

**REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FEDERATION, BOSS MUSTAPHA, DELIVERED AT THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY OPEN WEEK, 2018, HOLDING FROM 16TH – 19TH
JULY, 2018, AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX, ABUJA**

Protocol

I am highly delighted to be here today on the occasion of the National Assembly Open Week, 2018. This gesture evinces the intention of the legislature to recognize and collaborate with other arms of Government, particularly the Executive, in carrying out its constitutionally vested mandate.

2. The National Assembly Open Week is organized to promote public knowledge and understanding of the workings of the legislature and create opportunities for interaction between the legislature and key stakeholders. This initiative by the National Assembly is highly commendable. This is because the Legislature as an arm of Government epitomizes the highest democratic principles and tenets thus the initiative geared towards broadening the public's perception and insight into the legislative process deserves sustenance.

3. Distinguished Senators, Honourable Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, permit me at this juncture to place on record the commitment of the President Muhammadu Buhari's Administration to

the legislative process of our great nation. This commitment has been expressed in more ways than one; some of which include the recent signing of the 2018 Appropriation Bill into law as well as other Bills of national importance. Let me assure you that all hands are on deck towards the effective implementation of the budget for the benefit of the Citizenry.

4. I must also salute the industry of the National Assembly in carrying out its functions which has led to the passage of several bills touching on the welfare of the average Nigerian, within the life of the 8th National Assembly. I urge you Distinguished Senators and Honourable Members to continue to uphold the sanctity of the hallowed chambers in all your endeavors and carry out your duties to the best of your abilities. Let me also use this opportunity to welcome you back from your recent recess and to assure you of the commitment of the Executive arm of Government towards a cordial working relationship with the Legislature for the purpose of national growth and development.

5. I wish you successful deliberations during this Open Week.

6. Thank you.