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MINISTRY OF MINES AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

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27TH February, 2018

The Honourable Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Three Arms Zone,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.



RE: INVITATION TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SECTORAL DEBATE ON IRON AND STEEL SECTOR

I write to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your letter reference NASS/SPK/ADM/VOL, II/123 dated 16th February, 2018 on the above subject and to convey to the Honourable Speaker that the Honourable Ministers would be unavoidably absent in this Special Debate Session of the Sector.

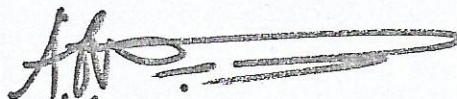
2. The Honourable Minister, Dr Kayode Fayemi and his Counterpart, the Honourable Minister of State, Honourable Abubakar Bawa Bwari are slated for official engagements during the scheduled period of the debate. The Honourable Minister has prior diplomatic schedule engagement in preparation to the focal labs of ERGP relating to the Mining Sector while the Minister of State will be leading the Ministry's delegation to Canada to attend the PDAC Conference.
3. While regretting the Ministry's inability to attend, the Honourable Ministers greatly appreciate the Honourable Speaker and his members on the interest and genuine concern shown to the sector in organizing a debate to discuss a way forward on the Ajaokuta Steel Company. This Ministry views this debate as a strong legislative intervention in bringing to an end



current challenges of the company for its realistic and sustainable operations. The Ministry is eager and willing to work together with the House in its determination to find feasible and realistic way of bringing back the company into operation. It will also avail the House all necessary support to enable the debate run successfully.

4. Honourable Speaker, once more accept the Honourable Minister's regret for their inability to attend.

5. Please accept as always, the assurances and warm regards of the Honourable Minister.



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Permanent Secretary

