RE-RESIGNATION OF EMMANUEL SHEU—CSO DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONFAB

The Pro-democracy Civil Society Organisations received as a surprise, resignation from National Conference of one Mr. Emmanuel Sheu whose name surprisingly emerged in the list of Civil Society delegates to the Confab, which organized primarily to address critical issues affecting Nigeria’s socio-economic and political atmospheres.

Meanwhile, prior to the submission of the list by The Pro-democracy Civil Society Organisations and nomination of the delegates by government, the Group held series of coordinating meeting comprising all relevant Civil Society Organisations. However, neither was Mr. Emmanuel Sheu in attendance nor was his name contained in the list of Civil Society submitted by the Group to the appropriate authority.

Following the approval by government nominating delegates to the National Conference, the Group has held other series of coordinating meetings with Mr. Sheu not in attendance or represented.

Given that the agenda of the conference is yet to be discussed, nor the rules of proceedings, one is at a loss to fathom the urgent necessity to warrant resignation or withdrawal at this stage. It seems more like a grandstanding that is aimed at playing to a supposed gallery.

The Pro-democracy Civil Society Organisations is an objective-focused group with members operating strictly under its mandate, and not independently. Certainly, any case calling from exit of a member from the Conference shall be brought forward to the Group, and a formal meeting shall be convened to discuss and announce such accordingly.

More importantly, the nomination and resignation of Mr. Sheu has no link to the Group and its mandates which primarily advocates for sustainable democracy and maximize effective and objective-focused consensus in the Confab.

Therefore, from the original list initially submitted by the Civil Society for approval, a replacement for Mr. Sheu shall be forwarded to the appropriate authority for proper consideration.

We therefore salute and respect Mr. Sheu’s individual right.

Signed:

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- United Action for Democracy
- Partners for Electoral Reform
- Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)
- Public Interest Lawyers League
• Social Development Integrated Centre (Social Action) & Pan Niger Delta Conference (PNDC)
• Women Arise for Change Initiative & Campaign for Democracy
• Human Right Monitors
• Leader, Civil Society Organization
• Civil Liberties Organization (CLO)
• Leader, Civil Society Organizations
• Women Advocates Research & Documentation Centre
• PRONACO
• Women Consortium of Nigeria
• Community Action for Popular Participation (CAPP)
• Civil Liberties Organization
• Lawyers’ Alert
• Basic Rights Action – Kano
• Women for Peace in Nigeria
• FOMWAN
• Centre for Information Technology & Development
• Campaign for Democracy & Development
• Responsible Citizenship