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### INSTRUMENT CONSTITUTING THE LANGALANGA TRAIN ACCIDENT TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY

Under the power conferred upon me by section 1 of the Tribunals of Inquiry Decree 1966, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Major-General Yakubu Gowon, Head of the Federal Military Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, hereby constitute and appoint a Tribunal (to be called "the Langalanga Train Accident Tribunal of Inquiry") with the terms of reference hereinafter appearing:

AND for this purpose I appoint—

DR E. U. UDOMA	.. ..	Judge of the Supreme Court
MR B. V. SESHADRI	.. ..	Government Inspector of Railways
MR J. A. ORSHI	.. ..	Commissioner for Area Court, Benue/Plateau State
ALHAJI ALI AKILU	.. ..	An Economist and ex-Secretary to the then Northern Region Government; and
ALHAJI M. A. ABDUL RAZAQ	.. ..	Legal Practitioner

to be members of the tribunal with full powers and authority to hold public hearing, save where the Chairman is of the opinion that it is necessary in the public interest or otherwise howsoever to exclude persons from the hearing or any part of a hearing:

AND I direct that Dr E. U. Udoma aforesaid shall be the Chairman, and I appoint Mr E. E. Nyong, Senior Assistant Secretary to be the Secretary to the tribunal:

AND I further direct that any three members of the tribunal, of whom one shall be the Chairman, shall constitute a quorum, and that the tribunal shall hold its first meeting in Lagos on 1st April, 1970, and the tribunal shall thereafter hold the said inquiry at such place or places and upon such dates as the Chairman may determine.

AND I further direct that, in accordance with section 4 of the Decree, the tribunal shall have power to regulate its own proceedings.

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE

2. The tribunal shall, with all convenient speed—

(a) inquire into the cause or causes of the accident, and the circumstances in which 156 Down Mixed Passenger Train became involved in the accident, at mile 379½ on the eastern line, at approximately 17.15 hours on the evening of 16th February, 1970 while travelling on the run from Kaduna Junction to Igunmale station, and determine whether the railway management, or any railway employee(s) by conduct or negligence, in any way caused or contributed to the accident;

(b) inquire into and report on any action taken for the restoration of traffic, the medical attention to the injured and police protection of property at the site of accident ; and

(c) make, in the light of the findings in paragraph (a) above, recommendations for improving conditions of track, rolling stock (including locomotives) and train working in the railway system for greater safety of the travelling public.

3. AND I hereby require the tribunal to submit its report to me in Lagos within three months after the date of its first meeting or within such extended period as I may hereafter allow in writing.

GIVEN and issued under my hand in Lagos this 25th day of March, 1970.

**MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,**  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria*

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