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ISSUED AT THE END OF THE MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 4TH 2012, AT THE RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ABUJA

We, the Governors of the 36 States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at our meeting held today Wednesday 4 April, 2012 at the Rivers State Governor's Lodge, Abuja deliberated over a number of issues.

The following resolutions were reached:

1. The Forum deliberated extensively on the continuing unconstitutional deductions by the Federal Government from the Federation Account in the name of oil subsidy which negates the principles of federaiism and budgetary provisions. It noted that despite the increase in pump price of petrol. the quantum of subsidy deduction is still worrisome. The Forum constituted a Committee to meet with Mr. President.

2. Following briefing by the National Security Adviser, the Forum reiterated the need, for closer cooperation between the States and Federal Government in addressing security challenges, noting also the necessity for increased empowerment of the State Governors to perform their roe as Chief Security Officers in tneir respective states;

3. The Forum considered the current revenue allocation formula of the country and -eiterated commitment to its earlier report that proposed among others, the following revenue a icoaticr formula: Federal 35c/o, state 42%, local government 23%;

4. Noting the urgency of the need to completely eradicate polio from Nigeria, which remains amen,: the last three polio endemic countries in the world along with Afghanistan and Pakistan. tire ED:Yr renewed its commitment to a holistic approach to polio eradication. It specifically agreed Mat for maximal effect, Deputy Governors should take charge of State task force on Polio eradication;

5. The Forum noted a presentation by Mrs. Ifueko Ornoigu Okauru, the Executive Chairman of Federal Internal Revenue Service (FIRS) and Joint Tax Board (JTB) and commenced her for exemplary and distinguished service to the nation, wishing her the best in her future endeavours

Rt. Hon Chibuike Rotimi Amaech; Executive Governor of Rivers State &, Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum April 4, 2012