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The President,

Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), National Secretariat, University of Abuja Main Campus, Abuja.

RESOLUTIONS REACHED AT THE MEETING BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF UNION OF UNIVERSITIES (ASUU) CHAIRED BY THE PRESIDENT AND ATTENDED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NIGERIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (NLC) TRADE UNION CONGRESS (TUC) OF NIGERIA HELD AT THE STATE HOUSE ABUJA ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2013.

I am pleased to forward to you a copy of the resolutions reached at the meeting held between the Federal Government of Nigeria and the representatives of your Union, chaired by the President Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan on the lingering crisis and the strike action embarked by the Academic Staff Union of the Universities on the FGN/ASUU 2009 Agreement.

Please accept the assurances of my high regards.

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Permanent Secretary

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At the instance of Mr. President Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, a conciliatory meeting was held to resolve the lingering crisis and strike action embarked upon by the ASUU since July 2013 on the issue of the non-implementation of the 2009 Agreement.

At the end of extensive deliberations it was noted as follows:

- 1. That the non-implementation of two of the nine items agreed in the 2009 Agreement between Federal Government and ASUU are the main contentious issues; namely:
 - i. Funding for the revitalization of Public Universities through the implementation of the Needs Assessment Report on Public Universities
 - ii. Payment of Earned allowances

The challenges which had affected the implementation of the agreements were due to the financial difficulties confronting government which were unforeseen at the point of the 2009 agreement and have continued to be critical factors militating against the implementation of the agreement.

. That the Federal Government is irrevocably committed to the overall improvement in the quality of education especially at the tertiary level in the country

- 2. That there is an overarching need to find a lasting solution to the challenges facing university education in the country through the development of sustainable, affordable and implementable strategies that are within the revenue profile of government.
- 3. Arising from the above understanding, it was further noted with particular emphasis on funding that:
 - a. Nigerian Universities must be revitalized for effective service delivery.
 - b. All the provisions in the extant agreement/MOU for the revitalization of the University system shall be fully implemented as captured in the 2012 Needs Assessment Report.
 - c. Federal Government shall mobilize resources towards this goal.
- 4. In view of the above understanding the following resolutions were reached:
 - i. Federal Government shall provide funds for the revitalization for the University system in the following manner in the next six years:

S/No	Year	Amount(billion)Naira
1	2013	200
2	2014	220
3	2015	220
4	2016	220
5	2017	220
6	2018	220
Total	6 years	1.3 trillion

ii. A dedicated revitalization account shall be opened at the CBN by Federal Government. Funds shall be paid into

on a quarterly basis, from which the Universities will draw. Federal Government shall ensure that these funds will be ring-fenced.

- iii. That a central monitoring committee shall be established in addition to monitor the implementation of the revitalization of the university and shall submit quarterly report to the Minister of Education.
- Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC)shall monitor and verify the level of payment already made from the 30 billion Naira released by Government and report back on the exact situations in the Universities on this matter. Federal Government undertakes to pay the outstanding balance after the verification report for the period 2009 to 2012. Furthermore a practicable and affordable strategy will be put in place to mainstream the payment of earned allowances in the University system.
- v. Government is willing to engage the services of the universities in special consultancy services such as geological/solid minerals survey, biotechnology, environmental impact assessment, shelter belt and mineral mapping amongst others to boost the IGR base of the Universities.
- vi. That FGN requests that ASUU shall within 7 days call off its four month strike action.
- vii. The above resolutions were reached in good faith by all the stakeholders that attended this crucial meeting.

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