



COMMUNIQUE

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING HELD BY THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM, MONDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 2011 AT THE RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ASOKORO, ABUJA.

We, the Governors of the 36 States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at an emergency meeting held on Monday, 24th October, 2011 at the Rivers State Governor's Lodge, Asokoro, Abuja, deliberated over the October 2011 FAAC meeting and resolved as follows:

1. The Forum commended the decision of the States' Commissioners for Finance and Accountants General for rejecting the illegal deduction of N231.6 Billion at the October 2011 FAAC meeting, noting that the lawful deductions for the year have been fully made;
2. The Forum unanimously rejected all illegal deductions that amounted to N1.079 Trillion for nine (9) months in excess of the budgeted sum of N240 Billion for oil subsidy for the year in clear violation of the provisions of the Appropriation Act, 2011 and the Nigerian Constitution;
3. Members noted that the total deductions for the year 2010 (last year) was N500.6 Billion which has more than doubled to N1.264 Trillion in the first nine (9) months of the year 2011 (this year) suggesting erroneously that consumption has increased;
4. Finally, members directed the Commissioners for Finance to reject any allocation that is not in accordance with the Appropriation Act, 2011.

Rt. Hon Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi
Governor of Rivers State
&, Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum
October 24, 2011