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To:

Milwaukee Mayor's Office 200 E Wells St., Milwaukee WI 53202-3515 USA

Dear Lord Mayor,

I have the honor to extend my warm greetings of love, peace and unity to you from the city of Kumba in Cameroon.

We are very interested to establish and develop decentralized cooperation ties with your city. Our desire is to work together for social and economic development of our both cities. A strong foundation could be laid by exchange visits, participation in trade fairs, international cultural exchanges, etc. Along the way, we shall surely discover mutual beneficial opportunities in fields like international business, agriculture and urbanization, ecotourism, education, transportation, health care, environment, housing.

Let use this opportunity to make a brief presentation of the city. We hope it will catch your interest. The city of Kumba is located in the South West region of Cameroon, Central Africa. It has a population of about 165.000 people who speak English, French, pidgin and hundreds of native dialects. The indigenous inhabitants are the Bafaws, Barombis, the Bakundus and the Balongs. Settlers come from all over Cameroon and neighboring Nigeria. Located at a major road junction, commerce, tourism, agriculture, timber and non-timber forest exploitation are the principal activities of the inhabitants. A major touristic attraction in the city is a crater

lake located just 2 km away from the city centre. Kumba enjoys a very good road and railway link to Douala, the economic capital of Cameroon.

The government of our country is implementing a policy of decentralization. In this new political dispensation the Kumba City Council as a decentralized authority is empowered to have a direct access to a more diversified portfolio of mutual cooperation.

Twinning is a commonly accepted platform on which solid cooperation ties could be built. International cooperation is an important tool when developing and improving our organization and our services to the citizens of our city. We aim at cooperation between our cities under social, cultural, environmental, economic, peace and democratic realms that shall be beneficial to both cities. We are very eager to engage discursions that would lead to the eventual twinning of our two cities. It shall be our greatest delight if you manifest equal interest on this subject.

Sir, I also seize this opportunity to formally invite you for a friendly visit to our city. The traditional warmth that is reserved for such an August occasion, shall no doubt contribute immensely to nurture our very fruitful relationship.

We have absolute faith in your good will for the population of the City of Kumba. We are also committed to follow up your advice diligently on all issues we have raised.

The people of the City of Kumba shall for ever remain grateful to the people of your city, if collaboration is accepted from your end.

While expecting very positive results from you, kindly accept, Sir, our best regards.

Yours faithfully

Ngoh Nkelle Victor

Mayor of the City of Kumba