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The President
Court of Appeal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
Court of Appeal Headquarters
Three Arms Zone,
Shehu Shagari Way,
Central Business District,
Abuja, FCT,
Nigeria



Your Lordship,

RE: THE NEED FOR SWIFT DETERMINATION OF APPEAL NO. CA/ABJ/CV/1613/2025 AND OTHER CONSOLIDATED APPEALS PERTAINING TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDP)

I write as a concerned citizen of Nigeria, a member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) (the Party), and, being an intending aspirant for public office in the upcoming General Elections, a person that will be very directly and materially affected by the eventual decision of the court.

Following a number of decisions by the lower courts, I am aware that the above-referenced appeal, together with other consolidated appeals touching on the national leadership of the Party were heard by the Abuja Division of the Court of Appeal on 12 February, 2026, and judgment therein has been reserved. As of this writing, no date has been communicated for Judgment.

Permit me to highlight, for the attention of Your Lordship, the fact that the pendency or outcome of these appeals will significantly affect not just the internal preparations and processes leading to PDP's party primaries and related electoral activities but also the validity and legitimacy of the ballot options that will be presented to the Nigerian public on Election Day. By extension, it could potentially also affect the ultimate validity of eventual outcomes of the polls in the General elections for various elective offices at all levels.

According to the timetable released by the Independent National Electoral Commission, party primaries will commence in a few weeks, on April 23, 2026. In view of the time-sensitive nature of election engagements and the need for clarity in light of the foregoing, I most respectfully crave the indulgence of Your Lordship towards swift determination of the consolidated appeal. A decision of the Court of Appeal ahead of the party primaries will provide invaluable direction on this matter to all parties and stakeholders including, most crucially, INEC.

I make this prayer with the utmost respect for the discretionary and constitutional mandate of the Court, ever mindful that the scheduling and delivery of judgments will nevertheless and always remain within the exclusive province of the Honourable Court.

Please accept the assurances of my full confidence and highest regards.

Yours faithfully,



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