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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 deliberate and consistent in advancing our core commitments to equitable practices, protection of members, and the strengthening of the brand and goodwill of NANTA across Nigeria and internationally. We appreciate your continued cooperation and professionalism.

However, we must once again draw attention to an **urgent and recurring concern** that strikes at the very heart of our professional identity and public perception. There has been a recent increase in public reports and security actions around visa racketeering and illegal visa practices.

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 relating to visa processing, guaranteeing, and racketeering.

Let it be unequivocally restated, as has been consistently communicated in previous national broadcasts:

NANTA is a professional association whose jurisdiction is limited strictly and only to Visa Advisory. No member, under any guise or circumstance, should promise, guarantee, sell, or facilitate visas. Visa approval remains the exclusive prerogative of foreign diplomatic missions, governed by their requirements and international protocols.

VISA IS NOT FOR SALE.

Any form of visa racketeering; including false assurances, misrepresentation, or worse still; human trafficking links, stands in direct conflict with the laws of Nigeria, international norms, and the values of this Association.

The National Executive Council wishes to make it clear that any member who runs foul of this position will face severe sanctions, which may include **suspension or outright expulsion**. NANTA will also cooperate with law agencies where required, as we will not hesitate to protect the integrity of NANTA.

NANTA is a respected national institution with a global identity that continues to serve as a **first point of professional engagement** and our hallmark is integrity and professionalism. Let us therefore protect that collective legacy by our conduct and practice.

Consequently, all Zonal Vice Presidents are hereby directed to:

- Make **Visa Advisory and Ethical Compliance** a standing agenda item at every monthly zonal meeting
- Conduct **dedicated engagement sessions** emphasising that:
 - The role of a NANTA agent is strictly limited to visa advisory
 - No "sure plug", or backdoor promise is acceptable
 - Any deviation exposes the entire Zone to reputational risk

Any member who chooses to add colours that do not belong to us, or operate in ways that conflict with the laws of Nigeria and the ethics of our profession, will not be protected by NANTA.

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Our collective strength lies in our integrity. Let us remain focused, disciplined, and united in protecting the credibility of our trade and the future of our Association.

**We are NANTA.
We are Professionals.
We will uphold Equity, Ethics, and Responsibility.**

Thank you for your attention and continued commitment to the true practice of our profession.

Yours Faithfully,

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