

GOODWILL MESSAGE PRESENTED AT THE EVENT OF FAAN NATIONAL AVIATION CONFERENCE – BY MR. KINGSLEY NWOKOMA, PRESIDENT AFARN.

The Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika, let me stand on existing protocol already established.

I am highly humbled to be called upon this podium to lend my voice as the President, Association of Foreign Airlines Representatives in Nigeria (AFARN). Firstly, I thank the organizers of this conference – FAAN on the theme of the conference which touches all aspects in the aviation practice for AFARN.

Aviation is one of the major global trade and globalization. Ours should not be any different being that the Nigerian economy is part of the global community.

We want to see viable and profitable aviation industry where both the visitors and the consumers of aviation practices have value for their investment. We want to see a flourishing industry where there is level playing field for everyone.

I want to state categorically that aviation industry needs all attention it can get this time around. Reason being that the industry is groaning after the unfortunate incident of COVID 19 pandemic that suddenly left an indelible mark on the aviation industry, globally. Now we are gradually coming out, we expect that giant strides should be made, that way, Nigeria can conveniently take its place, understanding the fact, nothing less than world standards can be allowed in this ever dynamic and hitech industry.

Therefore, we call on our partners in progress, the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), to further look inward in addition to what it has been doing all these years to encourage operators, so that both the foreign and local carriers will remain in business. While we commend FAAN for rising to the occasion at the teething periods of the COVID pandemic, we are of the conviction that a conference of this kind would usher in a new chapter in the aviation practices and operations in Nigeria. On this note, I thank the organizers sincerely for the recognition accorded to our association, AFARN. I thank you all for your attention.

