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**MEMORANDUM OF THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF HEALTH ON ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL
CANCER CONTROL PLAN 2018-2022 AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify Council of the development of the 2018 – 2022 Nigeria Cancer Control Plan (NNCCP) in line with WHO's global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs and to seek Council's approval for its adoption and implementation in all the 36 States of the Federation and the FCT.

2. BACKGROUND

Nigeria has one of the highest cancer related mortality incidence ratios in the world with 72,000 deaths for every of 102,000 new cases recorded annually. This translates to 70% mortality incidence, or eight people dying of cancers every hour in Nigeria.

Cancer though sometimes preventable, continues to remain a major cause of mortality and morbidity in the country, with scientific data acknowledging the fact that 40% of cancers are preventable, 40% are treatable whilst a further 20% are incurable. The Nigeria cancer environment is characterized by late presentation, high cost of treatment, low access to treatment and poor treatment outcomes. A huge factor heralding these negative mortality ratios is the delayed access to treatment that results in 80-90% of cancer cases presenting for treatment at advanced stages of the disease. .

From the forgoing it is imperative that there should be a plan of action, on how to structure and channel the efforts of Government, and Non-Governmental organisations, spelling out targets and implementation strategies on how the country would tackle the scourge of cancer in Nigeria over the next five years and beyond.

3. CONTENT

- i. The National Cancer Control Plan explains practical methods required to reduce the incidence and prevalence of cancer in Nigeria.
- ii. The plan outlines the strategies required to reduce exposure to risk factors; establish a framework to ensure access to cancer screening, care and improved quality of life for people affected by cancer.
- iii. The NCCP document articulates a complete framework on how to make screening services and early detection of cancers available for all Nigerians, improve access to quality care, ensure the

availability of cost effective and equitable diagnostic and treatment services and to achieve the best possible quality of life for patients and families facing terminal cancers.

PRAYERS

The Council is invited to note as follows:

- i. This is the first plan since the expiration of the 2008-2013 National Cancer Control Plan (NCCP);
- ii. The NCCP and its strategies of implementation were developed by the Federal Ministry of Health with inputs from relevant stakeholders both locally and internationally as part of efforts to address the core issues around cancer control;
- iii. The development of the plan is in line with the provisions of the WHO's 2013-2020 global action plan for the prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs);
- iv. The Plan was validated and adopted by stakeholders in a stakeholder's meeting held in Abuja in August, 2017; and
- v. The Plan will restructure and standardise Cancer control efforts of Government and Non-Governmental efforts in the country.

Council is further invited to approve:

- i. The adoption and implementation of the 2018-2022 National Cancer Control Plan(NCCP) in all the 36 States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory(FCT);
- ii. The adoption and adaptation of the implementation Strategies of the Plan at the Federal and States of the Federation and the FCT; and
- iii. Make appropriate budgetary provision for the implementation of the strategies at federal and state levels.

Honourable Minister of Health

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