



## **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja**

### **Press Release**

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#### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REJECTS THE DESIGNATION OF SOME NIGERIAN POLITICAL PARTIES AS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS BY A CANADIAN FEDERAL COURT**

The Federal Government of Nigeria expresses deep concerns over the recent ruling by a Canadian Federal court that erroneously designates certain political parties in Nigeria as "terrorist organizations." The declaration was in pursuance of a case involving a Nigerian, Mr. Douglas Egharevba, who arrived in Canada in September 2017 and applied for inland refugee status. This baseless classification constitutes an unacceptable interference in Nigeria's internal affairs and democratic processes.

The Court made a sweeping accusation against the entire membership of the political parties – one of which has produced three democratically elected presidents, instead of addressing specific individuals. The larger ramification of the decision is that every member of the mentioned political parties is a potential terrorist. Such a blanket designation is misleading, damaging, and contrary to the facts.

Nigeria is a sovereign nation with a robust legal and constitutional framework governing political activities. All registered political parties operate within the law, and no credible evidence supports linking them to terrorism. Therefore, associating legitimate political entities with terrorism without credible evidence is a grave misrepresentation that undermines Nigeria's democratic institutions and could incite unnecessary tension.

The Federal Government of Nigeria, calls on the Canadian authorities to immediately retract this erroneous designation and refrain from actions that could be misconstrued as endorsing politically motivated narratives. Nigeria remains open to dialogue through established diplomatic channels and urges constructive engagement with relevant Nigerian institutions to correct this error.

**We wish to reiterate that Nigeria remains committed to the global fight against terrorism and has made significant strides in countering extremist groups within its borders, and call on the international community to disregard this misguided ruling and reaffirm its confidence in Nigeria's democratic governance and rule of law.**

**The government further urges citizens to avoid making unsubstantiated claims that could harm the country's image in pursuit of asylum or other benefits from foreign entities.**

**Signed:**

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