STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO ALL ITS MEMBERS

The University of Maiduguri Alumni Association has recently been faced with an unresolved crisis arising from the amendment of the Constitution of the Association at the Annual General Meeting which was held on Saturday, 14th October, 2023, at J-K Gadzama Court, Abuja, particularly as it affects the elections and tenure of elected officers at both the National and State levels, amongst other issues.

Upon release of the Election Guidelines by the Electoral Committee led by Prof. Maxwell Gidado, SAN, the Board of Trustees (BOT) received Petitions from some individuals in the FCT Chapter of the Association who vigorously protested against the recent amendment of the Constitution which has serious implications on the elections scheduled to hold on Saturday, 16th December, 2023.

Having carefully considered and deliberated on the Petitions as well as the explanation proffered by the EXCOs, the BOT in consultation with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Maiduguri, Professor Aliyu Shugaba has decided as follows:

- The National and State Chapter elections scheduled for Saturday, 16th December, 2023 are hereby postponed until further notice
- 2. All EXCOS at both National and State Chapter levels are hereby dissolved with immediate effect.
- 3. A Caretaker Committee is hereby constituted as follows:
 - i. Dr. Mohammed Bulama ChairmanT: 08077479545E: mohammedbulama123@gmail.com
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The mandate of the Caretaker Committee shall include, to urgently (a) appoint 3-man Caretaker Committees in all Chapters of the Association; (b) audit all accounts of the National and State Chapter EXCOS, and (c) manage the Association until further notice.

- 4. The hardworking Maxwell Gidado-led Electoral Committee, which has not been given an opportunity to complete its work, is hereby dissolved.
- 5. A 5-man Dispute Resolution/Mediation Committee is hereby constituted as follows:
 - i. Prof Musa Mohammed Deji of the University of Maiduguri -Chairman

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The Dispute Resolution/Mediation Committee is to take all legal and reasonable steps to unify members of the various factions of the Association and is given 3 (three) months to submit its report to the BOT.

All members of the Association are advised and encouraged to cooperate with the Caretaker Committee as we all work together to build a better Alumni Association for posterity.

DATED THIS FRIDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023

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- 4. **Dr. Mohammed Bulama**Chairman, Caretaker Committee
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- 5. Prof Musa Mohammed Deji Chairman, Dispute Resolution/Mediation Committee & All Members of the Committee
- 6. Mrs. Afiniki Haske Hananiya
- 7. Prof. Maxwell Gidado, SAN, OON