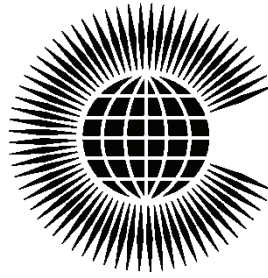


ANNEX IV: Public Statement by the Chair on 2 April 2011



THE COMMONWEALTH OBSERVER GROUP NIGERIA ELECTIONS

Statement by Chair of Commonwealth Observer Group, Festus Mogae, on postponement of National Assembly elections in Nigeria

'We are naturally very disappointed at the fact that INEC has not been able to hold the National Assembly elections as scheduled.

We fully understand and sympathise with the frustration felt by the Nigerian people as a result. We have noted the explanation provided by the Chairman of INEC, Professor Jega, for the inability of INEC to proceed with the election today and the postponement of the National Assembly election to Monday, 4 April.

We hope that INEC will have learnt the necessary lessons from this experience and ensure that there are no further impediments that frustrate the ability of the Nigerian people to exercise their franchise.

We also call for calm and restraint on the part of all stakeholders, so that the elections can still take place in an atmosphere of peace and order.'

Abuja, 2 April 2011

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