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ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 6TH NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE (AutoEI) HELD AT AGUIYILO CENTRE, NNAMDI AZIKWE EXPRESSWAY, KADUNA, ON SEPTEMBER FROM 29 - 30 SEPTEMBER, 2016.

The Automotive Engineers' Institute (AutoEI), a Division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) led by Engr. Austine I. Okolo FNSE, FNIMechE, FAutoEI, the National Chairman, held its 6th National Engineering Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the AGUIYILO CENTRE, Nnamdi Azikwe Expressway, Kaduna from September 29-30, 2016 with the theme "**CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT TO MEET ENERGY NEEDS IN THE NIGERIAN AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR**" under the chairmanship of the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Engr. Otis Anyaeji, FNSE, FAEng, FAutoEI,.

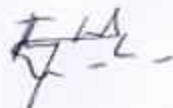
The conference which attracted participants from government, industry and academia was graced by the presence of many dignitaries, including the representative of the Government of Kaduna State, the Managing Director of Peugeot Automobile Nigeria Ltd, Commandant AFIT who served as the Lead Paper Presenter and the representative of the DG National Automotive Design & Development Council.

After exhaustive deliberations, the Conference came out with the following resolutions:

1. The Federal Government should facilitate the passage of the Nigerian Automotive Industry Development Plan Bill to attract the much-needed investment to the automotive sector.

2. Previous efforts of the Government in developing the automotive sector are highly commended but more attention should be given to provision of flexible policies, incentives and enabling environment that will help in repositioning of Nigeria as an automotive manufacturing destination.
3. The Government and key stakeholders in this important sector should intensify their efforts in promoting economic potentials of the automotive industry, including employment generation, significant GDP contribution, manpower development, commercialization of research findings, technology innovation, stimulating development of linkage industries, and poverty alleviation for the empowerment of our people.
4. The Government through financial institutions should facilitate provision of loanable funds at single-digit interest rate for indigenous investors in automotive industry as manufacturing projects are capital intensive with long payback periods.
5. The Government should encourage patronage of Nigerian auto products by its Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) as well as individuals to encourage and retain investors.
6. The dealers and importers of vehicles/spare parts should be encouraged to go into joint ventures with foreign investors to set up plants in Nigeria for local production of these items

For and behalf of **AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE**



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