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Date 1st September, 2015

The Executive Director,
Civil Society Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)
Plot 2, No 16 P. O. W. Mafemi Crescent,
Near Daily Trust Newspapers Office,
Utako District, Abuja.

ATTENTION: Auwal Ibrahim (Rafsanjani)

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST FOR PROCUREMENT RECORDS/INFORMATION AND REQUEST TO SITE/TAKE PICTURES OF THE PROJECTS OF SOME CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE MINISTRY AS STATED IN THE 2014 APPROPRIATION ACT

CLARIFICATION

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 18th August, 2015, on the above subject.

2. Please be duly informed that though we have noted from your letter that your organization had earlier sent a letter dated 27th July, 2015 (which the acknowledgment copy was attached) to us, the said letter is yet to be received by the Procurement Department of the Ministry till date, hence our inability to respond to the contents as expected by your organization. This was brought to the attention of your staff who called to inquire on the status of the said letter, which must have prompted your recent reminder with the acknowledgment copy of the said letter attached.

3. In your reminder, you observed in the copy of the attached letter that "*not all relevant documents stated to be available have been provided to us from the projects stated to have been carried out (procured) in 2014*". You went further to clarify on what has been made available to your organization by us in which you outlined the documents that were "*provided*" and "*not provided*" in respect of Procurement of Medical Equipment, Armed Forces PTI School 4, Games Village, Esa Oke, and Establishment of Zonal Educational Inspectorate Offices in the 2014 appropriation.

4. Your letter specifically indicated that documents were "*not provided*" for the 2014 procurement of the last two projects mentioned above apart from a copy of

minutes of the Ministerial Tenders Board in respect of the Establishment of Zonal Educational Inspectorate Offices. You also observed that the *copies of... BPP Certification of No Objection where applicable* were "not provided" in respect of Procurement of Medical Equipment.

5. Arising from the foregoing, we wish to make further clarification as follows:
 - i. The Armed Forces PTI School 4, Games Village, Esa Oke is an ongoing project which had earlier been awarded prior to 2014. There was therefore no process of award for the project in 2014, hence no documents in that respect.
 - ii. The Establishment of Zonal Educational Inspectorate Offices was awarded as a direct labour contract of the Nigerian Army Engineering Corps. The requested documents apart from the minutes of the Ministerial Tenders Board in that respect are therefore not applicable in this case.
 - iii. The process leading to the award of contract for the Procurement of Medical Equipment did not require a Certificate of No Objection from the BPP, hence it was not provided.
6. Consequently you may wish to note that the documents earlier provided by us in respect of your request are in line with records and facts available to us in this regard. We hope this clarification would aid and guide you in your efforts.
7. Please accept the best assurances of the Honourable Minister's esteemed regards.

~~A. A. DAVID~~

For: Honourable Minister