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June 21, 2024.

The Chairman,
The House Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations,
National Assembly,
National Assembly Complex,
FCT, ABUJA.

Dear Sir,

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RECONCILIATION AND UNIFICATION PROCESS

While still determined to bring back all former and expelled members of ISPON to the fold as sincerely expressed in the inaugural message of the ISPON President on his election on 31 October 2023, this letter is meant to serve as an official statement to inform the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations, and the general public that the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria (ISPN) has pulled out and untied itself from the process adopted by the House of Representatives Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations (HCSSR) to midwife the reconciliation and reunification of expelled former members of ISPON to the parent body.

Unfortunately, the HCSSR which should be the umpire in the process has unilaterally adopted procedures and taken decisions which contradict the provisions of the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria Act 2014, and this is unacceptable by any means. One of such realities is the "factionalization" of the Institute, as the HCSSR officially factionalize the Institute, contrary to the provisions of the ISPN Act which is the foundation of whatever intervention being sought by the National Assembly. Consequently, our withdrawal from the process is consistent with the saying "if the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do"? ISPN is handicapped because we cannot be part of a process that destroys the foundation of the Institute, hence, the need to pull out from the process.

Just for emphasis, a faction is an organized group of people within a larger group, which opposes some of the ideas of the larger group and fights for its own ideas. The decision of the House Committee, knowingly and purposely to inexplicably address everybody, except the House Committee itself, as a faction of ISPN so as to accommodate the myriads of legal infractions of expelled former members is alarming.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS: President: Engr Timothy C. Iwuagwu, Deputy President: Dr Martins Dike, Registrar: Dr Williams Esther Samuel, Alhaji Suleman Dankoli, Coach Daniel Thomas, Mrs Catherine Famuse, Dr Nnamdi Iloidiuba, Engr (Dr) Anthony Patrick Akadi, Mr Moses Egidi, Mr Smart Mbagwu, Dr Ubong Inyang, Dr Uffia Ogo, Mallam Ahmadu Fidi Ahmadu

This is most probably to smear and rubbish the lawful administrative authority of ISPON.

This is diametrically at variance with the procedures outlined by the House Committee's Chairman during his meeting with the President of ISPON, Engr Timothy Iwuagwu, on Wednesday 13, March 2024, following a letter of invitation dated 1, March 2024 where the President was invited by the HCSSR for meeting.

The House Committee did, in fact, set aside the judgements of law courts and went silent about the refusal by the expelled members to comply with the Committee's directive for the withdrawal of all pending cases.

Except proven otherwise, the ISPON Governing Board is of the right opinion that all these observations are confirmations and reminders that one of the purported board members of the faction is a member of the 10th House of Representatives and a member of the House Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations, who is undoubtedly using his office to influence the process in favour of his own group.

These are the reasons culminating in the decision of the ISPON GOVERNING BOARD to withdraw any representation and discontinue further participation in the mediation process with effect from Friday 21, June 2024. The Institute hereby announces the withdrawal of the representation of:

1. Dr Nnamdi Iloidiuba
2. Dr (Mrs) Esther Williams
3. Pharm Bello Idris, and
4. Mr Yinka Fasusi

The same was communicated to the Chairman of the CTC, Hon (Barr) Harrison Nwadike during an interaction through telephone with the ISPON President, Engr Timothy Iwuagwu on the above stated date. Though, the CTC Chairman expressed shock and surprise, he requested the ISPON President to try and schedule a meeting with him, the CTC Chairman and the HCSSR Chairman at a convenient date at the National Assembly Complex, Abuja. Nevertheless, the suggestion for this yet to be scheduled meeting was well accepted by the ISPON President.

Accept the highest esteem of the President and the Governing Board.

Signed

For: 

Dr (Mrs) Esther Williams FISPN
Registrar