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PRESS STATEMENT

RE: Italian Court Accepts Email Evidence against Adoke

The attention of our client Mr. Mohammed Bello Adoke SAN former Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, has been drawn to the decision of the Milan Court on Wednesday to accept as “new evidence” an email purportedly sent by our client from the email address of AgroupProperties, said to belong to Alhaji Aliyu Abubakar, in respect of the OPL 245 transaction of 2011. According to the campaigners, this is the “proof” that our client had a close relationship with Alhaji Abubakar, who is on trial in Milan along with Shell and ENI in the Milan Court.

Our client states categorically that the e-mail (copy enclosed) is a total forgery. First of all, the email is dated 21 June 2011. At the time in question, Mr Mohammed Bello Adoke SAN was no longer the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice. The cabinet had been dissolved by President Goodluck Jonathan and was yet to be re-constituted. The despicable forgers did not do their due diligence before going to town. That is their stock in trade, in any case.

Secondly, and curiously, in a screenshot of the email being circulated as “new evidence” by Olanrewaju Suraj, who is leading the Nigerian axis of the failed campaign to criminalise and defame Mr Mohammed Bello Adoke SAN, the sender signed off simply as “Mohammed Bello Adoke”. For the record, all our client’s correspondences, whether physical or electronic, are signed off with the suffix “SAN”. At no time did our client sign off any document without using his rank in the legal profession.

Furthermore, our client would want to point out that he could never have sent an email from another person’s account and signed off with his name. This is completely illogical. Our client has an e-mail account for his personal and for his official matters. Therefore, it is completely non-sensical to expect our client to use another person’s email address. Moreover, our client while in office, had at least five aides working with him, and could have sent an email on his behalf assuming that Mr Mohammed Bello Adoke SAN was busy, or had issues with his email account.

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In our client's view, the poor work of forgery exhibited in the email admitted by the court, is not the first. This is the second time the desperate campaigners are forging "evidence" against our client. In 2017, they came up with a fictitious "recorded" phone conversation which Mr Mohammed Bello Adoke SAN was alleged to have had with one Ms Carlamaria Rumor, said to be of RAI Television in Italy. In it, our client was alleged to have told the reporter that he knew the OPL 245 transaction was a presidential scam.

Those who want to keep collecting huge grants from international donors under the pretext of fighting corruption should continue to do so but they should leave our client's name out of it. As long as they continue to lie against Mr Mohammed Bello Adoke SAN, he will continue resist every attempt to denigrate our client. At the right time, they will pay dearly for their evil machinations because our client intends to institute legal actions against them home and abroad.

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From: Osolake, Bayo O <bayo.o.osolake@jpmorgan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 12:24 PM
To: Adewuyi, Tosin T <tosin.t.adewuyi@jpmorgan.com>
Subject: FW: block 245 malabu resolution agreement
Attach: MALABU2_1706.pdf; MALABU3_1706.pdf; MALABU4_1706.pdf; scanMALABU 10001.pdf

FYI

---Original Message---
From: A Group Properties (mailto:agroupproperties@yahoo.com)
Sent: 21 June 2011 11:47 AM
To: Osolake, Bayo O
Subject: block 245 malabu resolution agreement

Dear Sir,

Kind find attached document for your information and action, if necessary.

Mohammed Bello Adoke

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