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Nigeria has kicked against the United Nations' resolution that endorsed the rights of gay, lesbian and

transgendered people, warning that the world body could turn into a "guinea pig" of policies that cannot

be implemented by member states. Nigeria's vote was, however, not enough to defeat the resolution

which was passed by the Geneva-based Council with 23 votes in favor, 19 against and three abstentions.

The resolution brought forward by South Africa was supported by the United States, the European

Union and Latin American countries. Nigeria, which spoke on behalf of the African group at the council,

was prominent among the nations that voted against it, including Russia, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

Speaking on behalf of the Africa group, Nigeria's representative at the Council Ositadinma Anaedu said

African countries, and more than 90% of African people don't support the resolution.

## **BRITISH-NIGERIAN COUNCILLORS PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES.**

The Association of British-Nigerian councilors have pledged support for ethnic minorities,

Including Nigerians living in the United Kingdom. Councilor Adedamola Aminu, the newly

Elected chairman of the association, gave the pledge at the association's annual general

meeting and election of its officials in London. According to the relevant 2007 statistics, nearly

31% of London's population is from ethnic minority communities.

Aminu said the association would tackle among other things, the incessant violence and gun

Killing of youths, especially in the Nigerian community. He also said, they will raise these

concerns with the appropriate authorities and agencies, including the central government of

the United Kingdom, with a view to finding long lasting solutions to them. He expressed

concern over the under-representation of the ethnic minorities in decision making bodies in the

United Kingdom and urged members of the community, especially Nigerians, to show more

interest in politics.

## **NIGERIAN BORN AMERICAN OFFERS STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP WORTH FIVE MILLION NAIRA.**

Mr. Bob Agbede, has offered scholarship worth Five Million to indigent Nigerian best

graduating engineering students, spread over the next 10 years. The lucky recipients would be

free to pursue Masters Degree in the field of Engineering at any United States University of

their choice, beginning from this year.

He said that the gesture was part of his way of giving back to the Nigerian society and appreciation of the goodness of God upon his life.

## **A NIGERIAN IN THE RACE FOR NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL SEAT.**

A Nigerian, David Kayode says he will run for a seat in the New York City Council, hoping to

become the first African to be elected into the council. Kayode, a Baptist minister and staff

of the New York City Department of Homeless Services, is running for the 28<sup>th</sup> Council District in

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the election to be held in November. He said in New York that his campaign would focus on

employment, education, housing and public safety for his constituents in New York.

Kayode, is a native of Ijero Kingdom in Ekiti State, who immigrated to the United States in 1977,

said his close relationship with the former city councilman White would serve as a boost to his

campaign. He is a democrat and a strong supporter of President Barack Obama. He is married to Adunni and they have five children - three girls and two boys.

The New York City Council, the law-making body of the City of New York comprises of 51

members from 51 council districts throughout the five boroughs.

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## **NIGERIA VOTED AGAINST GAY RIGHTS DECLARATION AS THE UNITED NATIONS PASS LANDMARK RE**

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