

SITUATION ROOM'S STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF PROFESSOR MAHMOOD YAKUBU FOR A SECOND TENURE AS INEC CHAIRMAN - Wednesday, 28th October 2020

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The Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room welcomes the nomination of Prof. Mahmood Yakubu for a second tenure as Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). His nomination and forwarding same to the Senate for approval provides an opportunity for lessons learnt from the 2019 general elections and recent off-cycle elections to be taken and long-lasting improvements made to Nigeria's electoral process.

Situation Room calls on the Senate to confirm his appointment and calls on the National Assembly to expedite efforts to pass into law the Electoral Act (Repeal and Re-enactment Bill 2020). Situation Room also calls on the President to make nominations of credible persons to the Senate to fill existing vacant positions in INEC.

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