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CIRCULAR LETTER TO:

ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN

ONDO STATE.

**SETTING-UP OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT POPULATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The National Population Commission has re-scheduled the national census exercise for March 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2006, to allow more time for better planning to achieve a hitch-free head count. In this connection, the Federal Government has established the National Population Advisory Committee at the Federal level. In the same vein, the Ondo State Executive Council at its meeting of October 5<sup>th</sup> 2005, approved the setting-up of the Ondo State Population Advisory Committee to ensure the effective and full mobilization of the people of the State for the all important census exercise.

2. In addition, the executive Council has also approved and directed that; the Local Government Councils should set-up their Population Advisory Committees to ensure total success of the census exercise in the State.

3. The composition of the Local Government Population Advisory Committee (LGPAC) should include:

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| (i)   | Local Government Chairman           | - | Chairman |
| (ii)  | Vice Chairman                       | - | member   |
| (iii) | Secretary to the Local Government   | - | member   |
| (iv)  | Supervisory Councilor for Education | - | member   |

- (v) Representative of ODIEC - member
- (vi) Divisional Police Officer - member
- (vii) A representative of the Director, State Security Service- member
- (viii) Chairman, Chieftaincy Committee in the Local Government -member
- (ix) A representative of the National Orientation Agency  
in the Local Government - member
- (x) A representative of the NPC in the Local Government- member
- (xi) Director Personnel Management - Secretary

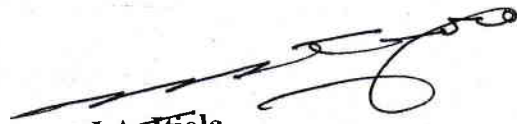
4. Please find listed hereunder, the specific roles of the Local Government Population Advisory Committee:

- (i) Mobilize support and cooperation for the Commission's activities in the Local Government through advocacy including Media campaign and direct community channels.
- (ii) Provide all possible logistics (vehicles, boats, motorcycles, Bicycles etc), communications, storage area and security.
- (iii) Advocate for support and cooperation to seek active participation throughout the Local Government employing the services of Traditional rulers, religious leaders, opinion leaders, private sector and other civil society groups. Hold rallies and street-to-street campaigns and actively support the State Census Publicity Committee in its public enlightenment efforts.
- (iv) Provide classrooms and accommodation arrangements in schools, colleges and other public or community buildings and institutions during training and fieldwork.

- (v) Assist in timely resolution of boundary disputes, ethnic clashes and Communal strife that may disrupt the census.
- (vi) Assist in dousing tension, fears and controversies over the census arrangement;
- (vii) Direct the traditional institutions to employ traditional media of Mass communication such as town criers in the propagation of census messages;
- (viii) Carry out any other role the State Population Advisory Committee may assign from time to time.

5. Please note that, the activities of the Local Government Committee is simply advisory, and SHOULD NOT in any way interfere with or take-over the roles of the National Population Commission, the body is constitutionally empowered to conduct the national head count.

6. Finally, kindly give priority attention to all matters relating to the forthcoming census particularly the immediate setting-up of the Advisory Committee.



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