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UPDATED IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR EXTENSION OF LOCKDOWN

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Section II: Guidance for Extension of Lockdown

The Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 (PTF-COVID-19) has continued to rely on the use of science, data and adaptation of global best practices to drive the National Response to COVID-19. The country successfully progressed to Phase Two of the eased lockdown on 1st June, 2020, with subsequent minor adjustments to accommodate gradual re-opening of the economy and address challenges in key aspects of the response, including precision targeted interventions in hotspot areas. The National Response would continue to focus on deliberately achieving a balance between preserving lives and livelihoods while addressing the socio-economic disruptions caused by the pandemic.

An assessment of the current Phase has revealed that non-compliance, disbelief, and the harrowing economic impact of the pandemic have combined to tamper the effectiveness of measures put in place in slowing down the spread of the virus. There is clearly a need for additional efforts to improve compliance with non-pharmaceutical interventions, strengthen the engagement of communities and local authorities in prevention campaigns and expand the roll-out of precision-based control measures in identified high burden local government areas of the country. Considering this, the PTF-COVID-19 recommends a retention of the current phase of the response with minor changes to address economic, socio-political and health concerns. It is believed that with these measures, the country will proceed to drive an effective public health response against COVID-19 and help preserve more Nigerians lives.

Further to the considered opinion above and effective from 0001h Thursday, 6th August 2020, the measures put in place during Phase Two of the eased lockdown shall be maintained while addressing some specific aspects through adjustment.

This will involve:

- Maintaining the current nationwide curfew from 10pm to 4am;
- Maintaining the restrictions on mass gatherings with specific emphasis on protecting vulnerable populations;
- Gradual re-opening of international air flights with pre-established parameters;
- Re-opening of rail transportation with pre-established parameters;
- Granting permission to exit classes 20 for educational institutions to resume in line with COVID-19 guidelines;
- Preventing overcrowding and ensuring appropriate distance is observed;
- Lifting of restrictions on outdoor communal activities;
- Encouraging outdoor sports with specific emphasis on protecting vulnerable populations;
- A full re-opening of banks operations to allow for limited workers within the establishment;
- Encouraging the use of e-commerce platforms;
- Maintaining the restrictions on mass gatherings (social distancing and use of face masks);
- Ensuring adequate handwashing and hand sanitising facilities are available in public places;
- Ensuring the continued enforcement of all existing national laws and regulations;
- Maintaining the ban on international travel;
- Ensuring continued enforcement of other protocols established by the various regulatory agencies.

The resolutions in the education and entertainment sector as well as for activities that attract mass gatherings such as operations of markets and worship centres remain. It is believed that these steps will help consolidate the gains made thus far and position the country to effectively overcome the pandemic going forward.

Section III: Protocols for Easing of Lockdown

We have made these recommendations in line with the three established thematic areas:

- Movement;
- Industry and Labour; and
- Community and Health Care.

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**GENERAL MOVEMENT**

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| Air Transport | The Airindustry to commence process for operating after thorough assessment of risk management guidelines for COVID-19; Airports to maintain 6 feet social distancing for boarding and disembarkation; Airline operators to continue as per status; Ensure provision of sanitizers and appropriate PPEs to all workers (such as face masks, gloves, etc.); Use of face masks by passengers at all times; Ensure that large items and boxes are bagged to reduce physical contact; Carry out effective documentation of travelers to ensure contact tracing if necessary; Only travelers and airport staff to be allowed into airport premises; Passengers to ensure they arrive early for all flights taking into consideration the delayed arrival to avoid these additional measures (15 km from airport and 3 hours in airport); |

| Movers and other Financial Institutions | Use of face masks always; Ensure supply of running water and hand sanitizer; Ensure presence of health officers at all |