



**Asociación para las  
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United Nations Association of Spain

## **Letter of Support for Olasubomi Iginla Aina MBE.**

**Dear Nomination Committee,**

I, **Eulalia Pascual Lagunas**, the president of the **United Nations Association of Spain (ANUE)**, am pleased to provide this letter of support for Olasubomi Iginla Aina MBE's nomination for a Royal Honours. During the 60th Anniversary of United Nations Association of Spain in September 2022, Olasubomi was invited to do the opening speech for that event in Spain. We are aware of her achievements at the time and so we extended a Special invitation to her which she honoured and delivered an outstanding speech on the day. We were glad to have extended our invitation to her. This event took place some months after the Melilla killings at the border of Spain which claimed the lives of over 30 irregular migrants.

On arrival, Olasubomi discussed her desire to meet the Catalonia government to get the report of the investigations on the Melilla killings and to see what can be done to avert such an incident in the future. Getting a response was very challenging but Olasubomi wanted us to press on till we finally got the response from the government of Catalonia. Olasubomi met with the Ester Sara Cabanes General Director of the General Directorate of Child and Adolescent Care of the Department of work, Social Affairs and Families, Government of Catalonia with a representative of ANUE. Believe me this was the turning point that brought my organisation and the Government of Catalonia to choose to work with Olasubomi on the subject of Irregular Migration.

Seeing her passion and interest in putting an end to the menace, the Director General immediately enlisted her to be present at a meeting where the President of UNICEF will be meeting with the Minister of Social Justice and the Minister of Health in the presence of the Spanish press and relevant stakeholder to sign an Agreement on how the young irregular migrants will be provided with better health care by the Catalonia government on arrival in Catalonia. This is because most of the young African migrants are observed to be developing post-traumatic stress disorder and all kinds of mental health problems on arrival in Catalonia.

Remarkably Olasubomi was the only black person invited to the meeting. Olasubomi was given the opportunity to speak at the event and her speech duly noted.

Seeing the passion and zeal in her, my organisation decided to run with this vision, the government of Catalonia saw how committed Olasubomi was and then they decided to work with her to see how this menace can be put to an end. Before Olasubomi departed, the Catalonia government arranged for her to visit the irregular migrants and I accompanied her on the visit to the migrant's resident where she took out time to re-assure the African youths and from then on, we have been meeting and working with her on the project tagged: Creating Awareness and Alternative Mission (CAA Mission) on Irregular migration. The CAA Mission was finally launched in October 2023, this event was indeed a great success. We didn't know how she prevailed but we had confident in her considering her history of success and her positive attitude and commitment towards making this project work. I was at the

event and I made a speech too on the day. She was able to bring on board Gonsel Cars as a partner - they have agreed to help empower African youths with skills to produce and service electric cars, she brought in the First Female Chair of the African Union (AU) Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, the Chief, Civil Society Unit of the UN Department of Global Communications, the Prime Minister of the state of African Diaspora and many others who are now committed to launch the project.

We have struggled to raise funds for this project but Olasubomi has continued to do her best spending of her time energy, expertise and connection to bring an end to the menace of Irregular Migration. Recently, during the United Nations Civil Society Conference in Nairobi in May 2024. Despite no funding, Olasubomi was able to recruit volunteers who worked to create Awareness in Nigeria, Ghana, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Kenya to create awareness on the menace of irregular migration with 6 Major events. Aside one of the major UN event organiser C4UN the CAA Mission event hosted the highest number of events in the world during the UN Nairobi Conference May 2024.

Olasubomi made this happen, even the current President of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) participated at the TRNC event which took place few weeks ago.

She deserves to be celebrated, she is iconic and unstoppable, we are sincerely glad to support her nomination as we know that this will help her international work with organisations and governments – thereby bringing deliverance to many who require it.

We will definitely do this again if required, for further details, please find our contact below this document.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Eulàlia Pascual Lagunas  
President  
Barcelona, 20th June 2024