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SUSPENSION OF INTENDED WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES

Following the progress made in the ongoing negotiation to resolve the trade dispute between the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) and the government of Federal Republic of Nigeria, an Emergency Delegates' Meeting (EDM) of the NMA was held on Wednesday 20th May, 2009 in Abuja.

Delegates' reviewed the ongoing negotiations and appreciated the disposition and positive roles played by principal officers of government towards the resolution of this dispute.

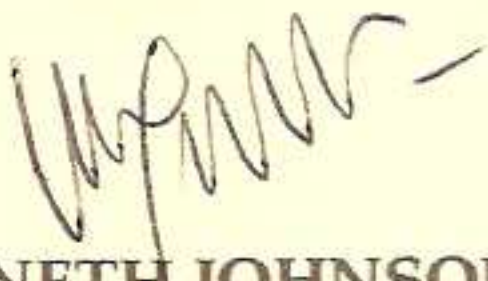
Due consideration was given to the dreadful consequences of a nation wide withdrawal of services by Doctors in Nigeria especially with our deplorable health indices.

Delegates' however remained resolute in NMA's demands for correction, equity and Justice by reversal to a Medical Salary Structure.

As a sign of good faith, the Delegates' Meeting resolved to give the government, reasonable time to actualize a peaceful resolution of this impasse by release and implementation of an enabling circular in line with the agreement already signed.

In the event that the above is not effected before the 15th day of July, 2009, the NMA should not be held responsible for the consequences of lifting this suspension.

It should be recalled that the NMA had at the Annual Delegates Meeting held on 25th April 2009, given the Federal government, 28 working days ultimatum starting from Monday April 27, 2009 to restore and implement a reviewed Medical Salary Structure for Doctors in Public Service.


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