Remarks of ICPC Chairman During Signing of MOU Between ICPC and PTAD at the Headquarters of PTAD ON 2ND September, 2025

Good afternoon, everyone,

Madam Executive Secretary of PTAD, Ms. Tolulope Abiodun Odunaiya, Secretary ICPC, Mr. Clippord Oparaodu, DSSR, and members of the PTAD and ICPC management, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

It is a distinct honour to be here at the headquarters of the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate to formalise a partnership that is critical to our nation's integrity and the welfare of our senior citizens. I want to thank the Executive Secretary, Ms. Tolulope Abiodun Odunaiya, and her dedicated team for their unwavering commitment to this cause and for hosting us today.

The foundation for today's landmark event was laid on the 15th of May this year, during a productive courtesy visit by the PTAD management to our headquarters. We had a candid discussion about the systemic challenges facing our pensioners, the hardship they endure, and the collaborative effort required to combat the fraudsters who prey on them. The commitment to a formalised partnership was a direct outcome of that crucial engagement.

This Memorandum of Understanding marks a pivotal moment in our collective fight against corruption in the pension administration. For too long, the hard-earned entitlements of our retirees have been a target for fraudsters and unscrupulous individuals. We have seen the hardship this causes, and it is a situation that we, as responsible agencies, can no longer tolerate.

This MoU is more than a ceremonial document; it is a declaration of war on pension fraud. By combining PTAD's robust and increasingly digitised database with the investigative and prosecutorial powers of the ICPC, we are creating a seamless and powerful force. This partnership will allow us to share information, conduct joint investigations, and ensure that those who prey on our elders are brought to justice swiftly.

The welfare of our pensioners is a matter close to my heart. They are our parents and grandparents, who have dedicated their lives to the service of this nation. It is our duty to ensure their retirement is one of peace and dignity, not one of endless struggle for their entitlements.

With this formal agreement, we are sending a clear message: the dark days of pension fraud are coming to an end. We are committed to a future of transparency, accountability, and justice for every Nigerian pensioner.

Thank you.