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FACTUAL STATUS ON THE SUSPENDED APRIL 2024 PPCE

1. This outline is intended to clarify matters arising from the recent suspended PPCE.
2. The last PPCE in October 2023 was a culmination of the resolution jointly agreed to by all parties after years of stalemate arising from developments over the years due largely to some infractions within the NIA. This was to enable the profession move forward, and ensure licensure of more architects stagnated by the impasse caused by the stagnation.
3. After the success of the examination and at the instance of the President of NIA, ARCON and NIA presented a joint report of the October 2023 PPCE to the Honorable Minister, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development on Thursday, February 01, 2024.
4. Upon receiving the report, The Honorable Minister requested to interface with ANCA, being the third party in the resolution.
5. On 22nd February, 2024 after a meeting with ANCA, the Minister had a joint meeting with the representatives of ARCON, NIA and ANCA, he read out a seven-point resolution to the representatives on what he considered the way forward having listened to all the parties.

6. The seven-point resolutions are as follows:
 - i. ARCON should be the only recognized regulatory body in the profession.
 - ii. All registered associations have the rights to coexist.
 - iii. ARCON Act should be reviewed by the National Assembly.
 - iv. All court cases should be withdrawn to allow for peaceful resolutions.
 - v. ARCON Council should be reconstituted based on existing templates in the Act pending the review.
 - vi. All accused of exam malpractices have been given amnesty to rewrite the exam and similarly, supervisors and examiners accused of malpractices have also been given amnesty.
 - vii. Solely ARCON should conduct exams, however, can have resource persons from within the Associations.
7. Based on the above, The President of ARCON invited the NIA and ANCA to a meeting to discuss the modalities for the examination.
8. At the meeting which held on 18th March, 2024 both NIA and ANCA were represented and the role each association in the forthcoming examination was well spelt out.
9. ARCON requested NIA and ANCA to submit their list of examiners based on the resolutions of the last tripartite meeting. ANCA responded, NIA did not. ARCON proceeded with the examination process to ensure candidates who had already applied were not put in jeopardy.
10. NIA subsequently dissociated itself from the ministerial directive and the resolutions of the joint meeting.
11. On Friday, April 26, 2024, while the examiners were at a retreat and the grading of the portfolios were about to commence, ARCON received communication from the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, ordering the suspension of the PPCE, citing the receipt of a copy of the **“Pendency of Suit Between the Corporate**

Trustees of the Nigerian Institute of Architects and the Honorable Minister of Housing and Urban Development and ARCON”.

12. On the basis of the foregoing, the Council was constrained to communicate the suspension of the PPCE to the candidates and examiners.

13. While we appreciate the commitment, put in by all stakeholders, candidates, examiners sponsors, private and public institutions towards participating in the PPCE, the Council sincerely regrets all inconveniences and appeals to the candidates, and the general public for understanding and patience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Umar Murnai', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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