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Dear KDDAUK members and Friends of Kono district,

### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

The Board of Trustees of Kono District Development Association United Kingdom (KDDAUK) wishes to inform all its members, friends and the general public in the UK and abroad that the Charity Commission of England and Wales concluded the substantive investigatory phase of the statutory inquiry into the activities of Kono District Development Association UK ('the Charity'). The investigation was conducted on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 and a summary letter dated 11th November 2019 from the charity commission was sent to KDDAUK trustees. The letter does not constitute a final inquiry report but suffice to provide adequate insight into what the final Inquiry Report will entail, which will be issued after the closure of this class statutory inquiry. The information contained in this letter is attached. This forensic investigation into KDDAUK by the charity Commission inspectors demonstrated that the allegations submitted to the charity commission by some Kono descendants did not show any evidence that Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh and his trustees have acted contrary to the objectives of KDDAUK as a charity; and have not done anything to bring the organisation into disrepute. The current trustees signed a statement under oath during the investigation, and after the investigation, the charity has come to a conclusion that the trustees know their duties and responsibilities and the allegations made against them were baseless and unfounded.

As most of you may not be aware, some Kono descendants in the United Kingdom since 2015, have been spreading fake and false news about the activities of KDDAUK and most times those individuals went as far as possible to undermined KDDAUK activities and objectives.

Just to name a few, Mr. Tamba Gborie, Mr. Sahr O Fasuluku, Mrs. Aminata Bondu Gborie, Mrs. Dian Fasuluku, Mr. Tamba Sinah, Mr. Kai Kpakima, Mr. Aiah Lebbie Mbaytoka, Mr Samuel Torto, Sahr James Abu and Mr. Steve Gbekie has been behind most of the fake and false news about KDDAUK and its trustees. These individuals formed groups called "concern Konos" and "anti-corruption group". These individuals tried to undermine Kono conference concept and cunningly devised the "brown envelope" idea that all the KDDAUK delegates who travelled to the 2017 Kono conference in USA, received brown envelopes from Ms. Diana Konomanyi, who also

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bought air tickets for all the delegates. This group of Kono descendants also falsely propagated lies that the KDDAUK chairman Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh and his wife for financial malpractices and sold the medication. These medications were in fact publicly presented to all the paramount chiefs who in then supervised distribution of the KDDAUK donated medications in all the 14 chiefdoms of Kono District for the benefit of our people.

Mr. Sahr O Fasuluku and others wrote a booklet of falsehood, accusing the KDDAUK trustees of corruption and mismanagement of KDDAUK funds. They also sent false accusation letter to the charity commission on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018. (See their letter of notice dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018). All these false and fake information about KDDAUK and the trustees has put KDDAUK's reputation into disrepute and created unnecessary confusion within the Kono community in the diaspora and Sierra Leone at large.

Please take the time to read carefully and make out the stark contrast to the preconceived bias and disdain which the “concern Konos” and the “anti-corruption group” have been fomenting hate towards KDDAUK in order to destroy the reputation of specific individuals of KDDAUK. Looking back at the initial communique I sent out to all our members, our friends who still had faith and trust in the board of trustees of KDDAUK fondly referred to as “the charity” by the Charity Commission, and the general public, reasoning with them to exercise restraint and refrain from disseminating false scandal based on unsubstantiated lies intended to discredit the leadership of “the charity”.

When you have a group of individuals who are motivated by selfish interest rather than being motivated by the desire to help alleviate the enduring poverty of our people in Kono District, it explains a lot about these individuals who can go to any extent to destroy the reputation of a progressive and selfless personality such as the chairman of the Kono District Development Association in the United Kingdom (KDDAUK)

You now have the opportunity to prove who has the best of intentions for the good of our people in Kono District. Is it the self-claimed “anti-corruption” group otherwise known as the “concern Konos” who are hell-bent on sowing the seeds of discord among the people in the Kono Community here in the United Kingdom or the Kono District Development Association UK whose development plan is to improve the welfare of the people in Kono District?

The board of trustees would like to express its profound appreciation to all the members, friends and the general public for their continued exercise of confidence and trust in the leadership of KDDAUK.

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If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the Secretary, Mr Sahr Queegbana Kamanda on 07801372649, or the chairman on 07961726773.

Thank you for your continuous unwavering support towards KDDAUK and its objectives.

Yours Sincerely,

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