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Recommendation Letter - Olasubomi Iginla Aina MBE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am delighted to offer my enthusiastic endorsement for Olasubomi Iginla Aina MBE. As the Chief, Civil Society Unit of the United Nations Department for Global Communications (UN DGC), I have had the privilege of closely observing Olasubomi's exceptional contributions.

I first crossed paths with Olasubomi in 2021 when she assumed the role of Director of the Global NGO Executive Committee (GNEC), a pivotal liaison for NGOs associated with the UNDGC. Her leadership extended beyond GNEC; as head of the Communication Committee, she spoke at UN DGC Communications workshops that we co-organized, showcasing her commitment and strategic acumen.

Olasubomi's advocacy within GNEC led to a groundbreaking policy change, broadening leadership opportunities beyond New York and enhancing inclusivity. As Editor-in-Chief of the NGO Reporter, she revitalized this critical publication, earning global acclaim for her Tribute Edition and subsequent impactful publications.

Her leadership shone brightly during crises, such as her mission with Lightup Foundation in war-torn Ukraine, where her communication skills proved invaluable. Her efforts to combat irregular migration through initiatives like the Creating Awareness and Alternatives Mission (CAA Mission) underscore her unwavering commitment to humanitarian causes.

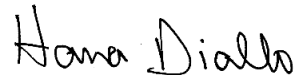
Olasubomi's ability to attract influential collaborators and her role in shaping global agendas were evident in her appointment to the NGO Taskforce Committee for the planning of the 2024 UN Civil Society Nairobi Conference, held in Nairobi, Kenya from 9 to 10 May. Her contributions, including co-chairing the Conference Outreach Sub-committee and organizing major side events, significantly enhanced the conference's impact.

I had the privilege of attending one such event focused on the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which exemplified Olasubomi's meticulous organization and profound impact. Her dedication to achieving meaningful outcomes was consistently evident throughout our interactions.

Olasubomi Iginla Aina MBE is not just a leader but a transformative force. Her visionary leadership, dedication, and humanitarian spirit make her an invaluable asset. I wholeheartedly endorse her continued endeavors and am confident in her ability to effect positive change.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at diallo9@un.org or Tel: +1(917) 701-0762.

Hawa Diallo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hawa Diallo". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Hawa" and last name "Diallo" clearly distinguishable.

Chief, Civil Society Unit,
UN Department of Global Communications