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To: ALL AUTHORISED DEALERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

YEAR 2007 MUSLIMS PILGRIMS:

**PURCHASE OF PERSONAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE (PTA) IN SAUDI
RIYAL TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES (SRTC's)**

Authorised Dealers and the general public are hereby notified of the following arrangements in respect of the 2007 Hajj operations.

1. The Federal Government has approved a concessionary exchange rate of N120.00 to US\$1.00 in respect of Personal Travel Allowance (PTA) for the 2007 Muslim pilgrims;
2. In accordance with the approval, each pilgrim is entitled to a minimum of US\$750.00 and a maximum of US\$1,500.00 at the exchange rate of SR3.75 to US\$1 as PTA;
3. The Central Bank of Nigeria shall issue SRTC's to the designated banks two weeks before the commencement of the Hajj Operations and the accounts of the respective banks shall be debited as soon as the funds are disbursed;
4. Each of the designated banks is required to return the unutilized SRTC's two weeks from the date of the last flight of the pilgrims while individual accounts of the banks shall be credited promptly.

The approved schedule showing the distribution of 81,335 Muslim Pilgrims expected to perform the 2007 Hajj among the designated banks is stated below for guidance.

S/NO.	STATE	NO. OF PILGRIMS PER STATE	DESIGNATED BANKS
1	Abia	80	Union Bank of Nigeria Plc
2	Abuja	2,800	Unity Bank Plc
3	Adamawa	2,000	Zenith Bank , UBA and First Bank
4	Akwa Ibom	100	UBA Plc
5	Anambra	100	Fidelity Bank Plc

6	Bauchi	3,500	Unity Bank Plc
7	Bayelsa	250	UBA Plc
8	Benue	500	Unity Bank Plc
9	Borno	3,260	Ecobank Plc
10	Cross River	50	First Bank Plc
11	Delta	150	Afribank Nigeria Plc
12	Ebonyi	45	Union Bank of Nigeria Plc
13	Edo	350	UBA Plc
14	Ekiti	200	Union Bank of Nigeria Plc
15	Enugu	40	UBA Plc
16	Gombe	2,550	Unity Bank Plc
17	Imo	80	First City Monument Bank Plc
18	Jigawa	3,200	Sterling Bank Plc
19	Kaduna	7,250	Unity Bank Plc
20	Kano	7,000	Unity Bank Plc
21	Katsina	6,000	Bank PHB and UBA Plc
22	Kebbi	5,300	Unity Bank Plc
23	Kogi	800	Unity Bank Plc
24	Kwara	3,300	Unity Bank Plc
25	Lagos	3,600	Union Bank of Nigeria
26	Nasarawa	2,000	Unity Bank Plc & First Inland Bank
27	Niger	3,700	Union Bank of Nigeria Plc
28	Ogun	1,500	First City Monument Bank Plc
29	Ondo	280	Unity Bank Plc
30	Osun	1,200	UBA Plc
31	Oyo	1,750	Wema Bank Plc & Skye Bank Plc
32	Plateau	1,500	Unity Bank Plc
33	Rivers	500	Bank PHB Plc
34	Taraba	2,000	Zenith Bank & Unity Bank Plc
35	Sokoto	6,500	Oceanic Bank Plc
36	Yobe	2,500	Unity Bank Plc
37	Zamfara	5,000	Unity Bank Plc
38	Armed Forces	400	Oceanic Bank Plc

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