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Council of State

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**THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
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9/5/2023

SECRETARIAT
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Dear National Chairman,

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF DR. PETER APPIAHENE AND HAJIA SALIMA AHMED
TIJANI AS MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION BY THE PRESIDENT
UNDER ARTICLE 70 (2) OF THE 1992 CONSTITUTION**

The Council of State acknowledges your communication dated 17th April, 2023 relating to the Appointment of some members of the Electoral Commission.

As you rightly stated, the role of the Council of State in relation to appointments under Article 70(2) of the 1992 constitution is to advise the President.

The process of advising the President is that the President submits names of the intended persons accompanied by their particulars with a write up or what is called Curriculum Vitae (CVs). The Council of State studies the said CVs to ascertain the suitability or otherwise of the said individuals. When the Council is satisfied that the named individuals have the requisite qualifications it proceeds to approve the nomination. If the Council is not satisfied with the qualifications, it declines to make a recommendation.

As you rightly stated in paragraph 8 of the third page of your letter, the President having sworn into Office the two individuals, "the Council of State has become functus officio in the process of their appointments". It is therefore not possible to review the recommendations already made by the Council to the President.

Please accept the assurances of the Council's highest esteem

With warm regards,

**NANA OTUO SIRIBOE II
CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF STATE**

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