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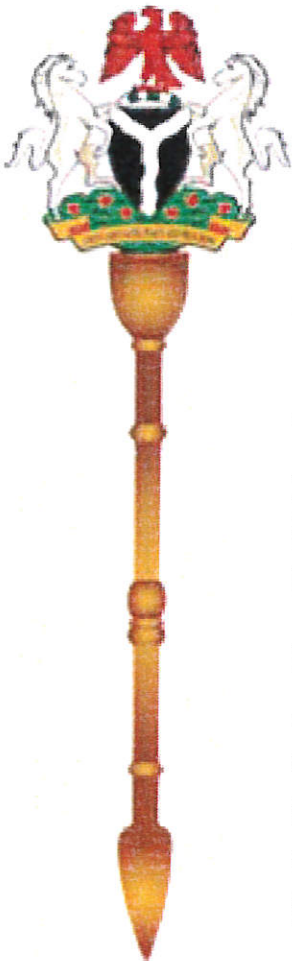
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PRESS STATEMENT.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR AHMED USMAN ODODO.



I congratulate His Excellency, Governor Ahmed Usman Ododo on his victory at the Supreme Court.

Now that partisan politics is over, and a court determination pronounced, it is time for the Governor to focus on the effective governance of Kogi State. There is so much to be done.

The hall mark of a true democratic society is to be able, as an aggrieved person(s) to seek redress through constitutionally permissible processes in a competent court of law. As a party man, I feel delighted that the All Progressive Congress, our Party, has emerged victorious.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my dear Brother, Alhaji Murtala Ajaka of the SDP for deepening the democratic process in our state by seeking redress constitutionally without resort to violence or acts that may have brought about a complete breakdown of law and order. I must also commend him for honourably and assiduously fighting for his convictions to a logical end.

It is now time for us all to put our grievances, however justified, behind us and work with His Excellency in bringing the dividends of democracy to our people. **This remains priority.**

The Governor has already taken major steps towards growth and we look forward to him moving at a much faster pace as he is no longer inundated with legal tussles and is now, solely saddled with the responsibility of governing the State.

Furthermore, I want to kindly call on all aggrieved members within and outside our party, to set aside all grievances and give their unwavering support to Governor Usman Ododo and indeed the Government at all levels to ensure peaceful co-existence that will enable us derive fully, the dividends of democratic governance. Let me equally use this opportunity to call on my party friends and associates, to jettison all bitterness and contribute, without hesitation, their quota towards the growth and development of our state. As a leader, I believe I have taken the right steps and have absolutely no regrets. As it stands today, I have no bitterness towards anyone and I have no enemies (real or perceived) to fight within and outside the political elites. As an ardent party man, I kindly urge us all to remain focused and united with a view to achieving accelerated development and sustainable peaceful co-existence within our great state.

Congratulations Your Excellency.


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