



PRESENTATION ON NIGERIA'S GLOBAL CONSULAR CHALLENGES BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The purpose of this presentation is to apprise the National Economic Council of the increasing and numerous global consular challenges confronting the country and the need for a concerted and prompt action in dealing with this sensitive and important issue that has become a global embarrassment for Nigeria.

2. This has become imperative as there has been considerable huge increase in the incidence of consular problems of diverse nature posed by Nigerians abroad to the country and to our various Diplomatic Missions. These problems have reached such worrying dimensions as Nigeria missions are daily inundated with reports of arrests, imprisonment, and deportation of Nigerians for offences such as transnational organised crimes, illegal migration, prostitution, human and drug trafficking as well as stealing and surprisingly disturbing the killing of Nigerians.

3. As at August, 2009, available records from our Missions show a worrisome and sobering picture as indicated below:

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| (a) | Total number of Nigerians in Prison | - 3, 143 |
| (b) | Total number of Nigerians in detention | - 1, 659 or more |
| (c) | Total number of Nigerian trafficked victims (mostly young girls) | - 5, 145 or more |
| (d) | Total number of Nigerians awaiting deportation | - 3, 719 |
| (e) | Total number of Nigerians on death row | - 52 |

4. A short brief on some of these crimes clearly highlights the enormous challenges being faced by the country:

(i) **Drug Trafficking**

Quite a large number of Nigerians, (in particular, illegal immigrants) abroad are involved in drug trafficking. Prisons



in many foreign countries particularly, Asian countries are filled with embarrassing number of Nigerians jailed for drug offences with many on death row. In Indonesia, for example, there are over seventy (70) Nigerians in prison for drug trafficking with eighteen (18) of them awaiting execution. The situation is not different in Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, Pakistan and China, to cite a few. There are a total of fifty-two (52) Nigerians currently on death row, mostly for drug related offences. It is pertinent to stress that the penalty for drug and drug related offences in almost all Asian countries is execution. All Mission entreaties for reprieve and committal of the death sentences to jail terms have failed to yield any positive response.

(ii) **Financial Crimes and Related Offences**

The other major criminal activities that increasing numbers of Nigerians are involved in and have equally done great damage to Nigeria's image and credibility are financial and cybercrimes. These are in various shades—"advance fee fraud" (419), "yahoo", (which involves the use of the internet in perpetrating fraudulent operations), money laundering, foreign currency counterfeiting, money doubling, credit card scams, theft and forgery of financial and security documents. Recently, forty-seven Nigerians were arrested in the New York area of the United States of America for Credit Card fraud. Over the years, a considerable number of Nigerians has been jailed for the same offence and in Houston, (USA) for various Medicare frauds. Almost all countries in Europe and Asia have large number of Nigerians for one form of financial crime or the other.

(iii) **Prostitution and Human Trafficking**

In the early 80s, the number of Nigerian sex workers was relatively small, indeed insignificant and limited to a few European countries. The downturn of the economy in the



wake of the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) coupled with great demands and the growing influence of the criminal syndicates that control the prostitution racket both in Nigeria and particularly in Europe, gained significance and attraction. The resultant effects of these are debilitating on Nigeria's image and the dignity of the country's womanhood. Even more disturbing is the growing reports of enslavement, gross abuse and maltreatment of Nigerian sex workers and house helps, especially young girls who are lured into the sex trap by the promise of employment and better life abroad.

(iv) **Myriad of Immigration Offences**

Nigerians with irregular status in most foreign countries are **ipso facto** guilty of illegal entry, overstay of visas and non-possession of legal travelling documents, work and resident permits. Consequently, these categories of Nigerians have become a big challenge to our Missions and their host countries in view of their large number, some of whom are in prison or detention. It is also increasingly evident that it is this category of Nigerians that are often involved in various nefarious activities including murder that gives Nigeria a bad image.

5. Presently, irregular migration poses the greatest consular challenge to our Diplomatic Missions and Nigeria as a nation. Many young Nigerians have lost their lives while crossing the Sahara desert or at sea trying to cross to Europe in search of the proverbial "greener pastures". While many more are almost, on-a-weekly-basis deported after being humiliated and dehumanised by security agencies. There are for example twenty unclaimed Nigerian corpses in China. The annex on Libya would aid Council's understanding of the situations in that country which has been a topical issue of recent but unfortunately misrepresented in the media. A breakdown of the Libya situation shows that 14 Nigerians are on death row all for murder offences, 57 sentenced to life imprisonment, 587 awaiting trial, while 2700 are in various deportation centres.

6. Undoubtedly, the involvement of Nigerians in these activities have adversely affected Nigeria's image globally and engendered unfavourable



perception of the country, with the resultant unwholesome and hostile attitudes of foreign media, immigration and security officials to Nigerians. The cost to Nigeria's image and the psychological and emotional impact on Nigerians is incalculable. This is particularly responsible for the unsavoury and sometimes humiliating treatment meted out to Nigerian applicants for visas by resident Diplomatic Missions in Nigeria and why Nigerians are generally criminalized round the world. No Nigerian has been spared this general criminalisation, including former Presidents and Heads of State, Governors, Senior Government functionaries and Senior Citizens of repute. Hence, there is the urgent need for a well coordinated approach in tackling these challenges with a view to regaining national respect, clout and dignity.

7. Nigeria's Diplomatic Missions have responded in various ways in tackling these consular problems such as the formation of Nigerian Community Associations where they do not exist, regularly meetings with the Nigerian Communities to sensitize them on what is expected of them, particularly, with respect to obeying the laws of their host country and avoiding criminal activities. In addition, the Missions also provide consular assistance and intercede on behalf of Nigerians who are arrested and detained for various offences. These include seeking for fair treatment, medical assistance for the sick, the extension of legal assistance and regular consular visits to prisons and detention centres as well as provision of financial assistance to increasing number of stranded and destitute Nigerians and in some cases to witness court proceedings of those with cases in Court.

8. Unfortunately, our Missions are hamstrung in fulfilling these important obligations to Nigerians as they are constrained by total lack of funds to adequately contend with the challenges. There is for example no budgetary allocation to meet the growing consular problems posed by our nationals in their countries of accreditation. In addressing these problems, however, it is important, given the growing number of illegal migration, including human trafficking, that travellers in particular those travelling across Nigeria's land borders should be properly scrutinised.

9. The security agencies, in particular, the Immigration Service needs to increase and strengthen its surveillance of Nigeria's land borders, as well as strengthening the capacity of the various agencies responsible for border control while proper investigation should be undertaken to apprehend the barons of the nefarious trade in human trafficking. Equally there is the need for the



collaborative effort of stakeholders namely, Travel Agents and Airline Operators, the Nigeria Immigration Service, the respective Pilgrims Commissions, the Ministry of Aviation, the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) with a view to checkmating illegal exit of Nigerians. The NIS in particular should in addition to visa screening, introduce stringent measures to ascertain the mission of suspected persons, especially at the land borders to ensure that they are genuine.

10. In highlighting these consular challenges, Council must not lose sight of the fact that the solution lies here in Nigeria and it includes accelerating Nigeria's economic development especially at the States, to provide jobs for the army of Nigerian youth who on-a-daily-basis are lured into travelling abroad with the promise of jobs and better life. In apprising the States, it is to urge for State action by stirring the tide to encourage sensitising their citizens to the dangers of illegal migration. Traditional institutions, religious organisations and the media should be mobilized at all levels in educating Nigerians against illegal migration from the country. In effect, there is the need for a concerted massive public education and enlightenment as well as create awareness on the problems and dangers of illegal migration and its impact on the nation. It also includes proper monitoring of a number of Diplomatic Missions in Nigeria as syndicate groups have conspired with insiders in the Missions to procure visas for Nigerians with no business travelling out at great cost.

11. Council is, accordingly, invited to:

- (i) note the huge consular challenges facing the country as a result of increasing exodus of Nigerians to a number of countries abroad;
- (ii) note that the near exodus, mostly of young, unskilled and uneducated Nigerians who get involved in a number of nefarious activities are imparting negatively on the nation;
- (iii) note that Nigerian Missions abroad are inundated and grappling with the huge consular challenges associated with the huge number of Nigerians abroad and that given the importance and sensitivity of the challenges, there is need for concerted and effective action on the part of Governments in Nigeria;



- (iv) note that the nature of these problems have reached such height and worrying dimensions that no week goes by without reports of arrest of Nigerians by foreign security agents, imprisonment, deportation and in some cases, the execution of Nigerians especially for murder and drug related offences;
- (v) note that prominent amongst these problems are drug trafficking, financial scams, advance fee fraud (419), cybercrimes, human trafficking, prostitution, passport racketeering lack of valid travelling documents and a myriad of immigration offences;
- (vi) note that the statistics of Nigerians in detention, prison and on death row abroad are disquieting as indicated below:
 - (a) a total of Fifty-two (52) Nigerians on death row;
 - (b) 3,143 Nigerians in prison;
 - (c) 1,659 in detention;
 - (d) the number of Nigerians awaiting deportation around the world is 3,719 and indeed could be more;
 - (e) about 16, 906 were deported in 2008 and between January and April of 2009 alone, 7,740 have been deported and many more have continued to be deported on a weekly basis;
 - (f) it is envisaged that many more would be deported due to budgetary constraints and increasing anti-immigrant public opinion especially in Western Europe.
- (vii) note that the involvement of Nigerians in these unwholesome activities continues to have a serious negative effect on the country's image, national pride and integrity as well as makes the re-branding of Nigeria an uphill task;
- (viii) note that there is an urgent need for a well coordinated approach in tackling these challenges with a view to re-gaining national respect, clout and dignity;



- (ix) note that there is the need for mass campaign against irregular migration both at the Federal, State and Local Governments and in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs such relevant agencies as the Ministry of Information and National Orientation, Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), and other stakeholders;
- (x) note that Nigerian Missions face serious constraints in the areas of finance, personnel and logistics, which impede their efforts and there is the urgent need for Government to address these problems;
- (xi) note that in spite of budgetary constraints, the missions from their meagre resources, still provide some consular assistance which include visit to prisons, detention centres and hospitals;
- (xii) note the proposed measures to discourage irregular migration and the need for a budgetary allocation to meet the enormous consular challenges faced by our Missions abroad.

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CONSULAR CHALLENGES FACED BY NIGERIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on Death row
Australia/Including New Zealand	Advanced Fee Fraud, Drug Trafficking and Immigration Offences	Holding several meetings with Nigerian community in Australia, sensitizing them of the need to abide by host country's laws.	12	13	None	None

Mission	Nature Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Austria	Immigration offences	Paying consular visits to Nigerian community in Austria and assisting the needy Nigerians by issuing ETCs to those willing to return to Nigeria. Discussions with host authorities on flexible immigration laws to accommodate dual citizenship and employment opportunities for immigrants in Austria.	None	352 as at August 2007	447	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Belgium	Illegal migration.	Collaboration with host relevant authorities in conducting periodic consular interviews for the identification of suspected Nigerians before they are deported back to Nigeria.	33	None	11	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Benin Republic	Illegal arrest and detention of Nigerians, unwarranted killing of Fulani by local hunters, non-possession of international passport by Nigerians resident in Benin, armed robbery, forgery, rape, murder and possession of arms.	Meeting with various Nigerian communities and host authorities so as to arrest the situation.	267 have spent so many years without trial.	None	None	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Botswana	Difficulties encountered in obtaining new passports in South Africa for Nigerians resident in Botswana.	Invited immigration officials from Nigeria to "capture" Nigerians in need of the new e-passport	3	None	3	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Burkina Faso	Human Trafficking, destitute Nigerians, drug trafficking, cyber crime and other related financial fraud.	Collaboration with host police authorities to intercept and repatriate suspected human traffickers together with their under-age victims.	None	26	63 deported	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Cameroon	Immigration offences, Exit visa and pension problems	Payment of pension to Cameroonians with meagre resources of the Mission	22	52	None	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Canada	Illegal entry of Nigerians to Canada, possession of fake passports and documents, destruction of travel documents to claim refugee status.	Liaison with host authorities to track down the suspects	Host Authorities will not release the details	Host Authorities will not release the details	Host Authorities will not release the details	Host Authorities will not release the details

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Central African Republic	Extortion of Nigerians without valid documents by the local gendarmes and the police, skewed justice, fraud and illegal acquisition of a deceased Nigerian's property, human trafficking and prostitution	Meeting with host government's relevant agencies to resolve the issue of exploitation of Nigerians by the gendarmes and the police	1	3	None	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
China	Cultist group resulting from drug trafficking activities. There are also 20 Nigerian corpses lying in various morgues in China unclaimed.	Holding of several meetings with relevant host govt officials such as the public security bureau aimed at securing their cooperation in matters concerning Nigerian interests.	304 + 18 = 322	98	304 awaiting deportation	5

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Congo Brazzaville	Crime and criminality by uncontrolled emigration by Nigerian youth to the Republic of Congo. Forging of ETCs, increased homelessness and destitution, difficulties in securing e-passports for Nigerian nationals and dumping of Nigerian passport by Nigerians to claim refugee status.	The Mission has sensitized Nigerian community on the disadvantage of overstaying in foreign lands	None	4	None	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Cote D' Ivoire	Human trafficking, prostitution and child labour and zero funding from headquarters.	The Mission liaises with the host authorities to facilitate the deportation of illegal Nigerian migrants by screening them and issuing ETCs for their deportation.	39	69	472 willing to return to Nigeria.	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Cuba	Unending influx of Nigerians to Cuba in search for greener pastures, Mission's lack of resources to purchase air tickets in case of repatriation of Nigerians, falsification of travel documents by Nigerians, renewal of passports for Nigerians resident in host country and concurrent countries of accreditation	Liaison with host immigration authorities to ensure smooth returns of Nigerians back home.	1	None	1	None

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Equatorial Guinea	Host security agents' high handedness on Nigerians for non possession of valid resident permits, undue delay in reissuance of resident permits, false accusation and molestation of Nigerians holding valid documents.	Meeting with host relevant authorities to address the issue.	13	None	13	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
France	Rampant illegal entry of many Nigerians into France. They are often arrested and detained by local authorities.	Several meetings with host authorities to address the issue	42	19	None	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Gabon	illegal migration, child labour crime, arrests on frame up charges and fishing disputes	Meeting with host authorities and sensitization of the Nigerian community to be law abiding	20	110	None	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Germany	Rise in the number of illegal migrants suspected to be Nigerians, persistent arrest and deportation of Nigerians who have violated immigration laws and frequent loss of Nigerian Passports by unscrupulous persons	Mission liaises with host authorities for a flexible immigration policy on Nigerians.	None	338 as at 2007	None	None

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Greece	Non possession of valid resident permits by Nigerians, Mission's inability to issue Passports for resident Nigerians, human trafficking, drug peddling, prostitution and lack of funds to effectively handle consular challenges	Holding of several meetings with Nigerian communities in Greece in a bid to sensitize them on the need to abide by the laws of the host country	35	39	35	None

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Guinea Bissau/Including Cape Verde	Drug trafficking, trafficking in persons and financial scam	Mass sensitization of Nigerians on the need to desist from criminal activities.	7 in Cape Verde	53 in Cape Verde	60 after their jail terms	None

Mission	Nature of Consular problems	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
India	Illegal migration	Liaison with host authorities to ensure humane treatment of deportees and prisoners in India	None	176	1	None

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Indonesia	Drug trafficking, Advance fee fraud, immigration offences and forgery of travel documents	Liaising with host government to ensure humane treatment to Nigerians to be deported	23	70	23 and 35 destitutes willing to return	18

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Italy	Illegal migration, mass deportation of Nigerians, drug, human trafficking and prostitution.	Regular meetings with host authorities to address the matter	None	601	There is an unspecified number of Nigerians scheduled to for deportation	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Japan	Forgery, overstaying, drug peddling, credit card scam, sexual assault, rape.	Held meetings with Nigerian community in Japan to sensitization on the ills of crime both at home and abroad	24	52	14	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Jordan	Illegal migration	Constant meetings with host Foreign Ministry to address the issue of deportation of Nigerians without Mission's consent.	5	None	4	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Lebanon	Contractual disputes between Nigerian migrant workers and their respective employees including maltreatment, discrimination and illegal arrest and detention of Nigerians	Meeting with host government agencies to salvage the situation	None	None	None	None

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Liberia	Lack of data base in the Embassy.	Consular desk has been reorganized and a laptop purchased for immediate documentation of all Nigerians resident in Liberia.	None	9	None	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Libya	Illegal migration of Nigerians to Libya. Others include criminality like drug peddling armed robbery, financial fraud, human trafficking, prostitution, illicit brewing and sale of alcohol.	Consular visit to Prisons to ascertain the condition of Nigerian inmates and ensuring the prompt release of those that have served their respective jail terms.	480	388	830 awaiting deportation	14

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Malaysia	Drug trafficking, Advance fee fraud, marriage of convenience.	Meeting Nigerian community in Malaysia and host authorities to remedy the situation	36	23	27	4

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Mali	Drug trafficking, trafficking in under age Nigerian girls, dumping of Nigerian deportees in Malian borders with Mauritania and Algeria.	Rendered consular assistance to Nigerians and issuance of ETCs to those willing to return.	25	60	35 destitute Nigerians and 93 willing to return.	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Morocco	Drug trafficking, human trafficking, prostitution and illegal migration	Mission intensified cooperation with security agencies to help curb the menace	None	88	None	None

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Niger	Nigerians in transit as illegal migrants, financial scam, drug trafficking, trafficking in persons and prostitution.	Payment of regular consular visit to Agadez sensitizing them on the need to abide by the laws of host countries.	38	77	None	1

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Pakistan/Including Afghanistan	Illegal migration and drug trafficking	Consular visits to prisons to ascertain the situation of Nigerians there. Meetings with host authorities to possibly mitigate the sentences passed on Nigerians.	13	116 and 16 in Afghanistan	44 awaiting deportation and 6 destitutes	9

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Poland/Including Czech Republic	Inability of Nigerians to create and run an effective national organization that could form a working partnership with the Embassy in solving some of the consular problems	Meetings with Nigerian nationals and discussing ways to foster a working partnership between Mission and the people.	25	None	None	None

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Portugal	Drug trafficking, immigration offences, identity fraud and poor funding of Mission	Meeting with Nigerian community for sensitization on the need to abide by the laws of the host country and to shun drug trafficking	1	18	None	None



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Saudi Arabia/Including Yemen	Financial scams, prostitution, begging by destitute and able bodied Nigerians, drug peddling and lack of financial allocation to Mission.	Meeting with host government authorities to make sure Nigerians are deported in humane manner	None	40	5 Awaiting deportation in Yemen	None

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Senegal	Drug trafficking, human trafficking, prostitution, internet fraud, money laundering and forgery of administrative documents	Sensitization of Nigerians on the need to abide by the laws of the host country.	None	None	None	None

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Sudan

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Sierra Leone	Drug trafficking, destitution on the part of Nigerians	Giving consular assistance to Nigerians	None	10	232 are destitute willing to return	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Syria	Ill treatment of Nigerians visiting, living in the country by Syrian authorities and illegal migration.	Constant meeting with host government	None	None	94 deported as at 2007	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Tanzania	Passport problems, immigration problems, criminal activities involving Nigerians.	Meeting with Nigerian community in Tanzania with a view to sensitizing them to be law abiding.	None	None	None	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Thailand	Criminality such as illicit drug dealing, passport and visa racketeering, Advance fee fraud, credit card scam, forgery including immigration violations such as illegal entry, overstay, use of fake passport and visa.	Liaising with host authorities to track down the syndicates	13	100	13	1

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. Nigerians on death row
Tchad	Daily minor disputes among Nigerians and between them their Tchadian counterparts	Being in constant touch with the police to ensure amicable settlements of the disputes.	None	3	None	None

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Trinidad and Tobago/Including Barbados, Suriname, Guyana, Antigua & Barbuda and Grenada.	Non-possession of valid entry requirements, forged immigration permits, possession of fake Nigerian standard passports, drug trafficking, expired permits and asylum seekers	Mission has conducted a series of meetings with host authorities proposing the release Nigerian immigration offenders in an arrangement where the detainees will work to earn some money that will facilitate their movement back to Nigeria.	A total of 32 with 4 in Barbados, 1 in Guyana, 21 in Trinidad and Tobago, 1 in Suriname, 1 in Antigua & Barbuda	None	25	None

Mission	Nature of Consular Problem(s)	Action by Mission	No. of Nigerians in Detention	No. of Nigerians in Prison	No. Awaiting Deportation	No. of Nigerians on death row
Turkey	National identity, non-possession of valid documents	Meeting with host authorities and Nigerian community to salvage the situation.	28	None	None	None

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United States	Credit card fraud, forgery of travel documents, irregular migration and overstay	Meeting with host authorities and Nigerian community to salvage the situation.	89	108	750 awaiting deportation not in detention	None

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United Kingdom	Violation of Immigration Laws, overstay and fraud.	Sensitizing Nigerians on the dangers of irregular migration.	None	887	76	None

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Vietnam	Overstay, non-possession of valid papers by Nigerians resident in Vietnam. 600 Nigerians live underground without resident permit	Issuing of Mission Identity Cards for proper identification.	6	None	1	None

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Zambia/Including Malawi	Lack of cooperation from host authorities and poor funding of Mission	Meeting with host authorities, soliciting for cooperation	11	None	None	None

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Zimbabwe	Marriage of convenience by Nigerians	Sensitization of Nigerians on the need to refrain from marriage of convenience.	None	None	2	None

SUMMARY OF INDICATORS

Total No. of Nigerians in Detention	Total No. of Nigerians in Prison	Total No. Awaiting Deportation	Total No. of Nigerians on Death Row
1,659	3,143	3,719	52

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