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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The National Judicial Council, under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Mahmud Mohammed, GCON, at its 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting which was held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016 resolved to direct all the eight concerned Judicial Officers whose matters are being investigated by Securities Agencies to stop performing their judicial functions until they are exonerated from the anticipated cases against them.

They are:-

1. Hon. Justice Nwali Ngwuta;
2. Hon. Justice John Iyang Okoro, both Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria;
3. Hon. Justice Uwani Abba Aji, Justice of the Court of Appeal;
4. Hon. Justice A. F. A. Ademola;

5. Hon. Justice Hydlazira Nganjiwa;
6. Hon. Justice Musa H. Kuriya;
7. Hon. Justice Rita Ngozi Ofili-Ajumogobia all Judges of the Federal High Court; and
8. Hon. Justice Agbado James Fishim of the National Industrial Court.

The decision was taken today after long hours of deliberation by the Council.

However, the Judicial Officers are not under suspension as they can come to office but are not to sit on any matter in Court until after their anticipated trial and discharge in Court.

Council also today set up an implementation Committee on the National Judicial Policy to receive confidential and privileged information from members of the public against Judicial Officers and make recommendations to the Council from their findings.

The Committee will also work out modalities of access to justice delivery.

The Committee consists of the following Members:-

1. Hon. Justice E. O. Ayoola, CON - Chairman
2. Hon. Justice Kashim Zannah - Member
3. A. B. Mahmoud, SAN - Member

**Signed**

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