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**The Secretary General,**  
The Federation International,  
De Football Association,  
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27<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

Attention: **Primo Corvaro,**

## **REPORT ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2014 AT HOTEL DE BENTLY, UTAKO ABUJA**

I convey to you the warmest compliments of the President, Executive Committee, Congress and Management Staff of Nigeria Football Federation.

Further to this, I wish to notify you that, Nigeria Football Federation conducted the Extra-Ordinary Congress on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014 as communicated and approved by FIFA following a request made by the Executive Committee of the Nigeria Football Federation to that effect.

The General Assembly hereby forwards to you a report of the proceedings from the meeting:

1. In your earlier letter approving the convocation of the Congress to resolve issues on the election into the Executive Committee of the Nigeria Football Federation, you had stated clearly that the General Assembly being called was to draw up a new **ROADMAP** within 2 weeks for the NFF Executive Committee election since the crisis that engulfed Nigeria Football after the 2014 World Cup, made it impossible for the election to hold on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 as earlier scheduled by the General Assembly in Warri in November, 2013
2. All 44 NFF Members/Delegates arrived the venue of the General Assembly on the eve of the Congress and, on the morning of the Congress day (26<sup>th</sup> August), the Assembly Delegates were informed that the President of the Nigeria Football Federation, Alhaji Aminu Maigari, General Secretary Barrister Musa Amadu and one of the Executive Committee Members of the NFF, Barrister Christopher Green were invited and detained by Security Operatives. The Delegates on hearing this sad news waited for their release to no avail and so by 2pm, decided to go en-masse to search for the whereabouts of the President, General Secretary and the Executive Member. However, the Delegates were equally detained on their way to search for their detained colleagues.

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President

General Secretary

3. These incidents, made it impossible for the General Assembly to start by 4pm as earlier fixed by the Federation. While the Assembly Delegates were detained, a group of people made up of 5 Assembly Delegates purportedly held a Congress where they claimed to have conducted an election with, Mr. Chris Giwa elected as President of the Nigeria Football Federation.
4. The General Secretary was eventually released to go and conduct the Congress while the NFF President, Alhaji Maigari and Board Member, Barrister Christopher Green were still detained. On getting to the Congress Venue at Chida Hotel, The general Secretary realized that majority of the Assembly Delegates were not there. So, he quickly left the place only to learn later that an Election was purportedly conducted by 5 Delegate members. This however, was not in the Agenda of the General Assembly.
5. Consequently, 39 out of the 44 statutory Delegate members converged at Hotel De Bentley, Jabi, Abuja by 8.25pm where a proper General Assembly was conducted by the General Secretary.
6. The General Assembly attended by 39 members out of 44 voting members met and made the following resolutions (attached), approving a **new ROADMAP with Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2014** as the new date for the Elective Congress and Abuja as the venue.
7. The Congress also formally dissolved the present Executive Committee on the ground that its tenure of office had expired and in its place approved an Interim Committee to work with the Nigeria Football Federation Secretariat pending the holding of Elections to form a new Executive Committee.
8. Finally, the Congress approved the dissolution of both the Electoral and Election Appeal Committees due to their partisan and compromised actions and in their place, the Congress constituted new Committees to handle the Elections and Appeals arising there-from. The names of the members of the Interim Committee to work with the Secretariat as well as the Members of the Electoral and Election Appeal Committees can be clearly seen in the attached Communiqué of the resolutions made by the 39 NFF Members and voting Delegates. Also attached is the list of Delegates members that attended the General Assembly held at Hotel De Bentley, Utako - Abuja.

The General Assembly ended by 9.45pm.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

**Sir, Ephraim C. Chukwuemeka**

Chairman, Abia State Football Association

For and on behalf of the Congress of Nigeria Football Federation

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION HELD TODAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2014 AT HOTEL DE BENTLY, UTAKO, ABUJA.**

The General Assembly attended by 39 members out of the 44 voting members met and resolved as follows:

1. Expressed appreciation to the President of Nigeria, **Dr. Goodluck Jonathan GCFR** for his continued support to Nigeria Football.
2. Congress congratulated the **Falconets** for outstanding performance in Canada and called on the Federal government to reward the team adequately.
3. Congress condemned the charade that took place earlier today in the name of election that produced illegal members of the Executive Committees. It called on Nigerians and FIFA to ignore the purported election.
4. A new **ROADMAP** was approved by the Congress and approved **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2014** for new elective congress. **Venue will be in Abuja.**
5. Congress formally dissolved the present Executive Committee and in its place approved an interim Committee to work with the Secretariat. The members are **Sir, E.C. Chukwuemeka, A.C. Ladan and Dr. Isaac Ayodele.**
6. Congress affirmed that the three leagues – Nigeria National League, Nigeria Nationwide League and Women League will resume with the new board after September 4<sup>th</sup> since they have two more years to end their tenure.
7. Congress also approved the dissolution of the Electoral and Electoral Appeal Committees and in its place constituted new committees to handle the elections. The members of the Electoral Committee are;
  - i. **Barr. Sampson Ebomhe**

- ii. Barr. M.T. Ahmed.
- iii. Adamu Sani Osmond
- iv. Sadiq Yusuf Zarla
- v. Rev. Onyeagbala Obioma
- vi. Mr. Adeola Adelaḡwu
- vii. Sani Dahiru Yakassai

The Secretary is Barrister Musa Amadu.

The new members of the Electoral Appeal Committee are;

- i. Barrister Okey Ajunwa
- ii. Dokun Coker
- iii. Malam Sani Mohammed
- iv. Dr. Sanusi Mohammed (Secretary)

8. Some members of the Congress whose names were touted as having taken part in the purported election dissociated themselves from the Kangaroo election and pledged loyalty to the Congress. They are Chief Emeka Inyama, Chief Felix Anyansi Agwu, Deji Tinubu, Alhaji Sheriff Inuwa Rabiu, Chief Mike Umeh, Dr. Shehu Adamu and Otunba Dele Ajayi.

Signed:

COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING COMMITTEE

  
SIR, E.C. CHUKWUEMEKA

  
BARR. SEYI AKINWUMI

  
OSWALD ATUAKE