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TO: All Authorised Dealers/General Public

**YEAR 2013 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 2013 Christian pilgrimage to Israel/Rome or Greece.

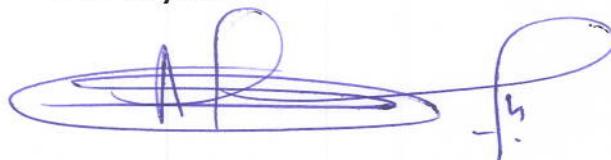
1. The Federal Government has approved the purchase of a maximum of US\$1,000.00 (One thousand US Dollars only) at a **concessionary rate of N146.00 to the US Dollar** by each intending pilgrim as Personal Travel Allowance (PTA). Consequently, each pilgrim travelling to Israel is entitled to a maximum 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 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "O. L. AHUCHOGU (MRS.)". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the name "O. L." on top, "AHUCHOGU" in the middle, and "(MRS.)" at the bottom right.

**O. L. AHUCHOGU (MRS.)
for: DIRECTOR
TRADE & EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT**

PURCHASE OF 1ST PILGRIMS TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE FOR 2013

CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE

S/NO	STATE	ISRAEL	GREECE	ROME	TOTAL	BANK
1.	AKWA IBOM	1512	-	-	1512	UBA
2.	FCT	608	-	-	608	FIDELITY
3.	GOMBE	289	-	-	289	FIDELITY
4.	KWARA	130	-	-	130	UBA
5.	NIGER	396	-	-	396	KEYSTONE
6.	ONDO	254	-	-	254	ZENITH
7.	OSUN	312	-	-	312	UBA
8.	TARABA	299	-	-	299	ZENITH