



REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SENIOR STAFF ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PENGASSAN), COMRADE FRANCIS O. JOHNSON, DURING A COURTESY VISIT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Protocol

The leadership of the our great Association, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN), represented here by the Central Working Committee (CWC) is extremely pleased to meet with the Honourable Speaker, Rt. Honourable Yakubu Dogara and other leaders of the 8th House of Representatives despite your busy legislative and national schedules. We are here as an emissary of senior staff in our nation’s oil and gas industry, and we bring the Honourable Speaker and this Honourable House warm and heartfelt greetings from our members. Besides, this Honourable House being a legislative arm of Government, it is also a veritable and viable institution that has been stabilising the nation’s democracy. Our Honourable members’ efforts at ensuring a united, indivisible and formidable country are unprecedented. We are particularly gladdened by this Honourable House’s giant strides to enhance Nigerian workers’ welfare through good and enabling legislations.



We take cognisance of this Honourable House's efforts at ensuring accountability and transparency in the nation's Oil and Gas Industry through the performance of your oversight functions both at the Committee levels and the general House.

As a major stakeholder in the Oil and Gas Industry and in the Project Nigeria, we are not unmindful of the efforts and energy the 8th National Assembly dissipated in breaking the jinx of passing the first segment of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB)/PIGB. Taking into consideration that the passage of the PIB had suffered setback since 2008 when it was first introduced to the Legislature. Our Association gives kudos to the Federal legislators (both the Distinguished Senators and the Honourable Members) for passing the Petroleum Industry Governance Bill (PIGB), which deals with the institutional frameworks to govern the Oil and Gas Industry.

We want to use this medium to appeal to our Honourable legislators to expedite action on the passage of the remaining parts of the PIB, the Petroleum Industry Administration Bill, Petroleum Industry Fiscal Bill and Petroleum Host Community Bill, which are as important as the PIGB, to douse some of the tensions and challenges currently being experienced in the industry.



Moreover since the PIGB only deals with the one aspect of the PIB, that is the governance and institutional framework of the Nigerian Petroleum industry, its passage as commendable as it is, but without the passage of the remaining aspects of the PIB, will not deliver the full benefits of the intended reforms.

We will appeal that you graciously avail us the copies of the Petroleum Industry Administration Bill, Petroleum Industry Fiscal Bill and Petroleum Host Community Bill that the Joint Committee responsible for the PIB is working on. We also request for an opportunity or appointment to interact with the Joint Committee responsible for the PIB to enable us close ranks on the remaining aspects of the Bill.

The current round of fuel scarcity and issues around it is embarrassing and as a major stakeholder in the sector, we are here to seek collaboration with this Honourable House on having a sustainable way to end the crisis and prevent resurgence. We canvass for the revamping and the rehabilitation of the nation's refineries **with timelines and effect strategies of adequate and sustainable crude supply to the refineries** to enhance local refining.

For importation of refined products into the country, we call on the Government to remove all encumbrances associated with importation of



refined products into the country and enhance infrastructural facilities, such as construction of additional Single Point Mooring and extension of such into the deep waters to enable berthing of large vessels, to ease the challenges of importation.

Our Association seeks the National Assembly's support for any initiative that will lead to **job creation and job security as against movement of jobs that can be done in Nigeria to other country.**

Further on job creation, we want to encourage the National Assembly to enact laws that can attract foreign direct investment into the country

including giving tax break for certain period of time, in order to encourage investors.

On security, we implore the House of Representatives in conjunction with Government security agencies to devise formidable security strategies and legislations that will ultimately address the incessant attacks and mindless killings by herdsmen, militias and terrorist groups as well as putting an end to kidnapping, cultism and other criminal gangs in the country and with this, there be an end to all criminal incidences in the country to pave way for sustainable development and economic prosperity of the Nigerian nation.



Rt. Honourable Speaker, we use this medium to appreciate the great opportunity you have given our Association in building a relationship with this Honourable House and assured of our continuous support to every efforts of the House of Representatives aimed at improving the Oil and Gas Industry for the benefits of the Nigerian nation.

Thank you and GOD Bless.

LONG LIVE PENGASSAN!

LONG LIVE RT. HONOURABLE SPEAKER!!

LONG LIVE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA!!!

Comrade Francis Olabode Johnson

6th February, 2018.