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We are pleased to announce that the lead role played by our team led by Prof. Bankole Sodipo SAN working alongside, Prof. Adebambo Adewopo, SAN, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) and Distinguished Senator Abiru, Senator Bamidele, Senator Alkali has resulted into the recently passed Copyright Act 2023. The Act was passed by President Muhammadu Buhari on March 17, 2023.

Since around 2012, at the behest of the NCC, our team members worked with other consultants in drafting, harmonisation of proposed bills and reviewing submissions from public and private sector stakeholders considering technology, business environments and global best practices. That culminated into NCC's Executive Copyright Bill. Senator Abiru championed the copyright cause when he introduced a Private Member's Copyright Bill (prepared by our firm's team members), into the Senate. The Private Member's Bill was harmonised with the Executive Bill and passed as the Copyright Bill.

We are excited that the result of years of consultation and collaboration, engaging sessions, advocacy and hard work has led to the passing of the Copyright Act, 2023. We are happy to note Prof. Sodipo's legacy as he was part of the team that drafted the now repealed Copyright Act, 1988.

We are proud to note that the Act addresses the challenges posed by the digital and online use of copyright works. The Act will equip and strengthen the creative industry to compete globally in the digital age.