

15th January, 2018

**Professor Bolaji Owasanoye,
The Acting Chairman,
Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related,
Offences Commission (ICPC),
Constitution Avenue,
Central Business District,
Abuja.**

Sir,

APPEAL TO REVIEW INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS OF ICPC REPORT REFERENCED: ICPC/INV/GBP/HOD/362 DATED 6TH AUGUST, 2015 WITH A VIEW TO PROSECUTING MR. MIKE OKIRO BASED ON FINDINGS OF A PETITION AGAINST HIM TITLED; PETITION AGAINST SIR (DR.) MIKE MBAMA OKIRO FOR FRAUD, ABUSE OF OFFICE AND ATTEMPT TO SWINDLE THE PSC TO THE TUNE OF (TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE MILLION NARIA ONLY)

Congratulations on your well-deserved appointment as the Chairman of this all important agency which we as an organization, view as a partner in the fight against corruption and impunity.

On 6 August, 2015, during the time of your predecessor, the ICPC came out with findings based on a petition sent to it by a whistleblower in the Police Service Commission, Mr. Aaron Kaase, on the above underlined subject matter (copy of petition attached as annexure I)

In the said report, (copy attached as annexure II) the ICPC came out with findings of its detailed investigation which indicted Mr. Mike Okiro in all ramifications based on provisions of the ICPC Act, Procurement Act 2007 and other laws violated but curiously stated it found no criminal infraction on the person of Mr. Okiro.

It is in line with these findings which we find disturbing and suspect as an act of complicity by whatever authority involved at the time, that we humbly seek your review and prosecution of Mr. Okiro based on the Act establishing the ICPC as follows;

- I. ICPC findings confirmed that the PSC budgeted and collected money for the training of 900 nonexistent staff but trained only 391 being the actual number of staff, thereby deceiving the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) that provided the funds and the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPE) to obtain a fraudulent approval to expend the funds.

Kindly refer to Section 25(1) (a) & (b) of the ICPC Act which prohibits making statements which are false or intended to mislead public officers or officers of the Commission and provides a penalty upon conviction, a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand Naira or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or both. **We urge you to apply the provision of the ICPC Act against the above mentioned infraction on Mr. Okiro.**

- II. The ICPC report ordered the PSC to return N133.4 million being a violation of Section 16 of the ICPC Act which provides thus: **(16) "Any person who, being an officer charged with the receipt, custody, use or management of any part of the public revenue or property, knowingly furnishes any false statement or return in respect of any money or property received by him or entrusted in his care or any balance of money or property entrusted in his possession or under his control, is guilty of an offence, and shall on conviction be liable to (7) years imprisonment"** we urge you to invoke provisions of this Act and prosecute Mr. Okiro accordingly. We further urge you to confirm to us if the said money has been returned to the ICPC recovery account as directed.
- III. We applaud the recent decision of the ICPC to prosecute the Director Admin and Finance of PSC, one Mr. Emmanuel Ibe based on your forensic findings which uncovered he authorized the payment of air returned tickets and taxi

fare to designated staff to destinations without airport. Commendable as this is, it is incomplete and unjustifiable if your commission chooses to prosecute only Mr. Ibe and allow Mr. Okiro to walk a free man. Considering Mr. Ibe acted under the instruction of Mr. Okiro

While thanking you immensely for the good job you have initiated in the Commission. We will be most pleased if you cause a proper review of the above mentioned matter and other salient infractions ignored in the said report with a view to prosecuting all those indicted.

Please accept the assurances of our esteem consideration.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Olanrewaju Suraju', written over a horizontal line.

Olanrewaju Suraju
Chairman