

U.S. Department of Justice
 Washington, DC 20530

**Exhibit A to Registration Statement
 Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .22 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, FARA Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant vanguard Africa	2. Registration Number 6411
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3. Primary Address of Registrant
 1629 K Street, NW, suite 300, Washington, DC 20006

4. Name of Foreign Principal El Rufai Support Group Association	5. Address of Foreign Principal suite B23/24, Area 11 Shopping (EFAB) Mall Garki, Abuja NIGERIA
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6. Country/Region Represented
 NIGERIA

7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:

- Government of a foreign country¹
- Foreign political party
- Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
 - Partnership
 - Corporation
 - Association
 - Committee
 - Voluntary group
 - Other (*specify*) _____
- Individual-State nationality _____

8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
- b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

1 "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

9. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

- b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

10. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

To support the political and leadership activities of former Kaduna State Governor, Nasir El-Rufai.

b) Is this foreign principal:

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| Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

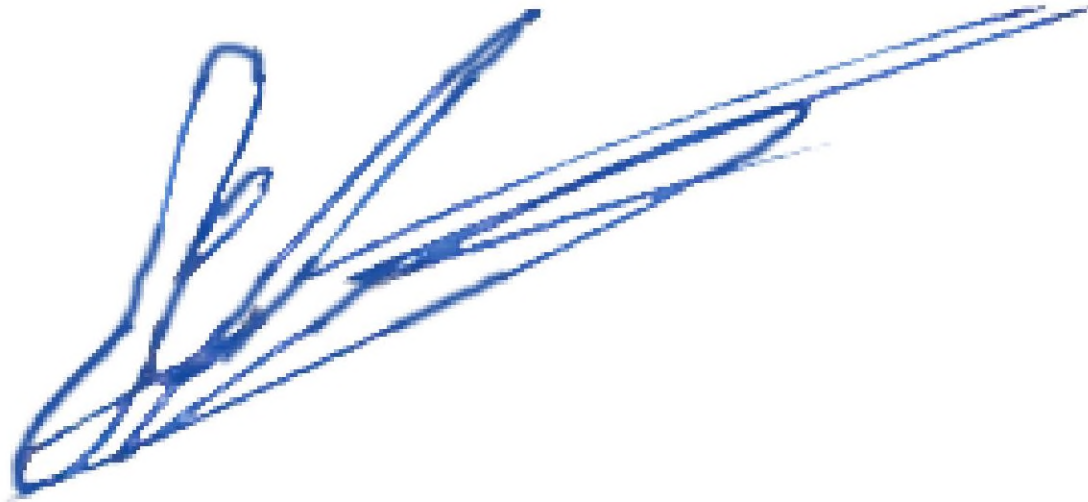
12. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

Independent board of supporters and officials.

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature
06/04/2026	Jeffrey Smith	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Jeffrey Smith
_____	_____	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement
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INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant Vanguard Africa	2. Registration Number 6411
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3. Name of Foreign Principal El Rufai Support Group Association
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Check Appropriate Box:

- 4. The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
- 5. There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
- 6. The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.

7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 05/01/2026

8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

vanguard Africa will design and execute an integrated international advocacy campaign to promote due-process and rule-of-law protections in Nigeria, while also mobilizing coordinated media and civil-society engagements—primarily in Washington, DC and aligned global platforms—to counter selective justice risks and related democratic deterioration in Nigeria.

9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Strategic Advising and Messaging
International Public Advocacy and Outreach
Thought Leadership and Global Visibility
Delegation and Stakeholder Engagements

10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act.¹

Yes No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

See Appendix for Response

11. Prior to the date of registration² for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, including political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
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12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register⁴ to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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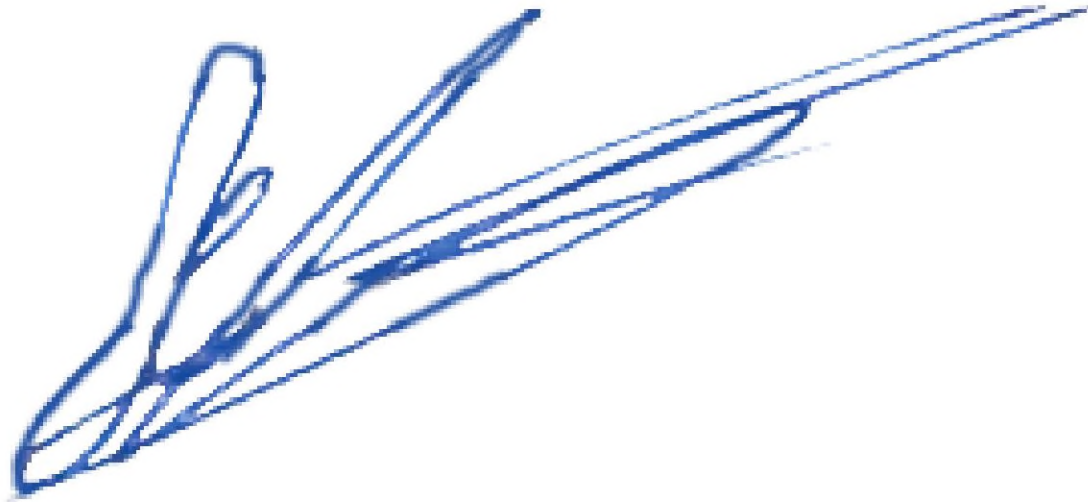
¹ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

^{2,3,4} Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

EXECUTION

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_____	_____	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
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Appendix Response to Item 10

Item 10: Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act. If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

- Plan and execute outreach to U.S. Administration officials, Congress, relevant bureaus and agencies, pro-democracy institutions, and multilateral stakeholders.
- Support engagement with congressional committees, relevant caucuses and commissions, and relevant staff through briefings and targeted advocacy emphasizing procedural fairness.
- Coordinate structured engagement with the U.S. State Department and other U.S. Government institutions to ensure consistency with human-rights and democratic-governance frameworks.
- Assist in the management of international media outreach, including introductions to and relationship-building with journalists and editors.
- Secure opportunities for timely commentary, interviews, and background briefings situating the case within Nigeria's democratic and pre-election context.
- Plan, manage, and support at least one structured delegation to Washington, DC involving ERSGA leadership, and develop a comprehensive program of private stakeholder meetings, policy briefings, and media engagements aligned with overall campaign objectives.



1 May 2026

El Rufai Support Group Association

Vanguard Africa is honored to support you and your work towards advancing accountability and the rule of law in Nigeria. We recognize that your efforts to promote these shared values in the country are foundational to your long-term plan to produce sustainable development outcomes for the people of Nigeria.

In this spirit, and after consultation with your colleagues, we have prepared this formal contract for your approval in the form of a 9-month agreement. We genuinely look forward to standing with you as you continue fighting for a better future for all Nigerians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jeffrey Smith", written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey Smith
Executive Director, Vanguard Africa



El Rufai Support Group Association ("Client") has agreed to hire **Vanguard Africa** for a 9-month project. The agreement may be terminated by either party with 30 (thirty) days written notice and payment of all outstanding fees and expenses for work performed to date. This allows our team to responsibly wind down the engagement and ensure that the client is provided everything they need for continued success.

Expenses will be pre-approved in writing by the client and billed monthly as described below:

- **General Expenses:** We do not bill our clients for regular in-house copying, postage, faxing, handling or other regular fees.
- **Telephone & Network Charge:** We do not bill for local telephone calls and standard technology expenses on a per-use basis. However, we do bill at cost for international call charges and any conference call charges. The parties will make best efforts to use cost-free international communications such as What's App and FaceTime.
- **Travel and Meals:** Travel and meal expenses will be billed at cost. **Client** shall cover expenses for all travel, lodging, meals for any travel *outside of the DC-Maryland-Virginia region* and such incidental expenses agreed to in writing between the parties to this agreement. Any travel expenses billed by **Vanguard** to **Client** will be billed at cost.
- **Scope of Services:** A scope of work will be pre-approved on a monthly basis. You are free at any time to expand or reduce the scope of work by notifying our team in writing as to the changes required. In such cases, the fee shall be revised as agreed by the parties to reflect the new scope of work.
- **Confidentiality:** We agree to keep confidential all information concerning your business and operation which becomes known to us and which you advise us is to be considered confidential in nature. You agree to keep confidential our recommendations and confidential information regarding various communications projects in which we are now or may be involved.
- **Indemnification:** Both parties to this Agreement agree to take commercially reasonable measures to limit the liability of both the **Client** and **Vanguard Africa** and its subcontractors known to Client. The **Client** hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Vanguard Africa, its directors, officers, employees harmless from and against any and all claims, loss, damage, tax, liability and/or expense that may be incurred by **Vanguard Africa**, arising out of or in connection with the **Client's** performance of the **Client's** obligations and duties as described in this Agreement, except as caused by **Vanguard Africa's** negligence, gross negligence or willful misconduct, including the legal costs, fees and expenses of defending itself against any claim by any or all of the parties to any **Client** transaction and/or by any other person and/or as a result of the **Client** taking any action or refraining from taking any action or instituting or defending any action or legal proceeding. The Client further agrees to indemnify and hold **Vanguard Africa**, its directors, officers, employees, harmless from any claim or demand, including reasonable attorneys' fees, made by any third party due to or arising out of the **Client** performing its duties hereunder or the violation of these terms and conditions by the **Client**.



Likewise, **Vanguard Africa** hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the **Client** harmless from and against any and all claims, loss, damage, tax, liability and/or expense that may be incurred by the Client, its affiliates, subsidiaries, parents, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, and agents arising out of or in connection with **Vanguard Africa's** performance of its obligations and duties as described in this Agreement, except as caused by the Client's negligence, gross negligence or willful misconduct, including the legal costs, fees and expenses of defending itself against any claim by any or all of the parties to any **Vanguard Africa** transaction and/or by any other person and/or as a result of the **Vanguard Africa** taking any action or refraining from taking any action or instituting or defending any action or legal proceeding. **Vanguard Africa** further agrees to indemnify and hold the **Client** harmless from any claim or demand, including reasonable attorneys' fees, made by any third party due to or arising out of **Vanguard Africa's** performing its duties hereunder or the violation of these terms and conditions by **Vanguard Africa**.

- **Conflicts of Laws/Jurisdiction/Governing Law:** This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) without regard to its conflicts of laws principles. **Client** and **Vanguard Africa** agree that any state or federal court for or within the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes arising under or related to this Agreement and **Client** and **Vanguard Africa** irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of such courts and the placement of venue therein, and waives any claim that any such action, suit or proceeding in such a court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. However, any action for break of this Agreement, for enforcement of this Agreement, or for any cause of action purported to arise out of this Agreement must be commenced in the American Arbitration Association (AAA) in District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.).
- **Complete Agreement:** This Agreement is the complete agreement of the parties and supersedes any previous agreements, whether written or oral, between the parties. No agreement or understanding, oral or written, in any way modifies the terms and conditions set forth herein, unless noted as an addendum to this contract, dated after this contract, and signed by the parties.

I have read the above letter and agree and accept the terms and the conditions set forth therein.

Signature

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Jeffrey Smith
Executive Director, Vanguard Africa

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Mohammed Salihu".

Mohammed Salihu
El Rufai Support Group Association