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NATIONAL BROADCAST TO MEMBERS: REAFFIRMING OUR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY ON VISA ADVISORY

Dear NANTA Members,

Warm greetings to you all from the National Executive Council (NEC) of our great Association.

As you are aware, the current leadership of NANTA has remained focused on advancing our core commitments to Equitable Practices, Protection of Members, and Strengthening the Brand and Goodwill of NANTA across Nigeria and internationally. We have made significant progress, and we thank you for your continued support/cooperation and professional conduct.

We bring to your attention an increasingly re-occurring concern that strikes at the core of our professional identity and practice.

The National Executive Council, through the National Secretariat and various Zonal Offices has received numerous **official communications** and **invitations** to investigate travel agencies and meet with national intelligence and anti-corruption agencies, like the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC). Interactions subsequent to these meetings have revealed an increasing number of unethical practices in the travel trade, particularly on matters of visa processing and racketeering.

Let it be unequivocally stated:

"**NANTA is a professional association whose jurisdiction is limited strictly to Visa Advisory**. No member, under any guise, should promise or guarantee visas. Our professional practice is rooted in the knowledge that **visa approvals remain the exclusive prerogative of foreign diplomatic missions** and are governed by requirements and international diplomacy"

Therefore, we urge all members to adhere strictly to this position. Any action that contravenes this policy not only undermines the integrity of our Association but also exposes both the individual and NANTA to legal and reputational risks.

While we are grateful that the majority of travel agents under investigation/scrutiny by EFCC and ICPC are not NANTA members, it is concerning that a few are. We therefore make this strong, yet respectful appeal:

"Desist from any form of visa racketeering or illegal visa claims. Uphold the ethics of our profession. Maintain the trust that NANTA represents"

Please be reminded that the EFCC and ICPC are engaging with NANTA as strategic partners in the national campaign against financial crimes and unethical practices. We are committed, to protecting the integrity of NANTA, to cooperate fully with these agencies, and we will not hesitate to provide information on any erring member if required.

NANTA is a respected national institution with a global identity, and our hallmark is integrity and professionalism. Let us protect that collective legacy by our conduct and practice.

We trust that in the spirit of unity, cooperation, and responsibility, we will all commit ourselves to doing the right thing, ensuring that our profession thrives on ethical standards and respect for national and international regulations.

We are NANTA!

We are Professionals!

We practice Equity and Ethics

Thank you all, for your attention and continued commitment to the true practice of our trade

For: **THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)**

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