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The Inspector-General of Police
Force Headquarters,
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Area 11, Garki, Abuja.



PETITION AGAINST BARR. DARLINGTON AGOMOU ARISING FROM HIS
PUBLIC BROADCAST THAT MR. GBENGA KOMOLAFE, FNSE, "WENT
AWAY" WITH ₦5 TRILLION AND US\$1.4 BILLION IN PUBLIC FUNDS, AND
REQUEST FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION INTO THE SOURCE,
AUTHENTICITY AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SAID ALLEGATIONS

We have been briefed by Mr. Gbenga Komolafe, FNSE (hereinafter referred to as "our Client") and have his firm instructions to enter this correspondence with your esteemed office in the terms set hereunder.

2. Our client is a legal practitioner, a renowned petroleum engineer and a highly accomplished career public servant whose professional career has been marked by decades of exemplary service to the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He served with distinction in several strategic capacities within and outside the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and, most recently, as the Commission Chief Executive of the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) from September 2021 until December 2025. Throughout this period, he occupied one of the most significant regulatory offices in Nigeria's petroleum industry, rendering dedicated and meritorious service under the administrations of both His Excellency, the late President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, and His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR. His public service has consistently been characterized by professionalism, integrity, diligence and an unwavering commitment to the faithful discharge of his constitutional and statutory responsibilities.

3. Throughout his distinguished career in public service, at no time has he ever been indicted, charged before any court of competent jurisdiction or convicted of any offence involving corruption, theft, diversion of public funds, fraud, embezzlement, financial impropriety or abuse of office.
4. It is against this background that we are constrained to respectfully present this Petition to your esteemed office, seeking the urgent investigation of the grave and highly damaging allegations publicly made against him by one Barr. Darlington Agomou, a media commentator and legal analyst with Voice of the People 4, Ogbomosho Street, Area 8, Garki, Abuja, which allegations, as demonstrated below, have no known factual or evidential foundation.

BACKGROUND TO THE PETITION

5. It recently came to our client's attention, whilst scrolling through social media from his house in Abuja, that Barr. Darlington Agomou appeared on a programme broadcast live by Voice of the People to audiences within and outside Nigeria. During the programme, Barr. Agomou made grave and categorical allegations against our client, including the following statement:

“Gbenga Komolafe of the oil sector, After forensic examination of his department, 5 trillion Naira and 1.4 billion dollars was discovered to be missing. What are you supposed to do if you are actually looking for money? But he was asked to go away with that money. Meanwhile, you now turn around oh, to go and borrow 568 million dollars to go and do Badagry-Sokoto highway. Meanwhile, somebody went away with 1.4 billion dollars. Please, where is the sense in all these things? Where is the wisdom in all these things? Tell me. Eh? It is just a waste. Wasting money right, left, and center. And you are telling me that eh... In fact, it is unthinkable. Don't even go there, because I didn't see one – one single effort of any reform here. No reform here.”
6. The foregoing statement was not presented as an allegation requiring verification, a report attributed to any identified investigative authority, or a matter pending determination. It was communicated to the public as an established fact. Furthermore, the said inflammatory statements remain continuously accessible to viewers worldwide. In particular, the programme remains publicly available on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18zv5tN8KA/?mibextid=wwXlfr>, where it has continued to attract viewers, comments, shares and republication, thereby compounding the injury suffered by our client each passing day.

7. In its natural and ordinary meaning, and by necessary implication, the statement conveyed that our client personally stole, diverted or unlawfully appropriated the sums of **₦5 trillion** and **US\$1.4 billion** belonging to the Nigerian State and People, and was thereafter 'permitted' to escape accountability. The details of how these funds were purportedly looted and who permitted our client to make away with the alleged funds were not provided by the said **Barr. Agomou**. No document was identified during the programme as the source of the allegations. No investigative agency was named as having established any wrongdoing against our client. No judicial or administrative proceeding was referenced as the basis for the categorical assertion that our client "went away" with public funds.
8. We are instructed by our client, and verily believe him, that the allegations are wholly false, baseless and unsupported by any forensic audit, investigative report, criminal charge, judicial finding or official indictment.
9. Since its publication, the video which remains in circulation has exposed our client to suspicion, ridicule, public opprobrium and reputational injury and has lowered him in the estimation of right-thinking members of society.
10. The nature and gravity of the allegations demand urgent investigation for several reasons, viz:
 - a. First, **Barr. Darlington Agomou** publicly attributed the disappearance of enormous sums of public funds to a named former public officer without disclosing the source of his information.
 - b. Second, the sums mentioned are so substantial, and the allegations so grave, that they cannot responsibly be dismissed as casual political commentary or rhetorical exaggeration.
 - c. Third, the statement raises serious questions as to whether the person complained against possesses any purported forensic report, official record or other document relating to the alleged disappearance of the funds.
 - d. Fourth, where a person publicly asserts knowledge of the theft or diversion of public funds amounting to trillions of Naira and billions of United States Dollars, it is essential that the investigative authorities ascertain whether such information exists, the source from which it was obtained, and whether it is authentic.
 - e. Fifth, where no such evidence exists, it becomes necessary to investigate the circumstances in which grave allegations capable of causing public alarm, reputational destruction and loss of confidence in public institutions were manufactured and disseminated as facts.

11. In the interim, our client has caused a formal demand for retraction and apology to be addressed to **Barr. Darlington Agomou**. A copy of the said demand shall be made available to the investigating team.
12. Our client welcomes lawful scrutiny and has nothing to conceal concerning his tenure in public office. He is, however, entitled to the protection of the law against the deliberate or reckless attribution of grave criminal conduct unsupported by evidence. Thus, if **Barr. Darlington Agomou** is in possession of a forensic report or any credible evidence establishing that our client stole, diverted or "went away" with the sums alleged, he should be required to produce such material to the Police. Conversely, if no such report or evidence exists, the circumstances surrounding the invention and public dissemination of the allegations should be fully investigated and all persons found culpable dealt with in accordance with the law.
13. We have also taken the liberty of extracting the video in question and annexing it in the flash drive attached to this correspondence, for ease of reference.

OUR PRAYERS:

The allegation that a former head of a national regulatory institution personally absconded with **₦5 trillion** and **US\$1.4 billion** is of sufficient seriousness to warrant immediate intervention. It affects not only the personal reputation of our client but also public confidence in national institutions and the integrity of public discourse.

In the light of the foregoing, we respectfully request that the Nigeria Police Force investigate, among other matters:

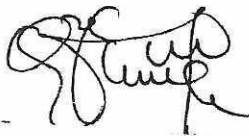
- i. The source, authenticity and evidential basis of **Barr. Darlington Agomou's** public assertion that a forensic examination revealed the disappearance or diversion of **₦5 trillion** and **US\$1.4 billion**, including the identity of the person, institution or agency alleged to have conducted the purported forensic examination and whether any forensic audit, investigative report, indictment, petition, official record or court process exists in support thereof.
- ii. Whether **Barr. Darlington Agomou** was, at the time of the broadcast, in possession of any credible information, document or other material capable of substantiating the grave allegations made against our client, and whether those allegations were knowingly false, recklessly made or deliberately disseminated without reasonable verification.

- iii. The circumstances surrounding the production, broadcast and continued republication of the offending programme, including the identities of all persons involved in its preparation, authorization, broadcast and dissemination through television, Facebook, YouTube and other digital or social media platforms.
- iv. Whether the conduct complained of discloses the commission of any offence under any applicable law, together with such further or incidental matters as may emerge in the course of the investigation.

We undertake to make our Client available to provide a formal statement and to supply the investigating team with the relevant recordings, publications, correspondence and other materials within our possession.

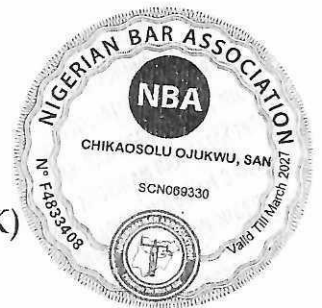
We trust that this Petition be treated with the utmost urgency.

Accept the assurances of our warmest esteemed regards, please.



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Encl.:

Flash Drive containing video recording of Barr. Darlington Agomou taken on "VOP This Morning" available here:

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