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## **PAT UTOMI CAMPAIGN ORGANISATION (PUCO)**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **UTOMI CAMPAIGN GROUP LAUDS RAILWAY REFORM**

The Pat Utomi Campaign Organisation (PUCO) has congratulated President Olusegun Obasanjo and the Federal Executive Council on the unveiling of a program for Railways Rehabilitation on August 9 2006. The PACO indicated that the initiative was in line with the program of Prof Pat Utomi, Presidential aspirant and convener of the Restoration Group.

The PUCO regretted that it took seven years to bring up this idea which was part of the advice given Presidential candidate Olusegun Obasanjo by Prof Pat Utomi in December 1998 as a quick way to bring about job creation and the dividends of Democracy reaching the Nigerian people. “it is better late than Never” the statement indicated, warning, however, that success does not lie in announcements as the experience of the promise of the end of power failure shows so clearly.

The PUCO suggested that goal attainment was based on finding the right champions for the initiative, clearly distilling easily measurable critical Measures of Performance (CMOP). The statement assured that a Pat Utomi presidency would not only adopt the program but ensure a faithful implementation of project all projects, including the inter-modal outflows from it such that the impact on the speed of business enterprises and economic growth far exceeds what is presently projected as coming from the programme.

The PUCO statement praised President Obasanjo for not acting like a lame duck president who has lost interest in affairs that advance the welfare of society. It hoped that the President will continue to advance his legacy by staying focused, assured that the right successor will ensure that elite consensus to assure continuity.

The PUCO release further stated that issues of public transportation infrastructure on the plank of Utomi candidacy have been clearly articulated in a policy document to be released as part of a series in which the campaign organization provides every week a comprehensive document of policy intent in a specific area. The aim is to build an issues based campaign and offer measurable policy goals which citizens can use to hold a Pat Utomi government accountable for performance as promised. It urged the media to devote ample space to these policy documents as they help the voters buy into a process of re-inventing Nigeria.

Among the areas already covered in articulation of aspects of the Restoration Group manifesto supporting the presidential bid of Professor Utomi are policy intents on policing; Food Security and the regeneration of Nigerian Agriculture; and aspects of health care relating to malaria eradication and containment of Tuberculosis.