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Sir.Rafal Marcin Wasik gave his Remarks

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USPA NEWS - IHRC MEETS WITH THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY (F.C.T) HONORABLE JUSTICE ISHAQ USMAN BELLO; IN ABUJA NIGERIA; ENDORSES HIM FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT NOMINATION.

The secretary general of the International Human Rights Commission Sir. Prof. Rafal Marcin Wasik gave his opening remark via a zoom video conference. He expressed His delight to be part of the epoch meeting, He further stated that the occasion is the first time his officially addressing African countries particularly Nigeria ever since he become world secretary general of IHRC. "This is not out of neglect but I was only waiting for a day like this"[7]. He said.

Presenting the Speech of the secretary General during the occasion; Amb. Dr. Friday Sani who is also the Country Head/ Coordinator Volunteers for West Africa Countries disclosed that IHRC is a specialized Intergovernmental Organization that mediate between Government and the people to bring about a society of just and peace globally. He further stated that IHRC was formed to protect, monitor and ensure compliance of universal deceleration on Human Rights as declared by United Nation in 1948.

Amb. Sani further disclosed that the chief Judge of FCT Hon. Justice Ishaq Usman Bello has an incomparable antecedents in Nigeria Judiciary and a jurists per excellent, saying his nomination by Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari into the International Criminal Court remain the best decision the Government has taken so far.

He further prayed the Honorable Chief Judge to consider three items which include;

1. I pray my Lord to create legal history on ground by assigning Specific Judge to deal with rising cases of rape and maltreatment of children

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that has become rampart in Nigeria. I believe you can make this example for other states in Nigeria to emulate.

2. Becauseofthemarkwehavemadeinarbitrationintheworld;Ipraymy Lord do involve International Human Rights Commission of Nigeria in arbitrations to assist in reducing the work load on judiciary and also decongest the prison since it is no longer news that majority of those in prison are those who are awaiting trials.

3. MyLordmustcontinuetoinsistonthecriminaljusticesysteminNigeria which disallowed an accuse persons from being detained beyond 24hours without trial before a court of competent jurisdiction. Through this police brutality and other security agencies involved in Human brutality can be checked.

To The Nigerian government; I wish to express our readiness to work with all levels of Government in Nigeria, However we call on the government of Nigeria to ensure a new strategy is introduced to end violence and killings in the country.

As the leader of the International Human Rights Commission; I am prepared to deploy expertise resources to assist in a peaceful resolution of this ongoing mistrust between the citizens and the Political class of Nigeria towards a more peaceful and prosperous Nation. Once again I thank my Lord for this opportunity and also salute my Ambassador at Large ambassador Dr. Friday Sani and His team for this unprecedented efforts. I also thank gentlemen of the press present in this occasion."[7]

Reacting to the visit, The Chief Judge; Hon. Justice Ishaq Usman Bello appreciated the International Human Rights Commission and the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Muhammodu Buhari) for finding Him worthy to be nominated to serve in the International Criminal Court as one of the Judges. The Chief Judge equally approved prayer one to three presented by IHRC and assured IHRC of a robust partnership that will bring about the defense and protection of Human Rights in Nigeria through several strategy to include the establishment of Children and young person's court and Family court, to ensure the protection of children and women in Nigeria.

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