB. 183).

MOTIONS

1. Urgent need to regularize the agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the government of the United Kingdom on the transfer of Sentenced Persons.

Sen. Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*)

The Senate:

Notes that the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the United Kingdom entered into an agreement on the 9th of January 2014 for the transfer of sentenced persons in both countries;

Further note that the agreement was made by both countries and authorized by their respective Governments; for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mohammed Bello Adoke, the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, signed on behalf of Nigeria while the United Kingdom was signed by, Jeremy Wright, the United Kingdom Minister of Justice;

Aware that based on this agreement, the Government of the United Kingdom has commenced the return of several prisoners to Nigeria, and has currently initiated the application for the transfer of more prisoners to Nigeria;

Further aware that the United Kingdom Government has referred to this agreement as compulsory, whereas the content of the agreement made no mention, nor indicated that the agreement was compulsory;

Cognizance that international law is based on cooperation of states, as such the rule of international law implies that where parties have contracted a cooperation agreement, they are expected to do all that is necessary to ensure a successful implementation of the agreement by following the essential internal constitutional and legal procedures required;

Further cognizance that the provisions of section 12(1) of the constitution of the federal republic of Nigeria provides that no treaty between the Federation and any other country shall have the force of law except to the extent to which any such treaty has been enacted into law by the National Assembly, while Article 16(1) of the agreement provides that each of the Parties shall notify the other upon completion of their respective internal constitutional and legal procedures required to allow this Agreement to enter into force;

Disturbed that the provisions of the Constitution regarding section 12(1) has not been complied with; the agreement in this instance signed by the then Attorney General of the Federation was not subjected to legislative scrutiny or enactment by the National Assembly; the agreement is therefore, not in force;

Further disturbed that the British National Offender Management Service may be under a misinformed impression that all the internal procedures have been completed warranting the entry into force of the agreement on 29th September 2014;

Worried that certain provisions of the agreement have been deemed to be in breach of the fundamental human rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Further worried that Article 2 (3) of the Agreement provides for the transfer of the Sentenced Persons with or without consent; it can be noted, that this Agreement differs from many other similar Agreements, for instance in the scheme for the transfer of convicted Offenders within the Commonwealth, domesticated and codified in the LFN 2004, Section 4 (1)(d) clearly states that the transfer must be consented to by the Convicted Offender or where in view of his age or his mental or physical condition, one of the two Countries considers it necessary consented to by a Person entitled to act on behalf of the convicted offender. It is imperative to note that both Nigeria and the UK are members of the commonwealth. Although the Scheme was amended in 2013 by this National Assembly removing the requirement of consent, it did not vitiate the requirement under Section 12 of the 1999 Constitution;

Concerned that the Agreement which is in clear breach of the provisions of Section 12(1) of the Constitution, does not also conform to the provisions of Section 19(a) of the Constitution which provides that the foreign policy objectives shall be "promotion and protection of the national interest";

Regrets that the issue of consent of the prisoner is akin to the fundamental human rights as provided by the Constitution, therefore where a prisoner's right to consent is taken away, as is the nature of this Agreement, the Agreement is said to have violated the basic tenets of the Fundamental human rights,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Direct* the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Foreign Affairs to invite the Attorney General of the Federation, Minister of Justice and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to shed light on issue of Transfer of Sentenced Persons with regard to the Agreement entered into between Nigeria and the United Kingdom on the Subject Matter, and report back to the Senate within one month for further legislative action;
- ii. *Direct* the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Human Rights to invite the Comptroller General of Prisons to brief the Committee on his level of involvement in complying with the Agreement on the Transfer of Sentenced Prisoners between Nigeria and United Kingdom and report back to the Senate within one month to enable the Senate determine further course of action; and
- iii. *Direct* the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Human Rights to invite the Attorney General to give an update on the status of ratification of all treaties from 1999 to 2017 and report back to the Senate within one month for further legislative action.

2. The Poor State of Infrastructure in Queens College, Lagos.

Sponsored By Senator Binta Masi Garba, (*Adamawa North*)

Co-sponsors: Senator Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*)
 Senator Gbenga Ashafa (*Lagos East*)
 Senator Ubali Shitu (*Jigawa North-East*)
 Senator Lanre Tejuosho (*Ogun Central*)
 Senator Aliyu Wammakko (*Sokoto North*)

The Senate:

Notes with deep concern the sorry state of infrastructure in Nigeria's oldest all-girls unity school, Queens College Lagos founded on October 10, 1927 when Nigeria was still a British colony;

Worried that for a school with such rich history in academics and character formation forum for our girl-children from every part of the country, the facilities have completely deteriorated and dilapidated to the point of endangering not just the quality of learning taking place in the school but also, now, adversely affecting the health of these girls;

Disturbed at the very unsanitary environment, overcrowded dormitory and quality of water in this premier institution which before now was renowned for excellence, distinction, standard setting and international orientation of both learning and facility;

Unhappy that for a facility and environment initially constructed for 500 students, the current student population is 3,558 of which 2800 are boarders, clearly depict the imminent calamity waiting to happen;

Saddened that by the end of January 2017, the sick bay in the school, a facility put in place to provide mostly basic and preventive care to children was full to capacity with hundreds of sick children complaining of similar sickness presenting symptoms of stooling, vomiting, fever, pains in the orifices and various skin infections;

Regrets that due to the poor living conditions in the school, the college was shut down on February 15th 2017 with day facilities opened only for those in examination year on the advice of the Lagos State Ministry of Health;

Dismayed that factors which prompted the closure of the school were such that vigilance and good management could have helped avoid. Such issues as severe overpopulation and poor care for the student population part of which reportedly resulted in the death of 3 young girls namely Vivian Osuinyi, on 14th February 2017, Bithia Itulua, on 22nd February 2017 and Praise Sodipo, on 30th March 2017; are clearly matters within the borders of criminal negligence; and

Alarmed that far from being unique, the situation at Queens College is calamitous and unfortunately reflects the sad state of our public schools across the country and the terrible fate of our children caught up in this terribly depressing state of our academic environment generally,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Observe* a one-minute silence for our three girls who lost their lives in Queens College Lagos;
- ii. *Direct* the Minister of Education to address urgent infrastructure upgrade and to provide safe water and safe sewage treatment as well as expand the current boarding facilities for the purpose of decongesting the dormitories;
- iii. *Direct* the Ministry of Education to ensure the enforcement of a credible admission policy that limits admission to merit lists from each of the 36 States and the FCT to a maximum of 200 per year and 1200 total school population;
- iv. *Direct* the Minister of Education and Health to enforce the establishment of a comprehensive school health service in line with the National School Health Policy (2006) that will monitor both preventive and curative aspects of the health of students; and
- v. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Basic Education and Health to carry out a public hearing on the poor living conditions in Queens College Lagos and the death of the three girls who died.

3. Calabar Football Viewing Centre Tragedy.

Sponsor: Sen Gershom Bassey (*Cross River South*)

The Senate:

Notes with great concern the death of several youths in Nyangassang community in Atimbo area of Calabar on 22ND April, 2017 after a High Tension Cable that belongs to Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) fell and electrocuted them at a Football Viewing Centre;

Further Notes that this sad incident threw Nigeria, other football loving nations and organizations into mourning;

Observes that President Muhammadu Buhari through his Media Aide condoled the families of the deceased and expressed sadness over the death of the football fans;

Further Observes that the leadership of the National Assembly also condoled the deceased families and Cross River State for the tragic loss;

Aware that football is a game of unity that contributes in taking restive youths off the streets;

Further Aware that the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) as a body that takes safety at football venues seriously also expressed sadness over the unfortunate electrocution of football fans in Calabar;

Acknowledges that Manchester United, the football club whose fans were affected by the electrocution, had through its twitter handle condoled with the friends and families of the victims of the tragedy;

Concerned that the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) as a successor company of PHCN should be responsible for regular checks of its electrical installations in all areas of its operation,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Observe* a minute silence for the 7 persons who lost their lives in the tragic event;
- ii. *Urge* all Electricity Distribution Companies to carry out regular checks and maintenance of their installations so as to forestall tragedies such as this; and
- iii. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy to invite the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission, Nigeria Electricity Management Services Agency and the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company to ascertain the remote and immediate causes of the accident and report its findings and recommendations to the Senate.

4. The urgent need to provide Pedestrian Bridges on Federal Highways.

Sponsor: Senator Oluremi Tinubu (*Lagos Central*)

The Senate:

Notes the absence of pedestrian bridges on major Federal Roads across the Country;

Saddened that deaths are constantly being recorded as a result of Pedestrians crossing Federal Express Roads and Highways;

Disturbed to see citizens/pedestrians running across busy roads and thus, putting their lives at risk;

Further saddened that it is not unusual to see young children crossing major roads on their way to and from school;

Notes that children from indigent families are at a higher risk as they are more likely to use public transport and thus, may be required to traverse roads;

Observes that there are several busy roads that ought to but do not have pedestrian bridges. These include but are not limited to:

- a. Madalla Junction on Zuba road in the FCT;
- b. Okigwe Junction on the Enugu - Umuahia Express way;
- c. Ariaria Junction leading to the very busy Ariaria international market, on the Enugu - Port-Harcourt Road;
- d. Command Day School, Abuja Junction on Kubwa - A.Y.A Highway;
- e. Iyana-Ipaja Bus stop in Lagos State; and
- f. Dopemu Bus Stop in Lagos State;

Further observes that some of the existing bridges are misplaced, thus defeating their purpose;

Further notes that existing pedestrian bridges are most often occupied by beggars and petty traders, thus restricting the flow of human traffic;

Observes that many of these bridges are not roofed to protect against adverse weather conditions;

Further observes that many of these bridges are also poorly lit, with the effect that pedestrians avoid them at night as they have become a hideout for hoodlums and thieves;

Informed that ensuring safety of lives is a fundamental duty of the government,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the law enforcement agencies to enforce the use of pedestrian bridges;
 - ii. *Urge* Government at all levels to provide foot bridges and pedestrian bridges over large express roads and at major bus stops;
 - iii. *Direct* relevant law enforcement agencies to rid pedestrian bridges of beggars and petty traders, to allow for free movement of persons;
 - iv. *Urge* the Government to ensure that roads and pedestrian bridges are lit up to prevent proliferation of crimes in those areas; and
 - v. *Urge* that Security agencies such as the Civil defence Corps be stationed at these Pedestrian bridges.
5. Urgent need to speed up all necessary steps towards construction of 3,050 mw Mambilla and 700 mw Zungeru Hydro-Electricity Power Projects.

Sponsor: Sen. Yusuf Abubakar Yusuf (*Taraba Central*)

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Abdulaziz Murtala Nyako (*Adamawa Central*)
 Sen. Ahmad Abubakar (*Adamawa South*)
 Sen. Suleiman Mohammed Nazif (*Bauchi North*)
 Sen. Barnabas A. I. Gemade (*Benue North-East*)
 Sen. Bashir Babakaka Garbai (*Borno Central*)
 Sen. Mohammed Ali Ndume (*Borno South*)
 Sen. Muhammad Danjuma Goje (*Gombe Central*)
 Sen. James Ebiowolu Manager (*Delta South*)
 Sen. Bayero Usman Nafada (*Gombe North*)
 Sen. Umar Ibrahim Kurfi (*Katsina Central*)
 Sen. Aliyu Magatakarda Wammako (*Sokoto North*)
 Sen. Ahmed Salau Ogembe (*Kogi Central*)
 Sen. Ibrahim Abdullahi Danbaba (*Sokoto South*)
 Sen. Dr. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (*Niger North*)
 Sen. Mustapha Sani Mohammed (*Niger South*)
 Sen. Dr. Ibrahim Abdullahi Gobir (*Sokoto East*)
 Sen. Babajide Omoworare (*Osun East*)
 Sen. Jonah David Jang (*Plateau North*)
 Sen. Danladi Sani Abubakar (*Taraba North*)
 Sen. Bukar Abba Ibrahim (*Yobe East*)

Sen. Binta Masi Garba (*Adamawa North*)
 Sen. Isah Hamma Misau (*Bauchi Central*)
 Sen. Malam Ali Wakili (*Bauchi South*)
 Sen. Akume George (*Benue South-East*)
 Sen. David A. B. Mark (*Benue South*)
 Sen. Abubakar Kyari (*Borno North*)
 Sen. Ovie Omo-Agege (*Delta Central*)
 Sen. Peter Nwaboshi (*Delta North*)
 Sen. Joshua M. Lidani (*Gombe South*)
 Sen. Mustapha Bukar (*Katsina North*)
 Sen. Abu Ibrahim (*Katsina South*)
 Sen. Atai Aidoko Ali (*Kogi East*)
 Sen. Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*)
 Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*)
 Sen. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan (*Yobe North*)
 Sen. Olusola Adeyeye (*Osun Central*)
 Sen. Joshua C. Dariye (*Plateau Central*)
 Sen. Jeremiah Useni (*Plateau South*)
 Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*)
 Sen. Mohammed Hassan (*Yobe South*)

The Senate:

Notes that the engine of life in today's world is an uninterrupted electricity power supply. Again, there is a strong link between per capita electricity power consumption and the state of physical advancement of a nation. This shows the strategic importance of electricity power supply to the development of any nation;

Further notes that Renewable energy options present the most efficient and most viable energy strategies to drive socio-economic activities of the world without hurting the environment; —

Notes also that Hydro-electric power option ranks the first in efficiency and safety amongst the rest of the renewable energy options, for which the Mambilla Plateau (with an average elevation of more than 1,700 m above sea level, and average rainfalls running above 3,000mm, annually) in Nigeria, presents an excellent site to construct and efficiently run a hydro-electric power plant;

Aware that the Mambilla and Zungeru Hydro-electricity power projects were conceived over three decades ago, and that several attempts at their realization have been going on since then, which have seen defined stages from Feasibility Studies, through policy options and development, and then to Tenders and Bids, and further to contract negotiations and financing options;

Aware that processes leading to the realization of the 700 MW Zungeru Hydro-electricity power project have slowly resumed after years of suspension, delays and technical and administrative bottle necks, arguably costing the nation valuable resources and development that would have advanced our socio-economic and technological development to enviable heights;

Aware also that the 3,050 MW Mambilla Hydro Dam Project proposal has come a long way, and has drained so much national resources such as to merit more serious attention that it is given at the moment. That the National Assembly have been supporting the Executive arm with budgetary allocations of not less than N14 billion since 2003;

Further aware that a 3,050 Megawatts Mambilla Hydro-electricity plant is currently the largest single power plant capacity realizable in this region, with good capacity to serve and stimulate further development of the nation's sources of electricity power generation. That the six top thermal stations in Nigeria have a combined capacity of 3,030 Megawatts, which is less than the 3,050 Megawatts of the proposed Mambilla Hydro Dam;

Further aware that in numbers, even at a capacity factor of 0.5, completed Mambilla and Zungeru Hydro-Electricity plants will mean an addition of some 3,750 Megawatts into our national grid which will generate about 17,000,000 Megawatts-hour per annum, or some 17 Terawatts-hour annually. This is enough, in the first instance, to power more than 163,000 new supplies to homes and then improve electricity supplies to more than 14,000 existing home in addition. This is a milestone in efficiently and adequately powering more than 177,000 homes. This will also translate to a citizen population of over 15 million addition enjoying adequate electricity supply. More than seventy thousand Small Scale Businesses and Industries in Nigeria will be established from this development;

Convinced that the combined Local Contents of the Mambilla and Zungeru Hydro-electric Power projects can serve as a large stimulus package for the Nigerian economy coming out of a recession, with the provision of a sizable market for the cement industry as well as create good employment for iron and steel in their respective constructions, which will spur the active and full realization of the Ajaokuta Iron and Steel industry. That attendant socio-economic benefits of the two Hydro Dam projects will spread across direct employments running above seventy thousand, with over a thousand entrepreneurship, and then agriculture and agro-allied businesses and industries in the scenes of irrigation and fishing as well as tourism and Water Sports development;

Worried that a 3,050 Megawatts Mambilla Hydro-electric power plant has taken more than thirty years lingering in a planning stage, while the standard period for planning, construction, engineering and test-running of such a project is just between five and seven years. That an engineering and technological edifice of the status of the Mambilla Hydro Dam has, unfortunately, become a political campaign tool through successive governments and administrations, through which politicians garner and gather votes, instead of its original platform of being a socio-economic driver of modern development for the nation;

Concerned that the absence of reliable power supply in the country is almost always cited by businesses and industries as the biggest obstacle to doing business and rapid economic growth in Nigeria. The Council for Renewable Energy in Nigeria, in 2009, estimated that power outages cost the country over \$984 million, annually;

Further worried that national resources of an alarming magnitude, running into tens of billions of naira, have already been spent, and is still being spent, without encouraging and commensurate results. That the present Administration had earlier taken a momentous stand on power projects, with necessary steps reaching advanced stages towards enhancing our sources of electricity power; for the Mambilla Hydro Power project, the momentum

has slowed down with negotiations stalling and freezing at contract sum disagreements. That the fear that this gigantic developmental project is freezing and heading for the rocks is enough nightmare for a development-oriented government, a striving business class and the general Nigerian citizenry,

Accordingly resolved to:

- i. *Urge* Mr. President to impress it on the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to speed up the remaining steps and processes towards fast-tracking the immediate commencement of the two projects constructions;
 - ii. *Urge* Mr. President to impress on the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to periodically publish proceedings, events and actions relating to the commencements and realizations of the Mambilla and Zungeru Hydro-electric power projects;
 - iii. *Urge* and impress on the Federal Government not to be distracted by, or with, wasteful and unviable energy options on the Mambilla Plateau, such as reducing its capacity of 3,050 Megawatts Hydro by 2000 Megawatts for Solar energy harnessing, which would unnecessarily take over productive agricultural land, with some bad attendant distortions of existing land premium. This would certainly not augur well for the economy. Solar energy harnessing is more efficient in hot, dry and arid areas of which Mambilla Plateau is the complete opposite;
 - iv. *Urge* the Federal Government to, as a matter of expediency, declare a State of Emergency and establish respective Project Management Teams to handle the remaining steps and processes towards the commencements and subsequent constructions of the Mambilla and Zungeru Hydro-electric Power projects, as well as on other similar on-going power projects in the country;
 - v. *Invite* the Minister of Power, Works and Housing to the Senate Plenary to come and state the current status of the Mambilla and Zungeru Hydro-electric Power projects, as well as brief the Senate on the issues relating to the projects; and
 - vi. *Constitute* a high-powered Senate Ad-hoc Committee for the purpose of pursuing for expedient action in order to realize the Mambilla and Zungeru Hydro-electric Power projects within the shortest possible time.
6. Urgent need for the Repairs/Re-construction and Dualization of Okene – Auchu – Ekpoma – Benin Road

Senator Francis Alimikhena (*Edo North*)

The Senate:

Notes that the road infrastructure is critical for economic and commercial development and is one of the most visible signs of government presence in any community or states.

Observes that the Okene – Auchu – Ekpoma – Benin Road is the only major highway that connects South/South – South East to Abuja and the Northern Part of Nigeria.

Worried that large sections of the road, especially from Okene – Auchu – Ekpoma to Benin have become dangerous craters that cannot be called a road. It will be impossible to access, if not repaired before the raining season;

Aware that Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) used to do palliative road maintenance on this road, since 2016 FERMA has abandoned their responsibility on this road. This has led to total collapse of the road thus making it difficult and accessible especially Ewu – Ekpoma section of the road;

Concerned that travel time between Abuja to Benin used to be 6 hours but with the total collapse of the road, travel time now averages 9 to 10 hours;

Disturbed that Armed Robbers and Kidnappers taking advantage of the totally deplorable state of the road have become a law unto themselves, ambushing, robbing, dispossessing and killing commuters at will on a daily basis;

Notes that the state of the road requires immediate rehabilitation to reduce the unacceptable level of accidents, robbery and kidnapping on the road;

Aware that contract for the dualization and reconstruction of the road was awarded to some contractors over 6 years ago but in 2016 Appropriation Budget the sum of ₦5B was allocated to two sections of the road leaving the section of Auchi to Ehor;

Worried that inspite of the allocation the contractors abandoned the work on the road on the ground that the fund was not cash back,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to urgently mobilize the contractors back to site;
- ii. *Urge* the FERMA and Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to Urgently repair the failed portion, most especially Auchi - Ewu -Ekpoma section;
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to ensure cash backing for the project in the 2017 budget; and
- iv. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Works to carryout effective oversight on the project before the rainy season commences fully.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Joint Committee on Finance; Trade & Investment, Gas; Petroleum Upstream; Banking, Insurance & other Financial Institutions; Judiciary, Human Right & Legal Matters; And Customs & Excise	Tuesday, 2 nd May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Environment	Tuesday, 2 nd May, 2017	1.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
3.	Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 2 nd May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
4.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Tuesday, 2 nd May, 2017	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
5.	Establishment & Public Service	Tuesday, 2 nd May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building

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| 6. | Joint Committee on
Establishment & Public
Service and INEC | Wednesday, 3 rd May, 2017 | 2.00pm | Committee Room 204
Senate New Building |
| 7. | Judiciary, Human Rights
And Legal Matters | Wednesday, 3 rd May, 2017 | 2.00pm | Committee Room 313
Senate New Building |
| 8. | Legislative Compliance | Thursday, 4 th May, 2017 | 2.00pm | Committee Room 328
Senate New Building |