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AFRICAN PETROLEUM PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION
APPA**



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ABUJA DECLARATION

The Council of Ministers of the African Petroleum Producers' Association (APPA) held its 33rd ordinary Session on March 15th, 2016 in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, under the High Patronage of **H.E. Mr. Muhammadu Buhari**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Head of State.

The Council of Ministers dwelt on the economic situation of APPA Member Countries, as well as the project of evaluation and reform of the organs and bodies of APPA in order to render it more effective and visible on the international scene, so that Member Countries can finally benefit from its activities.

At the end of its deliberations, and following the international situation of the oil market as well as its impact on African economies, and in order to cope with the current oil crisis and its adverse effects on the economies of Member Countries, the Council of Ministers of the African Petroleum Producers' Association (APPA) makes the following declaration:

- i) that the major crude oil producing countries (members and non-OPEC members) set aside their differences and take steps to slow or stop the drop in the price of crude oil;
- ii) that the APPA Member countries pursue their support to the initiative of Algeria and Angola to create a platform for engagement of oil producers at the world level and stabilize the oil market, as stated in Resolution No. 245 of the Council of Ministers of APPA on 3rd April, 2015 in Abidjan;
- iii) that the African countries should diversify their economies, reduce costs, and streamline budget choices, promote Local Content, stimulate good governance and move towards the creation of an African market of crude oil, natural gas and oil products;
- iv) that major obstacles to the sustainable development of the African continent remain its energy deficit and environmental challenges that have significant consequences on its population and economy. African countries must devise effective strategies to fight energy poverty;
- v) that given Africa's relatively under-exploited energy potential, the continent must be part of the dynamics of an energy transition for sustainable development.

Adopted in Abuja, 15th March, 2016

The Council of Ministers of APPA