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President Muhammadu Buhari Affirms the Exoneration of Three Permanent Secretaries, Mrs. Ibukun Abimbola Odusote, Mrs. Nkechi Ejele and Mrs. Fatima Bintu Bamidele

Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has directed that the appointment of three Permanent Secretaries---- Mrs. Ibukun Abimbola Odusote, Mrs. Nkechi Ejele and Mrs. Fatima Bintu Bamidele---- who have been without posting since November 2015 should not be terminated in view of the fact that allegations against them could not be proven.

2. The President gave this directive while considering the recommendations of the Federal Service Management Committee and that of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF).

3. The President also noted that Mrs. Fatima Bamidele recently retired from the Service upon the attainment of the mandatory age of 60 years and wished her well in retirement. He however stated, that the careers of the remaining two Permanent Secretaries, Mrs. Ibukun Abimbola Odusote, and Mrs. Nkechi Ejele must not be terminated on account of unproven allegation until they are due for retirement.

4. In his magnanimity and compassion, Mr. President's directive has now brought to closure the uncertainties surrounding the careers of the permanent secretaries.

5. The Presidential clean bill for the top civil servants is a further demonstration of the Federal Government's determination to ensure that no government employee is unduly victimized on account of frivolous allegations and petitions.

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