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ATTHELAUNCHOFABOOKINHONOUROFTHELATE PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR

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YourExcellency, President Bola Ahmad Tinubu, your Excellencies, the State Governors, members of the diplomatic corps, esteemed traditional and religious leaders, our respected author, captains of industry, members of the media, ladies and gentlemen: Assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh. Good afternoon and welcome.

The life and passing of our beloved father and late President Muhammadu Buhari left an indelible mark in our lives. It is with profound honour, gratitude, and a deep sense of responsibility that I welcome you to this occasion to remember him.

As we gather to launch a book about his life, we know that no number of words can do justice to his dedication to Nigeria, to its poor people, and to its national development. As a soldier he was willing to die for this nation and as a statesman he fought against all odds and lived to deliver on the mandate bestowed on him by his nation. President Buhari shaped the expectation between leaders and the governed; he set the standards for public trust and will remain a guiding light for many of us in public service.

We are grateful to the partnership between President Bola Ahmad Tinubu and our dear late President Muhammadu Buhari. It was a partnership that achieved the impossible in 2015 and brought about a new chapter in our nation's history. Mr. President there is no better successor to the legacy of our late President than yourself. Your dedication to his success and the vast amount of support you provided paved the way for many of us to deliver for our people under the All

Progressives Congress. We will remain eternally grateful to you. You have sense of unity and profound belief in realizing the full potential of our nation requires the support of every one of us and you will receive it.

When the news of the passing of our late President came to me, like many Nigerians it overwhelmed my heart and creates a void I was certain will never be filled. Our people lost a beacon of hope and a defender of public trust. The entire country felt this loss and shared the grief with his family. The stories of his life became the topic of conversation across the nation. He was an honest man, a simple man, he cared about people, he was a great soldier, a perfect gentleman, he can be funny and lighthearted, he respected the law and enforced it, he is not corrupt and always wanted the judicious use of public resource, and above all he a great family man. Many personal stories remain with many people sat here today and we will never know all of it. I appeal to all Nigerians that as we tell the stories of our late President, we embody

the positives and emulate those principles in our lives. The moral authority is commanded as a leader is undeniable, and we will all do well to follow in his footsteps.

The Buhari family led by our dear mother Dr. Aisha Muhammadu Buhari, your children, grandchildren, and extended family members deserve our condolences and admiration for their courage during a time of grief. You shared a personal journey with the whole nation graciously and generously. Our love and prayers will remain with all of you forever.

The family has seized the opportunity of this book launch to continue the people focused legacy of our late President Muhammadu Buhari. They have generously pledged the proceeds from the book to support the late President's humanitarian aspirations in education and health. May Allah make this project a success and reward you all in this life and the next Ameen.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the author of this book. Your diligent efforts in gathering testimonies, verifying facts, and maintaining an objective stance have made a valuable contribution to the public good. The book presents a balanced perspective that avoids both undue praise and unfair criticism, thereby offering our nation an informative account for future generations. Your commitment to rigor, impartiality, and integrity is greatly appreciated.

Soon, we will have the opportunity to hear from both our reviewer and our Guest of Honour. Together, let's listen, learn, and depart with a renewed sense of purpose. But before we begin, I would like to extend another warm welcome to each of you.

May this gathering offer lasting warmth, insightful conversations, and a sense of direction that remains with you long after you leave.

May Almighty Allah grant mercy to the soul of President Muhammadu Buhari, forgive his short comings, and admit him into Jannatul Firdaus. May He comfort our mother and the entire family.May He guide and protect our President, bless our leaders, heal our land, and keep Nigeria in unity and peace.

I welcome you all to this book presentation.
Barka da zuwa.

Long live Mr.President,
Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.