

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING HELD ON 9TH MARCH, 2010
OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

ATTENDANCE:

S/No	NAME	STATE	REMARK
1	HE Gabriel Suswan	Benue State	Chairman
2	HE Comrade Adams Oshimole	Edo State	Member
3	HE Rotimi Amaechi	Rivers State	Member
4	HE Abdukahim Mimiko	Ondo State	Member
	UNAVOIDABLY ABSENT		
5	HE Ali Modu Sherif	Borno State	Member
6	HE Ibrahim Shema	Katsina State	Member
	IN ATTENDANCE		
7	HE Abubakar Bukola Saraki	Kwara State	Chairman NGF
8	HE Emmanuel Uduaghan	Delta State	Member

S/No	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p>COMMENCEMENT</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 4:45pm after brain storming members, agreed to liaise with the Leadership of the National Assembly, both the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the view of seeing the report on the Electoral Bill.</p> <p>In his contribution the Governor of Rivers State stated that members should carefully study the House Committee on Electoral Reform's progress report before reconvening for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman of the committee, HE Gabriel Suswan, was mandated to secure a copy of the progress report and the meeting was of the view that it was better for the Electoral Bill to be passed before the committee responded.</p>	

In another development, the meeting was informed that there was a unanimous decision by NEC on Section 145 of the 1999 Constitution. In the same vein members noted that the Forum's decision was in tandem with that of the House of Representatives on the issue of Section 145 of the constitution.

Similarly, the Secretariat was mandated to avail members with photocopies of the Sections 132 and 178 (1) and (2) to the members before the next meeting of the committee.

In his contribution, HE Dr Abubakar Bukola Saraki reminded members on the agreed N30 million contributions by each state.

On the issue of the duration for acting capacity for the Governors, it was suggested that in light of recent developments, members who would be away from their states for up to 120 days should hand over to their deputies.

The meeting came to an end by 6:15pm.