9th July, 2018

The Attorney General of Federation and Minister of Justice, Federal Ministry of Justice
Maitama, Abuja.

Dear Sir,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: RE-INVESTIGATE SENATOR DINO MELAYE FOR THE OPERATION OF FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS.

Human and Environmental Development Agenda is writing pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, requesting your office to provide an update on the status of investigations on the foreign bank account alleged to be operated by Senator Dino Melaye.

HEDA Resource Center is a non-governmental organization and non-partisan human rights and development organization established to provide leadership in advancing human rights and environmental protection in public policy and programs.

On the 22nd May 2018, we received a letter from the Code of Conduct Bureau, having the reference number CCB/HQ/11M/007/1518, in response to our letter of 16th March 2018 on the above subject. In their letter, they stated that the case file for the above subject, that is, the investigation into the allegation of operating a foreign bank account by Senator Dino Melaye has been taken over by the Federal Ministry of Justice.

By virtue of Section 4(a) of the FOI Act, when a person makes a request for information from a public official, institution or agency, the public official, institution or agency to whom the application is directed is under a binding legal obligation to provide the applicant with the information requested for, except as otherwise provided by the Act, within 7 days after the application is received.

We humbly rely on the above provisions of the FOI Act and once again request your office to provide our request within the next 7 days, as failure to grant our request may compel HEDA Resource Center to move against your office by reliance on the provisions of the FOI Act.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

Dianrewaju Suraju
(Chairman)