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EGBE OMO YORUBA, N.A. CALLS FOR AN ALL-INCLUSIVE AFENIFERE

NASHVILLE, TN., November 11, 2007... The National Executive Council (NEC) of the Egbe Omo Yoruba National Association of Yoruba Descendants in North America, held its fourth quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Nashville, Tennessee USA. The meeting which was hosted by the Egbe's Nashville affiliate, was presided over by the Egbe's National President Adeola Odusanya.

At the meeting, President Odusanya presented to the NEC, five (5) programs for implementation in 2008, namely, the National Full-Ride Scholarship Program, the Adopt-A-School Program, the Exercise Book Program, National Yoruba School Quiz Competition and the Billboard Public Service Announcement Program. Also at the meeting, Alhaja Sherri Razaq-Thiers from Delaware Valley was elected the first National Secretary of Women Affairs and Ogbeni Dipo Ogunrinde from Washington, DC was elected to the office of National Vice President. The 2nd Quarter minutes were presented by Ogbeni Oladapo Odunlami, National General Secretary and Convention 2007 report was presented by Yeye Afin Monilola Tenabe. The NEC recognized His Excellency Olagunsoye Oyinlola governor of Osun State for being the only Governor to honor the Egbe's invitation to attend its 2007 National Convention and for his laudable and inspiring speech at the Excellence Award banquet.

Following deliberations by the NEC on issues of uttermost importance to the Yoruba worldwide, the following resolutions were made:

1. The Egbe unflinchingly resolves its support behind the Afenifere; that the Afenifere as a bona-fide Yoruba organization should serve as an umbrella organization to other Yoruba groups. The Egbe urges all Pan-Yoruba Organizations to work with the Afenifere to ensure that Afenifere truly represents the voice of a unified Yoruba regardless of religion, party affiliation, gender, age or Yoruba lineage;
2. The Egbe resolves its support and commitment to a re-write of the Yoruba Agenda that is clearer, comprehensive and more decipherable. The Egbe further resolves to work with the Afenifere to ensure that this Yoruba Agenda and its ideals are practiced and implemented by all Yoruba especially our political office holders nationally, regionally and locally;
3. The Egbe states unequivocally that, it would be an intentional infringement on Yoruba traditions and culture to place any non-Yoruba traditional ruler or religious ruler over any Yoruba Oba as proposed by President Umaru Yar'Adua's National Council of Traditional Rulers and in the Hausa Agenda. The Egbe again remind all that, our traditional rulers are priestly, endowed to be custodians of our traditions, culture and customs. Any attempt by anyone to violate our customs and culture as described herein, will be seen as an affront of the Orishas and shall not be tolerated;
4. All Yoruba are encouraged to support the World Festival of Yoruba Arts and Culture scheduled for Abeokuta in April 2008; The Egbe calls for all Yoruba organizations worldwide to send strong delegations home in honor of this event.

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