SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 4th October, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:11 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 29th September, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings as amended were approved.

3. **Message from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(a) Submission of Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

30th September, 2016

Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone
Abuja.

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

SUBMISSION OF 2017-2019 MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK AND FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER

I am pleased to submit the 2017 - 2019 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper ('FSP') to the National Assembly. Let me also use this medium to express my gratitude for the enduring partnership between the Legislative and Executive arms of government. In particular, I note, with appreciation, the commitment and support that Distinguished Senators have continued to demonstrate with respect to the preparation, passage and implementation of the Federal Budget.

Pursuant to provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2007, the preparation towards the submission of the 2017 Budget to the National Assembly is progressing well. The MTEF and FSP, which provide the framework for the development of the 2017 Budget, was designed against the backdrop of a generally adverse global economic environment, as well as fiscal challenges in the domestic economy. In this regard, the 2017 - 2019 MTEF and FSP articulatesthe Federal Government's economic, social and developmental objectives, as well as the strategies for achieving these defined objectives and priorities.

I hereby forward the 2017 - 2019 MTEF and FSP to the Distinguished Senate, and trust that it would be kindly considered and expeditiously approved, so as to move the 2017 Federal Budget preparation process forward.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcements:

(a) Proposed Schedule of Committees' Oversight:

The Senate President announced the proposed schedule for Committees' Oversight as follows:

Second week of October, 2016

- Committee on Public Accounts
- Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes
- Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions
- Committee on Security and Intelligence
- Committee on States and Local Government Administration
- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- Committee on Air Force
- Committee on Poverty Alleviation and Social Welfare
- Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions
- Committee on Capital Market
- Committee on ICT and Cybercrime
- Committee on Aviation
- Committee on Navy
- Committee on Niger Delta
- Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream)

Third week of October, 2016

- Committee on Trade and Investment
- Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary)
- Committee on Federal Capital Territory
- Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs
- Committee on Finance
- Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Committee on Gas
- Committee on Health
- Committee on Housing and Urban Development
- Committee on National Identity and National Population
- Committee on Legislative Compliance
- Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy
- Committee on Privatization
- Committee on Science and Technology
- Committee on Solid Minerals
- Committee on Sports and Social Development

Fourth week of October, 2016

- Committee on Police Affairs
- Committee on Customs and Excise
- Committee on Communications
- Committee on Culture and Tourism
- Committee on Water Resources
- Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector
- Committee on Cooperation, Integration in Africa and NEPAD
- Committee on Industries
- Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)
- Committee on Interior
- Committee on Establishment and Public Services
- Committee on Women Affairs
- Committee on Works
- Committee on Drugs and Narcotics
- Committee on Special Duties
- Committee on Defence

First week of November, 2016

- Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Affairs
- Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity
- Committee on Land Transport
- Committee on Local and Foreign Debts
- Committee on Marine Transport
- Committee on Information and National Orientation
- Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs
- Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
- Committee on Environment
- Committee on Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organizations
- Committee on Media and Public Affairs
- Committee on Army
- Committee on Primary Health Care and Communicable Diseases
- Committee on Public Procurement
- Committee on Ecology and Climate Change
- Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

(b) ***Acknowledgment:***

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Members of the Department of Political Science, Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina, Katsina State; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Barvij International Schools, Galadimawa, Abuja.

5. Petitions:

(*a*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from:

(*i*) Ex-Sgt. Godwin Eze, over non-payment of pension by the Nigeria Police; and

(*ii*) Mrs. Caroline C. Onugagha, over unjust treatment and termination of appointment by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

(*b*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Donald O. Alasoadura *(Ondo Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, ASP Jacob Olujuola, on his appeal for reinstatement into the Nigeria Police on compassionate ground. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

6. **Presentation of Bills:**

(*i*) Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 28) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Petroleum Training Institute Act CAP P16 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 251) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act N0. 14 of 2006 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 287) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Value Added Tax Act CAP VI LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 293) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) Veterinary Surgeons Act CAP V3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 294) — *Read the First Time.*

7. **Committee on Tertiary Education:**
Report on the JAMB Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 245):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. **Committee on Airforce:**
Report on the Airforce Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 180):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Committee on Sports and Youths Development:**
Report on the National Lottery Act, 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 227):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Sports on the National Lottery Act, 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Obinna J. Ogba — Ebonyi Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. **Motions:**

(*a*) ***Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North East:***
Motion made: That the Senate notes with grave concern the unfolding Humanitarian Crisis in the North Eastern part of Nigeria. In the words of Arjan de Wagt, UNICEF's Chief of Nutrition in Nigeria while granting an interview on Friday, September 9 in Abuja, he stated that "We haven't found the right words to describe the magnitude of the crisis" ;

further notes that the UNICEF reports indicate that 4.5 million people are in dire need of assistance out of which one million people are in danger of extreme malnutrition;

observes the recent report by the Financial Times that about 2 million people are beyond the reach of aid and at risk of starvation in North-East Nigeria, according to a senior UN official. And Western diplomats have described the response of government to the crisis as a "disgrace";

disturbed that already, we are losing so many of our children under 5 years to these extreme conditions in the affected areas;

concerned that though on the 17th of November 2015 this Senate in recognition of the dire situation in the North East by its resolution raised the amount proposed by the Executive in the budget for the IDPs from six billion naira (₦6,000,000,000.00) to ten billion naira (₦10,000,000,000.00);

worried that the Presidential Initiative on the North East which was inaugurated by President Buhari a year ago to manage the crisis, is yet to show tangible result on ground with over half of the money appropriated to it released;

worried also that notwithstanding the huge budgetary allocation by the National Assembly, and the various releases by the Executive as exemplified in the table below, including significant donations from many donors, the situation on ground is not cheering;

SN	BENEFICIARY	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (N)	BANK	ACCT. NO.	DATE
1	VFS/Conference for Reb of the NIL	PCNI Conference	50,000,000.00	GTB	0199701417	1/1/16
2	VFS/Conference for Reb of the NIL	PINE Contribution to Conference on Rebuilding the N.E	50,000,000.00	GTB	0199701417	1/1/16
3	Sahel Associates Consulting	Being 50% payment for Consultancy services with respect to rehabilitation of burnt schools	7,005,486.00	SKYE	1770467560	17/3/16
4	Emmanuel Global Enterprises Limited	50% payment for consultancy services with respect to rehabilitation/renovation of primary & secondary schools in Adamawa	9,937,590.30	ECOBANK	1913020719	17/3/16
5	Prime Cost Engineering Consultants	50% payment for Consultancy Services with respect to supply and installation of tents & rehabilitation of destroyed schools in Yobe and Borno	9,799,630.20	FBN	2017780722	17/3/16

6	JOSMAN Technologies Limited	Payment for removal of invasive plant species along river channels and 115 Hectares simplified village irrigation in Yobe	203,357,908.80	FCMB	3046159014	29/03/16
7	JOSMAN Technologies Limited	Payment for vehicle and removal of invasive plant species, and irrigation project in Komadugu, Yobe water channels	20,689,399.00	FCMB	3046159014	29/03/16
8	Isyours Investment Limited	Payment for supply of non-food items to IDP in Borno	37,754,900.00	SKYE	4090216786	30/03/16
9	Isyours Investment Limited	Payment for supply of food items to IDPs in Bauchi	9.355,750.00	SKYE	4090216786	30/03/16
10	Isyours Investment Limited	Payment for supply of food items in Borno	50,299,270.00	SKYE	4090216786	30/03/16
11	Isyours Investment Limited	Payment for supply of relief materials (food & non-food) to IDPs in Borno	50,299,270.00	SKYE	4090216786	30/03/16
12	Isyours Investment Limited	Payment for supply of relief materials (food & non-food) to IDPs	37,754,900.00	SKYE	4090216786	30/03/16
13	Greenstone General Enterprise Limited	Payment for rehabilitation of police station in Gombi, Maiha LGAs Adamawa	97,630,694.41	Zenith	1014071875	31/03/16
14	JMT Global Technologies Limited	Payment for rehabilitation of police station in Kwambir, Adamawa	80,710,360.62	Zenith	1014367188	31/03/16
15	Dantex Nigeria Limited	Payment for the supply of food & non-food items Adamawa and Yobe States	258,075,000.00	Zenith	1010557708	01/04/16

16	Lintex International	Payment for the supply of temporary shelters	117,000,000.00	Keystone	1006128691	01/04/16
17	Dantex Nigeria Limited	Payment for the supply of temporary shelters	108,000,000.00	Zenith	1010557708	08/04/16
18	Umruq Nigeria Limited	Payment for supply of food items	37,619,200.00	GTB	0140198073	31/03/16
19	Umruq Nigeria Limited	Payment for supply of food items	2,084,400.00	GTB	0140198073	31/03/16
20	Horizon Interlinks Global Resources Ltd	Renovation Of Police Station And Others	12,245,117.48	FCMB	3669263015	13/04/16
21	Buni Gari Company	Renovation of Classrooms	18,899,165.50	Fidelity	5600287270	13/04/16

further worried that rather than use the money appropriated for the IDPs and the North East to ameliorate the problems, the focus of the disbursement so far made have been used to feather other interests. Example of these is replete in the summary of transactions so far released;

bothered that such projects as the award of ₦80.7m to JMT Global Technologies Ltd for rehabilitation of Police Station in Kwambir, ₦203.357 million to another company JOSMAN Technologies Limited for removal of invasive plant species along river channels and another ₦117 million paid to Lintex International for supply of temporary shelters with no record of these shelters anywhere;

further disturbed that the rather incoherent and largely fragmented state of the procurement process so far points to a vague and corrupt scheme that is not in tune with helping our people in the North East out of their present harrowing experiences and misery;

aware that the government has made concerted efforts at ameliorating the sufferings of the IDPs, some other people are working towards undermining same efforts;

aware also that there are some allegations of diversion of 63 trucks of grains released from the Strategic Grains Reserve allocated to the IDPs in Borno State by the Federal Government;

concerned that the gap this state of affairs where so much money has been made available by government with very little to show for it has created and overburdened the cash strapped States and Local Governments in the affected States; and

observes that the intensity of the crisis was exemplified in August when IDPs took to the streets to obstruct vehicular movement and grounding business activities along the Maiduguri - Kano/Jos Road, the major road leading into Borno to protest what they claimed was a shortage of food.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) constitute an Ad hoc Committee to ascertain how much has been released to the Presidential Initiative on the North East and how these funds have been utilized from inception to date; and

(*ii*) investigate the diversion of grains and other food items from the Strategic Grains Reserves, NEMA and other sources for the IDPs (*Senator Baba Kaka B. Garbai — Borno Central).*

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):
Question: That the Senate do constitute an Ad hoc Committee to ascertain how much has been released to the Presidential Initiative on the North East and how these funds have been utilized from inception to date.

Proposed Resolution(ii):
Question: That the Senate do investigate the diversion of grains and other food items from the strategic grains reserves, NEMA and other sources for the IDPs.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out Proposed Resolutions (i) and (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Constitute an *ad hoc* Committee to conduct a Public Hearing in order to ascertain how much has been released to the Presidential Initiative on the North East and how these funds have been utilised from inception to date and investigate the diversion of grains and other food items from the Strategic Grain Reserves, NEMA and other sources for IDPs" (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West).*

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

Additional Proposed Resolutions:
Insert Additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:
(*i*) that Senators do contribute ₦300,000 each for the upkeep of the IDPs (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South).*

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

(*ii*) that the *ad hoc* Committee do investigate the insignificant presence of the Federal Ministry of Health officials at the IDPs Camps (*Senator Olanrewanju A. Tejuoso — Ogun Central).*

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

(*iii*) that the Senate do commend the efforts of the International Communities and other International Agencies working with Nigerians in IDPs Camps in the North East (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West).*

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

Resolved:
That the Senate do:
(*i*) constitute an *ad hoc* Committee to conduct a Public Hearing in order to ascertain how much has been released to the Presidential Initiative on the North East and how these funds have been utilised from inception to date and investigate the diversion of grains and other food items from the Strategic Grain Reserves, NEMA and other sources for IDPs;

(*ii*) contribute ₦300,000 each for the upkeep of the IDPs;

(*iii*) investigate the insignificant presence of the Federal Ministry of Health officials at the IDPs Camps;

(*iv*) commend the efforts of the International Communities and other International Agencies working with Nigerians in IDPs Camps in the North East ***(S/Res/022/02/16)***.

Ad hoc Committee:
The Senate President named the following Senators as *Ad hoc* Committee on the Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North East to report within two (2) weeks:

(*i*)	Senator Shehu Sani	—	Chairman
(*ii*)	Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Ali M. Wakili	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Mohammed Hassan	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Donald O. Alasoadura	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Theodore A. Orji	—	Member
(*vii*)	Senator Ben Murray-Bruce	—	Member
(*viii*)	Senator Isaac A. Mohammed	—	Member
(*ix*)	Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu	—	Member
(*x*)	Senator Solomon O. Adeola	—	Member

(*b*) ***Demise of Olorogun (Dr.) Michael Christopher Onajirevbe Ibru (OFR):***
Motion made: That the Senate notes with sadness the passage to the great beyond of an inspirational African entrepreneur, a pacesetting global business icon, a shining symbol of corporate leadership excellence, a proud and worthy example of the resourceful Nigerian spirit, a gentle giant whose life summed up the amazing possibilities of the Black Race, and a man who cared deeply about our people and lifted so many from poverty with the power of his Peaceful Business, the one and only OLOROGUN (DR.) MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER ONAJIREVBE IBRU (OFR);

notes also that OLOROGUN (DR.) MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER ONAJIREVBE IBRU (OFR) started his glorious entrepreneurial life in 1956 at the age of 24 and diligently built his Ibru Organization with unassailable personal integrity into one of the largest and most successful business conglomerates on the African continent with investments all over the world;

notes further that OLOROGUN (DR.) MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER ONAJIREVBE IBRU (OFR), a one-time Senior Prefect of the famous Igbobi College, Lagos; ex-Council Member, Nigeria-United States Business Council; ex-Member, Business Advisory Council of the International Finance Corporation (IFC); ex-Member, Provisional Council of the University of Benin; ex-Member, Economic Cabinet Committee of the then Midwest Region; and ex-Member, African Development Bank; President Round Table of Businessmen in Africa; was a towering business mogul, genius, leader and mentor, who by divine providence and with his unique 'Ibru touch', inspired a whole generation of very successful business leaders across Africa with how he turned whatever he touched in business to gold - his ground-breaking global frozen fish trade, oil and gas, automobiles, tourism, aviation, timber, agriculture and agro-processing, shipping, and banking;

aware that in recognition of the rare once-in-a-lifetime gift of OLOROGUN (DR.) MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER ONAJIREVBE IBRU (OFR) to humanity, an appreciative world decorated him lavishly with well-deserved honours and awards amongst which are: the 2005 Zik Prize in Leadership; the 2003 Dr. Kwame Nkrumah Excellence in Enterprise Award; Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) by the Government of our Federal Republic in 1981; 1983 Outstanding Businessman Award by the Nigerian-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Honorary Doctor of Laws (Hon. LL.D.) by University of Benin (1978) and University of Ibadan (1978), and Honorary Doctor of Agriculture by the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (2004);

aware also that OLOROGUN (DR.) MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER ONAJIREVBE IBRU (OFR) contributed greatly and boldly in constructing a solid foundation for Corporate Nigeria and, as a result, lifted our people with his amazingly great personal wealth through employments creation, making of new entrepreneurs, philanthropic giving, and not-for-profit investments in education, all for the good of humanity; and

further aware that it is the tradition of this Distinguished Senate to honour great Nigerians who are our worthy and fine examples in leadership.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Olorogun (DR.) Michael Christopher Onajirevbe Ibru (OFR); and

(*ii*) send a delegation to condole with the family of the late Olorogun (DR.) Michael Christopher Onajirevbe Ibru (OFR), the people and Government of Delta State and, also, participate in his burial ceremonies (*Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege — Delta Central).*

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):
Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the late Olorogun (DR.) Michael Christopher Onajirevbe Ibru (OFR) — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):
Question: That the Senate do send a delegation to condole with the family of the late Olorogun (DR.) Michael Christopher Onajirevbe Ibru (OFR), the people and Government of Delta State and, also, participate in his burial ceremonies — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Olorogun (DR.) Michael Christopher Onajirevbe Ibru (OFR); and

(*ii*) send a delegation to condole with the family of the late Olorogun (DR.) Michael Christopher Onajirevbe Ibru (OFR), the people and Government of Delta State and, also, participate in his burial ceremonies ***(S/Res/023/02/16).***

(*c*) ***Indiscriminate Rock Blasting in the FCT and other parts of Nigeria (Bearing in mind that with the passage of the 2016 Appropriation Act, construction works will soon commence):***
Motion made: That the Senate observes the indiscriminate blasting of rocks in the Federal Capital Territory and other parts of Nigeria, in total neglect of Global best practices;

worried about the danger the host communities in the FCT and other communities throughout the Federation face in terms of environmental degradation and health hazard caused by quarry operators;

shocked to observe that the international standard requirement of five kilometres away from where people live from location of quarry sites is not being adhered to only in Nigeria;

concerned about the deadly effects of rock blasting close to human habitation and neglect of the host communities, which usually results in dehumanization of indigenous workers, pregnant women suffering miscarriages and other birth complications, people having hearing problems, little children always being apprehensive of the blasts etc;

notes the classical examples of Toge, Baruwa and Pyakassa communities in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), where the situation is pitiable and calls for urgent attention. Mpape in Bwari Area Council is another case in point;

further worried that the companies or quarry operators feel unconcerned and do nothing to ameliorate the suffering of the people of the host communities or to improve their lives and in fact treat them as though they are not human beings; and

notes that if this is the case in the Federal Capital Territory, then the situation could be worse in other parts of Nigeria.

Accordingly resolves to:
mandate its Committee on Solid Minerals to, as a matter of urgency, visit the communities mentioned above, and liaise with the Ministry of Petroleum and Solid Minerals to take stock of all the quarry sites in the country and ensure strict compliance with the international standard requirement of five kilometres away from human habitation and make recommendations to ameliorate the sufferings of the host communities(*Senator Theodore A. Orji — Abia Central*)

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:
Question: That the Senate do mandate its Committee on Solid Minerals to, as a matter of urgency, visit the communities mentioned above, and liaise with the Ministry of Petroleum and Solid Minerals to take stock of all the quarry sites in the country and ensure strict compliance with the international standard requirement of five kilometres away from human habitation and make recommendations to ameliorate the sufferings of the host communities — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do mandate its Committee on Solid Minerals to, as a matter of urgency, visit the communities mentioned above, and liaise with the Ministry of Petroleum and Solid Minerals to take stock of all the quarry sites in the country and ensure strict compliance with the international standard requirement of five kilometres away from human habitation and make recommendations to ameliorate the sufferings of the host communities ***(S/Res/024/02/16).***

(d) ***The urgent need for value orientation and re-introduction of history as a course of study in the nations' educational sector:***
Motion made: That the Senate recalls with nostalgia the cherished values of honesty, discipline, good work, ethics, excellent inter-personal relationships, competitive collectivism, ethnic and religious tolerance amongst the citizenry and purposeful leadership within the Nigerian State;

further recalls that the above qualities were prevalent in the polity during colonialism and some years after independence, despite colonial over-rule and its concomitant effect on the traditional and religious institutions of the country;

worried that the unfortunate Civil War and the prolonged military incursions into governance contributed to the gradual debasement of our value system and deteriorated things further;

alarmed that indiscipline in private and public life, endemic corruption, individualism, selfishness, materialism, religiosity without corresponding fear of God characterized the daily activities of the people;

aware that in spite of successive Governments concerted efforts to address the situation through retirement of perceived corrupt public officials, programmes of War Against Indiscipline (WAI), Mass Mobilization for Social Justice and Economic Recovery (MAMSER), establishment of anti-corruption agencies such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), formulation/enactment of policies and laws such as the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS), the Fiscal Responsibility Act, the Freedom of Information Act, Change Begins With Me, etc, which are all aimed at achieving sustainable socio-economic development and national integrity, the laudable efforts sadly did come to naught;

observed that the advent and usage of information and communication technology which gave rise to the internet and social media further compound the worsening state of things, as information and misinformation, news and pseudo-news, rumours, unverified statements, facts verified, plausible fictions about leaders, politicians, elected officials, debasement of religious values, inciting articles and statements, pornography, slander, libel etc are sent out unfettered and without restraint, complicate the already worsened state of the Nations' Value System;

further observed that due to some policy inconsistencies and somersault in the educational system, teaching of history and its study to the university level which has been carried out in Nigeria was phased out completely;

disturbed by the sad development, observers and scholars believed it is not only a major factor responsible for deterioration of our Value System but is equally worrisome given the ongoing rumours that studies of Christian Religious Knowledge and Islamic Religious Knowledge might suffer the same fate as they are down-played and relegated; and

further disturbed that the eroding and dying state of our value system is compounded by the misusage of information and communication technology, internet, social media tools etc.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) call on the various arms of Government: Federal, States and Local Governments as a matter of urgency to initiate a means of rejuvenating our fallen value system;

(*ii*) urge all institutions, religious and community organizations, traditional institutions, civil society groups and all concerned to arrest the deteriorating state of our value system;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Education to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission (NUC), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) to immediately re-introduce the study of History as a core subject and degree of its own and compulsory at Primary and Secondary Schools; and

(*iv*) urge the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to discharge its statutory duties effectively (*Senator Malam A. Wakili — Bauchi South*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do call on the various arms of Government: Federal, States and Local Governments as a matter of urgency to initiate a means of rejuvenating our fallen value system — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do urge all institutions, religious and community organizations, traditional institutions, civil society groups and all concerned to arrest the deteriorating state of our salue system — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Education to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission (NUC), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) to immediately re-introduce the study of History as a core subject and degree of its own and compulsory at Primary and Secondary Schools — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: That the Senate do urge the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to discharge its statutory duties effectively — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) call on the various arms of Government: Federal, States and Local Governments as a matter of urgency to initiate a means of rejuvenating our fallen value system;

(*ii*) urge all institutions, religious and community organizations, traditional institutions, civil society groups and all concerned to arrest the deteriorating state of our value system;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Education to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission (NUC), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) to immediately re-introduce the study of History as a core subject and degree of its own and compulsory at Primary and Secondary Schools; and

(*iv*) urge the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to discharge its statutory duties effectively ***(S/Res/025/02/16)***.

(e) ***Impending Power Sector Shutdown in Nigeria Occasioned by Liquidity Crisis:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(f) ***The Total State of Disrepair and Collapse of the Enugu - Onitsha Federal Highway:***
Motion made: That the Senate notes with serious concern the dilapidated state and total collapse of the Onitsha-Enugu Dual Carriage way thereby making journey on it very traumatic and tragic;

notes also that under normal circumstance, it takes approximately an hour to drive from Onitsha in Anambra State to Enugu, the capital city of old Eastern Region, but at the moment, it takes over five tortuous hours;

notes further that the road is of great economic importance to the South Eastern Nigeria and to other parts of the country passing through the famous Niger Bridge to the Northern and Western part of the country. It also links the Southern part of the country through Enugu to Ogoja, Calabar, Uyo, Makurdi and other Northern States;

worried that the condition of the road has exposed many users to unprecedented hazard with many fallen victims of armed robbery attacks leading to loss of lives and also loss of property resulting from accidents;

worried also that the collapse of this road has virtually cut off the South Eastern States from other parts of the Federation, with its attendant negative impact on trade and commerce;

concerned that promises from various past administration to rehabilitate the road till date has not come to fruition, though effort was made prior to 2015 general election but was eventually abandoned and the contractors have since left the site;

observes that the collapse and total state of disrepair has led to a decline in agricultural and economic activities, adversely affecting the movement of agricultural produce and construction materials within and outside the States resulting to a slide in the overall economic output of the country;

observes also that the life cycle of this road has expired and the heavy vehicular movement on the road coupled with years of neglect have accelerated the state of disrepair and collapse of the road;

aware that as a result of the abandonment of the road by the contractor handling it, commuters reverted back to use the old road which has again collapsed as a result of the heavy vehicular movement; and

convinced that with the current state of affairs of this important road, urgent steps must be taken to arrest the dangerous situation which the people has found themselves as disconnection from other parts of the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government to begin rehabilitation work on the road; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Works to ascertain the level of disrepair with a view to making recommendations to the Senate (*Senator Sam O. Egwu — Ebonyi North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to begin rehabilitation work on the road.

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the word "road" in line 2, *insert* the words "by immediately releasing funds to the contractor(s) handling the project (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West).*

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

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Works to ascertain the level of disrepair with a view to making recommendations to the Senate — *Negatived.*

Additional Proposed Resolution:
Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:
Direct Committee on Works to liaise with Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing; and relevant Agencies to simplify the process of concessioning for private sector participation on roads (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West).*

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

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government to begin rehabilitation work on the road by immediately releasing funds to the contractor(s) handling the project; and

(*ii*) direct Committee on Works to liaise with Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing; and relevant Agencies to simplify the process of concessioning for private sector participation on roads ***(S/Res/026/02/16)***.

(g) ***Need to include Pan- Africanism in Nigerian Secondary Schools Curriculum:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(h) ***Need to revisit the regulatory conflict between Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and Universities in offering admissions in Nigeria:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(i) ***Urgent need to decongest the Nigerian Prisons:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(j) ***Need to Determine the Status of Unclaimed ₦90 Billion Dividends in Securities for Nigerian Investors:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 5th October, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:48 *p.m.*

Abubakar Olubukola Saraki, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.