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SOLICITING UNDERSTANDING ON THE NEED TO ESCHEW FURTHER WASTAGE OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES IN THE DEMAND FOR JUSTICE.

- 1) PENGASSAN have reasons to empathize with the Niger Delta People in their legitimate demand for fair and egalitarian society and for socio-economic emancipation of the Region in terms of the resources accruing from the Area.
- 2) We however differ in the approach of channeling our grievances and mounting pressure, particularly when such approach is directed and targeted on unsuspecting and innocent Oil Workers who are our Kindred sharing in our struggle and canvassing for emergency development of the Niger Delta in line with the Master Plan for the human, physical and infrastructural transformation which the region that lays the 'golden egg' truly deserves.
- 3) MEND as brothers should not target fellow brothers, as this poses challenges which may adversely affect our justification for attention and efforts on accelerated action(s).
- 4) We have cause to believe that if the issues of the agitators are properly channelled, conducive forum will be provided for engagement and consensus building towards enduring resolution of all issues.

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