



COMMUNIQUE

ISSUED AT THE END OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM (NGF) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 2008, AT THE KWARA GOVERNORS' LODGE, ASOKORO, ABUJA.

The Nigeria Governors' forum met to deliberate the report of the NGF Technical Committee on the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) Nationwide Strike.

The meeting resolved as follows:

1. The Forum commends its Technical Committee under the chairmanship of Gov. Namadi Sambo and the leadership of the NUT for a job well done.
2. The Principle of federalism presupposes that the Forum or the Federal Government for that matter can not determine and enforce a uniform salary for teachers in the various States. States are the appropriate avenues for permanent resolution of this matter.
3. That the 27.5 % increase on prevailing basic salaries in each state as recommended by the Technical Committee as a benchmark has been agreed. And that individual States will implement same as per peculiar situation in the States.
4. As regards implementation time; with due consideration for the budgeting system and fiscal responsibility, where it is possible for a State to accommodate the implementation within the supplementary budget, such State should do so as soon as practicable. Otherwise, implementation should be effected not later than January 2009.
5. The Teacher-specific allowances have been noted but the Teaching Inducement Allowance is to be implemented for professional teachers only.
6. The Forum expresses its profound appreciation to the leadership of the NUT for the maturity it has displayed and the confidence it reposed in the Forum in resolving this matter
7. As a demonstration of good faith, NUT is urged to call off the strike in the interest of the pupils, their parents and the country as a whole.

Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki
Chairman, NGF

Arc. Namadi Sambo
Chairman, Technical Committee