



**ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE
NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
22nd MAY 2019 AT THE NGF SECRETARIAT, ABUJA**

We, members of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), at our meeting held today at the NGF Secretariat Abuja, deliberated on several issues and resolved as follows:

1. The Forum is concerned with the recent guidelines of the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) which seek to impose restriction on the powers of States and Local Governments to operate within constitutionally approved parameters. The new guidelines have no legal basis under the extant laws and are contrary to constitutional provisions which put the State Joint Local Government Account under the legislation of the State Houses of Assembly.
2. The guidelines will also be detrimental to the interest of States and local governments by crippling programmes such as the Universal Basic Education programme, Primary Health Care Under One Roof, as well as the payment of the salaries of teachers, medical doctors and health workers among others which are primarily funded by State governments.



3. The Forum unanimously elected Governor Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti State as the new Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum from 2019 – 2021.
4. Members also elected Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal of Sokoto State as Vice Chairman of the Forum from 2019 – 2021.
5. On the current national security situation, Governors resolved to hold a meeting with Mr. President to find real and effective solutions to the security challenges facing the country.

Governor Abdul'aziz Yari Abubakar
Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum
22nd May 2019