**COURTESY CALL BY AIG ZONE 16, NIGERIA POLICE FORCE**

**Venue: Governor’s Office. Date:22-7-2020.**

Your Excellency the Deputy Governor of Bayelsa State, Senator Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo, the Chairman House committee on security the Honourable lieutenant colonel rtd Barnard. The secretary to the Government of Bayelsa State, right Honourable Friday Benson Konbowei, the head of service barrister Miss Oyema. The Chief of staff Government House and his deputy, the principal secretary and our August visitors today, who are part of us, the assistance inspector General of police. Our immediate past Commissioner of police who has just been decorated as an Assistant Inspector General Mr. Ikpo Nkaro and other members of the entourage, I welcome you to the Government House and to the Governor’s office.

I want to start by thanking God for today for all that is happening to our dear state and our dear country. It is only God that would have done it again that today we are hosting the zonal headquarters of zone 16 and hosting the AIG in charge of the zone and we give God the glory. Again let me use the opportunity to appreciate Mr. President, the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and commander in Chief of the arm forces, Muhammadu Buhari for approving Bayelsa, Yenagoa as the headquarters of the Zone 16 of the Nigerian police. May I on behalf of the Government and the good people of Bayelsa State, appreciate Mr. President and all those who have worked with him to have approved Yenagoa to host the zonal headquarters of Zone 16 of the Nigerian police. Let me also appreciate the inspector of police for ensuring that our dear state Yenagoa was recommended to Mr. President for his approval. May I on behalf of the good people of our state and the Government appreciate the Inspector General for a work that will go on in the history of our State and he will be fondly remembered that while he was in the office, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State became the headquarters of Zone 16. Let me also thank him for the promotion of our own Commissioner of Police (CP) just like the MC has noted, the State has become a Miracle State, and so anybody that steps on this land and has a good heart, God will certainly promote him. Our new decorated AIG, though you are leaving us, life is all about meeting and parting, but we appreciate all that you have done in a short period that you have stayed with us, you have proved who you are and we are sure that is why the police also found you worthy to be promoted as AIG. So we thank the IG for promoting our Commissioner of Police (CP) to the rank of an AIG. Listening to our new friend and brother compatriot in the work of governance, the number one duty of every government is to ensure the security of lives and properties and therefore as Governor my job is the Chief Security officer of Bayelsa State and I cannot do that job without my partners, my compatriots the Nigeria Police and other security agencies. And so my brother AIG you have the full support and the cooperation of the Bayelsa State Government. It is in this respect that I want to announce to you that for your smooth take off of the zonal office, the Bayelsa State Government will provide a temporary zonal accommodation for your take off. So you will not be in one office room in the state police Command. Thereafter, my Security team will take you the accommodation that we have already procured for your take off. The Bayelsa State Government will also provide an official temporary accommodation for you and other logistics support. The security team will work out details with you and to the best of our capacity and ability we will provide the logistics that will also enhance the smooth take off of the zonal command. And so for us, it is a win-win situation that we are housing the zonal command headquarters in Yenagoa and that today we have also seen in flesh and blood the new AIG posted to the command and that he has announced to us that he has even resumed office since 12th July. And so we are very happy, we express our profound gratitude to all who has made it possible for Bayelsa to host the new zonal headquarters. As a government, our policies is zero tolerance for criminality and we are very sure that with your coming, it will also enhance the policy of this prosperity government that there is no known place for hiding for any criminal. Therefore, we urge all of us who has been involved in any criminal activity to stop and take a second look at what is happening here today and have a change of heart and become a law abiding citizen of Bayelsa State and of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I welcome you to your new assignment, I welcome you to Bayelsa State and we will work with you hand in glove to ensure you succeed in your assignment here. Thank you, may God bless Bayelsa State, may God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.