14th May, 2018

The Chairman,
Independent National Electoral Commission
Plot 441, Zambezi Crescent
Maitama District,
Abuja. F.C.T

Dear Sir,

REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THE REPORT BY THE INEC PANEL ON THE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF UNDERAGE VOTING IN KANO STATE PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The above subject matter refers.

The Human and Environmental Development Agenda Resource Centre is a non-governmental organization and non-partisan human rights and development league. It has the mandate to protect and promote universally recognized human rights, accountability and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, in accordance with international standards. These objectives are pursued through research and publications, campaigns, human rights education and empowerment projects and programmes.

In view of the recent media outcry over the refusal of the Commission to fully reveal the findings of the panel set up by the Commission to investigate allegations of underage voting during the February council polls in Kano state, we are compelled to humbly request that your good office furnish us with the said report in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

We believe that a release of the said report by your agency will aid the investigations by civil society into the issues arising from the said elections, same being an issue of national interest.

We have thus brought this application pursuant to the provisions of Section 2, 3, and 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011.
We look forward to your utmost cooperation and the prompt receipt of the requested information and in any event, within seven (7) days of this application as provided under the Freedom of Information Act, 2011.

Thank you.

Olanrewaju Suraju  
(Chairman)