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## **DSS V SOWORE – ATTEMPTED ARREST OF SOWORE AT THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT ON FRIDAY, 06 DECEMBER 2019**

1. Our attention has been drawn to a purported call by the Nigerian Bar Association (“NBA”) for, amongst others, the commencement of impeachment proceedings by the National Assembly against President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR in the event that the Director General of the Department of State Security is not sacked by the President following the attempted arrest of Omoyele Sowore in the courtroom of the Federal High Court in Abuja last Friday, 06 December 2019.
2. That publication does not represent the position of the NBA and was not known to nor mandated by the NBA President. The Nigerian Bar Association Constitution, 2015 (as amended) mandates only the President to speak on behalf of the Association and he had made the position of the NBA known to everyone in his interview with Channels Television that was broadcast live on Friday, 06 December 2019 in its 10pm network news slot. That broadcast has been rebroadcasted through YouTube links and can easily be downloaded therefrom by anyone.
3. In no part of that interview did the NBA involve the National Assembly neither did we call for the impeachment of the President over the incident. We condemned in unmistakable terms the incident and the conduct of the DSS and called for the Department to tender a public apology to the Nigerian people, but we did not howsoever personalize the grave issues that arose from the incident. That broadcast remains the position of the Nigerian Bar Association.

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