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14 October 2026

Dr. Mazi Udegbulam
Chairman
Nigerian Bar Association, Owerri Branch
Bar Centre, Magistrates Court Complex
Off Orlu Road, Owerri
Imo State

Dear Mr. Chairman,

RE: EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AND ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE ₦100 MILLION GIFT FROM THE IMO STATE GOVERNMENT

I acknowledge receipt of your letters dated 13 and 14 October 2026 respectively, concerning the developing situation in the NBA Owerri Branch and the Extraordinary General Meeting proposed by 183 (one hundred and eighty-three) requisitioning members of the Branch.

The concerns raised about the receipt and disbursement of the ₦100 million gift from the Imo State Government require a clear account and a fair examination. Members must have an opportunity to raise their questions and receive answers. That process must, however, proceed in an atmosphere conducive to orderly discussion.

I am therefore constituting a three-member committee to investigate the allegations of impropriety concerning the receipt, management and disbursement of the gift. Its members are:

1. Mr. Afam Okeke - NBA General Secretary;
2. Mrs. Iniobong Irene Pepple - NBA Third Vice-President; and
3. Mrs. Esther Jimoh - NBA Treasurer.

The meeting scheduled for Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 2.00 p.m. should proceed. **The Committee will attend the meeting as my representatives.** They will observe the proceedings, ensure that a signed attendance register is taken and give such directions as may be necessary to secure an orderly meeting. Please facilitate access to the venue and accord the Committee full cooperation.

NATIONAL OFFICERS:

Oyinkansola Badejo-Okusanya, SAN, FCI Arb - President
Afam O. Okeke - General Secretary; Oghenero Okoro - 1st Vice-President; Nuhu J. Egaya - 2nd Vice President;
Iniobong Irene Pepple - 3rd Vice-President; Esther Ifeoma Jimoh - Treasurer; Audrey Chinelo Ofoegbunam - Welfare Secretary;
Dr. Prince I. Azubulike - Publicity Secretary; Aghogho Gladys Okpomor - Assistant General Secretary; Hadiza Nasir Ahmad - Assistant Publicity Secretary

The Committee will also examine the relevant records, receive representations from those concerned and submit its findings and recommendations to me no later than 30 October 2026.

The constitution of this Committee does not amount to a finding against any person. Everyone whose conduct is called into question will be given a fair opportunity to respond.

Kindly ensure that the relevant financial records are available at the meeting, with copies supplied to the Committee within 24 hours of receipt of this letter. These should include receipts, bank statements, expenditure schedules and explanations, approvals, payment vouchers and any other relevant supporting documents. **All records relating to the gift must be preserved.**

Finally, I expect the Branch leadership and the requisitioning members to cooperate fully with these arrangements. The questions raised deserve answers, and the persons concerned deserve a fair hearing. Our responsibility is to provide a process that delivers both and sustains the confidence of members in their Branch.

Please confirm receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Oyinkansola Badejo-Okusanya, SAN FCIArb
President, Nigerian Bar Association

Cc:

NBA Owerri Branch Executive Committee
Mr. Chidi B. Nworka, Esq., for the requisitioning members
Mr. Chinedu Agu, Esq., for the requisitioning members
Mr. Afam Okeke, NBA General Secretary
Mrs. Iniobong Irene Pepple, NBA Third Vice-President
Mrs. Esther Jimoh, NBA Treasurer