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PRESS RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNING COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL DISABILITY COMMISSION IN LINE WITH THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PROHIBITION) ACT, 2018

Disability Rights Advocacy Center (DRAC), wishes to commend President Muhammadu Buhari on his effort towards ensuring the implementation of the *Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018* through the appointment of members of the Governing Council of the National Disability Commission and to heartily congratulate the newly appointed members and the Executive Secretary.

This is a huge step in the fulfillment of Nigeria's obligations towards ensuring equal treatment and full participation of persons with disabilities in the country.

The news of the appointments of the Executive Secretary and members of the Governing Council came to DRAC with great excitement having been active in mobilizing efforts towards the creation of the National Commission through targeted advocacy. Constituting this Governing Council shows the commitment of President Muhammadu Buhari's administration towards improving the status of persons with disabilities in Nigeria who deserve to live and function on an equal basis with others.

We at DRAC remain committed to supporting the Commission and the Executive Secretary Hon. James Lalu in advancing reforms that will eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities and promote their inclusion in all spheres of life.

We look forward to the full implementation of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018 while wishing the members of the Governing Council a successful term in office.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Irene Patrick-Ogbogu', is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Irene Patrick-Ogbogu
Executive Director