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Press Release

MOSOP COMMENDS PRESIDENT YAR'ADUA'S PUBLIC DECLARATION OF ASSETS

The apex organization of the Ogoni people, MOSOP, has profoundly commended the exemplary conduct of President Yar'Adua as reflected in the reported public declaration of his assets and that of his wife. This demonstration of probity by the president is a plausible indication that the Federal Government would not compromise transparency and honesty. In fact, our candid opinion is that the president's action should challenge all public office holders to appreciate the development and do the same.

Whilst MOSOP applauds the approach, we hasten to advise that if his good intentions for the nation is to succeed as well as sustained, he must be resolute against the activities of unpatriotic public office holders whose only mission in office is to amass wealth by cheating and looting of either national or state treasuries.

MOSOP believes that the best way to fight corruption is that leaders must lead by example, which the Yar'adua action has amplified. It is therefore our position that national parliamentarians should not only follow suit but should also pass a bill that would make public declaration of assets by public officers mandatory.

As the present tendency has undoubtedly signaled a radical but gradual shift from a behaviour of impunity and indiscipline, we believe that president Yar'Adua could write his name in gold by sustaining the momentum and ensuring that all public office holders follows his foot steps.

Signed
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