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His Excellency,
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Abuja.

Your Excellency,
Open Letter to His Excellency, the President, of the Senate

A Case for Expulsion of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation from Nigeria for threatening the
Food Security of the People of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced a grant of \$8.3 million to the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center to support the second phase of its Bio-Cassava Plus project, which aims to increase the nutritional value of cassava for Kenya and Nigeria (see attached). Both of these projects use a range of crop breeding techniques, including transgenic approaches, sometimes referred to as genetic modification, or more commonly called GMOs. The claim by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was that, they funded a work by the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center titled “Transgenic Bio-fortification of the Starchy Staple Cassava (*Manihot esculenta*) Generates a Novel Sink for Protein:” The authors of this paper that suggests that, cassava, a starchy tuber crop, which is a major food source in much of the developing world, could one day be turned into a food staple “capable of supplying inexpensive, plant-based proteins for food, feed and industrial applications” have retracted it (see attached), following an institutional investigation that failed to find critical supporting data. Following the publication of this article, the authors have been unable to confirm the presence of the zeolin gene within the transgenic cassava plants in several subsequent studies.

This raises concerns about the validity of the results reported in the article. Additionally, the Committee on Research Integrity at Donald Danforth Plant Science Center has carried out an institutional investigation which revealed that, significant amounts of data and supporting documentation that were claimed to be produced by the first author could not be found. In effect, the much touted benefits by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that justified the Bio-Cassava Plus Project Nigeria is a scientific hoax! Rather, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation aimed at substituting our natural cassava with GMOs cassava made by their company (Bill Gates owns at least over 500,000 shares) Monsanto of St Louis MO, USA, which will create dependency on this transgenic variant of Bill Gates cassava.

NOTE: US Department of Agriculture report confirms the poor yield performance of GM crops, saying, “GE crops available for commercial use do not increase the yield potential of a variety. In fact, yield may even decrease.” In 2008, the United Nations International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) also concluded

that GM technology is not likely to contribute significantly to increasing yield potential in the future.

One of Africa's leading specialists in plant genetics at the University of Ouagadougou, Prof Jean Albert Zongo has warned African leaders that, the distribution of the GMOs is creating dispersion of its genes into nature that reduced the biodiversity. The GMOs will mix with local varieties and change their natural structure. He maintained that, the evolution of any plant lies in the diversity of its species and when these varieties are lost it becomes impossible for that plant to evolve. Similar remarks have been echoed by leading European plant geneticists who recruited Prince Charles of the United Kingdom to head the fight of Western Europeans against GMOs. However, without any enabling laws on genetic food biosafety testing in Nigeria, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through some local actors like the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Nigerian National Root Crop Research Institute, BioCassava Plus Nigeria, and international actors like Rockefeller Foundation, Cargill, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Syngenta, Bayer, and Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunization (GAVI), have continued to unlawfully introduce the Bill Gates transgenic variants of cassava, rice, maize, yam, and sorghum to displace the natural food crops in Nigeria and across Africa.

Food security is at the heart of national security and life of the nation. These actions of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation threaten the food security of over 240 million Africans. Catholic Health Professionals at the recently concluded Catholic Health Summit in Abuja 23rd – 25th October, 2013, analyzed these actions by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and all the professionals were alarmed because of the long-term implications, that the food security of 160 million Nigerians would depend on only one man Bill Gates. Bill Gates could at will switch off the growth gene of all the GMOs in our staple crops, or could choose to target them with plant disease causing mass hunger, pestilence and death. Such a genocide was demonstrated in the devastating famine in East Africa, where the GMOs had their first test runs earlier this year! The question now arises, what does Bill Gates want? The faltering Western economies are seeking to transform from electronic technology to the 'human industry' using embryonic stem cell research. Economic forecasters say that, embryonic stem cell research if successful, has a potential of raising a \$30 Trillion US Dollar market, one-third of World economy. Africans are regarded by the Biotech companies as the 'guinea-pigs' for the embryonic stem cell industry, hence hold the key to this 'Western progress'. This 'human industry' will make and sell human organs parts made from embryonic stem cell research. However, to perfect the key procedure called the Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) that will yield the organ, the industry will need about 100 million ovarian eggs per annum from at least 10 million African women, to make human embryos of Africans to be killed in these experiments in Western laboratories, in the next five years. The 10 million donor African women will die after two to three years from complications of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (kidney failure, liver failure, cancers, infections etc). The latter, is why egg donation for experimental purposes is banned by law in the entire Western Countries. Such laws like the National Health Bill 2012 (Section 51-58), Genetically Modified Organisms and Biosafety Bill (Sections 17-20) were engineered to facilitate human embryo trafficking in Nigeria.

African leaders clouded by naivety and lack of knowledge of the Western Deception led by Bill Gates and his affiliates, would through self-imposed laws cause self inflicted mass extinction of their own people!

We had pointed out earlier that, there is a potential conflict of interest by the so-called Philanthropists in the Billionaire members of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who support abortion and fertility issues and also own 90% of the embryonic stem cell industry that use these tissues for research. Using the current approaches, Bill Gates aims in just a few years would gain the monopoly of staple food crop seeds in the whole of Africa, and hence all of Africa's food security will be vested in his companies. It is easy to imagine 'an ovarian egg for food program' for Nigerians to eat their daily bread. Mounting evidence suggests that, Bill Gates through some politicians is fast gaining a party political setup in Nigeria, threatening the existing democratic dispensation. It would soon be impossible to dismantle the present undertakings by Bill Gates, hence we are surrendering the sovereignty and food security of the People of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to him. Therefore, this is a matter of National Security Urgency, and must be treated with dispatch.

I am writing to you on-behalf of all the Pro-life Organizations who work very closely within the Global Pro-life Alliance (GPA) including the ACMPN, because of your well known patriotic stance before the leaders of Europe on issues of Same-Sex Marriage, that won you the hearts of many Nigerians. We hope you will take this initiative to call for a thorough Public Senate Investigation on the issues related to GMOs and the role of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Nigeria. We hope that this will be followed by a Senate recommendation to expel the foundation and all other international organizations that have aided and abated this illegal process. For the meantime, a moratorium should be placed on distribution of all GMOs through all sources throughout Nigeria!

We thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

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