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SOLIDARITY STATEMENT: STAND WITH ALIKO DANGOTE (GCON)

Fellow Africans, Traditional Leaders, Elected Officials, Citizens, and Pan-Africanists at home and abroad,

We stand at a critical juncture in our continent's history, where the forces of imperialism and neo-colonialism seek to undermine our progress and sovereignty. Aliko Dangote, Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) and owner of the Dangote Refinery, is currently under attack by these very forces. These attacks are not just against a single individual but are direct assaults on the Pan-African vision and the future of our continent.

The Dangote Refinery represents a revolutionary step towards self-sufficiency and economic empowerment for Africa. For too long, our resources have been extracted and exploited by external powers, leaving our nations impoverished and dependent. As Aliko Dangote (GCON) himself has emphasized, the refinery is a beacon of hope for all African countries producing crude oil. It offers a pathway to keep our wealth within the continent, creating jobs and economic opportunities for our people.

External forces, backed by major foreign companies, seeks to destroy this beacon of hope within the next five years. These forces are relentless, and their goal is clear: to maintain their stranglehold on Africa's resources and keep our people in perpetual poverty. They are paying people to ensure the destruction of the Dangote Refinery, fearing its potential to revolutionize our economies.

The attacks on Dangote Refinery and the Dangote Group are clandestinely funded by powerful interests, seeking to destabilize progress of the people of Nigeria. They hide in the shadows, but their intentions are clear. We must expose and resist their machinations. It is imperative that we, as Africans, unite in defense of the Dangote Refinery. This is not just a company; it is an African organization that symbolizes our collective aspiration for economic freedom and self-reliance. The attack on Dangote is an attack on all of us, and we must respond with unwavering solidarity.



The United Africa Royal Assembly calls upon all African heads of state, ministers, and leaders of crude oil-producing countries to stand together and protect the Dangote Refinery. Our traditional and spiritual leaders must also join this fight, as custodians of our heritage and champions of our future. Let us not forget the contributions of Aliko Dangote (GCON) during times of crisis, such as the Ebola outbreak, where his swift actions and resources saved countless lives.

In unity, there is strength. Let us redirect our supply chains to support the Dangote Refinery, ensuring it thrives and fulfills its promise to our continent. By doing so, we will be keeping our wealth within Africa, creating jobs, and securing a prosperous future for generations to come.

Stand with Aliko Dangote. Stand with the Dangote Refinery. Stand for Africa's sovereignty and economic liberation.

Together, we shall overcome.

In solidarity,

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