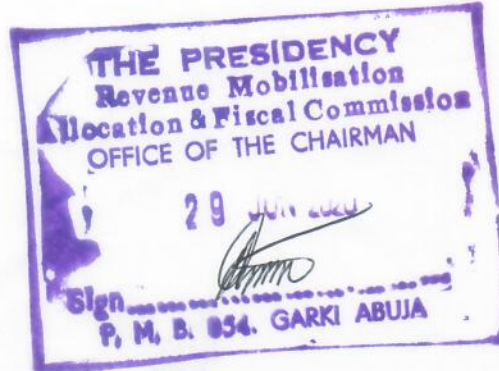


16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

The ~~Acting~~ Chairman,  
Revenue Mobilization Allocation  
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Plot 210 Tafawa Balewa Way  
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Abuja



Dear Sir,

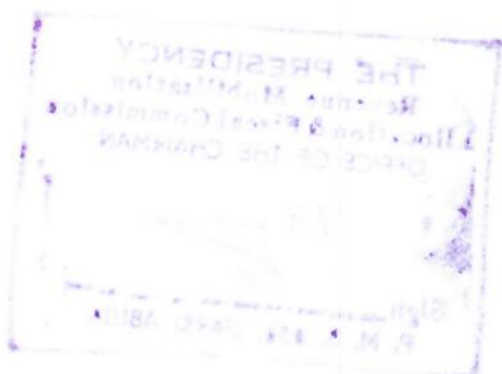
**URGENT AND IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF THE DUPLICITY OF SALARY  
PAYMENT AND THE SALARY PAYMENT STRUCTURE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PETROLEUM RESOURCES**

We write in the relation to the above subject matter which was reported by Premium Times on the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 in a report titled, "DPR paid ₦8 billion salary upfront in January"<sup>1</sup>

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 to have received duplicate payments summing to N22, 755, 745.91. It was 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 million monthly take-home pay. From basic arithmetic, the take-home pay of

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





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 by your Commission and other relevant agencies;

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; and
3. Wavy salary payment structure in the civil service leading to injustice, unfairness and bias.

We write based on the functions of the Commission as provided under Paragraph 32(a-e) of Part I to the Third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Amended) as follows:

- "(a) monitor the accruals to and disbursement of revenue from the Federation Account;*
- (b) review, from time to time the revenue allocation formulae and principles in operation to ensure conformity with changing realities; Provided that any revenue formula which had been accepted by an Act of the National Assembly shall remain in force for a period of not less than five years from the date of commencement of the Act;*
- (c) advise the Federal and State Governments on fiscal efficiency and methods by which their revenue can be increased;*
- (d) determine the remuneration appropriate for political officeholders including the President, Vice President, Governor Deputy Governors, Ministers, Commissioners, Special Advisers, Legislators and the holders of the offices mentioned in Sections 84 and 124 of this Constitution; and*
- (e) discharge such other functions as are conferred on the Commission by this Constitution or any Act of the National Assembly".*

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 and the functions vested in the Commission. 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 of this case. The open treasury portal is available for public consumption to further aid the investigation of the Commission.



We look forward to your usual prompt response and action.

While thanking you, accept our best regards.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Olanrewaju Suraju', written in a cursive style.

**Olanrewaju Suraju**  
Chairman

Rtn to CU Lagos