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## ***AN EXPRESSION OF OUTRAGE ON THE COLLAPSED OVERHEAD WATER TANK***

### ***AND SYMPATHY FOR THE AFFECTED FAMILIES***

*Members of Ika National Association, USA, Inc. enjoin all Ika communities around the world in an expression of society's moral outrage, and condemnation of the series of tragic events that the citizens of our beloved homeland have been subjected to in recent times. First it was the collapse of the Orogodo Bridge by-pass, and now the news of the collapse of the overhead water tank on November 2, 2010 and the resulting deaths of innocent children at the College of Education Model Primary school Agbor. How many more tragic events will it take to open the eyes of those responsible either directly, or indirectly for these calamities?*

*We are indeed very saddened to hear about the untimely deaths of our children, and the injuries sustained by many more. While we know that words are only a small gesture of support, we want the bereaved families, as well as the families of the injured children to know that their spirits have touched many people's lives both at home and abroad. Your families are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*We seize this opportunity to call on our Acting Executive Governor, His Excellency, Prince Sam Obi to come to the aid of these families by honoring the pledge made by the former Executive Governor, Dr. Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan, who promised to take care of the medical expenses incurred for the treatment of the injured children. Although no amount of money can bring back the children who died, we ask the government to provide some financial assistance to these families as well.*

*We also ask the Executive Governor to convene a panel of caring and qualified citizens to look into why this tragic event occurred. The independent panel should examine how contracts are awarded, the qualifications of those awarded contracts and plans for maintenance of these structures. The absence of such independent panel would send a clear and morally repugnant message that the government does not value the lives of its citizens.*

*Once again, our deepest sympathy and love to the affected families.*

Respectfully,

Michael N. Ebie  
National President & Chairman of the Board  
Ika National Association, USA, Inc.