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Mr. President, Distinguished Senators:

INTRODUCTION

You would recall that on 17th December 2014, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, through the Co-ordinating Minister for the Economy and Hon. Minister of Finance, laid before the two Chambers of the National Assembly, the 2015 Appropriation Bill, containing the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Federation for the 2015 fiscal year with an aggregate sum of **₦4,357,960,000,000** (Four Trillion, Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million Naira) only, of which **₦411,840,000,000** (Four Hundred and Eleven Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty Million) only, is for Statutory Transfers, **₦943,000,000,000** (Nine Hundred and Forty-Three Billion Naira) only, is for Debt Service, **₦2,616,007,426,233** (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Sixteen Billion, Seven Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of **₦387,112,573,767** (Three Hundred and Eighty-Seven Billion, One Hundred and Twelve Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2015.

However, the Executive later forwarded a reviewed (revised) proposal in the sum of **₦4,425,930,000,000** (Four Trillion, Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Thirty Million Naira) only, of which **₦366,280,000,000** (Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Billion, Two Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, **₦953,620,000** (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira) only, is for Debt Service, **₦2,607,601,000,300** (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Seven Billion, Six Hundred and One Million, Three Hundred Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure, while the balance of **₦642,848,999,699** (Six Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand,

Six Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira) inclusive of **₦144,420,000,000** (One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfers, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2015. This review was an increase of **₦67.97 billion** over the initial proposal.

There is a Subsidy Reinvestment Programme (SURE-P) component of the budget to the tune of **₦21,030,000,000** (Twenty-One Billion, Thirty Million Naira) only for year 2015. This amount did not form part of the aggregate budget figure of **₦4,425,930,000,000** (Four Trillion, Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Thirty Million Naira) only, contained in the Bill laid before the National Assembly. This has, however, been captured in the final compilation of the Bill, having been submitted for approval of the National Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Senate debated the general principles of the Bill and read it the second time on 14th January, 2015 and consequently referred it to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance for further legislative action.

The Committee subsequently drew up a workplan which was approved by the Leadership, to guide the processing of the Bill. The schedules of the Bill were thereafter referred to the appropriate Sub-committees on Appropriation in line with Order 92(4)(a) of the Senate Standing Order and were enjoined to adhere to the guide provided for engagement with Ministries/Departments/Agencies and report back to the Committee.

REVENUE PROJECTION FOR 2015 BUDGET

In preparing the details of the 2015 Bill, the Committee adopted a benchmark price of \$53 per barrel on crude oil based on the recommendation of the Conference Committee on Medium Term Expenditure Framework/Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF/FSP). The Committee also adopted the Executive proposal of crude oil production of 2.2782 million barrels per day (mbpd) and an exchange rate of ₦190 to US\$1 as shown in the table below:

S/NO	ITEMS	2015 PROPOSAL	2015 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APPROVAL
1	Benchmark Oil Price	US\$52.00pb	US\$53.00pb
2	Crude Oil Production	2.2782mbpd	2.2782mbpd
3	Exchange Rate	N190/US\$1	N190/US\$1

HIGHLIGHTS

The highlights of the 2015 Appropriation Bill are as follows:

Statutory Transfers	-	N375,616,000,000
Debts Service	-	N953,620,000,000
Recurrent Expenditure	-	N2,607,132,491,708
Capital Expenditure	-	N556,995,465,449
Aggregate Expenditure	-	N4,493,363,957,158
SURE-P (Addendum)	-	N21, 030,000,000
Fiscal Deficit	-	N1,075.3Trillion
Deficit/GDP	-	-1.12%

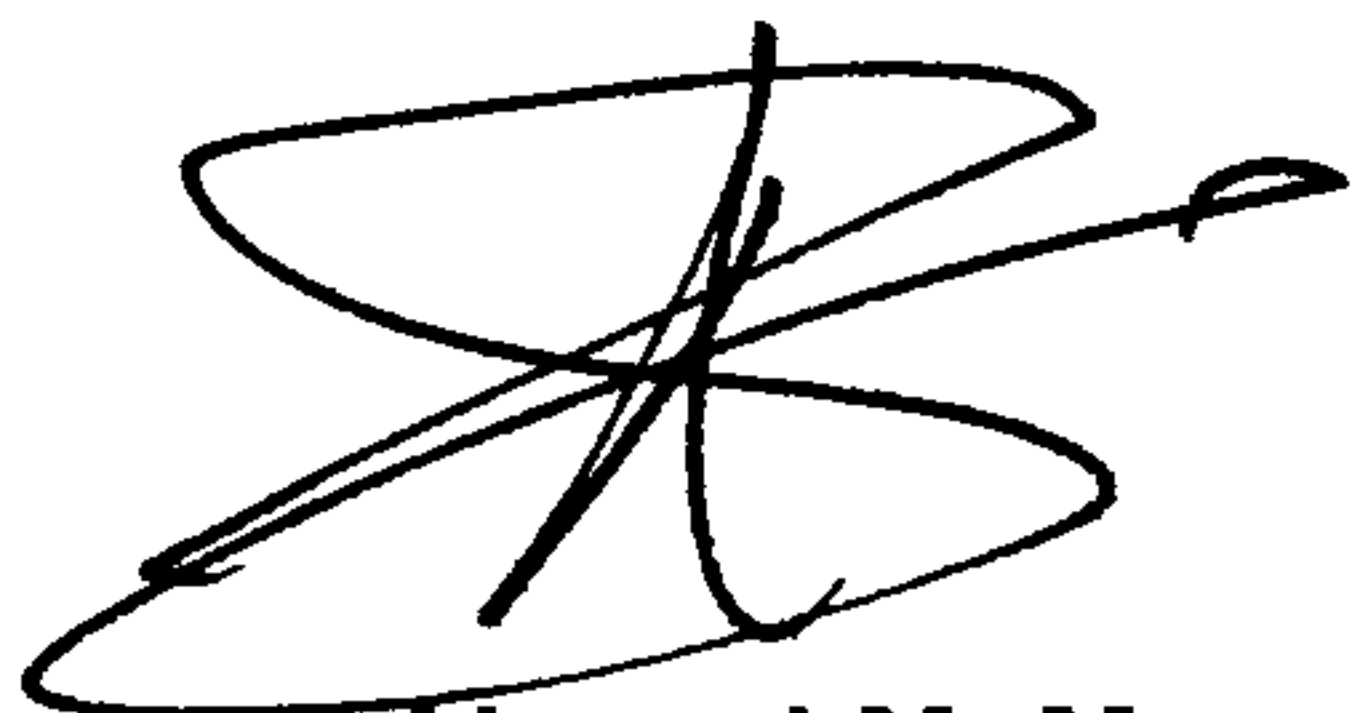
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, given that due consideration has been given to the preparation of the 2015 Appropriation Bill, the Joint Committee hereby recommends that the Senate should consider and consequently approve the bill for an act to authorize the issue from the consolidated revenue fund of the Federation, the total sum of **N4,493,363,957,158** (Four Trillion, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only of which **N375,616,000,000** (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Sixteen Million Naira) only for Statutory Transfers, **N953,620,000,000** (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only for debt service, **N2,607,132,491,708** (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Seven Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of **N556,995,465,449** (Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five

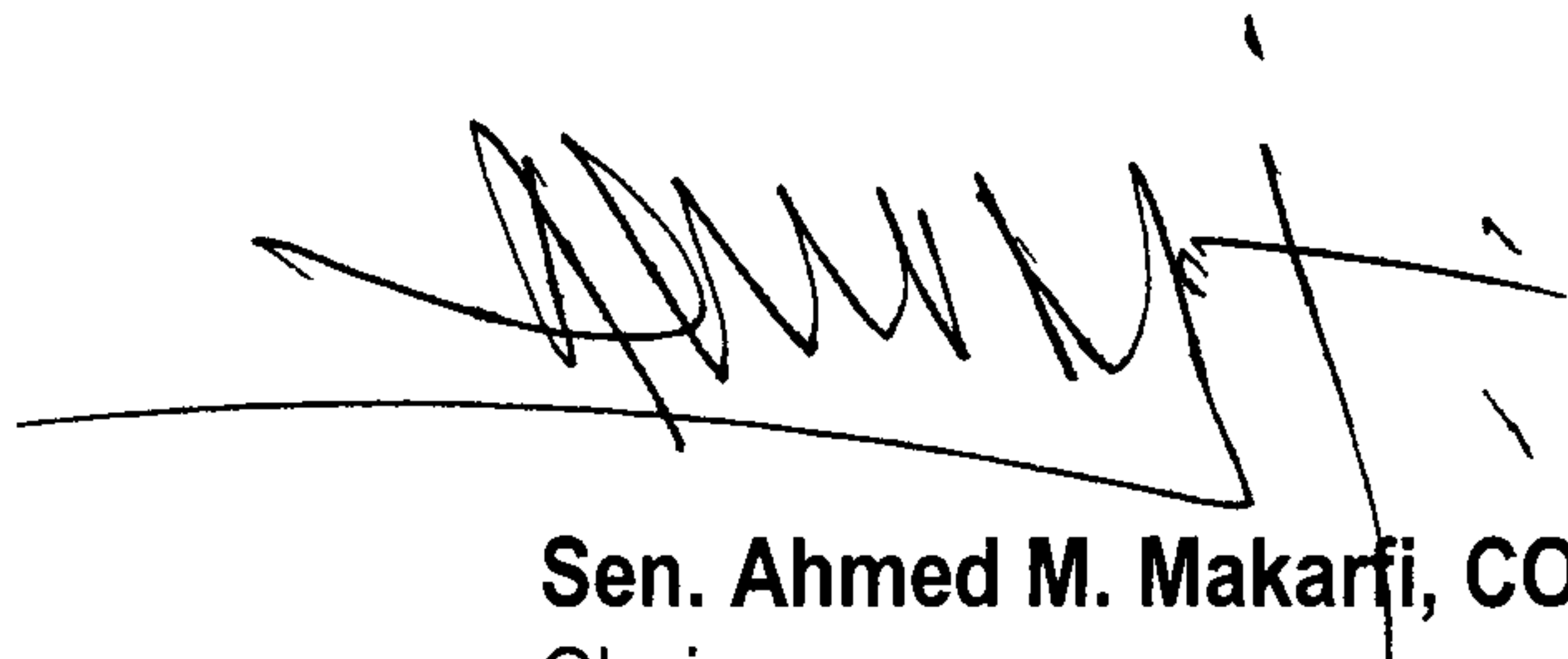
Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Naira)only, inclusive of **₦144,420,000,000** (One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only in Statutory Transfer is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 2015.

CONCLUSION

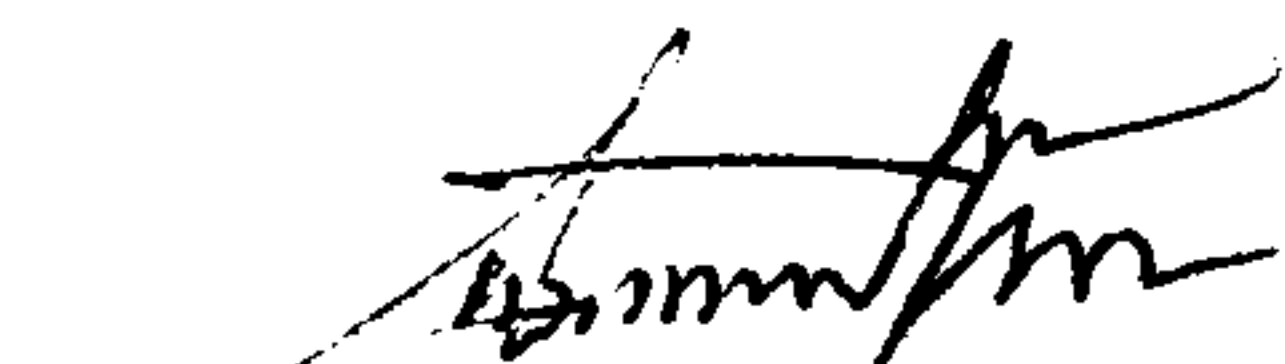
On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank the Leadership of the Senate for support given to the Committee. I also wish to thank the Appropriations Sub-committees for their co-operation and understanding of the circumstances of the processing of this Bill.



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