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ISSUED AT THE END OF A MEETING HELD BETWEEN THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM, THE LEADERSHIP OF NUT AND NLC AT THE KWARA STATE GOVERNORS' LODGE, ABUJA, MONDAY 28TH JULY, 2008.

A meeting between the Nigeria Governors' Forum and the leadership of Nigeria Labour Congress and Nigeria Union of Teachers to discuss the lingering teachers strike was held today 28th July, 2008 at Kwara State Governors' Lodge, Abuja in a very cordial atmosphere.

The meeting:

1. Noted the issues and circumstances that led to the unfortunate strike action by the Nigerian Union of Teachers.
2. Recognises the constitutional rights of workers to demand better conditions of service. And thus
3. In this particular case acknowledge that conditions under which our teachers serve is as important in any effect to provide quality education for this country.
4. Also recognises the wisdom and the spirit of the constitution which has scheduled our country into a federation; apportioning powers, roles, rights and responsibilities to the federating units in relation to the centre.
5. Noted that many states have already enhanced the welfare of teachers.

The meeting therefore resolved as follows:

1. To set-up a joint committee of the Nigeria Governors' Forum and the Nigeria Union of Teachers to negotiate the issues of teacher's salary structure which led to the strike in the first instance.
2. In view of appeal from the Nigeria Governors' Forum for the strike to be suspended, the union agrees to call an emergency meeting of its National Executive Council within 24hours with a view to addressing the request.
3. Nobody will be victimised for taking part in the strike action.
4. Both parties expressed their commitment to resolving the problem expeditiously.

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