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This Monograph Series No. 1 is dedicated to all IHRC Staff at the Central Office and most importantly our Volunteers who are doing great work in their respective States.



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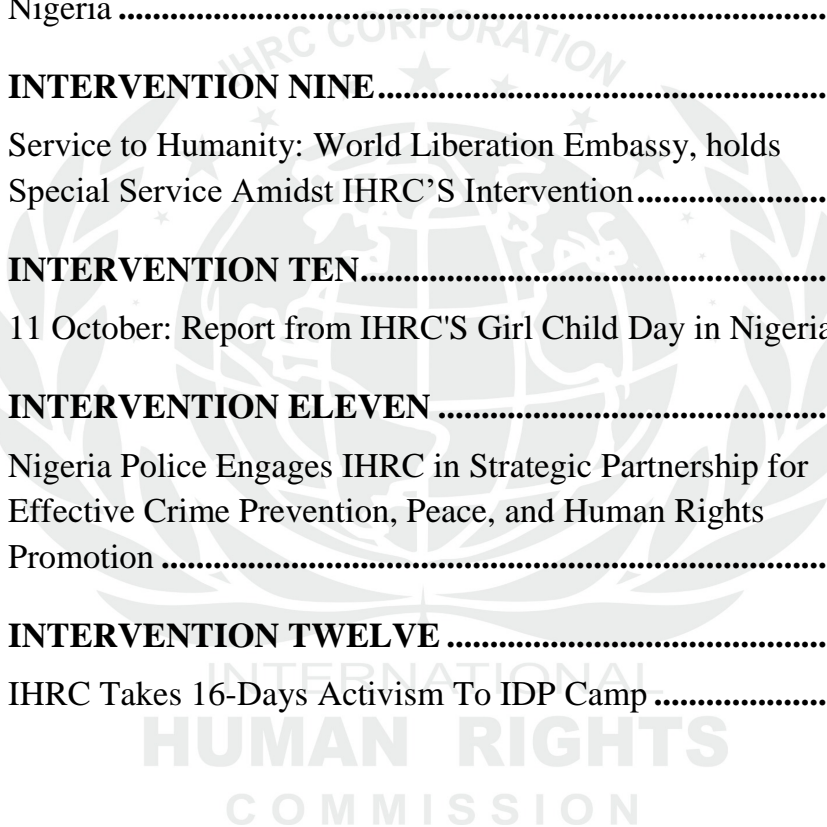
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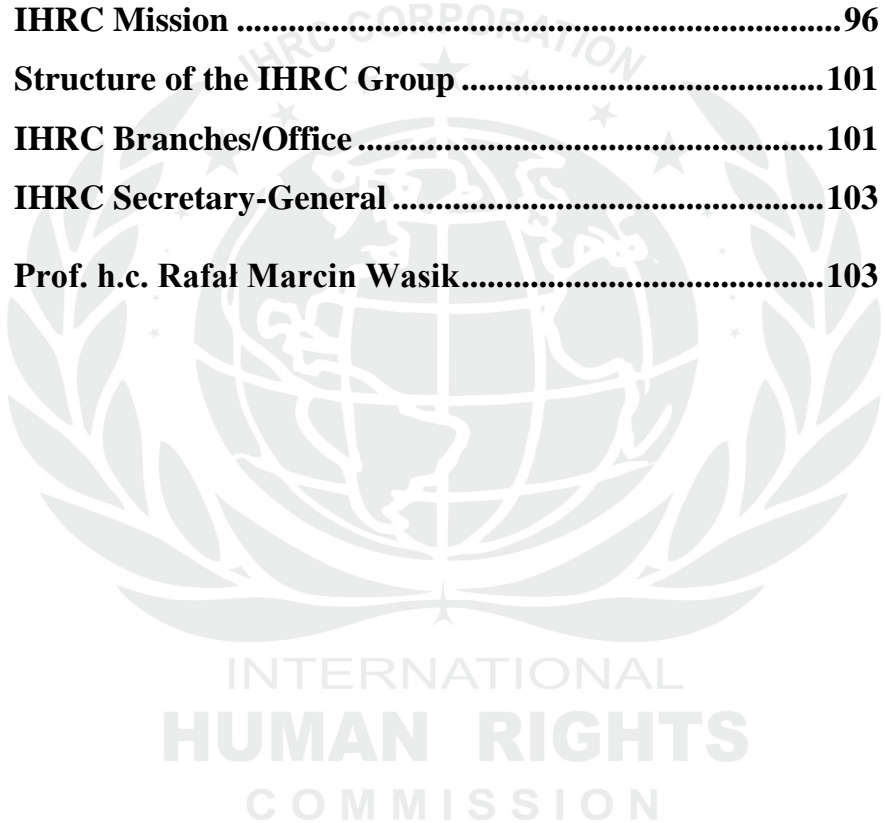
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PREFACE

The Transnational Intergovernmental Organization - “International Human Rights Commission” - IHRC, has its world headquarters in Zurich Switzerland, under the absolute leadership of the Secretary-General, Prof h.c. Rafał Marcin Wasik. IHRC is headed in Nigeria by the Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, who was appointed on the 16th of September 2022 after a comprehensive and legitimate background check on him came out justifiable. Before his official appointment as the Ambassador-at-Large and Head of the Diplomatic Mission in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Duru Hezekiah was a Secretary to the IHRC Advisory Board and Acting Head of Mission in Nigeria.

IHRC is an influential private neutral organization recognized for its significant role in global security, peacebuilding, human rights, economic development, and diplomatic and humanitarian activities. IHRC pioneered the creation of the world’s first private diplomatic intergovernmental and

transnational organization, known as Transnational Intergovernmental Organization (TIO).

The organization operates on the basis of international conventions, including the Vienna Conventions of 1961, 1975 and 1986, and has obtained the status of a transnational intergovernmental organization through diplomatic agreements signed with governments represented by their Ministries of Foreign Affairs. These agreements are further complemented by cooperation with government agencies, the authorities of the autonomous republics, as well as regional and local authorities.

IHRC has operated mainly in the international arena in zones of war and military operations, territorial and national conflicts, and humanitarian disasters. On 3 continents, we closely cooperate with state authorities, creating conditions and securing platforms for official work and arrangements aimed at resolving conflicts and restoring the application of Human Rights. More about us can be found on our website at **www.ihrchq.org**

Upon assumption of office in 2022, Dr. Duru Hezekiah has engendered International Diplomacy, Exemplary Leadership,

and Peaceful Dialogue, a thematic apperception in clinging to an indisputable climax in the history of IHRC in West Africa.

The Monograph Series **No. 1** largely emphasizes his antecedents from April 2022 to August 2023. Similarly, this Monograph Series No. 2 entails his antecedents from September 2023 to November 2024, highlighting his speeches at different programs, humanitarian interventions, human rights defense, crime prevention approaches, and negotiations as it spans full respect for human rights, multi-actor partnership, equity, sustainability, and attitudes and values that foster responsibility, solidarity, and tolerance.

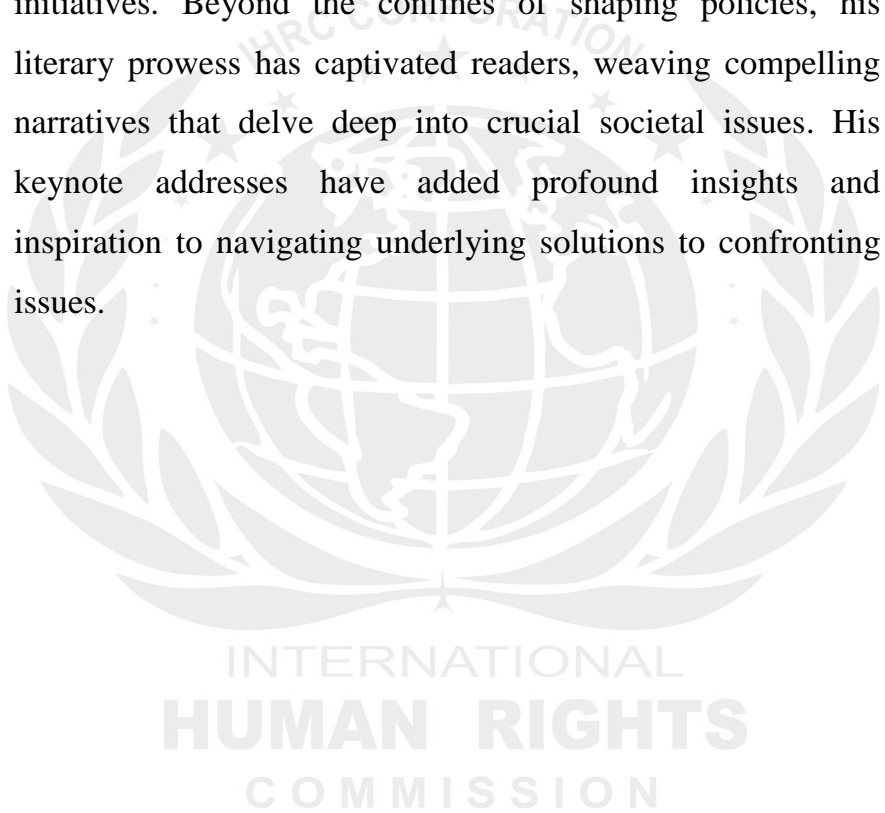
These indelible values are attributed to international diplomacy in leadership, and peaceful dialogue, an affirmation of the United Nations Human Rights Council's key components of good governance which are transparency, responsibility, accountability, participation, and responsiveness (to the needs of the people).

International Diplomacy in Leadership and Peaceful Dialogue is interdisciplinary and, of course, extensive. For this

monograph, leadership is considered the art of influencing people, organizations, and institutions to accomplish specific purposes, such as missions that serve public and national interests. There are broader themes here regarding the antecedents of Dr. Duru Hezekiah for institutional and organizational innovation and reform to adapt, and the impact of these demands on politicians and public managers, as ethical leaders, at all levels (participative, organizational, and institutional) and frequently working across multiple sectors (public, private, and nonprofit) thoroughly exemplified.

Dr. Duru's ideas of leadership and innovation and public-sector institutional and organizational reform, all enumerated in this Monograph Series No. 2, are worthy of attention. The distinctive approach of his antecedents includes meeting several objectives on the roles and functions of leaders and managers as executives in public institutions and organizations that engage in multi-sectoral activities such as public-private-nonprofit partnerships; Duru is not only good at negotiating and resolving conflicts, but also at creating and maintaining positive relationships, both internally and externally.

Moreover, his impressive professional journey stands as a testament to leadership and influence in shaping regional policies and implementing sustainable development initiatives. Beyond the confines of shaping policies, his literary prowess has captivated readers, weaving compelling narratives that delve deep into crucial societal issues. His keynote addresses have added profound insights and inspiration to navigating underlying solutions to confronting issues.



CHAPTER ONE

IHRC EUROPE-AFRICA COOPERATION: IHRC WILL PARTNER WITH THE NIGERIA GOVERNMENT, AFRICAN LEADERS TOWARD PEACE, SECURITY AND DEMOCRACY

The Secretary-General of the Transnational Intergovernmental Organization - International Human Rights Commission IHRC, Prof. h.c. Rafał Marcin Wasik, reaffirmed the Organization's dedication to fostering initiatives that promote peace and security, democracy, human rights, development, and sustainable economic growth in Nigeria through the IHRC Europe-Africa Cooperation.

The Secretary-General gave these assurances to government stakeholders during his maiden Delegation Visit to the Federal Republic of Nigeria in September 2023, on the occasion of the Organization's Symposium on International

Humanitarian Law and Armed Conflicts: An African Perspective.

Part of the Delegation Visit was to the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), in Abuja on Thursday 7th September, 2023, led by Secretary-General Prof Rafal Marcin Wasik, accompanied by the IHRC Managing Director of Control Department H.E. Ambassador at Large J. Tatarowski and other officials of the Commission in Nigeria. The Delegation was received by the Director-General of the Institute Dr. Joseph Ochogwu, where issues on conflict resolutions, mediation, policy advisory, information sharing, peacebuilding, capacity building, humanitarian interventions, partnership, research, and training were deliberated. The Secretary-General expressed the readiness of the organization to offer intergovernmental platforms for communications, observation missions, and participation towards promoting the

culture of peace in Nigeria through the IHRC Europe-Africa Cooperation.

While responding, the DG IPCR Dr. Joseph Ochogwu, commended IHRC's global focus on human rights and peace building, emphasizes the core mandate of the Institute which is primarily inclusive in peace building. He further appreciated the Secretary-General and his team, adding that the Institute is ready to collaborate with the Commission to advance its efforts on peace building and conflict resolutions. In a bid to fortify transnational relationships between States and foster partnerships in combating human trafficking worldwide, the IHRC Delegates also paid a high-level delegation visit to the Director-General National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Prof. Fatima Waziri-Azi on Thursday in Abuja.

The Delegation Visit to NAPTIP was an integral part of the events marking the Secretary-General's visit to Nigeria, aligning with the Organization's mission to safeguard human rights globally. Highlighting the IHRC Europe-Africa Cooperation's commitment to advancing information sharing and data policy in combating human trafficking. The NAPTIP DG Prof. Fatima Waziri-Azi, acknowledged the visit and assured the Commission of their readiness to harmonize the corporate partnership between the Agency and the International Human Rights Commission in Nigeria.

The IHRC Delegation on Saturday 9th September 2023, also visited the Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Christian Pilgrim Commission (NCPC), Rev. Dr. Yakubu Pam at Abuja, emphasizing the relations between the International Human Rights Commission in Zurich Switzerland, and African countries in peace and security, democracy, human

rights, development, and sustainable economic growth. Furthermore, a meeting with Benue State Governor, H.E. Rev Fr. Hyacinth Alia, on Saturday, 9th September 2023, highlighted the urgent need for international humanitarian aid to support the people of Benue State.

The governor, in his remarks, lauded the International Human Rights Commission and urged them to consider Benue State as part of their Europe-Africa revitalization agenda for Nigeria.

In addition to high-level meetings that shape the relations, the Secretary-General reiterated that IHRC engages in dialogue with diverse partners to advance mutually agreed priorities intended to maintain constructive relations between states.

“With this aim in mind, IHRC will join forces with the Nigerian Government and other African Leaders to create a

Pan-African strategy for fostering peace and security, democracy, human rights, development, and sustainable economic growth in Africa, guaranteeing the full protection of human rights for all people”.

In conclusion, he said IHRC Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah will however, maintain the established communications with the Government ties in achieving the expected outcome between the International Human Rights Commission IHRC and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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CHAPTER TWO

IHRC NIGERIA ADVOCATES FOR INTEGRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION IN SCHOOL SYSTEM

During the celebration of the December 10th International Human Rights Day at the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The Head of Diplomatic Mission for IHRC in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, has urged national authorities to incorporate Human Rights Education (HRE) into the country's school system.

He made this call on Friday in Abuja during the commemoration of the 2023 International Human Rights Day, themed "Consolidating and Sustaining Human Rights Culture into the Future."

Ambassador Duru emphasized the pivotal role of HRE in shaping future generations and fostering a culture of human rights.

He stated, "I implore the national authorities responsible for Nigeria's school system to integrate HRE, contributing to the overall effectiveness of the education system. This, in turn, enhances the country's economic, social, and political development, providing:

- Improved quality of learning achievements by promoting child-centered and participatory teaching and learning practices, along with a redefined role for the teaching profession.
- Increased access to and participation in schooling by creating a human rights-based learning environment that is inclusive, welcoming, and promotes universal values, equal opportunities, respect for diversity, and non-discrimination.
- A contribution to social cohesion and conflict prevention by supporting the social and emotional development of the child and introducing democratic citizenship and values.

This call aligns with the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, aiming to promote social cohesion, prevent conflicts, and contribute to economic, social, and political development. Stay tuned for further updates on this significant development.”

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CHAPTER THREE

AFARN PRESIDENT, KINGSLEY NWOKOMA GETS NEW APPOINTMENT WITH IHRC

President of the Association of Foreign Airlines and Representatives in Nigeria (AFARN), Dr. Kingsley Nwokoma, assumes the Office of Commissioner with the International Human Rights Commission, IHRC, Switzerland. This was obtained in a statement by the Commission's Ambassador-at-Large H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, made available by the Head of Media and Strategic Communications, Mr. Fidelis Onakpoma, on Friday, December 8, 2023, in Abuja

He said Dr. Nwokoma's appointment as IHRC Commissioner was approved by the Secretary-General Prof. h.c Rafał Marcin Wasik owing to his immense contribution to the activities of the IHRC Special Monitoring Mission in Nigeria.

He highlighted that the appointment will greatly benefit the Organization and help achieve her global objectives, stressing that IHRC will continue to join forces with stakeholders and

institutions to facilitate a continental approach towards peace and security, democracy, human rights, development, and sustainable economic growth in Africa, where the human rights of people will be fully protected.

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CHAPTER FOUR

IHRC MARKS 2024 WOMEN'S DAY: INVEST IN WOMEN, ACCELERATE PROGRESS

International women's day is a yearly event that gives us the opportunity to celebrate the impacts and achievements of women, without regard to language, race, or Nationality. It is also a day to express or point out challenges that women are passing through in terms of discrimination, and domestic violence, among others.

To create a sustainable economy and a peaceful society, the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC in Nigeria posits that gender equality is essential.

As we mark the 2024 International Women's Day, it is a time to celebrate the achievements of women in all areas of life and support the growth and progress of women in our society.

To achieve this progress in every aspect of life, it becomes expedient to invest in gender equality and women's well-being, to create prosperous economies and a healthy world for all.

This year's theme for the International Women's Day celebration, 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' calls for joint action from all to invest in Women to promote growth in our world. Supporting women through investments is advantageous for both women and society overall.

Investing in women is both an economic imperative and a human rights issue; it enables women to thrive, which contributes to prosperity and progress.

Importantly, a woman multiplies the impact of an investment made in her future by extending benefits to the world around her, creating a better life for her family, and building a stronger community.

We insist that investing in women could take various forms, which may among others be;

Education and Training Programs: a very important way to invest in women is through girl child education and training. With even a few years of education, women have better economic prospects and better chances of sending their children to school. If girls' education is improved, they

possess improved abilities to make knowledgeable decisions regarding their lives.

Promoting the Rights of Women: The foundation of women's economic empowerment lies in human rights. Gender inequality persists due to unfair, patriarchal economic systems, and discriminatory social norms hindering women's access to information, networks, jobs, and assets.

Promoting and guaranteeing the rights of women and girls is a great step in investing in women.

Guaranteeing the placement of financial assets in the possession of women: giving women ownership and control of productive assets increases development, reduces poverty, and reduces inequalities. There is a need to grant women more access to loans, banking, and financial services to fully participate in the economy and its growth.

Supporting Women's Involvement in Leadership: Women are generally agents of change in their families, communities, and countries. Increasing women's participation in politics is essential for advancing issues of importance to women, with benefits for all.

Finally in a world facing multiple crises that are putting immense pressure on communities, achieving gender equality is more important than ever.

As well, ensuring women's rights across all aspects of life is the only way to secure a prosperous and just economy and a healthy planet for future generations.

As we mark International Women's Day (IWD 2024) let us strive to transform challenges facing women in our generation and time into opportunities in order to shape a better future not only for women but for all.

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CHAPTER FIVE

WE'RE COMMITTED TO PROMOTING ACTIONS AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION – IHRC

IHRC says racial discrimination undermines the fundamental principles of equality and human rights.

The International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) says it is committed to promoting equality, justice, and dignity in Nigeria.

Ambassador-at-Large and Head of the Diplomatic Mission of IHRC, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, stated this in Abuja on Wednesday to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination held on 21 March every year.

He said racial discrimination undermines the fundamental principles of equality and human rights.

He stressed that it also perpetuates systemic injustices that hinder the progress and well-being of individuals and communities.

“It is imperative to recognise the inherent worth and rights of every human being and stand united against the scourge of racial discrimination that continues to plague the society”.

“It is a barrier to social cohesion, economic development, and peace, and it is our collective responsibility to dismantle these barriers and build a more inclusive and equitable world for all,” he noted.

Committed to the oppressed

Dr. Duru Hezekiah stated that IHRC is committed to advocating the rights of marginalized and oppressed communities and challenging discriminatory practices and policies that perpetuate inequality and injustice.

He called on various government institutions, organisations, groups, and individuals to intensify efforts to uphold the principles of equality, diversity, and respect for human dignity.

“Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can eliminate racial discrimination and build a more just and inclusive society for generations to come,” he stated.

Background

On 21 March every year, communities worldwide commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The day is dedicated to honouring the **victims** of the 1960 Sharpeville massacre and rallying to combat racial discrimination.

In Sharpeville, South Africa, on 21 March 1960, peaceful demonstrators rallied against apartheid laws that enforced racial segregation.

Sadly, police gunfire claimed the lives of 69 people and injured many others. This event has become a symbol of the struggle against racial discrimination.

In 1966, the United Nations General Assembly designated every 21 March as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The day serves as a reminder to promote tolerance, understanding, and respect for diversity globally. People around the world participate in various events and activities, including educational workshops and cultural performances,

to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of racial discrimination and advocate equality.

This year's observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is of significant importance given recent global events spotlighting ongoing racial injustices.

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CHAPTER SIX

DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN NIGERIA STEERS ACTIONS AGAINST EMBATTLED INSECURITY, TERRORISM

According to the Vienna Convention, the functions of a diplomatic mission include but are not limited to the promotion of friendly relations between two states and the furthering of their economic, commercial, cultural, and scientific relations.

It was in this regard that the Transnational Intergovernmental Organization – International Human Rights Commission (IHRC), and the International Society of Diplomats (ISD) – both Diplomatic Organizations in Nigeria, have reiterated a course of action towards promoting friendly relations between the Nigeria states and the furthering of their economic, commercial, cultural, and scientific relations against the background of Nigeria’s nightmare on insecurity and terrorism.

The affirmation was reached during a familiarization visit by the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC led by its

Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, to the Country Director of International Society of Diplomats, H.E. Prof. Edet Bassey Ekpenyong on the 30th day of May 2024 in Abuja.

Emphasis on heightened insecurities and its alarming dilemma on economic development, harmony, peace, stability, and security of the society, alongside its serious impediment on women and children which is becoming a disturbing concern for human society were discussed.

In his remark, the IHRC's Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah noted that the concern, attention, and interest elicited among scholars, policymakers, or the larger society on negotiating, have never at any time in history measured anywhere as a failed strategy. "Because through negotiations parties reach a compromise of common interest", he added.

He maintained that as Diplomatic Organizations enshrined with the responsibility to build and foster cordial ties between states, IHRC envisaged a partnership with ISD where both organizations can play advisory roles and steer a motivating

force on issues that have an impact on the welfare and human rights protection of Nigerians.

In response, the ISD's Country Director, H.E. Prof. Edet Bassey Ekpenyong expressed his delight and willingness to partner with IHRC, citing areas where both Missions can jointly seek dialogue and peaceful negotiation amidst the insecurity facing the nation, particularly in the South Eastern part of the country.

The duo organizations considered it imperatively benefitting to intimate the Federal Government and other related Stakeholders in driving this motion of decisive action that will be free from political propaganda and rather, foster commitments hinged on achieving peaceful coexistence in Nigeria.

Prof. Edet further promised to expedite the process for the partnership, while thanking the IHRC's Head of Diplomatic Mission for his keen interest.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

NATION’S DEMOCRACY, A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY – IHRC

International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) extends its heartfelt congratulations to Nigerians on this momentous occasion of Democracy Day, celebrated today, June 12.

Recognizing that insufficient cooperation is part and parcel of the failure to systematically encroach on democratic freedoms, IHRC emphasizes the significance of shared responsibility in sustaining a nation’s democracy.

In a resolute message conveyed by the Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission of the International Human Rights Commission to Nigeria H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, said Nigerians should embrace the 2024 democracy day with solidarity to building open, responsive, and accountable institutions and processes. By doing so, they can have the opportunity to participate and have a voice in how they will be governed.

“This fight is a shared responsibility.

Actors of democracy agree that it requires inter-agency cooperation among state governments as well as transnational cooperation. It also depends on effective joint work among a wide range of stakeholders, including the private sector”.

Dr. Duru noted that countries with democratic freedoms are more prosperous, peaceful, and stable, and their citizens can enjoy their fundamental rights, therefore urging Nigerians’ cooperation with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu’s Administration to achieve the ‘Renewed Hope Agenda’.

“I see a new Nigeria where all will be provided for, where we live as one without killing each other; a new Nigeria where the rule of law is upheld over political favoritism, and where human rights and life are strongly protected”, he maintained.

“Remember, the attack against you only indicates the potential that is within you. Good days are ahead of us as a nation with great potential, and together we can achieve it”,
Happy Democracy Day!

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CHAPTER EIGHT

IHRC HEAD OF MISSION, DR. DURU HEZEKIAH, SALUTES MUSLIMS ON EID-EL-KABIR

The Ambassador-at-Large/Head of the Diplomatic Mission of the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah has congratulated Nigerian Muslims as they celebrate Eid-el-Kabir.

Dr. Duru in a statement by his Head of Media and Strategic Communications, Mr. Fidelis Onakpoma, in Abuja, urged Muslims to follow the footsteps of Prophet Mohammed by absorbing the principles of selflessness demonstrated by the Holy Prophet.

He said: “On behalf of the International Human Rights Commission in Nigeria, I congratulate our Muslim brothers and sisters on the occasion of the 2024 Eid-el-Kabir”.

“As we celebrate the Eid-el-Kabir, let us all learn to be our brothers’ keepers by promoting peaceful coexistence amongst people of different tribes and religious beliefs.

“Let us continue to live in harmony and give support to the leadership of the government and our local communities“.

Once again, congratulations!

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CHAPTER NINE

6TH LEGISLATIVE: 2024 FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ECOWAS PARLIAMENT

(Being a Presentation of H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah at ECOWAS Female Parliamentarians Association, Abuja)

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah IHRC Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, was a Guest/Presenter at the 6th Legislative: 2024 First Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Parliament Plenary of Thursday, 18th July 2024. It was an Interactive Session Organised by the ECOWAS Parliament in Partnership with the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria.

In his presentation tagged, “Human Rights Situation in the West African Region”, he emphasized the human rights violations in Africa such as human trafficking, child labor, gender-based violence (GBV), and discrimination at all levels, including the lack of quality education and access to justice, etc. He noted that international standards recognize access to justice as both a basic human right and a means to protect other universally recognized human rights.

“He said over the years, the International Human Rights Commission has received commendation from state and local authorities, as well as supranational and local organizations for its efforts in combating human trafficking”. Adding that the primary goal of the IHRC Group is to promote and implement the legislation, customs, and standards applicable to the full extent of HUMAN RIGHTS and all the resulting principles of local and international coexistence.

Going further, he recommended:

- That building institution-centered justice systems, combating crime and corruption, and defending human rights are crucial to nation-building.
- **And promoting the Rule of Law:** engaging a highly consultative approach to the delivery of accountable framework, and policy, working with the justice sector and local stakeholders to develop programs that are responsive to African needs and interests should be prioritized by our African leaders.

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CHAPTER TEN

PROTEST: IHRC CALLS FOR CAUTION, TASK TINUBU ON FEDERAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE

A Switzerland-based intergovernmental Organization, the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria, has commended the solidarity of Nigerians seeking good governance, however, urging them to embrace dialogue against protest as a means of restoring normalcy and reinstating inclusiveness in Nigerian society.

The Organization's Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah asserted on Thursday in Abuja.

He recounted the hunger and economic hardship plaguing Nigerians particularly how it has advanced criminal activities by unscrupulous persons who are constituting mayhem, insecurity, and kidnapping in the broad daylight.

Regarding the agitated nationwide protest, Dr. Duru said let's give dialogue a chance. He acknowledged that although protest is a fundamental human right enshrined in Nigeria's

constitution, he noted that protesting as a medium of conveying agitations or demands has failed in recent times.

The fundamental rights of citizens are indeed the bedrock for managing and mitigating conflict, spurring economic growth, and protecting human dignity, while countries with democratic freedoms are more just, peaceful, and stable, and citizens can fulfill their potential.

He therefore called on President Bola Tinubu to constitute a Federal Dialogue Committee (FEDIC), an independent and politically active civil society network that will focus on strengthening and promoting accountable and transparent governance, dialogue, and negotiations as they span full respect for human rights, multi-actor partnership, equity, and responsiveness (to the needs of the people).

He said, our current efforts at nation-building and the modest achievements we have made as a nation over the years are the positive outcomes of the time and energy our forebears invested in national dialogues. We must, therefore, continue to embrace the culture of dialogue as a civilized way to settle our differences in Nigeria.

According to him, Nigerians shouldn't embark on any protest, but rather give dialogue a chance, because dialogue is the most effective way to build consensus and resolve conflicts in any society; bringing people of different agitations to a round table where every concern can be fairly considered.

The Ambassador-at-Large decried the fears of hoodlums destabilizing the planned protest, which will leave many unanswered questions, irregularities, and uncomfortable government policies suffered by the masses still unaddressed but worsening the situation.

And the fact will remain that our people can no longer continue to live in penury, hence they'll always agitate, unfortunately, protesting about it will yield little or no results", he hinted.

"Mr. President, and as a father to the nation, this is the right time to demonstrate your administrative skills and fatherly knowledge; I implore you to establish the Federal Dialogue Committee, to address the real drivers with all key interest groups invited to participate, including civil society, women, youth, and other traditionally excluded groups, this could salvage the nation from anarchy".

“I have the hope that Nigerians will embrace dialogue and desist from the planned protest, with the assurances that President Tinubu’s Administration will as well engage effectively. Let’s give them time to rebuild our nation”.

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CHAPTER ELEVEN

IHRC IN NIGERIA CALLS FOR HOPE, UNITY, AND PATRIOTISM DURING THE 64TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

The International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria urges citizens to maintain hope, unity, and patriotism as essential values to overcome the country's significant economic challenges. This call also reflects support for President Bola Tinubu's efforts to rebuild the nation in the face of economic adversity.

On the occasion of Nigeria's 64th Independence Anniversary, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, IHRC's Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, issued an official statement on Monday in Abuja.

In his remarks, he highlighted that Nigeria is undergoing an economic revival, evidenced by the government's decisive actions in implementing policies and initiatives aimed at revitalizing the economy, boosting employment, and improving the standard of living for all citizens.

“Today we celebrate a significant occasion—the 64th anniversary of our beloved nation’s independence. This day not only reminds us of our past struggles and achievements but also serves as a beacon of hope for our future,” Ambassador Hezekiah stated.

He further emphasized that despite numerous challenges, Nigeria remains a strong and united country, resilient in its diversity, and determined to build a prosperous and sustainable future.

The Ambassador stressed that the nation is gradually recovering and progressing towards realizing its full national potential. He highlighted the power of hope, saying, “Hope is our steadfast light in difficult times. Let us hold firmly to that hope.”

In conclusion, he called on President Tinubu to continue his patriotic efforts towards Nigeria’s revitalization with unwavering resolve. He also encouraged Nigerians to reaffirm their commitment to national unity, peace, and progress.

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CHAPTER TWELVE

IHRC SPREAD ACROSS ALL GEOPOLITICAL ZONES, SEC GEN SET TO VISIT NIGERIA

The Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission of the International Human Rights Commission IHRC in Nigeria, Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah has emphasised that the Commission has spread across the nation, and has defended the rights of the oppressed and downtrodden irrespective of tribe and religion since inception in Nigeria.

According to him, the IHRC has touched educational, health, human rights and also delivered corporate social responsibility.

Ambassador Duru asserted during a personality interaction with Salihu Dantata Mahmud who were both at the United Nations-Africa's celebration of Nigeria's membership from 1967 to 2024 under the then Tafawa Balewa administration.

He called on support for the IHRC urging the less privileged people whose rights have been infringed to reach out to the Organization as all the avenues are there to fight and defend their rights.

He stated that the Secretary-General of the IHRC, Prof. h.c. Rafał Marcin Wasik, will visit Nigeria soon, and part of his official engagements will be to formally confer the portfolio of Special Advisor on Intergovernmental, Africa Region to Ambassador Dr. Shehu Malami Ma'aji MFR. Other investiture, appointments and inductions aside that of Dr Malami will also take place.

He further reiterated that the IHRC is open to petitions from Nigerians whose human rights have been abused. Offices in Abuja and other parts of Nigeria have also been opened.

Amb. Hezekiah also commended the response of Nigerians to defending their rights which makes it possible for the Organization in achieving results.

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

IHRC DEMANDS IMMEDIATE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION ON DETAINED MINORS

The International Human Rights Commission – IHRC in Nigeria has expressed concern over a circulating video showing 124 protesters, including minors with visible signs of malnutrition and exhaustion, arraigned in court on Friday, 1 November 2024, for allegedly protesting against bad governance that affects their livelihood, a fundamental right protected by Nigeria’s democratic constitution

This was obtained in a press statement issued on Saturday, 2 November, in Abuja by the Commission’s Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah.

According to the Ambassador-at-Large, the disheartening incident serves as a powerful reminder of our collective responsibility to protect human rights, appealing to the Federal Government for a drastic intervention.

He underscored the human rights concerns surrounding Nigerian minors in Kuje Prison and other correctional facilities, emphasizing that Nigerians must prioritize this issue, recognizing our shared obligation to protect human dignity within the global community.

Furthermore, Dr. Duru emphasized that the Organization strongly disapproves of juvenile delinquency in all its forms, including, vandalism, theft, violence, and gang involvement. Nevertheless, it recognizes that individuals in correctional facilities retain their inherent dignity as human beings.

While I commend the presiding judge's intervention in halting the trial, I urge the Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation, Law Enforcement Agencies, to thoroughly investigate and prevent such injustices, fostering a society where dignity and justice thrive.

In conclusion, I implore the Nigerian Government to reiterate its commitment to child rights, as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), Nigerian Child Rights Act (2003), and the

National Youth Policy (2019), through the Nigerian Child Rights Committee and Prisoners' Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRWA), to fulfill its responsibilities.

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CHAPTER FOURTEEN

IHRC APPLAUDS NIGERIAN GOVERNORS ON MINIMUM WAGE IMPLEMENTATION, CALLS FOR EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Recent discussions have centered around the nexus between Nigeria's economic growth and the benefits of its minimum wage policy.

The Diplomatic Mission of the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC in Nigeria commends Nigerian Governors who have initiated the implementation of the new minimum wage, signed into law by President Bola Tinubu in July 2024 and encourages them to uphold equitable and sustainable practices.

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, the Commission's Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, issued this statement on Friday, November 8, 2024, in Abuja, through a correspondence released to the press, stressing that the minimum wage increase in Nigeria is a step towards improving employee living standards and reducing poverty.

He said, “The International Human Rights Commission-IHRC extends its heartfelt commendation to Nigerian Governors Francis Ogbonna Nwifuru of Ebonyi State, Seyi Makinde of Oyo State, Sheriff Oborevwori of Delta State, Muhammad Yahaya of Gombe State, and others, for their exemplary commitment to implementing minimum wage in their respective States, showcasing their unwavering commitment to serving the public interest”.

Given the prevailing economic hardship in Nigeria, Dr. Duru pointed out that the wage increase is expected to provide affected employees with enhanced disposable income to satisfy basic requirements and augment their overall well-being, encouraging other state governors to emulate it.

“Similarly, businesses that offer higher wages create a more attractive work environment, encouraging employees to stay longer and reducing turnover rates”, he maintained.

He underscored the vital need for equitable and sustainable practices in implementing the minimum wage, emphasizing how this benefits workers, businesses, and the economy, and urged Governors to embrace it.

Recall that the country recently increased its minimum wage from ₦30,000 to ₦70,000, marking a 133% increase. This change aims to enhance the income of low-income households, ultimately improving their living standards and enabling them to meet essential needs.

Endnotes

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN

IHRC SEEKS ACTIONABLE PRACTICES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.

Marking International Day for the Elimination of Gender-based Violence, the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria underscores the disturbing increase in violence against women and girls across the globe.

The Commission in a statement by the Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, stands in unison with the global community, comprising civil society organizations, Gender Justice movements, and international development partners, to undertake collective action aimed at revitalizing commitments and calling for accountability and action from stakeholders at various levels, from local to international.

Dr. Duru lamented that despite global and local efforts, approximately one in three women in Nigeria have been victims of violence, emphasizing that the statistics are alarming and unacceptable.

He said we must also fight rigid gender norms and stereotypes that perpetuate unhealthy masculinity and violence based on gender.

He urged Special Monitoring Mission Officials in Nigeria to coordinate activities and participate in high-level advocacy meetings marking the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), an annual international campaign that commences on 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls and concludes on 10th December, Human Rights Day.

Endnotes

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SECTION 2

**HUMAN RIGHTS INTERVENTIONS AND SPECIAL
MONITORING MISSION**

INTERVENTION ONE

HUMAN RIGHTS STAKEHOLDERS STRESS NEED FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION IN ACTIVISM - IHRC

Stakeholders have expressed concern about consolidating and sustaining human rights into the future, highlighted crucial challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in discharging their duties, and called for synergy between actors to ensure fundamental human rights of citizens are not compromised.

The Special Monitoring Mission of the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC South/South Region reports that the various stakeholders comprising the Police, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), the Nigeria Army, including the Delta State University Abraka, and other Civil Rights Groups spoke at her 2023 end of year Human Rights Stakeholders Summit on Saturday in Abraka Delta State.

The various stakeholders expressed concern over the development, with an emphasis that the summit will help to develop a comprehensive experience of human rights advocacy hinged to provide creative, concrete knowledge of how to use international and regional human rights treaties

and enforcement mechanisms in their work for the protection and promotion of human rights.

They bemoaned the non-compliance to human rights laws, particularly from those who are entrusted to protect and uphold them, ranging from the home, community leaders, political actors, and law enforcement agencies while anticipating the integration of knowledge in the fields of politics, economics, cultural diversity, gender issues, security, and socio-psychology in the context of human rights.

Fidelis Onakpoma, the Regional Coordinator for IHRC Special Monitoring Mission South-South Region, in his opening remark conveyed the commendation of the IHRC Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah to various stakeholders for participating in the one-day human rights summit, imploring them on the need for effective collaboration towards consolidating and sustaining human rights into the future.

He said IHRC was deeply concerned about synergy's approach and the application of a comprehensive experience

of human rights advocacy on how to use international and regional human rights treaties and enforcement mechanisms in their work for the protection and promotion of human rights.

He explained that tertiary institutions, human rights educators, activists, law enforcement officers, lawyers, women activists, research officers, leaders, members of coalitions and networks, staff of NGOs and CBOs, volunteers, development actors, trainers, and students, participated in the summit.

“As stakeholders, we will leverage our partnerships by creating awareness, and implementing enforceable regulations that can help in reducing human rights violations in our communities”.

CP Wale Abass, the Delta State Commissioner of Police, commended IHRC’s idea on the one-day stakeholders engagement, assuring the stakeholders of the Police’s commitment to the quest for any cause that would consolidate human rights into the future.

The CP who was ably represented by the DPO of Abraka Police Station SP Fabian Efehi Ayameh, stressed that the alarming consequences that have emerged due to non-compliance to human rights cannot be ignored.

He noted that apart from human rights actors being worried about the situation, citizens are getting perturbed that their fundamental human rights are being compromised gradually while appropriate government agencies look the other way.

“But through this summit, information sharing and fruitful exchange of ideas on enforceable and emergency response, considered to bolster human rights compliance and effectively address any human rights related incidents that may occur, will be established, courtesy of the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC”.

The Commissioner of Police further said that training programs, and capacity building for policemen and paramilitaries working with the Nigeria Police such as the Vigilante and Anti-cult, will be implemented to enhance their mode of operation in compliance with human rights laws.

“The fundamental human rights of our citizens are non-negotiable, and we will leave no stone unturned in protecting their lives,” he said.

Similarly, the State Commander of NDLEA Delta State Command, Barr. Abubakar Wada, represented by ASN. Cletus Nduka Ndubuisi said there was a need for all stakeholders to double their efforts, not only in the area of collaboration but also in enlightenment.

Prof. Andy Ogochukwu Egwunyega, Vice-Chancellor of Delta State University Abraka (DELSU), represented by Prof. Ben Nwane also stressed the need for synergy and collaboration between all the stakeholders.

He noted that DELSU under the indefatigable leadership of Prof. Andy Egwunyega has attained milestone achievements with compliance to human rights laws such as gender equality, no sex for grade, sexual harassment policy, inclusion, and good governance, to mention but a few.

DELSU had a lot of implementable and enforceable policies safeguarding fundamental human rights, adding that their

efforts to consolidate and sustain human rights into the future of the institution remain unwavering.

Pastor (Comr.) Edewor Egedegbe, Chairman Human Rights Protection Congress, asserted that as much as we ensure that more people comply with human rights laws, as we hold our abusers accountable, the issue of education and enlightenment of the public cannot be overemphasized.

“By advocating for sustainable practices, formulating effective policies, and strengthening the capacities of the state, we strive to mitigate the human rights violations in our state”, he hinted.

In his recommendations on what should be done to consolidate and sustain human rights into the future, he submitted that:

1. Citizens should be responsible for supporting and providing reliable information to security agencies in a bid to ensure peaceful co-existence.
2. Community leaders should not aid and abate criminals in their community for selfish reasons because a

peaceful community is a potential community for development.

3. Security agencies should earn citizens' trust through their actions, and not make themselves enemies of the people they intend to protect through oppression, violation of constitutional rights, extortion, etc.
4. Security agents should not allow themselves to be used to undermine the laws of the land/court orders by political office holders and money bags, for their selfish interest thereby neglecting the rule of law in a democratic dispensation where the office of the citizen is the highest in the land.
5. Government should ensure and make adequate provision for the well-being of its citizens and security personnel, and should not use "the people's power" vested in them against the wishes and aspirations of the people.

6. Patriotism should take center stage for all citizens whether officers or citizens alike and not engage in parochialism and bigotry.

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INTERVENTION TWO

NDLEA, IHRC REITERATES PARTNERSHIP AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Delta State Command, has reiterated its commitment to partner with the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC in curbing the alarming drug abuse challenging our society.

The assurances were made by the State Commander CN Abubakar Wada Esq on Wednesday during a courtesy call visit to the Command by the Special Monitoring Mission of the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC in the South-South Region Nigeria led by Fidelis Onakpoma.

Fidelis in his opening remark, conveyed the commendation of the IHRC's Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah to the Commander for his

unwavering commitment to the war against drug menace in the state since his resumption of duty in Delta State, and also acknowledged the counseling and rehabilitation services being rendered by the Delta State Command, as he has first-hand seen drug dependent persons who have been transformed after being at the facility.

He noted that the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC is a Transnational Intergovernmental Organization with headquarters in Zurich Switzerland and a Nigeria Diplomatic Office in Abuja, stressing that the Organization's Special Monitoring Mission scope of activities is but not limited to community services, advocacy, and campaigns, sensitization and training, and monitoring/ensuring of human rights compliance.

While urging the Commander to continue in his good fight against drug abuse, he further prayed for more poignant

collaboration between the Agency and the Commission particularly in the areas of sensitization and advocacy programs which the Command often embarks.

The State commander in his response, expressed his gratitude to the IHRC's Head of Diplomatic Mission and its National Coordinator for the Special Monitoring Mission in Nigeria, Comrade Elijah Vitus Echendu as well as the Team who came visiting.

He reiterated the Agency's readiness to synergize with the IHRC towards achieving a more drug-free Delta in compliance with human rights laws.

NEWS LINK

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INTERVENTION THREE

DELTA CPS FESTUS AHON, ASSUMES PATRON TO EUROPEAN-BASED ORGANIZATION, IHRC

The Chief Press Secretary to Delta State Governor, Olorogun Festus Ahon KSC, has been nominated Patron to the Special Monitoring Mission -SMM of the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC, a European-based organization, Delta State Chapter.

This was obtained in a statement by the Special Monitoring Mission -SMM National Coordinator, Comrade Elijah Vitus Echendu, made available by the Organization's Head of Media and Strategic Communications in Nigeria, Mr. Fidelis Onakpoma during a courtesy visit call to him on Tuesday at Government House Asaba.

Conveying his nomination as a Distinguished Patron to the SMM Delta State Chapter, representatives of the SMM Delta

State Chapter led by Fidelis Onakpoma said that the National Coordinator Comrade Engr. Vitus Echendu has obtained the consent of the IHRC's Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria-H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah for his nomination.

The nomination was largely due to Ahon's contribution to IHRC, his public achievements, exemplification of outstanding leadership, and stature in society, which can help the organization achieve its mission by enhancing the organization's credibility and modeling different ideals of leadership.

“As a Patron, you will contribute to IHRC SMM's leadership development programs in Delta State by sharing insights, experiences, and other enriching leadership perspectives” he highlighted.

“Leverage your networks to encourage other renowned leaders to contribute their time and knowledge to the intellectual enrichment of the IHRC SMM in Delta State”, he added.

The International Human Rights Commission-IHRC is a Transnational Intergovernmental Organization with world headquarters in Zurich Switzerland, an official partner with the INTERPOL Center UN, constituting a dynamic force on the global economic and diplomatic stage, guiding its actions based on the Vienna Conventions of 1961, 1975, and 1986, and confirming international governmental agreements.

In Nigeria, its Diplomatic Mission is headed by the Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, while the Special

Monitoring Mission is led by Comrade Engr. Elijah Vitus Echendu.

NEWS LINK

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INTERVENTION FOUR

STAKEHOLDERS IN SECURITY SECTORS HARPS ON SECURITY, SENSITIZATION COOPERATION, WITH IHRC.

Stakeholders in Security Sector comprising the Police, Nigeria Security Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in Kano State harp on security and sensitization cooperation with the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria, to improve public awareness such that will be of indelible support and compliance to human rights laws.

This was obtained during a working visit by the National Coordinator of IHRC Special Monitoring Mission (SMM), Engr. Comrade Elijah Vitus Echendu to the respective security agencies at their State Commands in Kano State on Wednesday 5th to Thursday 6th, July 2024.

Comrade Elijah in his introductory remarks, conveys the regards of IHRC's Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah to

the agencies for their relentless efforts in the protection of life, national infrastructure, combating human and illicit drug trafficking in Kano State.

He said, “My working visit to your State as directed by the IHRC Ambassador-at-Large”, was initiated to extend our hands of support and partnership with the security sector in Kano State”.

He noted that IHRC as a Transnational Intergovernmental Organization has a dynamic force in the arena of global security, economy, and diplomacy, guided by the Vienna Conventions of 1961, 1975, and 1986, and confirming international governmental agreements.

“Our organization is registered in the states of New Mexico and New York as Interpol Center UN USA, enabling us to protect human rights and collaborate with law enforcement agencies to address various global issues, such as locating missing children, protecting women, combating child abuse, corruption, and human trafficking”.

Noting that fundamental rights of citizens are the bedrock for managing and mitigating conflict, spurring economic growth, and protecting human dignity.

He added, “focusing on strengthening and promoting human rights, access to justice, and an indelible support to security agencies through collaboration, sensitization on human rights education, training and advocacy, the IHRC would be unavoidably present in achieving such goals in Kano State”.

Stressing that partnerships, capacity building, and values for the rule of law are essential for preventing conflicts, promoting stability, managing crises, facilitating economic and social progress, and creating conditions conducive to sustainable respect for human rights and the rule of law.

Essentially, it’s a law enforcement strategy, where everybody is treated with respect, fairness, and equity. So everybody has a place, everybody is recognized, irrespective of economic status, there’s no discrimination as to race, there’s no discrimination as to gender and all of that, he emphasized.

The Kano State Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Usaini Gumel, ably represented by the Police Assistant PRO ASP

Hussaini Abdullahi; NSCDC State Commander, Muhammad Lawal Falala; NAAPTIP Zonal Commander, Babale Abdullahi; NDLEA State Commander Abubakar Idris Ahmad ably represented by Deputy State Commander Aliyu Umar DCN; were all in their responses, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the IHRC Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission, the National Coordinator and his team for the visit.

They consolidated on the areas of sensitization and security cooperation that will enhance efforts in combating crimes and maintaining peace in Kano State.

Meanwhile, the NDLEA National Director Strike Force/Special Duties, Sule Ahmad Ningi DCGN who was on a National assignment to the Command, assured the IHRC of their readiness for sustainable partnership.

The IHRC SMM National Coordinator was accompanied by the IHRC Head of Media and Strategic Communications Fidelis Onakpoma, alongside SMM Officials in Kano State: Naziru Ibrahim (Coordinator), Nasiru Auwalu Musa (Secretary), Comr. Bello Gama (Director complaint), Salisu

Zuma (Director of Local Government Affairs), and Sulaiman Garba (Public Relations Officer).

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INTERVENTION FIVE

EMIRSHIP: EMIR SANUSI II LAUDS IHRC'S GLOBAL EFFORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DURING OFFICIAL VISIT

Amidst the Emirship tussle resulting from the reinstatement of Muhammadu Sanusi II as the 14th Emir of Kano by Governor Abba Yusuf of Kano State, the Transnational Intergovernmental Organization-International Human Rights Commission (IHRC), has visited Emir Muhammad Sanusi II in his Palace on Thursday.

Directed by the IHRC's Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, the visit was led by the National Coordinator of IHRC Special Monitoring Mission (SMM), Engr. Comrade Elijah Vitus Echendu.

Comrade Elijah in his remarks, conveys H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah's congratulations to the reinstated Emir, wishing him divine guidance and wisdom to lead and protect the welfare of the citizenry.

He further described the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) as a Transnational Intergovernmental Organization with a dynamic force in the arena of global security, economy, and diplomacy, guided by the Vienna Conventions of 1961, 1975, and 1986, and confirming international governmental agreements.

“Our organization is registered in the states of New Mexico and New York as Interpol Center UN USA, enabling us to protect human rights and collaborate with law enforcement agencies to address various global issues, such as locating missing children, protecting women, combating child abuse, corruption, and human trafficking”, he emphasized.

Focusing on strengthening and promoting human rights, access to justice, and providing support to Kano State, Comrade Elijah explained that the visit was to extend hands of support and partnership in protecting human rights and collaborating with law enforcement agencies in maintaining a peaceful and orderly society to the benefit of the people.

He further maintained that partnerships and participation of stakeholders in maintaining the rule of law are essential for preventing conflicts, promoting stability, managing crises, facilitating economic and social progress, and creating the conditions conducive to sustainable respect for human rights and the rule of law.

He therefore urged the good people of Kano State to be law abiding and desist from any incriminating acts, wishing them the best of the Emir's administration.

Emir Muhammadu Sanusi II in his responses appreciated the visit of the International Human Rights Commission and their message of solidarity, describing IHRC as a global organization whose works and services to humanity cannot be overstated.

He also expressed his continuous readiness to comply with human rights laws and provide necessary assistance for its activities to thrive in Kano State.

The National Coordinator, Elijah Vitus, was accompanied by the IHRC Head of Media and Strategic Communications

Fidelis Onakpoma, alongside SMM Officials in Kano State: Naziru Ibrahim (Coordinator), Nasiru Auwalu Musa (Secretary), Comrd. Bello Gama (Director complaint), Salisu Zuma (Director of Local Government Affairs), and Sulaiman Garba (Public Relations Officer).

NEWS LINK

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INTERVENTION SIX

IHRC, YETTYCHERRY INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) of the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Lagos State, in collaboration with the Yettycherry Initiative trained school students on human rights education during the Organization's seminar held at Ogijo Royal Event Centre, Sagamu -Ikorodu Express Road,Lagos State on the 28th June 2024.

The South-West Regional Coordinator for the Special Monitoring Mission, Comrade Atobaje Oluwagbenga David disclosed that more light was shared on what are Human Rights, educated some set of secondary school students, and emphasized the 30 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Convener of the Yettycherry Initiative Yetunde Lawani, also admonished students to uphold the knowledge from the seminar.

INTERVENTION SEVEN

IHRC MARKS WORLD DAY FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE WITH STATE ACTORS IN IMO STATE, NIGERIA

The Special Monitoring Mission of the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC in Imo State on Wednesday 17, July 2024 commemorated the United Nations Day of Justice under the Distinguished Chairmanship of Rev. Fr. Izuchukwu Marcel Onyeocha, Professor of Philosophy Imo State University.

The epoch event with the sub-topic “Justice and Human Rights: A Panacea for Peace in Imo State took place at Rock-View Hotel Owerri and was well attended by various human rights stakeholders such as the State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Imo State Commissioner of Police, Director of Department of State Security (DSS), Nigeria Correctional Service (NCS), Nigeria Security Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC).

Others include the National Orientation Agency (NOA), National Human Rights Commission (NHR), National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Student Union Government (SUG) Imo State University, Religious and Traditional Heads, Civil Society Organizations and the Nigeria Union of Journalist (NUJ).

In an opening remark by the National Coordinator of the IHRC's Special Monitoring Mission, Engr. Comrade Elijah Vitus Echendu, conveyed the anecdote of the Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, commending the Executive Governor of Imo State, Distinguished Senator Hope Uzodimma and other stakeholders who are working to ensure all people have access to justice processes in Imo State.

He said international standards recognize access to justice as both a basic human right and a means to protect other universally recognized human rights, thereby urging participants to actively participate in the discussions, sharing their valuable insights and recommendations.

The Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Barr. COC Akolisa, who was represented by Hon. Chief Val. Mbamalu mentioned that Imo state under Governor Hope's administration has been upbeat in the affairs of Justice and Human Rights.

Goodwill messages from Dr. Wilcox Idaminabo, Director DSS; the Commissioner of Police ably represented by ACP Kolo David, OC State CID; the State Controller of Corrections Service ably represented by Onyeike Promise; Dr. Mercy Nwosu, Deputy Director/HOD Program at NOA; alongside other stakeholders envisaged collaborative efforts towards building people-centered justice systems, combating crime and corruption, and defending human rights.

Furthermore, Chetachi Success Udeh Esq in her keynote message bemoaned the marginalization and violence against women, attributing the non-domiciled VAPP Act in Imo State to the bedrock of injustice particularly against women and children.

According to her, investing in women and accelerating progress towards a more equitable and sustainable future for

all, where women are active participants in decision-making processes, have access to quality education and healthcare, and are free from all forms of discrimination and violence should be an overarching goal of any government.

Meanwhile, discussants during the event also harp on promoting the rule of law through a highly consultative approach to the delivery of independent, professional technical assistance, working with justice sector colleagues, and local stakeholders to develop programs that are responsive to the needs and interests of Imo citizens.

The discussants were Barr. Okoroji Ihunayachukwu, Snr. Legal Officer NHRC; Mrs. Marjorie Ezihe, Executive Director Sisters With A Goal Initiative; Rev. Ishaya Inuwa, Executive Director International Organization for Social Justice; Mr. Chinedu Anyafulu, Principal Intelligence Officer NAPTIP; and Comrade Okwaraji Chidera, SUG President Imo State University.

The occasion also featured a presentation of H.E. Dr. Duru Hezekiah's book on International Humanitarian Law and Armed Conflicts: An African Perspective to respective

stakeholders and a “Community Service Award” to Barr. Ambassador Oluchukwu Ijere, Chetachi Success Udeh Esq, and Mrs. Marjorie Ezihe, in recognition of their selfless services to the defense of human rights.

NEWS LINK

- <https://ihrc.news/ihrc-marks-world-day-for-international-justice-with-state-actors-in-imo-state-nigeria/>

INTERVENTION EIGHT

HARDSHIP: IHRC COMMENCE FEED STREET CHILDREN INITIATIVE IN NIGERIA

... Commends Nat'l Adviser John Paul Ochemba's Sponsorship

... Towards 2024 World Humanitarian Day, the Transnational Intergovernmental Organization International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria has reiterated its efforts to achieve the Zero-Hunger Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2.

... Commence Feed Street Children Initiative to relieve the suffering of street children amid a persistent surge in hunger and food insecurity, fueled by a complex interplay of factors globally.

With economic hardship fueling debate and tension among Nigerian leaders and citizens to protest, the Commission's Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, formerly appealed to Nigerians not to embark on protest but rather give dialogue a

chance because dialogue was the most effective way to build consensus and resolve conflicts in any society.

Mitigating immediate attention and coordinated global efforts to alleviate this critical humanitarian challenge, the IHRC has come up with this initiative to cushion unavoidable feelings of pain and hunger and to reach as many children as possible with effective, low-cost solutions to counter the biggest threat to their survival- hunger!

The National Coordinator for IHRC Special Monitoring Mission in Nigeria, Engr. Comrade Elijah Vitus Echendu disclosed this in a statement on Thursday at Owerri.

He said the global issue of hunger and food insecurity has shown an alarming increase since 2015, a trend exacerbated by a combination of factors including the pandemic, conflict, climate change, deepening inequalities, and the wake of a persistent hike in food prices in the country.

“Most often, when you listen to the people who find themselves on the street, the story is simple: they have to find a means of survival”.

We embrace the month of August with emphasis on World Humanitarian Day, celebrated every 19th, and we are using this opportunity to begin the IHRC Feeds Street Children in Nigeria from Owerri in Imo State.

Comrade Elijah further appreciated the National Adviser to the IHRC Special Monitoring Mission in Nigeria, Engr. John Paul Ochemba – a philanthropist worthy of emulation, for supporting H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah and sponsoring the Feeding Street Children project in Owerri, adding that over 500 Street Children will benefit from today’s flag-off in Owerri.

He noted that Engr Ochemba has expressed readiness to support the implementation of the project across other parts of Nigeria.

“The Organization is now relied upon to coordinate humanitarian relief of emergencies and emphasized the need for the government to support farmers, including subsidizing production inputs, and providing necessary measures that

uphold the rights of Nigerians, particularly children in the time of humanitarian crises”, he maintained.

NEWS LINK

- <https://sgihrc.wordpress.com/2024/08/09/hardship-ihrc-commence-feed-street-children-initiative-in-nigeria/>

INTERVENTION NINE

SERVICE TO HUMANITY: WORLD LIBERATION EMBASSY, HOLDS SPECIAL SERVICE AMIDST IHRC'S INTERVENTION

Reverend Prince Gabriel Esiere, Lead Pastor of the World Liberation Embassy in Abraka, Delta State, and his congregation held a special appreciation service today, October 13, 2024, recognizing the Organization's support in resolving the church members' alleged police issue.

Reverend Prince Gabriel Esiere stated that the church previously reached out to the International Human Rights Commission's Office regarding a sensitive matter involving two church members whose lives were at risk.

He further stated that due to the Organization's involvement, bail was secured for the members, and the matter was given the utmost priority.

In response, the IHRC's Special Monitoring Mission South-South Regional Coordinator, Fidelis Onakpoma, revealed that the International Human Rights Commission is a Transnational Intergovernmental Organization led by Secretary-General Prof Rafał Marcin Wasik, the IHRC World Chairman, and H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, Nigeria's Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission.

He said the Organization provides support to victims of human rights violations, conducts fact-finding missions and investigations, and engages in advocacy and diplomatic efforts.

Fidelis, represented at the event by Hon. Dr. Wilson Ekwerekwu, an Official of the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC's Special Monitoring Mission in Delta State, explained that the Commission's Special Monitoring

Mission entails the deployment of expert teams to specific regions or countries to implement various human rights measures.

He highlighted the activities as to:

1. Monitor human rights situations
2. Investigate allegations of human rights violations
3. Document and report findings
4. Provide recommendations for improvement
5. Engage with local stakeholders, governments, and civil society

According to him, the Special Monitoring Mission's objectives are to:

1. Gather accurate and unbiased information
2. Identify patterns and trends of human rights abuses
3. Provide early warning systems for potential conflicts or crises
4. Promote accountability and transparency
5. Support capacity-building and technical assistance

He emphasized that IHRC Special Monitoring Mission also plays a crucial role in:

1. Promoting human rights protection
2. Preventing human rights violations
3. Supporting peace and stability

4. Encouraging accountability and justice
5. Empowering local communities and civil society.

In conclusion, he acknowledged the invaluable support of Engr. Elijah Vitus Echendu, National Coordinator of IHRC's Special Monitoring Mission Nigeria, in the fight against human rights violations, encouraged the church members to report any such incidents to the organization for prompt action.

NEWS LINK:

- <https://ihrc.news/service-to-humanity-world-liberation-embassy-holds-special-service-amidst-ihrcs-intervention/>

INTERVENTION TEN

11 OCTOBER: REPORT FROM IHRC'S GIRL CHILD DAY IN NIGERIA

Marking International Girl Child Day on October 11, 2024, the Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, called for collective responsibility to support girls' vision for the future.

According to him, the day reaffirms our dedication to empowering girls' aspirations, combating gender stereotypes, providing mentorship, ensuring equal access to opportunities, promoting healthy relationships, and driving positive reinforcement aimed at enhancing girls' education and skills development.

He stressed that education should not be categorized as a gender-specific responsibility, while detrimental gender stereotypes must be confronted.

He asserted that through collective action, a better world can be realized where every girl has the opportunity to thrive and

realize her full potential, noting that empowering girls yields universal benefits.

In another development, and as part of activities marking the International Girl-Child, the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) of the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in Delta State undertook a visit to St. Gokate High School, Obiaruku, located in Ukwuani LGA.

Fidelis Onakpoma, Regional Coordinator for South-South at IHRC SMM, led the delegation comprising Sharon Tedeke, Anslem Eyimofe Uyala, Rotarian, and Paul Opia.

The team underscored education as the vital component of girls' empowerment, pointing out its substantial impact on community development and fostering a culture that values inclusivity, creativity, and sustained growth.

The team issued an additional call to action, encouraging parents and the community at large to confront and overcome societal norms and stereotypes that hinder girls' growth, stressing the essential partnership between parents, educators, community leaders, and policymakers in establishing a supportive environment for girls to thrive.

“We must dedicate ourselves to enabling a generation of Nigerian girls whose goals and dreams are deeply valued, respected, and supported”.

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Its Special Monitoring Mission in Nigeria headed by Engr. Comrade Elijah Vitus Echendu provides support to victims of human rights violations, conducts fact-finding missions and investigations, and engages in advocacy with local stakeholders, governments, and civil society.

NEWS LINK:

- <https://ihrc.news/11-october-report-from-ihrcs-girl-child-day-in-nigeria/>

INTERVENTION ELEVEN

NIGERIA POLICE ENGAGES IHRC IN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE CRIME PREVENTION, PEACE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION

IMO: In a continuous effort to ensure that the rights and dignity of all are held paramount, the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) of the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) Imo State Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the State's Commissioner of Police, CP Aboki Danjuma on Monday 18th November 2024.

In an opening remark, the IHRC's State Coordinator, Mr. Ezeani Chiemezie, extended the commendation of IHRC's Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Dr Duru Hezekiah to the CP, commending him for his unrelenting efforts in combating crimes in Imo State, stressing that the Ambassador-at-Large Dr. Duru Hezekiah hails from Imo State and he's well pleased with his antecedents.

Moreover, Chiemeziehe thanked the CP for adopting an open-door policy that made the visit possible despite various attempts in the past and also appreciated the CP for honoring the Commission's invitation to attend her Human Rights and Peace Summit, represented by ASP Henry Okoye.

He stated that the aim and objectives of the organization were to ensure that the human rights and dignity of people are upheld without fear of brutality, harassment, and unlawful incarceration and detention.

Availing that the International Human Rights Commission in Imo State is willing to partner and collaborate with the Police in ensuring that the rights of residents of Imo State are protected.

He also praised the gallant efforts of the men of the Command, who have put their lives and families on line to ensure the safety of the people of Imo State.

Finally, he re-emphasized collaboration and partnership with the security agency in promoting human rights in the state, urging the CP to establish a liaison office within the State

Police Command for a prompt and speedy response towards issues surrounding human rights violations in the State.

In response, CP Danjuma appreciated the Commission's visit and its call to collaborate in ensuring human rights are protected, noting that human rights form the bedrock of sustainable peace.

According to Danjuma, he always advocated for the rights of a suspect to contact his counsel and apply for bail where applicable, maintaining that their rights to medical care, and to be taken care of are ensured.

He further expressed displeasure at the report of human rights violations associated with some of his men, noting that various mechanisms such as the X-Squad, Public Complaint Unit, and the PPRO office have been put in place to curtail, cut down, and put to check the activities of the Police Force in the Imo State Police.

Finally, he thanked the team for coming and directed the Deputy PRO, Ms. Fyebe, to the office of the X-Squad.

Therewith, ACP Barr. Linus Nwigwe, the head of the X-Squad commended IHRC's work reaffirming the commitments of the Command in ensuring that no one in the State is intimidated, extorted, or unlawfully detained by men of the Police Force.

Other members of IHRC Special Monitoring Mission Officials present at the courtesy visit were Comrade Linda Dike and Comrade Immaculate Onwuachukwu.

Recall that the International Human Rights Commission-IHRC is a Transnational Intergovernmental Organization with World Headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland, headed by Secretary-General Prof Rafał Marcin Wasik IHRC World Chairman, and in Nigeria by H.E. Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah, Ambassador-at-Large and Head of Diplomatic Mission. Its Special Monitoring Mission in Nigeria is Coordinated by Engr. Comrade Elijah Vitus Echendu.

NEWS LINK

- <https://ihrc.news/nigeria-police-engages-ihrc-in-strategic-partnership/>

INTERVENTION TWELVE

IHRC TAKES 16-DAYS ACTIVISM TO IDP CAMP

NGA: As part of the global 16-Days Activism to End Gender-based Violence (GBV), the International Human Rights Commission Special Monitoring Mission (IHRC SMM) in Borno State, visited Bakassi IDP Camp in Maiduguri MMC Local Government Area.

Comrade Mohammed Adamu, Zonal Coordinator of IHRC SMM Borno State, explained that the advocacy visit was intended to raise awareness among residents of the camp about gender-based violence (GBV) and the support services available at the Women and Girls Safe Space (WGSS).

The session underscored the importance of prioritizing girls' education and the procedures for reporting GBV incidents to the relevant authorities, highlighting the critical role young people play in ending gender-based violence and cultivating a culture of equality and respect.

He said the interactive discussions encouraged open dialogue and inspired IDPs to become advocates for a violence-free society.

He urged IHRC SMM Officials to persist in their efforts to create a future where every woman and child can live without fear, without harm, and with the dignity and safety they deserve.

SECTION 3

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMISSION (IHRC)

Transnational Intergovernmental Organization
“International Human Rights Commission ” – IHRC is an influential private neutral organization recognized for its significant role in global security, peacebuilding, human rights, economic development, and diplomatic and humanitarian activities. IHRC pioneered the creation of the world’s first private diplomatic intergovernmental and transnational organization, known as Transnational Intergovernmental Organization (TIO).

The organization operates on the basis of international conventions, including the Vienna Conventions of 1961, 1975 and 1986, and has obtained the status of a transnational intergovernmental organization through diplomatic agreements signed with governments represented by their Ministries of Foreign Affairs. These agreements are further complemented by cooperation

with government agencies, the authorities of the autonomous republics, as well as regional and local authorities.

The IHRC has officially registered and accredited diplomatic missions as Special Diplomatic Missions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Chad, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Republic of Niger, Georgia, Ukraine, and as a diplomatic branch in Pakistan. These missions serve as key operational hubs for the IHRC's diplomatic and humanitarian work.

The IHRC has been officially recognized as a diplomatic organization in several countries, enjoying the associated privileges and immunities under international law. Although the IHRC is not affiliated with the United Nations (UN) and does not operate as an agency of the UN, it cooperates with the UN on various initiatives.

IHRC in accordance with the provisions of its Statute, issues Diplomatic Laissez-Passer cards, Diplomatic Travel Order cards and CD vehicle marking

authorizations to its members participating in IHRC Diplomatic Missions.

IHRC MISSION

The core mission of the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) is to advance and safeguard human rights, foster diplomatic collaboration, and facilitate humanitarian initiatives on a global scale.

Anchored in the principles enshrined within the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the European Convention on Human Rights, IHRC is dedicated to upholding the dignity of individuals, promoting intergovernmental dialogue, and championing equality and justice.

Our objectives encompass a range of vital activities, including:

1. Elevating information dissemination within public institutions.
2. Orchestrating and supporting impartial observation missions worldwide.

3. Resolutely defending the sanctity of life and the integrity of human rights.
4. Cultivating a platform for constructive intergovernmental communication.
5. Encouraging proactive involvement in governmental initiatives and diplomatic undertakings.

Underpinned by these ideals, IHRC undertakes a spectrum of purposeful endeavors:

- Strategizing and executing specialized, peacekeeping, and diplomatic missions.
- Establishing an IHRC diplomatic corps, fostering effective representation and support.
- Validating travel credentials for IHRC diplomatic mission members, compliant with international norms.
- Bestowing IHRC diplomatic corps insignia for accredited diplomatic mission vehicles, as well as the respective diplomatic passports.

- Coordinating essential humanitarian and developmental aid, both internationally and domestically.
- Extending aid and advocacy to marginalized, politically persecuted, and oppressed individuals and communities.
- Assisting local governing bodies and grassroots organizations, both overseas and within Switzerland.
- Championing the rights and well-being of minority groups.
- Offering comprehensive social counseling services, accessible globally.
- Spearheading educational campaigns to augment awareness and knowledge.
- Engaging in voluntary pursuits for positive impact, both at home and abroad.
- Curating cultural and athletic events that foster mutual understanding and collaboration.

- Undertaking meticulous observation and evaluation of democratic processes, particularly electoral proceedings, worldwide.
- Ensuring the integrity of referendums through oversight and assessment.
- Combating human trafficking with targeted measures.
- Thwarting illicit child adoption through stringent protocols.
- Pioneering search and recovery operations for individuals, especially children, affected by conflicts.

Financially, IHRC is empowered to provide funding, in the form of cash credits and loans, to individuals and entities that align with its noble objectives.

IHRC's global engagement is a testament to its dedication to the overarching mission, with all proceeds and capital meticulously directed towards the realization of the stipulated goals. In essence, IHRC operates as a non-

profit entity, steadfastly committed to the cause it champions.

More about us can be found on our official website at:

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- e. **International Human Rights Commission - Special Diplomatic Mission in Georgia [ID 405496217](#)**
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- i. **International Human Rights Commission - Special Diplomatic Mission in Federal Republic of Nigeria ([MoU](#))**
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IHRC SECRETARY-GENERAL

PROF. H.C. RAFAL MARCIN WASIK

Prof. h.c. Rafal Marcin Wasik currently holds the esteemed position of General Secretary at the Transnational Intergovernmental Organization International Human Rights Commission - IHRC, where he is deeply committed to safeguarding and advancing human rights on a global scale. With a steadfast dedication to fostering a culture of peace among nations and ensuring the protection of human rights, Prof. Wasik's visionary leadership has propelled IHRC towards the pursuit of sustainable development, the propagation of gender equality, and the promotion of essential values.

Under Prof. Wasik's astute guidance, IHRC has embarked on initiatives aimed at enhancing the capacities of nations to engage in sustainable development through avenues such as educational access, relief programs, and ecological and bioethical endeavors. These undertakings are executed with a keen understanding of each nation's traditional, social, and

cultural contexts, exemplifying a commitment to holistic and inclusive development.

Furthermore, Prof. Wasik's leadership has facilitated the propagation of fundamental human rights principles. This includes initiatives focused on peace promotion, gender equality, health advancement, and economic progress. Particularly noteworthy is IHRC's diligent work in raising awareness regarding the rights of women, children, and youth in developing nations, ensuring their protection and empowerment.

Wasik's extensive involvement extends to his role as an architect of conflict resolution in Ukraine. The formal establishment of IHRC's Central Office in Ukraine in 2014 underscores his dedication to the global network of human rights protection. Wasik's proactive engagement in monitoring pivotal events, such as the early presidential elections in Ukraine, has earned him recognition as an international observer. The proposals generated by IHRC's Central Office have found practical application in significant peace

initiatives, including the President of Ukraine's Peace Plan and the Minsk Arrangements of September 2014.

Notably, Prof. Wasik's endeavors encompass diverse arenas. As an International Expert from the International Agency of Public Security Geneva (AIAPS), he has facilitated diplomatic meetings, conferences, and humanitarian efforts across the globe. His multifaceted expertise in human rights and organization management positions him as a prominent figure in the realm of international humanitarian engagement.

His resolute belief that the actions taken today reverberate through generations underscores his unwavering commitment to resolving international conflicts and addressing humanitarian crises. Amidst the complex dynamics of fragile conflict zones, where over 2 billion people are ensnared, Prof. Wasik's leadership seeks to alleviate suffering, mitigate tensions, and uphold human dignity.

In essence, Prof. h.c. Rafal Marcin Wasik's tenure as the Secretary-General of IHRC is emblematic of a life dedicated to serving humanity. His steadfast passion for human rights,

peace, and global progress is evident in his tireless efforts to effect positive change, whether through conflict resolution, advocacy, or diplomatic engagement. The principles of universality, equality, and dignity that underpin his work resonate with the foundational tenets of human rights, encapsulating the essence of his contributions to the betterment of our world.



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STAKEHOLDERS IN SECURITY SECTORS HARPS ON SECURITY, SENSITIZATION COOPERATION, WITH IHRC.



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H.E AMBASSADOR DR. DURU HEZEKIAH
Ambassador-at-Large/Head of Diplomatic Mission IHRC Nigeria

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AS COMMANDEER OF POLICE OFFICERS OF THE
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Comptroller General



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6TH LEGISLATIVE: 2024 FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ECOWAS PARLIAMENT

*H.E. Ambassador
Dr. Duru Hezekiah
IHRC
Ambassador-at-
Large/Head of
Diplomatic
Mission in Nigeria*



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Within the ECOWAS states, access to justice should be enhanced significantly to ensure that all individuals have the means to seek legal remedies for human rights violations. The establishment of independent judicial systems is necessary to guarantee this access. As representatives of the ECOWAS Parliament, we must champion the defense and advancement of human rights within our borders likewise throughout the wider region. Through joint efforts and a steadfast commitment to integrating human rights considerations into our policies and initiatives as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), we can pave the way for a future that is characterized by fairness and equality for every individual in West Africa. Let us also remember that, “What we do today, we do for generations.”

H.E. AMB. DR. DURU HEZEKIAH
Head of Diplomatic Mission International Human Rights Commission



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BRANCH IN NIGERIA

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY IN LEADERSHIP AND PEACEFUL DIALOGUE

H.E Ambassador Dr. Duru Hezekiah is the Ambassador-at-Large and Head of the Diplomatic Mission for the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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