

PRESS RELEASE

Magu's Reappointment: Civil Society cautions Nigerian Senate

The Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Transparency International-Nigeria (TI) and Zero-corruption Coalition (ZCC) condemned in totally the recent apparent disproportionate refusal by the Nigerian Senate to confirm Ibrahim Magu as the Chairman of Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC), as recommended by President MUhammadu Buhari.

While we express deep concern over the position of the Upper Chamber—which has the fundamental mandate to protect and allow citizens' interest prevailed in its legislative activities, towards anti-corruption fight and the progress of the country in generality, we are worried by such unjustified resolution by the Chamber ousting the exceptional anti-graft boss, whose performance in the last one year has been commended both at local and international community.

We are aware that the dogged effort by Magu in the fight against corruption has led to the recent remarkable achievements in the nation's anti-corruption fight, ranging from the persistent repatriation of the whopping looted funds, uncovering judicial corruption, and outright stealing from within and outside the country. These among other things prompted the decision by President Buhari nominating Magu for reappointment to sustain ant-graft fight.

We are worried by the interest and motivation behind the Nigerian Senators on the reappointment of Magu, as such glaringly does not represent the view of well-meaning Nigerians, whose votes secured them the seat in the Upper Chamber.

We are also worried by the self-serving decision of the Senate, especially at this point in time when anti-corruption fight is taking turn on top corrupt officials in all ramifications, and by so doing discouraging endemic high level corruption, treasury mismanagement, abuse and financial misconduct.

We therefore call on Nigerian Senate to redeem its integrity and reconsider its decision on Magu's appointment, as such if not retracted, would backpedal the nation's achievements in the anti-corruption fight and pave way for another era mass looting and mismanagement of the tax payers' monies that will consequently stagnate the already depressed Nigeria's economic.

We urge all well-meaning Nigerians and the media to kick against all manners of unjust decision or resolution by the Nigerian Senate to sabotage the on-going anti-corruption fight in the country.

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