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*A National Organization of Ikwere People in the United States of America, and Canada*

Rumu Ndam, Anu Meka!!

We hope that this communiqué finds you well. We all know that we are facing unprecedented and unparalleled times with this COVID-19 pandemic. It has impacted, and continues to impact, a lot of people, organizations and businesses in ways unimaginable, including our dear organization, OIUSA. We can either lie down and get stifled to death or stand up and fight. The President and his Executive Committee ("EC") have chosen to fight, and are working tirelessly to advance the business of OIUSA, regardless of this pandemic.

Currently, our most pressing and important programs are: 1) the *Skills Acquisition Center, Peace and Reconciliations Initiatives*; 2) the planned *2021 Medical Mission* to our people in Nigeria (discussed during our first zoom meeting on June 27, 2020), and; 3) the *Leadership in Ikwere Land* initiative. We plan to conclude arrangements for the Medical Mission program during our next Zoom meeting (details of which will soon follow).

Under normal circumstances, OIUSA General Assembly, which usually meets during our annual convention, would ratify our programs, including the heretofore-mentioned Medical Mission and other initiatives. However, 2020 annual convention was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, thus the General Assembly was unable to perform this function. As a result of this, we are left with an undesirable, but very necessary option.

The Legal Adviser has consulted with the EC, and together they have come up with the following solution, in order to continue to work towards our objectives, even as we face this pandemic. Interestingly, our constitution has a provision that allows us to navigate these times, as set forth below.

**Section 10.B.1** of our constitution provides as follows:

### **CONSTITUTION SUSPENSION**

**This constitution and its by-laws may be suspended by the Executive Committee and ratified by two third (2/3) of members in good financial standing present at the General Assembly.**

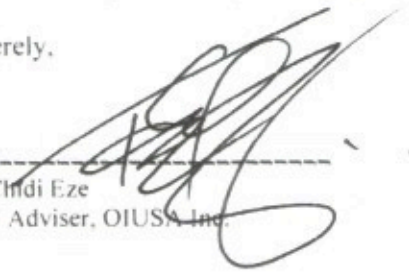
Thus, in line with the above section of our constitution, and the unavailability of the General Assembly, the EC has decided that it is best to temporarily suspend the constitution, so that our most important programs can move forward. Accordingly, our EC has decided to invoke the above referenced section of our constitution.

Further, to complete the process of temporarily suspending our constitution, a Zoom meeting will be convened, whereby every member will have an opportunity to participate and voice his/her views.

In light of the foregoing, you are hereby notified that the EC has voted to temporarily suspend our constitution and bye laws, in order to continue serving you

and advancing the core values of this organization. Going forward, the President and his EC, will at various intervals, schedule a Zoom, with the understanding that all decisions made during our Zoom meetings will be considered legal and binding. Your participation in all future OIUSA's Zoom meeting is hereby encouraged.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Chidi Eze  
Legal Adviser, OIUSA, Inc.



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