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1st November, 2016

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.



The Honourable Speaker,

RE: A LETTER OF REQUEST TO ASK INEC TO COMPLY WITH THE JUDGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT THAT PRISON INMATES IN NIGERIA HAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE.

As the people of Ondo State prepare to go to the poll to elect their governor, we write to bring to your attention and that of the entire House of Representatives our letter to the Chairman, House Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters dated 28 September, 2016 and attached here for your attention, in which we asked the Chairman and members of her committee to use their oversight powers and influence to prevail over INEC to comply with the judgement of the Federal High Court in Benin in December 2014 that prison inmates in Nigeria prisons have the constitutional right to vote. Also, we have attached the two copies of our letters to INEC and a copy of the judgement for your attention, please.

Our organisation is concerned that more than a month after our letter was sent to the Committee, we have neither received any acknowledgement of it nor are we aware of any action the committee has taken to engage INEC and the Nigerian Prisons Service over this matter.

More so, we are deeply concerned that close to two years after this judgement was delivered, none of the defendants have taken any steps to comply with the judgment, despite our letters and visits to them.

Consequently, we write to request you to use your good office as the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives to ask the House Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters to do the needful.

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Please, accept our esteemed regards and assurances of working with the National Assembly to achieve this goal in particular and criminal justice reforms in general.

Yours faithfully,



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Cc: Chairman, House Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters,