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ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2013, AT THE RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ASOKORO, ABUJA

We, members of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), at our meeting today, at the Rivers State Governor's Lodge, Abuja deliberated on a number of issues and resolved as follows:

1. The non-compliance with the revenue projections of the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) 2013 Budget is a direct breach of the provisions of the Appropriation Act, 2013. Members expressed concern in the management of the economy by the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy and called for a strict adherence to the Appropriation Act 2013. failing which she should resign. Forum observed that National Economic Council (NEC) is constitutionally responsible for the management of the Economy and should be used for that purpose as opposed to the Economic Management Team (EMT) constituted by the Presidency.
2. We reiterate our earlier call to the National Assembly for the separation of the office of the Accountant General of the Federation from that of the Accountant General of the Federal Government for accountability and better management of the economy.
3. After review of the Polio situation in the country, members recognized that some progress has been made in 2013 compared to 2012. Forum enjoined all governors to remain focused and continue to drive the programme in their respective states until Polio is completely eradicated
4. Member expressed condolence to the Dame Patience Jonathan for the loss of her mother. Governor Fashola for the loss of his father and the family of the late Dr. Olusegun Agagu. former Governor of Ondo State
5. Finally, it was resolved that the Forum will hold a Nigeria Governors' Forum Retreat in November 2013.

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September 17th 2013*