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Professor Bolaji Owasanoye SAN  
Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences  
Commission (ICPC)  
Plot 802, Constitution Avenue  
Zone A9, Central Business District  
Federal Capital Territory  
Abuja



Dear Sir,

**PETITION AGAINST THE GREEN ALLIANCE MOVEMENT FOR  
INSTIGATING A BREACH OF LAW BY THE GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL  
BANK OF NIGERIA**

We write on the above subject matter as a leading Anti-Corruption Organization in Nigeria and Non-partisan Human Rights and Development league with the mandate to protect and promote universally recognized human rights, public accountability, transparency and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, in accordance with International best standards.

For some couple of months now, a coalition of civil and pressure groups, The Green Alliance Movement has been campaigning, calling and trying to instigate the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria; Mr. Godwin Emefiele to declare and contest the 2023 presidential election.<sup>1</sup> The groups knowing fully well that by virtue of the **Central Bank of Nigeria Act**, a Governor of the apex Bank is statutorily barred from participating in politics or engaging in any other business for that matter. **Section 9 of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act** provide thus:

*"The Governor and the Deputy Governors shall devote the whole of their time to the service of the Bank and while holding office shall not engage in any full or part time employment or vocation whether remunerated or not except such personal or charitable causes as may be determined by the Board and which do not conflict with or detract from their full time duties."*

It is clear and without any iota of doubt that The Green Alliance Movement is promoting a breakdown of law and order and publicly encouraging a breach of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act; a subsisting law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Their latest act was branding some Sharan mini buses with posters of the CBN Governor; Mr. Godwin Emefiele for president in the 2023 general election.

We make bold to say that as a citizen of Nigeria, Mr. Godwin Emefiele has a constitutional right to contest for any election in Nigeria, including that of President of

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.sunnewsonline.com/2023-green-alliance-movement-urges-cbn-governor-to-join-presidential-race/%3famp>

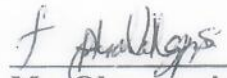
the Federal Republic of Nigeria. However, by virtue of his being the Governor of the apex Bank in Nigeria, he is not eligible to contest for any election in Nigeria or participate in politics for that matter.

It is noteworthy that the failure of the CBN Governor to come out publicly and state his position on the 2023 general election is not advantageous to our fragile economy and financial integrity of the country. The current state of the economy requires all actors to stay focused on the task of repositioning Nigeria on a trajectory of prosperity.

Going by our mandate as a leading Anti-corruption organization in Nigeria and also by your duty and responsibility to prevent and prosecute abuse of public office and the breakdown of law and order in Nigeria, we humbly request that you take swift action to prevent the breach of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act by the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria by promptly and diligently investigating the motive and sponsors of The Green Alliance Movement and if any foul play is uncovered, we implore you to prosecute all culprits accordingly.

We thank you and look forward to a diligent investigation and action on this petition as you are always assured of our usual cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr. Olanrewaju Suraju**  
**Chairman**