Venue: *No. 1, Aduda Close near Sakaryi's Palace (Chief of Karu), Karu, Nkwoyi Road, FCT, Abuja .*

Accept the assurances of my high esteem and best regards.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Senator Philip Tanimu Aduda, MFR
Chairman,
Senate Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy.

4. **Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the Court of Appeal Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 32)
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the Court of Appeal Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill 2012 *(Senator Umaru Dahiru — Sokoto South).*

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

5. **Committee on Foreign Affairs:**
Report on the screening of nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of Ambassadorial nominees for appointment as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Senator Matthew I. Nwagwu — Imo North).*

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. **Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the screening of nominees.
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the screening of Mrs Eugenia Abu and Mr Olawale Fapohunda for appointment as Members of the National Human Rights Commission (*Senator Umaru Dahiru — Sokoto South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Mrs Eugenia Abu and Mr Olawale Fapohunda for appointment as Members of the National Human Rights Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(*i*) Mrs Eugenia Abu — *Agreed to.*

(*ii*) Mr Olawale Fapohunda — *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 Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Mrs Eugenia Abu and Mr Olawale Fapohunda for appointment as Members of the National Human Rights Commission and approved the nominations.

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

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mrs Eugenia Abu for appointment as a Member of the National Human Rights Commission?" — *Agreed to.*

Nomination of Mrs Eugenia Abu, as a Member of the National Human Rights Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr Olawale Fapohunda for appointment as a Member of the National Human Rights Commission?" — *Agreed to.*

Nomination of Mr Olawale Fapohunda, as a Member of the National Human Rights Commission accordingly confirmed.

7. **Committee on Education:**
Report on the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 94):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Education on the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND THE UNIVERSITIES (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1993 TO INCREASE THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR ACADEMIC STAFF IN THE PROFESSORIAL CADRE AND NON-ACADEMIC STAFF AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Clause 1: Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing Sub-Sections (3) and (4) with the following new Sub-Sections (3) and (4) as follows —

(3) A Registrar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "only" line 1 in subsection 3 (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

(4) Notwithstanding Sub-Section (3) of this Section, the council may, upon satisfactory performance extend the tenure of the Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter such Registrar shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University" (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "further" line 2 in subsection 4 and *insert* the word "may" immediately after the words "post and" in line 3 (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

Question that Clause 1 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing Sub-Sections (4) and (5) with the following new Sub-Section (4) and (5) as follows—

(4) A Bursar or Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "only" line 1 in subsection 4 (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

(5) Notwithstanding Sub-Section (4) of this Section, the Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Bursar or Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter such Bursar or Librarian shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "further" line 3 in subsection 5 and *insert* the word "may" immediately after the word "and" in line 4 (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

Question that Clause 2 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing Section for the following new Section 8 as follows—
(8) As from the commencement of this Act, the compulsory retiring age for—

(a) Academic staff in the Professorial Cadre is 70 years; and

(b) Non-Academic Staff is 65 years (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the provision in Clause 3 and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of a University shall be sixty-five years.

(2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for thirty-five years shall not apply to an academic staff of University.

(3) As from the commencement of this Act, the compulsory retiring age for—
(a) Academic staff in the Professorial Cadre shall be 70 years; and

(b) Non-Academic Staff shall be 65 years" (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

Question that Clause 3 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing Section for the following new Section 9 as follows—
(9) An Academic Staff who retires as a Professor in a recognized University shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that:—
(i) The Professor has served continuously in a recognized University up to the retirement age.

(ii) Notwithstanding (i) above, where the Professor has not served up to the retirement age, shall be entitled to the rate of pension above provided that he or she has served a minimum of twenty (20) years as a Professor in a recognized University; and

(iii) Where an academic joins a Nigerian University as a Professor, such a Professor must have served continuously for at least twenty (20) years in a recognized University (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: **Short Title.**
This Act may be cited as the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2012.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and 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 Education on the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 (Amendment) Bill 2012 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1 - 3 — As Amended.

Clauses 4 - 5 — As Recommended.

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

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time *(Deputy Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

8. **Committee on Education:**
Report on the Retirement Age of Staff of Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education Bill 2012 (SB.74)
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Education, on the Retirement Age of Staff of Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education Bill 2012 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL FOR AN ACT TO HARMONIZE THE RETIREMENT AGE OF STAFF OF FEDERAL POLYTECHNICS AND COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO, 2012

Clause 1: The retirement age for Staff of Institutions above mentioned is hereby harmonized.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 2: A Law or rule requiring a person to retire from the Public Service after serving 35 years shall not apply to Staff of Polytechnics and Colleges of Education.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: The Compulsory retirement age of Staff of Polytechnics and Colleges of Education shall be 65 years.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the provision in Clause 3 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of Polytechnics and Colleges of Education shall be sixty-five years.

(2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for thirty-five years shall not apply to an academic staff of Polytechnics and Colleges of Education"(*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

Question that Clause 3 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: **Short Title.**
The Bill may be cited as Harmonized Retirement Age of Staff of Polytechnics and Colleges of Education Bill 2012.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and 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 Education, on the Retirement Age of Staff of Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education Bill 2012 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1 - 2	—	As Recommended.
Clause 3	—	As Amended.
Clause 4	—	As Recommended.

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

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time *(Deputy Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

9. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the Acts Authentication Act 1962 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 51):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 19th January, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:10 *p.m.*

Dr. David A. B. Mark, GCON, fnim
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.