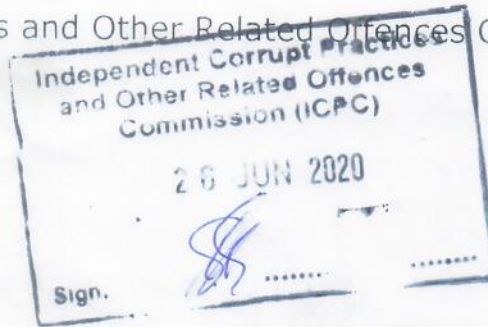




16th June, 2020

The Chairman

Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission
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Garki,
Abuja



Dear Sir,

**URGENT AND IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF THE DUPLICITY OF SALARY
PAYMENT AND THE SALARY PAYMENT STRUCTURE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
PETROLEUM RESOURCES**

We write in the relation to the above subject matter which was reported by Premium Times on the 27th May, 2020 in a report titled, "DPR paid ₦8 billion salary upfront in January¹"

The report covered the data analysis by Dataphyte of the daily payment data published on the open treasury portal. According to the analysis, the Department of Petroleum Resources Staff Salary payment of January 2020 benefitted 5 beneficiaries which summed to N29.6 Million and the 2020 Department of Petroleum Resources Staff Upfront Payment benefitted 605 beneficiaries and summed at N8 Billion. According to the report, the data analysis also observed duplicity of payments for about 5 staff members. An example of Abubakar Attahiru Saleh was said have received duplicate payments summing to N22, 755, 745.91. It is also conveyed in the report that salaries of over 610 persons in the Department of Petroleum Resources goes well above the amount earned by the Vice President and the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. According to the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission, (RMAFC) the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria receives a total salary package of ₦1.17 million monthly. This sum is inclusive of a basic monthly salary of ₦292,892, a hardship allowance of ₦146,446 monthly, and a consistency allowance of ₦732,230 per month. Similarly, Vice President Osinbajo receives a total of ₦1.01

¹ <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/business/business-news/394867-dpr-paid-%e2%82%a68-billion-salary-upfront-in-january.html>

million monthly take-home pay. From basic arithmetic, the take-home pay of the Nigerian President and the Vice President comes to ₦14 million and ₦12 million, respectively.

A sum of the above reports forms a gamut of necessities for immediate review and investigation;

1. Duplicity of salary payments and the need for investigation into the conspiracy or otherwise
2. Excessive salary payment to the Department of Petroleum Resources leading to gratification and undue advantages
3. Wavy salary payment structure in the civil service leading to injustice, unfairness and bias

The above relayed in the report needs immediate and urgent attention by the Commission, hence, our petition is strongly founded on the provisions of the law, **Sections 27(2) and (3)** that every report, whether in writing or reduced into writing, shall be entered in the book kept at the office of the commission and there shall be appended to such entry the date and hour at which such report was made and **Section 27(3)** states that where an officer of the commission has reasons to suspect the commission of an offence under this Act, following a report made under sub-section (1) or information otherwise received by him, he shall cause investigator to be made for such purpose may exercise all the powers of investigation provided for under this Act or any other law.

We strongly believe that the above report is are worthy of immediate and urgent scrutiny as **Section 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000** states that any public officer who uses his office or position to gratify or confer any corrupt or unfair advantage upon himself or any relation or associate of the public officer or any other public officer shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for five (5) years without option of fine.

Furthermore in the same Act, **Section (20)** provides for the punishment of the offence in **Section 19** and the section states that *without prejudice to any sentence of imprisonment imposed under this Act, a public officer or other person found guilty of soliciting, offering or receiving gratification shall forfeit the gratification and pay a fine of not less than five times the sum of the value of the gratification which is the subject-matter of the offence where such gratification is capable of being valued or is of a pecuniary nature, or ten thousand naira, whichever is higher.*

The provisions of the law are absolutely clear on the powers conferred on the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission to investigate. Our demand is strongly anchored and founded on our patriotic mandate to promote and foster accountability while ensuring transparency and participatory governance in the country. Names were mentioned and referenced to support some of the assertions made in the report and are capable of assisting your commission in the thorough investigation.

We look forward to your usual prompt response and action.

While thanking you, accept our best regards.

Yours faithfully,



Olanrewaju Suraju
Chairman