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Chief Economic Adviser to the President,

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Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria,

Chairman, Federal Civil Service Commission,

Chairman, Police Service Commission,

Chairman, Code of Conduct Bureau,

Chairman, Code of Conduct Tribunal,

Chairman, Federal Character Commission,

Chairman, Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission,

Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service,

Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission,

Chairman, National Population Commission,

Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission,

Chairman Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,

Chairman, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency,

All Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Extra-Ministerial Departments,

Clerk of the National Assembly,

Chief Registrar, Supreme Court of Nigeria,

Secretary, National Judicial Council,

Auditor-General for the Federation,

Accountant-General of the Federation,

Directors-General/Chief Executives of Parastatals, Agencies and Government-Owned Companies.

RE: THE NEED FOR INVOLVEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN MATTERS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Sequel to Nigeria's rising profile in international affairs, several opportunities have become available for Nigerians to vie for positions in International Organizations. This is evident from the successes recorded by Nigeria and Nigerian candidates elected to many international organizations within the United Nations System in the recent past.

2. It is further observed that these successes are as a result of the well articulated diplomatic engagement deployed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which has the technical competence and personnel to support the candidature of Nigeria and Nigerians vying for positions in international organizations.

3. In order to further consolidate these gains recorded by Nigeria in international diplomacy, Mr. President has directed that as a matter of policy,

all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) should henceforth liaise with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in nominating candidates and/or prosecuting campaigns for positions in International Organizations. It is further directed that all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) should also generally involve the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in all matters relating to international affairs that falls within their purview.

4. Please bring the contents of this Circular to all concerned for immediate compliance.

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