

September 14, 2009.

Dr. Sam Enwu
Hon. Minister
Federal Ministry of Education
Federal Secretariat
Abuja.

Dear Hon. Minister,

A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST ON ACADEMIC STAFF UNION OF UNIVERSITIES (ASUU) NATIONAL STRIKES AND SOLUTION

Dear Hon. Minister, the International Human Rights Anti-Corruption Society with the mandate to Fight Corruption, Abuse of Human/Socio Economic Rights and to assist the Government in achieving its Economic, Political and Social responsibilities for the purpose of Peace, Justice, Security, Development and Good Governance of Nigeria.

1. PROBLEMS AND DEMANDS BY ASUU

The Academic Staff Union of University (ASUU) embarked on a Nationwide strikes on June 24, 2009, in protest against the Federal Government of Nigeria refusal to endorse on Agreement which they reached in 2006. The Society has noted the demands of ASUU as contained in the Agreement reached in 2006 to include:

- a) Increase wages
- b) University Autonomy
- c) Increase Funding of Nigerian Universities.
- d) Retirement Ages of Lectures of ASUU

2. **PRACTICAL AND INDEPENDENT OBSERVATION**

The International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society has carefully analyzed, observed and deeply touched on the GROUNDS of:

- a. The Federal Government refusal NOT to negotiate or sign any Agreement on behalf of the State Government with the ASUU and ASUU rejection to returns back to classes.
- b. The Society also observed that the Federal Government dragged the ASUU to Industrial Arbitration Panel (IAP) who then directed ASUU to go back to Classes to create room to resolution of the crisis by the IAP but ASUU refused to honour the Order of the IAP.

3. **FACT FINDINGS**

The International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society as a mantra to Societal ill and a Minister in the Temple of Justice after Careful Examinations and Analysis of the said Problems between the Federal Government of Nigeria and ASUU assert and satisfied that:

- i. The Federal Government of Nigeria Non Implementation of the Agreement reached for the Past Years since 2006 has hardened the minds of ASUU to Disobeyed the Order of the IAP.
- ii. Poor Leaderships by the Federal Government not to implement the Agreement reached since 2006 has portrayed the Corporate Image of the Federal Government of Nigeria into Mud before the International Community and any reasonable person of Nigeria.
- iii. Since 2006 the Agreement was reached, by now the Federal Government of Nigeria would have been resolved once for all to prevent further occurrences.
- iv. The current Minister of Education, Dr. Sam Egwu came to inherit the problems and the demands of ASUU and as man of God who believes in the Supremacy of God, Justice, Honesty, Equity and Fair Play shall not run away from resolving the crisis.
- v. Without the issues to be resolved and the ASUU to return back to Classes should amount to Corruption, Abuse to Rights, Abuse of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Violation of the 7-Point Agenda of President Yar'Adua Administration.

4. **SOLUTION**

The Solution to the ongoing face off between Federal Government of Nigeria and ASUU requires "A NON-APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM". The Federal Government should meet the demand of ASUU for at least 20% while the ASUU should also accept the offer of 20% from the Federal Government for sake of God, Humanity and Beauty of Democracy.

5. **APPEAL TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ASUU**

The International Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Society Specially Appeal to the Federal Government and ASUU to reach reasonable consensus with the adoption of A NON APPROACH SOLUTION for the sake of God, our Children, Humanity and Beauty of Democracy and for the ASUU to return back to Classes.

Thank you.

God Bless Federal Ministry of Education.

God Bless Federal Republic of Nigeria

God Bless Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASU)

God Bless International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society.

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