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**Attention: President NAOWA**

Dear Sir

**GRANT OF SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO THE NIGERIAN ARMY  
OFFICERS WIVES ASSOCIATION**

1. I am pleased to inform you that the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has finally granted a special consultative status to the Nigerian Army Officers Wives Association (NAOWA). Please see the attached UN Letter granting this status for your perusal. ECOSOC is one of the 6 principal organs of the UN in the same category as the General Assembly, the Security Council, the International Court of Justice, the Trusteeship Council and the Secretariat.
2. One of the numerous functions of ECOSOC is to hold annual consultations with non governmental and civil society organizations on programme and policy issues. By granting NAOWA this concession, ECOSOC has given the association the opportunity to promote its principles and ideas on the world stage and the privilege to join over 2,000 similar organizations that enjoy consultative relations with the council. I have no doubt that this forum will provide great opportunities for NAOWA to exchange ideas with these organizations and further enhance its own performance at home
3. You will recall that our quest for this status started during my tenure as the President of NAOWA in 2006. It has not been easy pushing this through. At the end of it all, I feel greatly humbled to be associated with this landmark event and wish to thank the Chief of Army Staff most profoundly for giving me the opportunity to serve NAOWA and our dear country.

Sincerely Yours,

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