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Hon. Chief Justice,

**PETITION Re: JUSTICE KEZIAH OGBONNAYA RULES THAT GEOFFREY ONYEAMA IS THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REFUSES TO RELEASE THE CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
(CTC) OF HER JUDGMENT In The Case Of GEOFFREY ONYEAMA, Former Minister Of Foreign
Affairs V. AMBASSADOR LILIAN ONOH, et al, Suit No. CV/1088/2023;**

AND FOR OTHER ACTS OF MISCONDUCT

Background:

My name is Ambassador Lilian Onoh, a former career diplomat for 30 years with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, former Head of Mission in Jamaica and former High Commissioner in Namibia; and the 1st Defendant in the above case brought by Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama, former Minister of Foreign Affairs against me, claiming to have been defamed by articles about corruption in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs published on/by the co-defendants in the above named suit, including a claim identifying himself as, "**The MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**" in item 2 of his complaint.

2. On 4th June 2025, Justice keziah Ogbonnaya delivered her judgment and recognised Geoffrey Onyeama as the **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS** – a landmark ruling with both domestic and international implications and which will make Nigeria a global laughing stock for years to come.

3. The immediate international ramification of the judgment is that all diplomatic missions in Nigeria and abroad, the United Nations, World Bank etc would need to acknowledge that Geoffrey Onyeama is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria. On the domestic front, it immediately erases the actual administrative institution known as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and the President of Nigeria, the National Assembly, Central Bank of Nigeria, all Nigeria's 109 diplomatic Missions etc. would also need to acknowledge this legal status as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs granted Geoffrey Onyeama by Justice

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Keziah Ogbonnaya. This judgment not only ridicules Nigeria, it raises questions about the vetting of the credentials of those appointed as judges in Nigeria.

4. I previously lodged a complaint to you, the Chief Judge of the FCT, about acts of bias, misconduct, personal vitriolic attacks and abuse of process and power by Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya during the initial phase of this trial in November 2023; in particular, her refusal to hear my pre-trial Motions to Dismiss the case on multiple procedural grounds, including lack of personal jurisdiction; and her decision denying me the right to defend myself before attempting to deliver judgment on 11th December 2023. She declared that she would address these motions only AFTER the conclusion of the case, during her judgment, in contravention of all known legal systems in the world. Indeed, that is exactly what she did.

5. However, in retaliation for my writing a petition to you – a petition which was widely reported in Nigeria and which forced Justice Ogbonnaya to allow me to testify via zoom in accordance with the 2023 Evidence Act – Justice Ogbonnaya did the unthinkable. At the next court sitting on 11th January 2024, she issued a death threat to me and all the journalists in court that were covering her unethical conduct of the trial and said:

“WHOEVER WRITES WHAT IS NOT TRUE AGAINST ME WILL DIE.”

(Please see attached report from Premium Times, 11th January 2024; and Twitter posts by Prof. Chidi Odinkalu and Aisha Yesufu).

6. Nobody had lied against her. She was the liar who repeatedly abused me and my family as well as my lawyers from her bench and did not like her atrocious conduct reported, hence her murder threat to me and the journalists in court for reporting her conduct.

7. Despite the wide media coverage given this death threat by a sitting judge, neither your office nor the National Judicial Council (NJC) or even the Inspector General of Police took any action against Judge Keziah Ogbonnaya for this **felony which is clearly spelt out under Section 327 of the Nigerian Criminal Code Act and which carries up to 7 years’ imprisonment.**

8. In a further act of retaliation, Justice Ogbonnaya forced me to pay for the right to defend myself by insisting that only I bear the cost of providing the electronic equipment not just for my own testimony but also for the testimony and cross examination of Geoffrey Onyeama and his witness, costing me millions of Naira at the 2023-early 2024 exchange rate of USD1 to NGN550-730. Furthermore, she insisted that in order for me to defend myself, I had to pay thousands of Naira for diesel for each court sessions, IN CASH, without any treasury receipts given. **That is corruption.**

9. She also imposed arbitrary fines of hundreds of thousands of Naira on me, which I had to pay in cash, before being allowed to defend myself. No single treasury receipt was

ever issued to me, even though these fines are in the court record of proceedings. **That is corruption.**

10. IT WAS AN ABUSE OF OFFICE, CORRUPTION AND VIOLATION OF MY FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS FOR JUSTICE KEZIAH OGBONNAYA TO FORCE ME TO PAY IN ORDER FOR ME TO EXERCISE MY ENSHRINED RIGHT TO FAIR HEARING AND DEFEND MYSELF, ESPECIALLY AS COURTS HAVE A BUDGET FOR DIESEL AND ALSO FOR PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

11. Justice Ogbonnaya proceeded to try the case from September 2023 to April 2024 (7 months) without hearing the Motions to Dismiss on several procedural grounds, **including the objection that GEOFFREY ONYEAMA WAS NOT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COULD NOT SUE FOR DEFAMATION IN THAT CAPACITY.**

12. Final Written Addresses (FWA) were adopted on 22nd May 2024 and Justice Ogbonnaya took a **year and two weeks** to deliver her judgment on 4th June 2025, in violation of the requirement to deliver judgment within three calendar months of FWA being adopted.

13. In this ruling, Justice Ogbonnaya granted Geoffrey Onyeama's claim that he had been defamed by the following sentence, which is the sole listed complaint in item 2 of his suit: ***"The MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS is only trying to continue ITS corrupt practices which have brought Nigeria into great disrepute."***

14. By this ruling, without any medical certificate changing Geoffrey Onyeama's gender from male to neuter or legal authority reclassifying the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from non-human to human, **Justice keziah Ogbonnaya granted Geoffrey Onyeama a gender-reassignment [It] along with a new status as the non-human administrative construct called the MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**, an institution created by the British Colonial powers which existed even prior to Nigeria's Independence in 1960.

15. She also ruled that Geoffrey Onyeama's own words to the National Assembly and national media that he was ***"in the process of creating a template to allow Ambassadors to spend monies allocated for Capital Projects on other things"***, (see attached news reports from Vanguard Newspaper), were defamatory.

16. Finally, she ruled that my narration of my own experiences in an institution I worked for 23 years before Geoffrey Onyeama's temporary appointment, defamed Geoffrey Onyeama and stated that the veracity of my reports of Geoffrey Onyeama's corrupt activities to former President Buhari - including converting the Ministry's diplomatic Missions into money laundering centres in violation of the Vienna Convention - was immaterial because, in her view, the only reason I reported his corrupt activities was out of malice because my sister divorced him due to his hereditary psychiatric problems.

running personal grievance against my family, the refusal of Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya to speedily release the CTC of her judgment represents more than just a judicial abuse – **it is a clear threat to my life and a well planned strategy between her and Geoffrey Onyeama to destroy my life by virtue of this “judgment”.**

25. A cursory look at Geoffrey Onyeama’s complaint and the reliefs granted by Keziah Ogbonnaya is clear evidence that this case has never been about defaming Geoffrey Onyeama. It was a plan he hatched to compel me to return to Nigeria after I escaped his attempt to kill me in July 2021, using rogue officers from the EFCC arranged by Gabriel Aduda, his former Permanent Secretary who is a former EFCC official and current Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Defence after I testified of the industrial scale corruption he was perpetrating at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the National Assembly in March 2021.

26. Geoffrey Onyeama is furious that his corruption was documented and reported by me; but more than that, he is incensed that his long hidden hereditary psychiatric issues have been made public. Being privy to his psychosis as a former in-law and having seen him try to kidnap his own child and drug her in order to forcefully take her to Switzerland during one of his “James Bond” psychotic episodes, going so far as to fraudulently acquire a replacement Swiss Carte de Legitimation (residence card) and replacement Nigerian passport for her to facilitate his demented plan, I am well aware that he will not stop trying to kill me until he dies or is locked up in a secure asylum. He is a psychopath and that is why I had to leave Nigeria and relocate overseas.

27. **It is therefore a double threat to my life to have a Judge - Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya - weaponise her position to further Geoffrey Onyeama’s murderous plans; issue her own murder threat in addition, render a judgment to facilitate both her and Geoffrey Onyeama’s murderous intentions and then withhold the CTC of her judgment to frustrate my fundamental right to appeal her clearly absurd but highly dangerous judgment – an appeal that would at least delay Onyeama’s ability to carry out his murderous intentions whilst the case goes through the Court of Appeal and if necessary, the Supreme Court.**

OBSERVATION:

28. Whilst I have absolutely no belief that I will get a fair hearing in a Court of Appeal that includes Justice Elejo ENENCHE who granted Onyeama leave to receive court documents on my behalf after being told I was out of jurisdiction in the USA, it is still my constitutional right to have the CTC of Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya’s judgment and lodge an appeal against an irrational judgment that recognised a jobless former political appointee as an administrative entity – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs - and which requires me to apologise to him in this capacity. I absolutely refuse to abdicate my senses and join their naked dance in the market place by accepting this absurdity.

29. Whilst I cannot hold brief for the Nigerian Government or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I believe that as the Chief Judge of the FCT, you are in a position to review this global



disgrace to the Federation and Nigeria's judiciary by taking action against Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya, whose actions and her ruling in this case prove beyond all doubt that she was indeed biased and was also prosecuting her own personal vendetta against me along with Geoffrey Onyeama and was willing to trample on all known legal principles in order to read out the judgment she had already prepared since December 2023, without hearing any of my pre-trial motions to dismiss the case. Her ruling ridicules Nigeria, a country I served meritoriously for thirty years and whose passport I hold.

PRAYER:

30. That the honourable Chief Justice of the FCT compel Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya to speedily release the full transcript of the judgment she read in court on 4th June 2025 to enable me appeal what I know to be a totally irrational judgment designed to enable Geoffrey Onyeama continue his long-standing plan to kill me by lodging a criminal complaint for defamation against me or enable him and Keziah Ogbonnaya initiate quasi-criminal charges of contempt of court for failing to recognise Geoffrey Onyeama as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and apologise to him in that incarnation.

31. That the Hon. Chief Judge suspend this judgment and conduct a thorough review of the handling of this case by Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya, her total disregard for due process, rules of procedure, fair hearing, corrupt enrichment, forcing me to pay for the right to defend myself, and over one year's delay in releasing this ruling, in violation of the statutory three month rule, among so many other abuses, including non-stop personal abuses on me and my family throughout this entire process.

32. That the Hon. Chief Judge review the various acts of misconduct by Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya, including conducting and concluding a trial without hearing several pre-trial motions, including a motion challenging Justice Ogbonnaya's decision to serve legal documents for me on a lawyer without Geoffrey Onyeama's team asking her to or filing a motion in that regard.

33. In particular, the Chief Judge should investigate **the death/murder threat issued by Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya from the bench against me and journalists covering this case on 11th January 2024, which is a felony under Section 327 of the Nigerian Criminal Code Act, carrying up to 7 years' imprisonment; and refer her to the Nigerian Police for criminal prosecution, in accordance with the law.**

34. I am forwarding a copy of this petition to the Inspector General of Police, the Attorney General of the Federation as well as various diplomatic missions in Nigeria with the hope that they impose a travel ban on this murderous, lawless judge even if your office and relevant Nigerian authorities continue to refuse to take action against her despite the mountain of petitions against her in your office.



17. She declined to award Geoffrey Onyeama any monetary damages, dismissed my counterclaim and ordered that I should apologise to Geoffrey Onyeama in two National Newspapers for his own words to the National Assembly and for purportedly defaming him in his new status as the MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

REFUSAL TO RELEASE CERTIFIED TRUE COPY (CTC) OF JUDGMENT:

18. Following this judgment, my legal counsel applied for the CTC on 10th June 2025 with all statutory fees paid (Copy attached). He was informed that Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya had not finished writing out the judgement that she read out in court on 4th June 2025, and nobody could tell him when she would finish writing it out for her staff to type out and give the Certified Copy of the Judgment!

19. This is exactly the same thing that she did with the CTC of the proceedings, which she refused to give my legal team until AFTER we filed our reply, in a bid to block me from defending myself, and then released a CTC with several answers from me that she had fabricated, not minding the fact that I have the video recordings of my court testimony.

20. Without the CTC of her judgment, I cannot exercise my fundamental right to appeal this blatantly irrational judgment, which I must do within three months of 4th June 2025.

21. While I do not deny Justice Ogbonnaya's right to imbibe some of Geoffrey Onyeama's unfortunate hereditary psychiatric condition, I absolutely cannot join them and abandon my own perfectly correct senses to recognise Geoffrey Onyeama as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; nor can I agree to apologise to him for his own words, which he found defamatory to himself. That is pure insanity on both their parts. I also cannot apologise for my truthful narration of the corruption I experienced first-hand in my 30 year service.

22. It is beyond belief that Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya has effectively declared the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria – flagged as the ministry with the most financial infractions during the Buhari years by Buhari's Auditor-General - to be innocent of all corruption for all time by this ruling.

23. The planned delay in releasing the judgment is a deliberate ploy by Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya to help Geoffrey Onyeama to achieve his long-running (and futile) attempts to kill me by enabling him to use the unchallenged judgment to lodge a criminal defamation complaint with the Police and have them issue a warrant for my arrest. It is on record that Geoffrey Onyeama was repeatedly granted a truckload of armed policemen to arrest me in court between September 2023 and January 2024, when he had hoped that the refusal of Justice Ogbonnaya to permit me to defend myself via zoom would force me to return to Nigeria so that I could be eliminated in detention and have it framed as suicide.

24. Coupled with Justice Ogbonnaya's death threat for exposing her brazen abuse of her position in favour of Geoffrey Onyeama and her using his suit to further her own long-

35. I am also forwarding it to the Swiss Embassy because Geoffrey Onyeama lives in Geneva, availing himself of the protection of their lawful society which he abused by fraudulently obtaining a replacement residence card in the mid 1990s for his child who was in primary school by lying that the original card was missing in order to kidnap the child; and where he retired to enjoy the fruits of a tenure defined by money laundering on an industrial scale, using Nigeria's diplomatic missions as his cover, in violation of the Vienna Convention and international money laundering laws.

36. Please accept the assurance of my high Consideration, Hon. Chief Justice.


Ambassador Lilian ONOH
Lilian Onoh 16th June 2025

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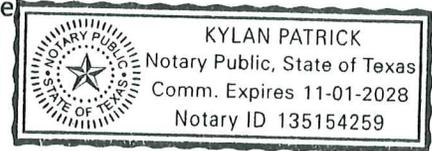
STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Tarrant

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of 6, 2025,
by Lilian Onoh

Kylan Patrick
Notary Public's Signature Notary Name
My Commission Expires 11/01/28

Cc. Inspector General of Police, Abuja.

- Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice
- Senate and House Committees on Foreign Affairs;
- High Commission of the United Kingdom;
- Embassy of the United States of America;
- Embassy of the People's Republic of China;
- Delegation of the European Union to the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- Embassy of Switzerland.



Encl.

- a. *Premium Times Report, January 11th 2024, "Libel Suit: Abuja court permits ex-minister Onyeama's adversary to testify from US", with relevant paragraph reporting Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya's death threat highlighted.*
- b. *Premium Times Report, December 11th 2023, "Judge refuses to withdraw from ex-minister's libel suit", with relevant paragraphs reporting Justice Ogbonnaya's refusal to hear preliminary motions highlighted.*
- c. *Vanguard newspapers, 2nd November 2022, "Reps reject Foreign Affairs 2023 budget over alleged infractions", with Onyeama's own words given to the newspapers in his own defence and which he subsequently claimed defamed him, highlighted.*
- d. *Twitter posts by Professor Chidi Odinkalu and Aisha Yesufu, 11th January 2024 on Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya's death threat.*
- e. *Request for CTC, dated 10th June 2025.*
- f. *CTC of Geoffrey Onyeama's claims which were granted by Justice Keziah Ogbonnaya.*