



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

8th January 2019.

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Abuja.

Query Letter for Anti-Party Activities and Unethical Conduct

The party leadership has received grievous complaints about your conduct. We are setting up a disciplinary committee to address these allegations. You will have the opportunity to robustly provide a defense of your actions and a refutation of the allegations, in writing.

Given the very serious nature of these allegations and need for a timely resolution, we require a written response to these allegations no later than Friday 11th January, 2019.

The complaints that have been levelled against you are as follows:

1. **Extended Closure of The Party Secretariat.**

The African Action Congress was registered as a political party by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on August 18th 2018, and the Party Secretariat, located at House 1, 1Q Road, Lugbe Federal Housing Estate, Abuja was declared open on the same day. However, for the last three months, the Party Secretariat has been kept under lock and key. You have neither reported for duty at the Secretariat, nor appointed clerical or support staff that would take on the responsibility for maintaining secretarial services, in contravention of your duties, as specified in Article 62 (d) of the constitution of party constitution, which states that your duties will include the supervision and control of the day to day activities of the National Secretariat.

As a result of this extended closure of the secretariat, several invitations to key events, critical to the effective preparation for the 2019 elections were missed. Your actions have also robbed our members of a physical space where they could gather and / or meet with party officials.

While we understand that your physical presence is not necessarily required at the Secretariat, you have grossly derelicted duty by not hiring or requesting for staff to man the secretariat in your absence.

We request a full accounting from you, of the reasons why you have maintained the secretariat under lock and key; or refused to staff it up with hands that would be able to perform basic clerical duties in your absence.



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2. **Failure to Notify the Party of Electorally-relevant Media Appearances and Publicity Offerings:**

The party has received numerous complaints, including from media organizations and other bodies providing election-related publicity services, that communications sent to you with critical information about offers for, and invitations to, activities related to the 2019 elections were received by you and not acted upon or brought to the notice of the party.

For instance, you were sent an offer for FREE editorial appearance for all of our Party's candidates by the Cool FM, Wazobia FM and Nigeria Info FM Media group on Friday November 16th, 2018. These stations have a nationwide presence and their offer for free appearances for our candidates constituted a major opportunity to showcase our party and provide our candidates with a platform for sharing our unique people-oriented programs with the Nigerian people, in a cost-effective manner. You did not share this information with our Chairman and Presidential Candidate, and failed to pass the details on to the Publicity and Media Directorates of either the Party or the Sowore 2019 Campaign.

Your actions have robbed over 150 candidates running on the platform of our party, of the opportunity for free appearances on the most popular radio stations in the country. This appears to have been a deliberate act of sabotage against all of our candidates, and constitutes anti-party activities, as established in Article 80 (2) b of the party constitution.

Please provide detailed reasons why you failed to report this offer, and many others similar to it, to the party.

3. **Payment of party funds directly into your private account & Failure to account for all Fees for Nomination forms paid to you:**

One of most damning ethical allegations made against you pertains to your request that monies paid by some aspirants for the purchase of party nomination forms be paid directly into your private account. It is unclear why you would provide your personal account to candidates for the purchase of nomination forms, since you remain one of only two signatories to the original party account. As an example, you received direct payments into your private account of fees from the Adamawa Gubernatorial candidate of the party. We note that in the case of the Adamawa gubernatorial candidate, the



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amount you eventually remitted to the Party account was far less than the approved nomination fees for Gubernatorial aspirants, which, without the approval of the National Working Committee of the party, amounts to shortchanging the party wilfully. This is despite the fact that the party account designated for such purposes, with name "African Action Congress", and number, "0425888778" in the Guaranty Trust Bank, had been in existence since September 2018. This implies a deliberation to the use of said personal account.

Your request for, and acceptance of, direct payment of party resources and fees into personal accounts violates our core principles for accountability and probity. You have also pointedly refused to provide an accounting of all monies received by you directly from our party's candidates who made their nomination form submissions through you. All of these constitute dishonest dealings and defrauding of the party, which are grounds for disciplinary action as specified in Article 80 (2) d of the party constitution.

4. **Refusal to update signatories to the party account:**

When the party account was opened by you in September 2018, you assigned yourself as the primary account holder with the Chairman, Omoyele Sowore, as the co-signatory. The Treasurer of the Party has notified you since September 2018, that the constitutionally designated signatories to the party account viz: African Action Congress, Guaranty Trust Bank, 0425888778, based on Article 89 (3) of the party constitution are the National Chairman, the National Treasurer and the the Deputy National Chairman (Admin).

Since being notified of this constitutionally mandated provision in September, you have refused to set the machinery in motion for the inclusion of the constitutionally-mandated officers of the party onto the party account. Given that our party constitution places account signatory authority on the Chairman, Deputy chairman Admin and the Party Treasurer, your refusal to comply with this request and facilitate an orderly transition of the management of the party accounts to the constitutionally-mandated officers constitutes a breach of the provisions of our constitution, and constitutes grounds for disciplinary measures as stipulated in Articles 80 (2) a and c.

We request a detailed explanation of the reasons why you refused to comply with the request to add the party Treasurer to the party account.



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5. Running Anti-Movement and Anti-Party Activities.

The party leadership has received disturbing, corroborated reports that you are the mastermind of an effort to undermine the party and discredit its Presidential Candidate. We are in possession of a list of 30 scurrilous and unfounded allegations that you authored, which you and your co-conspirators intend to use to malign the character and impugn the integrity of our Chairman and Presidential Candidate, Omoyele Sowore.

All of your actions in recruiting co-conspirators, and masterminding what you intend to be a campaign of calumny and character assassination, intended to embarrass and derail the AAC Presidential Candidate's historic run for the leadership of our nation, based on 50 manufactured accusations (of which we are in possession of your list of thirty), have been extensively documented by the leadership of the party. Everything done in the dark, will ultimately be exposed to the light. Your error was in assuming that the people you attempted to conscript into your conspiracy were also driven by inordinate ambitions and greed. You were wrong. These persons, conscious of the historic role of the TakeltBack movement, keenly aware of the role of the AAC in the coming transformation of Nigeria, and cognisant of the unique leadership that Sowore has provided, brought details of the plot to the leadership.

We have also received notice of your dalliances with the establishment parties, and your commitment to them to derail Sowore's candidacy and bring our great party, the AAC, into an alliance with the same parties that have raped and plundered our nation.

Your actions violate the spirit and letter of our constitution. They constitute a gross betrayal of a sacred trust. For someone who is a leader both in the Party and the movement, your treacherous actions are as shocking as they are abhorrent.

These anti-Party activities constitute anti-party activities and are grounds for disciplinary action as stipulated in Article 80 (2) d of the party constitution.

6. Non-participation in Movement and Party activities.

The TakeltBack Movement (TIB) and the African Action Congress (AAC), are volunteer based organizations. You were named as the Nigeria coordinator for the TIB movement at its inception and nominated to the position of Secretary of the Party at its formation even though you had no input in the conception, formation and funding of the Party.



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We note that since October 2018, you have not been active in leadership and have failed to perform any of your duties in the movement or the party. You have been absent from every leadership meeting held over the last 12 weeks.

The gross dereliction of duty that you have demonstrated by your extended absence from meetings is grounds for disciplinary action as stipulated in Article 80 (2) d of the party constitution.

7. Setting up parallel structures in several states:

You set up parallel party structures in several states in direct contradiction of the party proper leadership structure, which was approved by the Chairman and ratified by the leadership of the party.

Your actions caused extensive disharmony within the party which has led to extensive delays in the implementation of our mobilization strategies in the affected states. Instead of working to engage the Nigerian people with our message of progress and growth, your actions led to massive internal upheaval within the party, which the party organ is still working through.

The establishment of parallel structures with the resultant effect of disrupting the peaceful, lawful and efficient running of the party is grounds for disciplinary action as stipulated in Article 80 (2) d of the party constitution.

8. Unreported Representation of the Party at Major Events:

Despite your extended absence and failure to provide reports on the activities that you have undertaken on behalf of the party, you have continued to selectively represent the party at various events without notifying the party of your receipt of such invitations.

A case in point is the INEC Quarterly Consultative Meeting with Political Parties in Abuja, which you have attended previously and yet never provided a report back to the party chairman or the party leadership about. This forum is one in which Party Chairpersons are the designated representatives for their parties. Despite receiving the notices for the meetings, you never informed the Chairman of these meeting notifications.



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Although you have attended these forums ostensibly on behalf of the AAC, you have never provided any feedback on the outcomes of such meetings. Such feedback includes time- and security-sensitive information provided at a recent event organized by INEC on 7th January 2018. This is ostensibly the case with previous meetings.

Not only did you fail in your duties to record and report of the minutes of meetings taken on behalf of the party, you also failed to provide notification to, or obtain the approval needed to represent the Party in the role usually reserved for the Chairman, in these meetings.

Your actions violate the responsibilities of your office as stipulated in Article 62 of the constitution. The assumption of roles without approval or authorisation from the Chairman and your breach of the constitutional provisions for your office (Article 62), are grounds for disciplinary action as stipulated in Article 80 (2) of the party constitution.

Disciplinary Committee

A disciplinary committee has been constituted which includes the Legal Adviser of the Party, Deputy National Chairman (Admin), Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the Deputy Women Leader. Your detailed responses to these allegations must be received by the committee no later than 12 Noon, GMT on Friday 11th January, 2019. The document should be sent via email to mef222@gmail.com. Failure to provide the required response will lead to the consideration of these allegations without your input and the immediate imposition of final penalties.

In the interim, the egregious nature of some of these allegations, and their anti-party ramifications, has compelled us to immediately suspend you as the Secretary of the African Action Congress pending the conclusion of the disciplinary process.

Once a comprehensive response to these allegations is received from you, a hearing will be set up for the week of January 14th, 2019.

We look forward to receiving your response to these weighty allegations.

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African Action Congress

Cc: Chairman, Omoyele Sowore

Disciplinary committee