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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 Area,
Garki, Abuja,



Dear Sir,

**REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD AND VICTIMIZATION
OF WHISTLEBLOWER BY PROF. ADEPOJU OLUSOLA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA (FRIN)**

HEDA Resource Centre is a leading good governance, anti-corruption and environmental justice organisation in Nigeria, founded in November 2001 and duly incorporated in Nigeria in 2004 as a non-profit and non-partisan Non-Governmental Organization. HEDA is a member of the National Judicial Council Committee on the Monitoring of Trials of Financial Crimes and Corruption Cases across the Nigeria. HEDA is also a Member of the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee of the country's implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy. Among others, HEDA recently produced the 5th edition of a compendium of 100 high profile corruption cases in Nigeria, a publication which has attracted the interest of local and international partners including the UK's National Crimes Agency (NCA) which is now using the publication as a basis for some investigations.

As a result of information gathered from newspaper reports as well as calls received through our organisation's Whistle-blowers' toll free line, I wish to, on behalf of the Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA Resource Centre), submit this complaint requesting you to investigate allegations of corruption including fraud and abuse of office allegedly perpetrated by Professor Adepoju Olusola, Director-General (DG) of Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (FRIN), Ibadan. We are asking that you kindly investigate the matter, unveil the truth and as the case may be, recover any resource that might have been lost to the alleged corrupt practices, bring perpetrators to justice and ensure justice and protection for the allegedly victimised whistle-blower, Mr Abraham Taiwo Joseph.

The facts of the allegations concerning the DG of FRIN are provided below:

- 1. Non-remittance of over N50 Million deductions from staff remuneration and missing cooperative fund:** It was alleged that the co-operative funds, union dues and other third-party obligation for the month of September, 2020, to the tune of fifty million Naira (N50,000,000) which have been deducted from staff emoluments were not remitted to the relevant third-party institutions (co-operatives and union) for the September 2020 salary. We understand that September 2020 salary was not paid until October such that two