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GOODWILL MESSAGE DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, DISTINGUISHED SENATOR AHMAD IBRAHIM LAWAN, Ph.D., CON, AT THE CONFERENCE OF AUDITORS-GENERAL IN NIGERIA, 2021, HELD AT THE BANQUET HALL, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, BENIN CITY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2021 AT 10.00AM.

PROTOCOL

It is a great pleasure to be here on this important occasion of another conference of the auditors-general, considering the central role you play in ensuring accountability, transparency and quality in the public expenditure process.

Auditors are critical to the expenditure course if you imagine their roles in ensuring compliance with extant financial rules and regulations, leading to the internalization of processes and procedures in the application of resources.

This role puts the auditor in the position of a gatekeeper, ensuring proper documentation, for future reviews and examination of books, and other record-keeping and historical purposes.

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Against this background, the auditor is directly or indirectly saddled with the duty of monitoring the use of resources, proper bookkeeping for good governance and posterity, besides the judicious allocation of funds.

These functions are central to economic growth and development efforts, more especially in situations where resources are limited, and where value for money should always be a priority.

It is therefore gratifying to see the continuous efforts of your organisation in reminding colleagues of core values, ethics and responsibilities, and to generate ideas on coping with new realities because of the changing times we are in.

It is in this light that I commend your efforts and congratulate you on yet another conference, which is also concerned about compliance with international best practices, through the template of the United Nations, and the important theme of securing audit independence sustainability, against the background of the urgency of now.

The agenda enables us to keep a focus and to benchmark our performances against expectations. It provides a template to do reviews, at any point in time, and to work towards continuity. It also allows us to think of ways of



improving, just in case we are not meeting the expectations we already set out.

I am happy to note that our theme prepares us for the task ahead, as it sets our roadmap, our vision and mission, through which we can meet our professional expectations and then the yearnings and aspirations of our people.

As citizens, we must sustain this tenacity of purpose cognizance of fact that we can only get better from here, especially if our determination is collective.

What all this means is that we have a pact with history. The pact is noble, and we will do all that is possible to fulfil it through our commitment.

On this note, I congratulate you, once more, on this occasion, just as we look forward to your resolutions. I wish you all well. God bless you all. God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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