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REPORTING ON ACTS OF CORRUPTION

NIGERIA (THIRD SESSION)

Article 8(4) Reporting Corruption

There are procedures within the Public Service Rules and the processes and mandate of the Public Complaints Commission (The Ombudsman), for Public Servants to report cases of misconduct

i. administrative anomalies, acts contrary to any law etc.

ii. The acts envisaged under these provisions include acts of corruption. Further the enabling laws of the dedicated anti-corruption agencies—The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other related Offences Commission (ICPC) and the Economic and Financial Crimes Establishment Act (EFCC) require citizens including Public Servants to report acts of corruption to these agencies.

iii. The Anti-Corruption Agencies (ACAs) carry out public enlightenment programs (trainings, workshops, radio and television jingles, and talk shows) to educate citizens on issues of corruption including where and how to report cases of corruption. Nigeria has a number of anti-corruption agencies focusing on different aspects of corruption. These agencies raise awareness and sensitize the public on corruption related issues.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission-EFCC and Public Enlightenment

The EFCC runs weekly programmes on radio and television, (The Eagle), as part of its intensive anticorruption and publicity campaign. The Eagle runs on three Nigerian television networks—The Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), the Africa Independent Television (AIT) and Channels Television and also on satellite. The radio version The Eagle airs on the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) network. The programs draw attention to the evils of corruption and encourage citizens’ participation in the anticorruption war, by, among other obligations, reporting acts of corruption to the Commission. The EFCC also has hotlines through which citizens report corruption and works with several NGOs and CBOs in this activity. Since the radio and television programs started in March 2009, the two programmes have run over 150 consecutive editions each.
In addition, the EFCC also publishes a quarterly magazine, Zero Tolerance, which incorporates (in print form) all the above mentioned Radio/TV programmes, as well as a user friendly website which is regularly updated.

The EFCC also has a robust public education and enlightenment programme, involving projects carried out through dedicated units. Some of these include holding regular town hall meetings and the formation of Zero Tolerance Clubs in tertiary institutions, and Integrity Clubs in secondary schools across the country. The Commission organises periodic anticorruption training for teachers and public office holders at the local council and State levels.


The ICPC runs publicity campaigns through syndicated radio programmes, adverts and jingles, mainly on state radio stations nationwide.

In addition, there are various tailor-made and impactful training/workshop/sensitization and public empowerment platforms such as the National Anti-corruption Volunteer Corps (NAVC); National Anti-corruption Coalition (NACC); Local Government Integrity Training (LGIT); Anticorruption and Transparency Monitoring Units (ACTUs) located in Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies; Anti-corruption Clubs in Secondary schools and Anticorruption Vanguards in Tertiary institutions; Triennial sensitization lecture/Training programmes at National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) orientation camps nationwide; Engagement with Community Development associations (CDAs); National Value Curriculum (NVC) and Integrity Lecture series in schools and; and the commemorative campaigns during the Annual International Anti-Corruption day. The aggregated data on some of these campaigns is attached as Annexure 3.

Further, the ICPC has formulated and disseminated a number of publications to raise awareness and provide critical information to the public on anti-corruption issues. These include “About ICPC”, “Frequently Asked Questions”, “Integrity Made Easy”, “Local Government Training on Institutionalizing Integrity’, and “Curbing Corruption on Nigerian Roads”.