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His Excellency, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, *Ph.D., CFR* is a ranking Member of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria and until recently the Deputy President of the upper legislative chamber for 12 consecutive years, the longest in the history of the Nigerian legislature.

He chaired the Senate Committee on the Review of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, for 12 consecutive years, successfully piloting several amendments to the Nigerian Constitution as well as extensive electoral reforms.

He is a Member of the Malta-based International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace where he chairs the Committee on Legal and Legislative Affairs.

Senator Ekweremadu served as the Speaker of the Parliament of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Parliament) from 2011 to 2016 where he spearheaded the Legislative Act for the Enhancement of the Powers of the ECOWAS Parliament.

He holds a Ph.D. in Constitutional Law in addition to Leadership Certificates from Harvard University and Oxford University. He is also a Visiting Professor and Mentoring Scholar of E-Governance and Strategic Government Studies at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA.

He has spoken extensively on the themes of democracy, good governance, and international politics, especially constitution-making, federalism, parliamentary practice, security, and regional cooperation. He has also spoken on regional cooperation and led discussions or served as a panelist at several Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and ECOWAS fora and workshops.

He is the lead author of the book "Constitutional Review in an Emerging Democracy: The Nigerian Experience" (2015) and "Who Will Love My Country: Ideas for Building the Nigeria of Our Dreams" (2016).

Senator Ekweremadu is a recipient of Nigeria's National Honour of the Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR).