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TO: All Authorised Dealers/General Public

**YEAR 2014 CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE
PURCHASE OF PILGRIMS TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE**

The Authorised Dealers and the general public are hereby notified of the following arrangements in respect of the year 2014 Christian pilgrimage to Israel/Rome or Greece.

1. The Federal Government has approved the purchase of a maximum of US\$1,000.00 (One thousand US Dollars only) at a **concessionary rate of N150.00 to the US Dollar** by each intending pilgrim as Personal Travel Allowance (PTA). Consequently, each pilgrim travelling to Israel is entitled to a maximum of \$750.00, while those going to Israel/Rome or Greece are entitled to a maximum of \$1,000.00
2. No pilgrim should be denied the travel allowance on the ground that he/she has no Tax Clearance Certificate. In view of the time constraint associated with the pilgrimage exercise. The Chairman or the Secretary of each State Pilgrims' Board, after due identification, may be allowed to sign for and collect the PTA on behalf of the intending pilgrims in his/her State on presentation of the approved list and valid passports of the pilgrims listed against the state.

3. In accordance with the Israeli and Italian Governments' Policies, visa shall only be issued to the pilgrims at the point of entry, that is, at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel and Fumichino Airport, Rome, Italy, on arrival. It should also be noted that the pilgrimage will be by chartered flights.
4. Therefore, in view of paragraph 3 above, air ticket and visa requirements for the purpose of procuring the stipulated PTA have been waived. However, an endorsed copy of each pilgrim's passport should be retained by the bank for record purposes.
5. The attached schedule shows the list of the States and the choice of banks assigned for the purposes of procuring the PTA.

The designated banks shall render returns in respect of actual sales to the Director, Banking & Payment Systems Department, Central Bank of Nigeria, Abuja, within two (2) weeks from the end of the exercise (i.e. from the date of the last departure flight from Israel/Rome or Greece).

Thank you.

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DIRECTOR
TRADE AND EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT

PURCHASE OF 1ST PILGRIMS TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE FOR 2014
CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE

S/NO	STATE	ISRAEL	GREE CE	ROME	TOTAL	BANK
1.	ABIA	400	-	100	500	UNION BANK
2.	ADAMAWA	800	-	100	900	ZENITH BANK
3.	AKWA IBOM	1600	-	400	2000	UBA
4.	ANAMBRA	800	-	200	1000	UBA
5.	BAUCHI	480	-	120	600	ZENITH BANK
6.	BAYELSA	400	-	100	500	ZENITH BANK
7.	BENUE	800	-	100	900	ZENITH BANK
8.	BORNO	400	-	100	500	ZENITH BANK
9.	CROSS RIVER	160	-	40	200	FIRST BANK
10.	DELTA	1600	-	400	2000	ZENITH BANK
11.	EBONYI	400	-	100	500	UNION BANK
12.	EDO	15	-	135	150	STERLIN BANK
13.	EKITI	120	-	30	150	ZENITH BANK
14.	ENUGU	400	-	100	500	FIRST BANK
15.	FCT	750	-	750	1500	UBA
16.	GOMBE	400	-	100	500	FIDELITY
17.	KADUNA	1200	-	300	1500	ZENITH BANK
18.	KEBBI	80	-	20	100	ZENITH BANK
19.	KOGI	240	-	60	300	UBA
20.	KWARA	250	-	250	500	UBA
22.	LAGOS	1250	-	1250	2500	ECO BANK
23.	NASARAWA	320	-	80	400	UNITY BANK
24.	NIGER	350	-	350	700	KEYSTONE

25.	OGUN	280	-	70	350	ZENITH BANK
25.	ONDO	280	-	70	350	UBA
26.	OSUN	520	-	130	650	FIRST BANK
27.	OYO	520	-	130	650	FIRST BANK
28.	PLATEAU	1200	-	200	1400	ZENITH BANK
29.	TARABA	440	-	110	550	ZENITH BANK
30.	YOBE	40	-	10	50	FCMB
31.	NCPC	2700	-	1800	4500	UBA
	TOTAL	19,195	-	7,805	27,000	