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Dr. Tonye Clinton Jaja,
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Federal Secretariat Phase, I
Abuja.

RE:APPLICATION FOR SECONDMENT TO THE NIGERIAN COPYRIGHT COMMISSION (NCC) AS A FULL TIME CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, NIGERIAN COPYRIGHT COMMISSION.

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 6th February 2020 to the Permanent Secretary, General Services, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation on above subject matter.

2. I am to inform you that you have in your curriculum vitae failed to show expertise in Copyright law and practice to support your application. Also your comparison of the Nigerian Copyright Commission with the other two Agencies is misplaced. While the establishment Acts of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission and Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), created the office of full time Chairmen and vested executive power/accounting officer status on them, that of the Copyright

Commission neither created the position of full time Chairman nor vested executive power of the Commission on the Board Chairman, rather Chief Executive powers are vested in the Director General.

3. Your application which is strange and inconsistent with the Public Service Rules and your recent activities have clearly demonstrated a conflict of interest situation and therefore casts doubt on your ability to continue to offer neutral and effective leadership to the Copyrights Commission as Board Chairman. It is clear that peace will elude the Commission going forward.

4. Please accept the warm regards of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

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For: Secretary to the Government of the Federation