



## COMMUNIQUE

**ISSUED AT THE MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD AT  
THE KWARA STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009**

We, the Executive Governors of the Thirty-six (36) States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in a meeting held on 23rd March, 2009 at Abuja deliberated on the Report of the Electoral Reform Committee together with the White Paper released by the Federal Government and hereby resolve as follows:

1. That the appointment of the INEC Chairman is an exclusive responsibility of the Executive and the President should be allowed to nominate the Chairman while the National Assembly ratifies the appointment.
2. That we reject the abolition of the State Independent Electoral Commission (SIEC) because this position clearly contradicts the fundamental principles of federalism.
3. That although we believe that recent judicial pronouncements on Governorship disputes has settled the issue of holding gubernatorial elections on a uniform date, we reject a similar proposal to stagger other elections into the State and National Assemblies' elections.