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COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC) MEETING OF THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SENIOR STAFF ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PENGASSAN) HELD AT THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT, LAGOS STATE ON JANUARY 5, 2012.

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN) met on January 5, 2012 at the National Secretariat to deliberate on removal of subsidy by the Federal Government.

At the end of its deliberations the following resolutions were reached:

1. NEC-in-Session condemns the removal of subsidy by the government through the Executive Secretary, PPPRA as hasty, illegal and without consultation with other stakeholders.
2. As an affiliate of the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria (TUC), the NEC in Session fully endorses the position taken by the joint NEC meeting of TUC and NLC held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.
3. NEC-in-Session therefore directs all branches of PENGASSAN to commence an indefinite strike from Monday, January 9, 2012. However, the NEC in Session agrees that only the leadership of PENGASSAN can direct the suspension/call off of the strike.
4. NEC in Session demands that Government must revert to the price of N65 per litre of Petrol to enable any negotiation on the issue of subsidy and/or deregulation.
5. NEC in Session insists that deregulation should not be selective but must be premised on the passage of the Petroleum Industry



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Bill (PIB) based on the Oil and Gas Implementation Committee (OGIC) report.

6. NEC in Session rejects the Alfa Belgore led Committee constituted to negotiate with labour and insists that PENGASSAN will only negotiate with the government team led by President Goodluck Jonathan personally who would itemise with timeline all projects to be done which must include but not limited to revamping existing refineries, building Greenfield refineries and enhancing power generation and other infrastructures like roads and railways.
7. NEC in Session insists that Government at all levels must first exhibit the spirit of sacrifice by drastically reducing the cost of running government and the Federal Government must start by cutting the recurrent expenditure in the 2012 Budget from over 70% to not more than 50% and direct the savings to infrastructural development.

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To: All Branches

Dear Comrades,

RE: REMOVAL OF FUEL SUBSIDY

Following the directives of the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria (TUC) our umbrella body and the outcome of the National Executive Council (NEC) meeting of our great Association on January 5th, 2012, our members are hereby directed to proceed on an indefinite strike action, effective Monday, January 09, 2012.

All members are advised to stay at home and to await further directive on the matter.

The extent and duration of the action will be communicated as events unfold.

Solidarity! Forever!!

Yours Sincerely,

For: **Petroleum & Natural Gas Senior Staff
Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN)**

Comrade Bayo Olowoshile
General Secretary

Cc: All Managements
" All Zones
" All CWC

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In Defence of the Nigerian People on Fuel Price Increases!

Joint Communiqué of the Emergency Meeting of the National Executive Councils of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and Trade Union Congress (TUC) Held on Wednesday 4th January, 2012.

The National Executive Councils of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) took place today, Wednesday 4th January, 2012.

The NLC and TUC noted that:

The Presidency announced the removal of petroleum subsidy and adjusted upward, the pump price of petrol on 1st January, 2012 even when it claimed it was consulting Nigerians.

Due to this upward review of prices, the pump price for petrol is now selling for between N141 and N200 per litre nation-wide rather than N65. This prohibitive increase in price of PMS once again confirms the position of Labour that deregulation to this government means incessant price increase of a strategic product (petrol) that impact on cost of living, cost of production and the general well-being of increasingly impoverish Nigerians.

The immediate generalized negative impact of this price increase on transport cost, food, drugs, schools fees, rents, indicate that government is totally wrong to underestimate the impact assessment of the so-called deregulation policy.

Due to the untoward hardship workers and other Nigerians are experiencing based on excessive increase in petrol prices, there have been sporadic protests by Nigerians in at least 10 cities;

These protests, which are peaceful have witnessed the use of unprecedented force by the Police leading to harassment, intimidation, arrests and the murder of a protester.

There is a subsisting understanding between Congress and the Federal government in 2009 that removal of subsidy will not commence until certain conditions have been met. These include the fixing of all the refineries and building new ones, regular power supply, and provision of other social infrastructure such as railways and repairs of roads as well as eliminating

the corruption associated with supply and distribution of petroleum products in the downstream sector of the oil industry;

After exhaustive deliberations and consultations with all sections of the populace, the NLC, TUC and their pro-people allies demand that the Presidency immediately reverses fuel prices to N65. If the Government fails to do so, they direct that indefinite general strikes, mass rallies and street protests be held across the country with effect from Monday 9th January, 2012.

From that Monday, 9th January 2012 date, all offices, oil production centres, air and sea ports, fuel stations, markets, banks, amongst others will be shut down.

We advise Nigerians to stockpile basic needs especially food and water.

We call on all Nigerians to participate actively in this movement to rescue our country. Labour calls on the police, armed forces and other security agencies to reject orders that they turn their weapons on fellow Nigerians. We warn that anybody who does so, will be individually brought to justice.

The primary objective of this patriotic call and movement is to revert PMS price to N65, restore normalcy and reclaim Nigeria for Nigerians.

We advice all Nigerians to conduct the protest in a very peaceful manner.

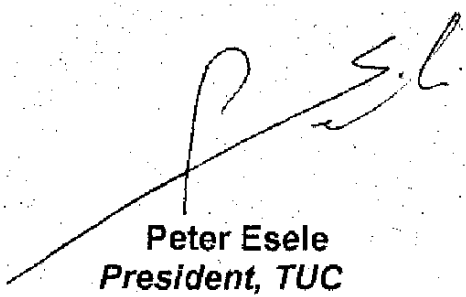
No Retreat!

No Surrender!!

Forward Ever!!!



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President, NLC



Peter Esele
President, TUC