OPENING REMARKS AT THE
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COMPUTER ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (COAN)

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It is with great pleasure that I accepted your invitation to deliver a speech at this
dinner event to mark the closing ceremony of the 16th National Conference of the
Computer Association of Nigeria (COAN)

As I look around I see friends and colleagues who enjoy my greatest respect
and admiration for their contributions to the development of the information
base of our nation even in the midst of unstable business environment of the
past.

We all thank the all might God for the renewed hope that emerged with the
transition to democratic rule exactly one year ago.

Let us therefore move into the future with zeal and faith that all will be well for
our nation.

I am therefore pleased to share with you my thoughts and analysis of the
Nigerian situation regarding the telecommunications and information technology
challenge for Nigeria.

In the new world of convergence and multimedia platforms, computer devices
are suddenly replacing plain old telephone devices as terminal equipment at the
end of a telephone line.

It must therefore be of interest to COAN that the telecommunications
infrastructure in the country is expanded rapidly, first because it will enhance
your business and secondly because it will improve the general economic well
being of the nation.