

**DECLARATION ISSUED AT THE JUDICIAL COLLOQUIUM ON  
THE ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL  
COURT ORGANIZED BY THE NIGERIA COALITION ON THE  
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IN ENUGU FROM 12<sup>TH</sup> –  
14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005**

**The participants at the Judicial Colloquium on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court held at the Top Rank Hotels, Enugu from 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005;**

**RECALLING** that Nigeria had ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2001;

**REALISING** that the National Assembly, exercising its law making functions under section 12 of the Constitution, has commenced the process of domestication of the Statute;

**MINDFUL** of the grave crimes being committed in various parts of the country and the need to apply relevant international standards and practice in our local jurisprudence;

**RECOGNISING** that such grave crimes threaten the peace, security and well being of all Nigerians and, indeed, Africans as a whole;

**EMPHASIZING** the urgent need to put an end to impunity in the country by holding those responsible for such crimes accountable;

**Declare that:**

- 1. The National Assembly should expedite action on the process of domestication of the Statute.**
- 2. The National Judicial Institute (NJI) and other agencies involved in the administration of Criminal Justice should embark on intensive sensitization and training of judicial and legal officers on the provisions of the Statute.**
- 3. Civil Society Organisations and other Development Partners, should complement the bold efforts of the Nigeria Coalition on the International Criminal Court (NCICC) in disseminating information relating to the provisions of the Statute and the workings of the International Criminal Court (ICC).**
- 4. In nominating Judges to the ICC, the Nigerian Government should make the process transparent, consultative and participatory.**

**Declared in Enugu, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005.**