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Dear Sir,

**2022 ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE NBA - RESOLUTION OF PETITIONS DATED
6 MAY 2022 & 11 MAY 2022**

We refer to the above subject, your petitions dated 6 May 2022 & 11 May 2022 and the response to the petition received from Mr. Yakubu Chonoko Maikyau, SAN, FCI Arb (“the Respondent”) dated 12 May 2022.

In the referenced petition, you requested that the ECNBA disqualifies the Respondent from contesting for the office of the **President** of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) on the ground that the Respondent is not qualified to contest for the position as he allegedly lost his membership of the NBA National Executive Committee (NEC) between 2018 to 2020 and he is not a registered member of any branch of the NBA.

The ECNBA has carefully considered your petition and the response to same. It is ECNBA’s position that further to the provisions of section 8(8) of the NBA Constitution, NEC is the appropriate body and the only entity that can satisfactorily determine whether its member’s absence from three consecutive meetings will necessitate the cessation of membership.

With regards to the membership of a branch of the NBA, the ECNBA finds that you did not provide any evidence that the Respondent is not a member of the Abuja Branch. You admitted that the Respondent attended the meeting of the Abuja Branch held as recently as 1 April 2022. There is

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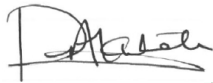
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no evidence that the Respondent did not attend previous meetings or any other meetings of the Branch. It is the view of the ECNBA that there is no factual basis to support your Petition.

The Respondent has provided evidence of the payment of his annual Bar Practicing Fee and Branch Dues for three consecutive years. Thus, the Respondent is a financial member of the Abuja Branch pursuant to Part 1 paragraph 3(3) 3rd Schedule of the Constitution.

Consequently, your petitions fail.

Yours faithfully,



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