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1. ***Ad-hoc* Committee on Code Conduct:**
Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari:
"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Code of Conduct for Honourable Members of the House of Representatives" (*Referred*: 23/6/2015).

2. ***Ad-hoc* Committee on the Request for Approval to Obtain US$75 Million Credit Facility from the World Bank for Edo State:**
Hon. Babaginda Ibrahim:
"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Request for Approval to Obtain USS75 Million Credit Facility from the World Bank for Edo State" (*Referred*: 5/8/2015).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need to Complete the Reconstruction of Kontagora-Rijau-Tungun Magajiya Road:**
Hon. Shehu Saleh:

The House:

Notes that the Kontagora-Rijau-Tungan Magajiya road is of great economic and social value to the people of Niger and kebbi States;

Aware that a contract was awarded to Enerco (Nig.) Ltd sometime in November 2012 for the reconstruction of the road at the cost of ₦3,698,014,603.34 with a completion period of 48 months;

Recalls that soon after the award, the contractor mobilized to site and commenced construction work on the road, but regrettably, only 34.8% completion was recorded before the work was abandoned;

Concerned that the abandonment of such a project has become a source of concern to the people and commuters plying the road;

Informed that the contractor abandoned the construction work for non-payment of the percentage of work done and duly certified by the Federal Ministry of Work which was estimated at ₦1,416,802,90.47;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to include, as a matter of priority, the money for the completion of the abandoned Kontagora-Rijau-Tungan Magajiya Road in the 2016 Appropriations proposal;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, as an interim measure, rehabilitate the road to make it motorable.

2. **Urgent Need for the Rehabilitation of the Abakaliki/Afikpo Road linking Ebonyi to Abia, Imo and Cross River States:**
Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo:

The House:

Notes that the Abakaliki-Afikpo road links Ebonyi State to the neighbouring States of Abia, Imo and Cross River States;

Observes that the road has suffered years of neglect and has remained in very deplorable condition to the great inconvenience, frustration and despair of all users of the road who are forced by social and economic reasons to ply the road on a daily basis;

Aware that contract for the reconstruction of the road was awarded to two construction firms — Bulletine Construction Ltd, to handle the Abakaliki - Onueke - Abaomege section of the road at a cost of ₦2,987,774,000 and CCECC Nig. Ltd, to handle the Abaomege - Akpoha - Afikpo section for ₦3.5 billion, with a completion period of 18 months;

Also notes that whereas CCECC Nig. Ltd. rose to the occasion and completed its section of the road, Bulletine Nig. Ltd failed to do same, and eventually handed the road over to local contractor called, Uniglobe Nig. Ltd;

Further notes that Uniglobe Nig. Ltd, after initial skeletal work, has since abandoned work on the road, thus rendering the road completely impassable, leading to a situation where motorists, sometimes spend about four hours to cover a distance of about two kilometres;

Concerned that unless there is intervention, the errant contractor, Uniglobe Nig. Ltd, which has since abandoned work for over two years now, may never return to site to carry on with its contractual obligation of rehabilitation of that section of the road awarded since 2010;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to interface with the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure that the contractor (Uniglobe Nig. Ltd) returns to site to ensure the completion of rehabilitation works on the Abakaliki - Afikpo road;

(*ii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence to the above prayer.

3. **Need for Exploration of Water Transportation as an Alternative Mode of Movement in Nigeria:**
Hon Peter Akpatason:

The House:

Notes that the importance of the grossly under-tapped water transportation mode in Nigeria cannot be overemphasized as it would provide the means for the movement of people and goods by light, medium and heavy equipment such as boats, ship, sail boats and ferry over the sea, ocean, lake, canal or river;

Also notes that several locations in Nigeria are inaccessible by road, despite the preponderance of natural resources and economic activities, hence the need for the introduction of modern ferries to convey people and goods from one point to another to enhance economic productivity and growth in such areas;

Aware that in places like Lagos where there is usually heavy hold-up on the roads network, the use of ferries to convey passengers and goods has drastically eased the process and brought reliefs on the affected routes;

Further notes that countries like Canada and China have experienced remarkable improvement in inland waterways transportation through deliberate growth policies anchored on public and private financing;

Concerned that water transport services in Nigeria have not been fully explored as in the few places where they are available, they are inadequate, inefficient and non-cost effective;

Cognizant of the fact that increased use of diesel-powered water transport mode will reduce the pressure on subsidised petrol, and by extension government expenditure on petrol subsidy;

Desirous of making the exploration of water transport a means of boosting job creation and reduction of accidents, as well as wear and tear on national roads network;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge all relevant agencies of government under the Federal Ministry of Transport to undertake a study on the modalities for the optimal exploration of water transportation in Nigeria;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Marine Transport (when constituted) to come up with measures for the actualization of the above objective: and

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to urgently complete the dredging of the lower Niger.

4. **Federal Governments Obligation to Immediately Commence the Reintegration and Infrastructural Development of the Niger Delta Area:**
Hon. Sodaguwo A. Festus Omoni **Hon. Henry Ofongo** **Hon. Boma Goodhead**
Hon. Leo Ogor **Hon. Agbedi Y. Frederick** **Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir**
Hon. DouyeDiri:

The House:

Aware that the Amnesty Programme initiated by late President Umaru Musa Yar-Adua for ex militant commenced on 6 August, 2009, in four stages, namely:

(1) Disarmament,

(2) Rehabilitation,

(3) Reintegration, and

(4) Infrastructural development;

Notes that the ex-militants have kept their words as part of the amnesty condition by disarming and further subjecting themselves to rehabilitation, thus leaving the Federal Government to perfect its part in the amnesty programme to embark on a comprehensi ve reintegration and infrastructural development of the Niger Delta Area, but this promise has so far not been kept;

Also notes that some students who were placed on scholarships have since graduated from various schools as pilots, welders, mechanics and in many other technical fieldsbut have not yet obtained job placements;

Informed that over Eleven Billion Naira (₦11,000,000,000.00) is available in the coffers of the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs which is linked directly with the Amnesty Programme;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to direct the affected Ministries, Agencies and Parastatals, particularly the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs and Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to immediately commence the long awaited Reintegration and Infrastructural Development of the Area as guaranteed in the Niger Delta Amnesty Programme;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and Niger Delta Ministry (when constituted) to ensure implementation of prayer (1)

5. **Need for Rehabilitation of the Ojora-Ajegunle-Apapa Federal Highway:**
Hon. Rita O. Orji:

The House:

Notes that the Ijora - Ajegunle - Apapa Highway which covers two Federal Constituencies of Ajeromi - Ifelodun and Apapa, Lagos State is a major supply route to the Tin-Can port, which is strategic to the Nation's economy;

Worried that 38 years after the road was constructed, no steps have been taken to maintain it despite its strategic location and importance;

Disturbed that if the road is not urgently fixed, it will become impassable, and thus disrupt activities at the Tin-Can Port and other parts of Lagos;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of works to urgently embark on the reconstruction of the Highway and reactivation of the street lights;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently carry out a palliative but comprehensive maintenance works on the Road pending the reconstruction.

6. **Need to Investigate the Ban of Exportation of Some Nigeria's Food Items by the European Union:**
Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

The House:

Notes the recent ban by the European Union (EU) on some agricultural food exports from Nigeria;

Also notes that the reason the European Food Safety Authority gave for the ban was that some of the food items contain high level of unauthorized pesticides, while the others were suspected of lacking proper storage;

Informed that the pesticides were usually applied when the products are being prepared for export;

Aware that the EU Authorities had previously warned the Nigerian Authorities that the banned items are harzadous and had issued about fifty notifications to relevant Nigerian authorities since 2013;

Also aware that the Director-General of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) had blamed the exporters of those products of being responsible for the ban due to their non-compliance with regulatory requirements for semi-processed and processed commodities;

Worried by the negative impact of the ban on the income of the farmers of those products and the middlemen who trade on them, as well as the foreign exchange that accrues to Nigeria through those exports;

Disturbed that this is happening in an era when the Federal Government is working on diversifying the economy from oil-based to agro-based;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Commerce, and Agriculture (when constituted) to liaise with relevant stakeholders to work on resolving the issues and concerns raised by the European Union Food Safety Authority in order to bring an end to the ban.

7. **Need to Investigate the Violation of Sections 41 and 42 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act by all tiers of Government on Debt and Indebtedness:**
Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun:

The House:

Notes that the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 was enacted to ensure prudent management of the nation's resources, assure long-term macro-economic stability of the national economy and secure greater accountability and transparency in fiscal operations within a medium-term fiscal policy framework;

Also notes that Sections 42 (1) (*b*), 42 (3) and 42 (4) of the Act make provisions for management of debt and indebtedness by all tiers of government in country;

Disturbed that the rate at which Governments at all levels go about borrowing both internally and externally is so worrisome to the extent that those sections of the Act are being flagrantly violated in terms of:

(*i*) Rate of borrowing,

(*ii*) Purpose of borrowing,

(*iii*) Terms of the borrowing,

(*iv*) The manner of approvals,

(*v*) Setting of overall limits of the consolidated debts and other forms of violations, and

(*vi*) Consideration for the current status of Nigeria's National income;

Realizes that most of the States that are owing salaries to their civil servants and are indebted to contractors are those that had borrowed heavily and are now sucked into the vortex of debt repayment and servicing, since they did not envisage the current financial challenges;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management (when constituted) to undertake a comprehensive investigation of the debt profile of all tiers of government, with a view to establishing their levels of compliance with and the need for invocation of section 41 (3) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislatives input.

8. Urgent Need to Investigate instances of Killings, Harassments, Inhuman Treatment and Abuse of Human Rights by Personnel of the Nigerian Army and Men of the Special Task Force in Langtang, Wase, Barkin Ladi and Riyom Local Government Areas of Plateau State:

Hon. Beni Lar
Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren
Hon. Johnbull T. Shekarau
Hon. Shehu Nicholas Garba
Hon. Ahmed K. Milantarki
Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang
Hon. Golu Timothy
Hon. Suleiman Yahaya Kwande
Hon. Ismail Ahmed Gadaka
Hon. Gyang I. Dung
Hon. Ahmed Idris
Hon. Gbefwi G. Jonathan
Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda

The House:

Notes that the right to life and dignity of the human person is sacrosanct, inalienable and jealously protected and enshrined in section 33 (1) and 34 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Also notes that the mandate of the Army is to defend citizens from external aggression and among others, aid civil authorities to restore order in any part of the Country in times of internal crisis, when called upon to do so by the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Further notes that the primary purpose of drafting soldiers to volatile areas as contained in section 217 (2), paragraphs (*a*)-(*c*) of the 1999 Constitution is to protect the lives and properties of the citizens affected by crisis and conflict;

Aware that from 1994 to date, Plateau State has witnessed recurrent crisis, mainly by terrorists and insurgents;

Also aware that military forces known as the Special Task Force was deployed to keep peace in the crisis-stricken communities;

Worried that the personnel of the Special Task Force are being accused of molesting, harassing, torturing, looting and even burning down properties, raping women and even killing helpless, unarmed civilians that they are supposed to protect, as evidenced by reports published in many newspapers for example, *The Nigeria Pilot* of Sunday, 10 May, 2015, *Daily Trust* of 10 May,2015, *Leadership* of 16 May, 2015 which all had it as their headlines news;

Disturbed that the outcry of the people for Government's intervention seems to have fallen on deaf ears;

Further disturbed khat the impunity with which men of the Special Task Force carry out their acts of reckless abuse of power on defenseless communities in Langtang, Wase, BarkinLadi and Riyom Local Government Areas is alarming and deplorable;

Regrets that the STF has allegedly killed over 400 persons and destroyed properties worth millions of naira belonging to innocent civilians in Wase, Plateau State;

Concerned that if nothing is done to check the excesses of the Special Task Force, the communities may be annihilated as the residents are moving en mass to other places to seek refuge;

Also concerned that the forceful displacement of the affected communities is compounding the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) situation in Plateau State;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Defence, and Army (when Constituted) to investigate the killings, torture and abuse of human rights by men of the Special Task Force in Plateau State, in order to bring an end to their excesses and abuse of power;

(*ii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, visit the affected Local Governments to assess the damages done to the people and rehabilitate them.

9. **Need to Determine what Hapended to the Sum of $2,198,900 Confiscated by National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at Murtala Mohammed Airport, Lagos:**
Hon. James Abiodun Faleke:

The House:

Notes that the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) confiscated the sum of S2,198,900 (over N500million) from one Mr Ibiteye John Bamidele (a bureau de change operator in Lagos) at the local wing of Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos while he was on his way to Abuja on 9 July, 2015;

Also notes that the suspect admitted that the money belongs to Dr Martins Olufemi Thomas, former Executive Secretary of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), who has not debunked the claim of Mr Ibiteye John Bamidele;

Concerned about the deafening silence about the matter since then and its damaging effect on the reputation of the country on issues of prudence by public officials in the management of public funds;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Anti-Corruption, National Ethics and Values, and Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes (when constituted) to investigate the matter including the activities of the National Health Insurance Scheme since inception, and report to the House within four weeks;

10. **High Rate of Failure in the Bar Examinations:**
Hon. Bode Ayorinde:

The House:

Notes that report that 898 students (amounting to 32%) out of the 2,851 law graduates who wrote the Bar final examination of the Nigerian Law school in 2015 failed, leaving only 1953 students who passed the examination;

Recalls that in 2014, 2,433 students failed the same Bar final examination out of 5,841 who sat for the first phase, and still out of the 1,335 students who sat for the re-sit examination; only 88 of them passed;

Aware that the Nigerian Law School was established in 1963 to provide a postgraduate professional training for Law Graduates of Universities, and has over the years produced great and accomplished Lawyers and Judges who have efficiently administered the Nigerian Judicial System as well as other organizations;

Disturbed that the current state of facilities in the Law Schools have made learning unconducive and effective teaching almost impossible as may be seen in the Lagos Law School where students, compelled by a lack of basic accommodation, are living in uncompleted hostel buildings, where rooms meant to accommodate only three (3) students are now being occupied by 6 - 8 students;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Express displeasure at the high rate of failure of Students in the Bar Final Examinations induced by the very poor conditions under which the students are being trained;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Justice (when constituted) to assess the conditions of the Nigerian Law Schools to determine the causes of the high rate of failure at Bar Final Examinations, and report back to the house within four (4) weeks.

11. **Need for the House Membership of the United States Congressional Nigerian Caucus as a Congressional Member Organization (CMO), United States of America and the House of Representatives:**
Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma:

The House:

Notes that memberships of the United States Congressional Members Organization would be vital to the House in accessing benefits as an Institutional member:

Informed that the Congressional Nigeria Caucus as a Congressional Member Organization (CMO) of the House of Representatives of the of the United States of America for the 113th Congress was initiated in 2014 through the concerted efforts of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat of the 18th Congressional District of Texas and former Congressman Steve Stockman, a Republican of the 36th Congressional District of Texas, who were assisted by other Congressmen and women;

Also informed that the United States Congressional Nigeria Caucus officially wrote to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, sometime in 2014 apprising it of the need and benefits derivable from membership of the Congressional Member Organization (CMO) of the 113th Congress of the United States House of Representatives;

Realises that since Nigeria is practicing the same presidential system model as the United States, it behoves on the 8th House of Representatives to take up the membership of the Congressional Member Organisation (CMO) accorded to the House in 2014 to better the lots of Nigerian legislature by putting in place a scheme to create a good working relationship and thus begin to enjoy the benefits associated with membership;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Formally recognize the United States Congressional Caucus, the Nigerian Coordinating Team and the group "Nigeria Our Heritage Project" (NOHP);

(*ii*) approve the areas identified by the Congressional Caucus;

(*iii*) delegate some Members to pay a visit to the United States Congressional Nigeria Caucus of the United States House of Representatives, Washington DC for interaction.

12. **Urgent Need to Prevail on the National Identity Management Commission to Defer the September1, 2015 Deadline for Completion of Issuance of National Identity Card Pending the Passage of the Personal Information and Data Protection Bill:**
Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam:

The House:

Notes that the National Identity Management Commission has fixed September 1, 2015 as the deadline for the completion of transaction involving the identification of individuals under the National Identification Number (NIN) scheme;

Aware that since Nigeria does not have a Personal Data Protection Act to guarantee the privacy and safety of citizens' data, the identity management scheme could be compromised;

Conscious of the need to ensure that a legal framework is put in place through the passage of the Personal Information and Data Protection Bill before the Commission implements its directive on conclusion of the Identity card scheme;

Resolves to:

Urge the National Identity Management Commission to stay action on the implementation of its directive pending the passage of the Personal Information and Data Protection Bill.

13. Urgent Need to Curb the Unwholesome Practices of Foreign Companies in Nigeria:
Hon. Segun Adekola Alexander:

The House:

Notes with concern a report in the *Punch* Newspaper of Wednesday, 1 July, 2015, titled "Wempco Faulty Machine Smashes Worker's Head during Production";

Also notes that incidents of this nature are rampant with foreign companies operating in Nigeria, some of which have scant regard for the safety of their workers, some of whom had lost their lives or become maimed in the work place due to gross negligence of the companies;

Concerned that some of the companies act with impunity by subjecting their workers to dehumanizing working conditions and absence of safety equipment in flagrant disobedience to Nigeria's labour laws;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Condemn the unwholesome practices of some of these foreign companies;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity (when constituted) to investigate the incident at Wempco and other unwholesome practices of foreign companies operating in Nigeria with a view to bringing an end to the unhealthy trends, and report back to the House within one (1) month.

14. Non-Payment of Allowances of Midwives for Over One Year under the Midwives Service Scheme of the Federal Ministry of Health and the Lack of Fulfilment of Other Terms of the Scheme:
Hon. Mark Tereer Gbillah:

The House:

Notes that the United Nations has identified infant and maternal mortality as endemic in developing countries of the world and the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 are aimed at reducing mortality rate by two thirds between 1990 and 2015 and reducing maternal mortality ratio by three quarters between 1990 and 2015;

Also notes that as a signatory to the Millennium Development Goals agreed to by 189 countries at the UN General Assembly in September 2000, Nigeria is expected to adopt necessary strategies and measures to achieve Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5;

Further notes that in a bid to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, Nigeria adopted the Integrated Maternal New-born and Child Health (IMNCH) strategy and introduced the Midwives Service Scheme (MSS) in 2009 to provide improved skilled human resources at the Primary Health Care (PHC) level through the mandatory yearly deployment of midwives after completion of Midwifery School to Primary Health Care facilities in all local government areas, including the FCT, and train them to enhance their performance in providing quality care as well as perform upward review of the number of admissions into Midwifery Schools;

Aware that the Midwives Service Scheme is managed by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) and funded by the Millennium Development Goals Debt Relief Gains (DRG) based on a Memorandum of Understanding between Federal, State and Local Governments where the National Primary Health Care Development Agency provides the midwives with a monthly allowance of ₦40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Naira) only, while the host State and Local Governments provide a supplementary allowance and accommodation with the understanding that the midwives would be retained in the service of related States after two years of participation in the scheme and is renewable after the initial mandatory one year period;

Concerned that considering the near-conclusion of the Millennium Development Goals and the pivotal contribution of the Midwives Service Scheme to the recently acclaimed success of Nigeria in meeting Millennium Development Goals, particularly in the area of maternal mortality, over 3600 participating midwives in the scheme have not received their monthly allowances from the National Primary Health Care Development Agency since September 2014 as majority of the States and Local Governments have failed to meet their financial obligations to the Scheme, and none of the Midwives have been retained by any of the State or Local Government Areas;

Further concerned that despite pleas to forestall public protests and promises by the erstwhile Minister of Health through a communique to pay all outstanding allowances owed them by the States and Local Governments by May, 2015, the Midwives are yet to be paid and are, as a result of debts owed, undergoing great suffering;

Worried that considering Nigeria's daily losses through child and maternal deaths, the continued lack of payment and fulfilment of other obligations to midwives under the Midwives Service Scheme will put millions of Nigerians at risk and erode the successes Nigeria has recorded in the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5, and the non-employment of these Midwives in a more permanent capacity will impact negatively on the sustainability of these achievements in line with current global focus on a progression to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG'S);

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and Health (when constituted) to investigate the non-payment of allowances to Midwives and ensure that concrete modalities are mapped out to immediately offset the debts;

(*ii*) urge the States and Local Governments to, without further delay fulfil their obligations as is provided for in the Midwives Service Scheme;

(*iii*) commend the Governor of Benue State, Dr Samuel Ortom for his commencement of the immediate rehabilitation and reaccreditation of Benue State School of Nursing and Midwifery and his efforts to ensure that the State meets all outstanding and extant obligations to Midwives under the Midwives Service Scheme;

(*iv*) also urge other State Governments, especially those with Schools of Nursing and Midwifery, to take a cue from the Benue State government.

15. Need to Appraise and Revamp the National Research Institutes for Better Value and Service Delivery:

Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante
Hon. Ken ChikereAnayo
Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechukwu
Hon. B. S. Emerengwa
Hon. Eke Jerome Amadi
Hon. Amadi Oguerinwa Dennis
Hon. J. O. Betty- Apiafi
Hon. Blessing Ibiba Nsiegbe
Hon. Nbina Jacebson
Hon. Boma Goodhead
Hon. Francis C. Uduyok
Hon. Goodluck Opiah
Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda
Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno
Hon. Dekor Robinson D.
Hon. Brown R. Iwo Oruene
Hon. DouyeDiri

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has over thirty (30) Research Institutes spread across sectors like Agriculture, Education, Health, Pharmaceuticals, Energy, Space, Science and Technology;

Also notes that all over the world, Research Institutes are set up for basic and applied research purposes that contribute significantly to the increase of knowledge and ground-breaking inventions that are vital to national development and prosperity;

Further notes that Research Institutes in Nigeria are statutorily established and draw significant resources from the National purse to fund their activities;

Observes that it is pertinent to retain these Institutes and continue to fund them appropriately because of their critical contributions to National Development and prosperity;

Also observes that over the years, enormous resources in form of appropriations and subventions have continually been allocated to these establishments, in the hope that dividends of new knowledge, inventions, improved processes and products would accrue to the nation;

Further observes that in the decades of their existence, and given the huge resources invested and still being invested, Nigeria is yet to enjoy significant or reasonably commensurate "Returns on Investment, value or service delivery";

Worried that in the light of the present economic realities, and compelling demand for prudent allocation of resources, Nigeria cannot afford unjustified and unprofitable ventures;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Justice, Health, Education, and Science and Technology (when constituted) to:

(*a*) carry out a comprehensive audit of all the Research Institutes;

(*b*) review the functions and duties of each Institute;

(*c*) take inventory of achievements, breakthroughs and results, factored against the backdrop of Economic Development, Inventions, Alternative Economy and Employment Generation;

(*d*) appraise the Management and implementation challenges, and problems militating against successful execution of mandate and report back to the House within weeks (6) for further legislative actions.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

16. ***Ad-hoc* Committee on the Request for Approval to Obtain US $75 Million Credit Facility from the World Bank for Edo State:**

Hon. Babaginda Ibrahim:

"That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Request for Approval to obtain USS75 Million Credit Facility from the World Bank for Edo State and approve the Recommendation therein (*Laid*: 13/8/2015):

That the House do approve the request by Mr President for the second tranche of USS75 Million for Edo State".