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PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS AT THE FIDUO GENERAL ASSEMBLING MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

For the benefit of those who were not in attendance, below is the full text of the opening remarks of Dr. Gabriel S. Bomide, President of FIDUO at the General Assembly Meeting held September 29, 2013.

Fellow FIDUO Members:

With profound gratitude to God Almighty, great humility, and a full sense of responsibility, I'm pleased to welcome you and to address this post-convention General Assembly Meeting as President of our great organization, FIDUO.

First, I want to thank God for the successful 2013 FIDUO convention in Orlando, Florida held August 16-18. Special thanks go to the Convention Planning Committee members, under the able leadership of Mr. Adesola Dada, and the entire Florida Branch of FIDUO for their resilience, extraordinary sacrifices, hard work, and commitment towards the success of this year's convention. May the Lord reward them mightily for their labor of love.

Second, I want to thank the entire members of FIDUO for the absolute confidence reposed in the abilities and integrity of the newly elected FIDUO Executive Council. By this total mandate, we pledge, once again to uphold the tenets of FIDUO and serve you with diligence and a full sense of responsibility. I congratulate my fellow Executive Council members for this great honor and opportunity to serve our fatherland. I also thank all FIDUO members who attended the Florida convention, and those of us who could not attend due to one reason or another. It's well with us!

While the new Executive Council recognizes the enormous task ahead, we are confident that with God and your support, we shall together take FIDUO to the next higher level to better serve Ikun-Ekiti community. It's the right thing to do and we shall not fail in this onerous task.

Fellow FIDUO members, please allow me to say that the total mandate given to the new Executive Council has ushered in a new beginning in FIDUO – a new era of unprecedented peace, love, harmony, cooperation and progress. Please let's build on this new momentum in our collective efforts to build a better Ikun-Ekiti community for our generation and generations yet unborn! This is crucial for us to realize the new and aggressive socio-economic agenda of the current FIDUO administration.

Finally, please permit me to set a few house-keeping rules to ensure that we maximize our available time for this very important meeting. This meeting was intended to last for about one hour. No doubt, this is a radical departure from the past. Therefore, while everyone is encouraged to participate in our deliberation and decision-making process, please let's be precise, objective, and focused on the issues only!

Once again, I welcome you to this historic meeting and wish us a fruitful deliberation. Thank you for your attention and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,

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