

SENATE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (SPAC)

REPORT ON

THE SCREENING OF MR. AYINE, ANTHONY MKPE

AS

AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE FEDERATION

PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

January, 2017

REPORT OF THE SENATE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE SCREENING OF MR. AYINE ANTHONY MKPE AS AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE FEDERATION

1.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

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| 1. Senator Andy Uba, MFR | - Chairman |
| 2. Senator Joseph Gbolahan Dada | - Vice Chairman |
| 3. Senator Abdullahi Yahaya | - Member |
| 4. Senator Mohammed Sabo | - Member |
| 5. Senator Binta Masi Garba | - Member |
| 6. Senator Joshua Dariye JP, FCA | - Member |
| 7. Senator Bassey Akpan | - Member |
| 8. Senator David Umaru | - Member |
| 9. Senator Ogola Foster | - Member |
| 10. Senator Fatimat Raji Rasaki | - Member |
| • Ahmadu E. Abdullahi | - Committee Clerk |

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The screening and confirmation of the Auditor-General for the Federation is a constitutional power of the Senate pursuant to the provisions of Section 86 (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).

The Senate at its plenary session on **Wednesday, 14th December, 2016** considered the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief for the confirmation of the appointment of **Mr. Ayine, Anthony Mkpe** as Auditor-General for the Federation.

The Senate after careful deliberations resolved to refer the request to the Public Accounts Committee (SPAC) for further legislative action and report back the next legislative day (vide Senate Votes and Proceedings of **Wednesday, 14th December, 2016**)

3.0 METHODOLOGY

In screening the nominee, the Committee examined his educational qualifications, career progression, experience, character, federal character principles, understanding of the functions of the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation, etc.

4.0 FINDINGS

In the course of screening the nominee, the Committee noted the following:

- (i) The nominee started his working career as Auditor II in the Office of the Auditor-General for Cross River State in May, 1988.
- (ii) He has served as the Cross River State Auditor-General for Local Governments from September, 2001 to date.

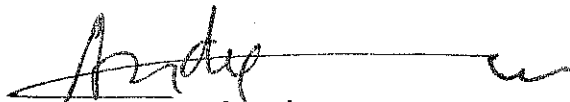
- (iii) He has acquired relevant working experience, professional trainings and qualifications in Accounting and Management.
- (iv) He has a clear idea on how to improve the performance of the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation.
- (v) There were petitions against the nomination of **Mr. Ayine, Anthony Mkpe** for appointment as Auditor-General for the Federation. The thrust of the petitions are that:
 - a. There are Senior Directors in the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation that are qualified for appointment as the Auditor-General;
 - b. **Mr. Ayine Anthony Mkpe** is an Auditor-General for Local Governments with less scope than what he is going to meet;
 - c. The appointment of **Mr. Ayine Anthony Mkpe** will lower the morale of existing staff.
- (vi) The Committee however, found out that none of the petitions queried the qualifications and professional competence of **Mr. Ayine Anthony Mkpe**. Also, the nominee underwent due process of appointment and in fact, competed with Directors from the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The nominee performed creditably during the screening exercise. He responded well to questions, observations and comments of members of the Committee. Members were therefore convinced that he is a fit and proper person to serve as Auditor-General for the Federation.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee having been satisfied with the qualifications, competence, experience, suitability and character of the nominee hereby recommends **Mr. Ayine Anthony Mkpe** to the Senate for confirmation as **Auditor-General for the Federation**.



Senator Andy Uba MFR
CHAIRMAN

SIGNATURE PAGE

Senator Andy Uba, MFR	- Chairman
Senator Joseph Gbolahan Dada	- Vice Chairman
Senator Abdullahi Yahaya	- Member
Senator Mohammed Sabo	- Member
Senator Binta Masi Garba	- Member
Senator Joshua Dariye, JP, FCA	- Member
Senator Bassey Akpan	- Member
Senator David Umaru	- Member
Senator Ogola Foster	- Member
Senator Fatimat Raji Rasaki	- Member
Ahmadu E. Abdullahi	-Committee Clerk

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