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Preamble:

The 10th annual convocation of Umu Mbano in the United States of America under the aegis of Mbano National Assembly Inc, meeting in the great city of Chicago from May 22-25, 2009, affirmed our common bond and assessed the progress of our commitment towards our homeland, Mbano.

Marking a decade of our union and guided by the theme of the convention "**Mbano Ga N'iru**" -an underpinning of a progressive agenda-the Assembly exhaustively deliberated on the teething problems facing our communities. We resolved to sustain the gains of our endeavors while expanding the frontiers of our efforts. With ten federating chapters fully in attendance and distinguished guests from across the globe including Senator Agunanne and Rev. Sr. Salome Ike, the Matron of Mbano Joint Hospital; the resolve is unmistakable and encapsulated as follows:

1. The Assembly congratulates its membership for keeping faith with the charter of the organization and incrementally delivering on its promise of improving the socio-economic wellbeing of our people.

2. The Assembly commits to continue the free medical mission to Mbano which annually has brought health succor to our people. The abundant human resources in the field of healthcare should be harnessed in order to extend the reach of our endeavors to all communities in Mbano. The Assembly thanks the management and staff of Mbano Joint hospital for their continued partnership and commitment towards improving the quality of care in the hospital and unwavering support for the medical mission.
3. The Assembly pledges to partner with our two local government areas: Isiala and Ehime Mbano to ensure sustained growth especially in the area of primary healthcare, education and the promotion of civic awareness. We remain concerned with the state of our community health centers, and urge the relevant state and local government agencies to provide them with the necessary resources since they shoulder the burden of community healthcare.
4. The Assembly resolves to mount a robust campaign to monitor and encourage good governance in our local governments, promote awareness and relevance of the populace in order to maximize the dividend of true and responsible democracy. Therefore, any individual or group aspiring to the leadership of these local government areas must be result oriented or forgo their ambition entirely. The interest and welfare of our communities must be paramount objective. We shall not allow this opportunity to be a mere jingle simply to placate our people. The time is **NOW**.
5. The Assembly congratulates the Education Grant committee for successfully implementing the financial aid program to deserving Mbano sons and daughters in higher institutions. In addition, the encouraging efforts of the committee in redirecting our children in the Diaspora to think Mbano through literary engagements deserve commendation. The successes recorded in the three essays; Mbano Bu Alanyi, Mbano Nneji and currently Mbano Ga

N'iru, have shown that our efforts shall be sustained by a vibrant youth willing to invest in their fatherland.

6. The Assembly appreciates the encouraging work of the Youth and Membership committee for investing in our children in the areas of cultural awareness, academic counseling and social development. This Youth wing of MNA has become a cornerstone of any future success.
7. The Unity of Mbanjo remains our guiding principle. The Assembly thus commends the Ezurumezu and Social Welfare Committee for organizing and executing the Mbanjo Unity Soccer tournament. The Assembly shall continue to work with Ndi Eze and our traditional institutions to ensure the promotion of our culture and values.
8. While celebrating these achievements we have resolved to challenge ourselves to consolidate our gains and seek new frontiers of accomplishment. To that goal the Assembly has approved the recommendations of the Economic empowerment committee to implement a micro credit scheme that will provide credit facilities to our people to encourage entrepreneurship and improve commerce amongst our folks.
9. The Assembly is concerned with the slow pace of infrastructural development in Mbanjo. The poor state of rural electrification has hindered the development of cottage industries in our local governments. The Assembly encourages the government to look into this area as it is pivotal to any developmental initiative and social security arrangement. The people of Mbanjo have not forgotten the effrontery of previous administrations in Imo State that forcefully dismantled the Amaraku power Station.
10. The Assembly expresses our continued support to our brother, His Excellency, the Governor of Imo state, Chief Ikedi Ohakim for his transformative visions as he continues to improve the socio-economic landscape of Imo state. We encourage him to keep the focus. We enjoin well meaning Nigerians and the

international community to take advantage of this sterling leadership and invest in Imo State, particularly, Mbano.

11. The Assembly continues to support Professor Maurice Iwu, the INEC chairman, a worthy son of Mbano, as he nurtures democracy in our young polity and lay a solid foundation for strong democratic institutions.

12. Finally, we remain grateful to the Chicago Chapter, who exhibited lavish hospitality and hosted a memorable and enormously successful convention. We look forward to meeting where it all started, the city of Atlanta in 2010.

Signed,

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