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September 29, 2023

US Embassy,
Plot 1075, Diplomatic Drive,
FCT, Abuja, Nigeria

Dear Consular General or Consular Chief, US Embassy Abuja:

I am writing you today in support of the VISA applications of the following individuals:

1. **Hon. Christopher Zakka** - Executive Chairman, Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC)
2. **Hon. Ibrahim Ombugadu** - Special Adviser On ICT/CSO/Donor Agencies to the Executive Chairman, AMAC
3. **Rt. Hon. Matthew Danjuma Yare** - Hon. Speaker, Legislative Chamber, AMAC
4. **Ibrahim Attahiru Yakubu** - Director of Administration, AMAC
5. **Ifeyanyi Precious Nwachukwu Igwe** - Senior Special Assistant on International Relations, AMAC
6. **Esther Edwin** - Senior Special Assistant on International Studies.

These individuals comprise a delegation group from Abuja, Nigeria who will travel to the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the United States to participate in a sister city agreement signing scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9 a.m. in Milwaukee City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Common Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Milwaukee, WI (United States) 53202.

The City of Milwaukee invites and supports this delegation to visit Milwaukee to complete and formalize the establishment of a sister city relationship between the City of Abuja and the City of Milwaukee. In order for the relationship to be official, both respective mayors (or their equivalent) from both cities are required to sign an agreement for the establishment of the relationship. Once the agreement has been signed, the relationship shall be valid for 5 years. A resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Abuja, Nigeria was adopted by the Milwaukee Common Council on September 19, 2023 and signed by Mayor Cavalier Johnson of the City of Milwaukee on September 28, 2023. Attached is a certified copy of the resolution.

The sister city relationship is being established with a signed agreement between the two cities for the purposes of promoting peace, through citizen diplomacy and partnerships, and a long-term, cooperative relationship between the two cities for cultural, educational, business, and technical exchanges to take place.

All hotel accommodations, airline tickets, and travel expenses with regards to the delegation traveling from Abuja to Milwaukee will not involve any Milwaukee city funds. No Milwaukee city funds shall be used for travel expenses by city officials in connection with any sister city or friendly exchange relationship according to the Milwaukee Code of Ordinance Chapter 335.

The City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee is created to assist the City, through its Common Council, with the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships pursuant to Sister Cities International regulations through nonprofit, volunteer based organizations that organize and implement cooperative programs in education, arts, business, and municipal and technical exchanges with Milwaukee's sister cities around the world to collaborate on programs of mutual benefit to our city and its partners. We are also members of the Sister Cities International network, one of the largest citizen diplomacy networks in the world.

Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and International communities. With a network of over 2,000 cities in 146 countries all over the world, we strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development.

I appreciate any consideration your office can give to this delegation group from Abuja, Nigeria and would encourage you to contact us if you have any concerns. Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell W. Stamper, II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "R" at the beginning and a stylized "II" at the end.

Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II, Chair
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