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COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC) MEETING OF THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SENIOR STAFF ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PENGASSAN) AT CHIDA INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, ABUJA ON APRIL 30, 2017.

At the end of the National Executive Council (NEC) meeting of PENGASSAN at Chida International Hotel, Abuja on April 30, 2017, the following issues of urgent concerns impacting on the Oil and Gas Industry and the Country as a whole were exhaustively deliberated upon and the NEC-in-Session resolved as follows:

STATE OF THE NATION:

INSECURITY

1. NEC-in-Session commends the Federal Government for the fight against insurgency and insecurity in the country. The NEC-in-Session calls on government to employ the same zeal to end other criminal activities in the Country.
2. The NEC-in-Session also calls on the government to mop up all small arms while adequate machinery should be in place for the manning of the Nation's borders as a way to curb criminal activities.

UNEMPLOYMENT

3. The NEC-in-Session lauds the plans of the Government to reduce unemployment, especially the N-Power programme and the payment of the Five Thousand Naira (N5,000) monthly allowance as Social Security Package for the unemployed. The NEC-in-Session however, calls the Government to review the process and implementation of these two programmes so as to attain the required objectives of the initiative.



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BUDGET

4. The NEC-in-Session calls on the Government and the legislators to resolve the current impasse surrounding the passage of the 2017 Budget which has been freezing/limiting economic activities.
5. The NEC-in-Session also demands that both the Executive and the National Assembly devise machinery to guide against future occurrence of such impasse.

INDUSTRY ISSUES

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1. NEC-in-Session frowns at the delay in the passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill by the National Assembly two years into the life of this administration, and mandates the leadership of the Association to engage other Stakeholders for the speedy actualization of its passage, bearing in mind the original position of the NUPENG and PENGASSAN on the Bill.

NNPC/REFINERIES

2. NEC-in-Session supports Government initiative of bringing in Investors to revamp the Refineries in the area of funding and expertise. However, the NEC-in-Session demand as follows:
 - a. Access to the Federal Government/Investors Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the three Refineries (Port Harcourt, Warri and Kaduna).
 - b. Critical Stakeholders such as the Unions must be carried along at all stages of the process. This is to ensure labour related issues and job security is guaranteed.
3. While we await the Investors in the three (3) Refineries, the NEC-in-Session calls on Government to ensure immediate rehabilitation of obsolete equipment in the Plants. The Power Plants in all the three Refineries should also be given necessary attention.

