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Following a meeting of the Nigeria Governors' Forum where we deliberated on the Election Security Assessment and following a briefing from the Office of the National Security Adviser;

- 1. We commend the Nigerian security agencies including the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA), the Nigeria Police Force (NPF), and the Department of State Security (DSS), for the security arrangements that are being put in place to achieve violence-free general elections next month.
- 2. Members are committed to collaborate with all security agencies to ensure that the forthcoming elections are free, fair and conducted in an environment conducive for peaceful elections.
- 3. Governors are concerned about the proliferation of arms and ammunition, and the spate of kidnapping across the country.
- 4. The Forum recommends stronger collaboration and intelligence sharing amongst security agencies in the country to ensure that





- all lives and property are protected, regardless of individual or group affiliations.
- 5. Lastly, members seek stronger synergy between Governors as Chief Executive Officers of States and the heads of security agencies to strengthen preemptive measures of curbing election violence and other antisocial vices.

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