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INSTRUMENT OF TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER

By His Excellency The Right Honourable Doctor Nnamdi Azikiwe, Member of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Federation of Nigeria.

WHEREAS the Prime Minister is about to depart and be absent from Nigeria for some time and it is expedient and necessary to authorise some other member of the Council of Ministers to perform sundry functions of the Prime Minister:

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 85 of the Constitution of the Federation of Nigeria set out in the Second Schedule to the Nigeria (Constitution) Order in Council, 1960, I, Nnamdi Azikiwe, Member of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Federation of Nigeria, on the advice of the Prime Minister hereby authorise the Honourable Chief Festus Sam Okotie-Eboh C.M.G., M.P., Minister of Finance, to perform, in Nigeria, from the 4th day of March, 1961, the functions conferred upon the Prime Minister by the Constitution aforesaid (save only the functions conferred by the aforesaid section 85 thereof) until this Instrument of temporary authority is revoked by me.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federation of Nigeria at Lagos this 4th day of March, 1961.

NNAMDI AZIKIWE
Governor-General