

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SISTER STATE PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ONDO STATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

In order to further friendly diplomatic relations, enhance cultural and historic understanding and cooperation, and to promote international trade between the State of Maryland of the United States of America and Ondo State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the parties hereto have resolved to enter into an agreement of friendship and exchange under a Sister State relationship.

Recognizing the mutual interests of the State of Maryland and Ondo State and many opportunities for cooperation in business and industry, arts and culture, education, health and agriculture, it is our objective to build long-term relationships, promote commercial cooperation and develop joint programs of exchange in all of these areas and in others that may be identified in the future.

Within this agreement, both the State of Maryland and Ondo State agree that the Maryland-Ondo Sister State Executive Committee will be established in both regions to administer this relationship and each shall be chaired by a permanent member of the respective Committee.

It is also agreed that this agreement envisages and is designed to benefit the State of Maryland and Ondo State. The State of Maryland and Ondo State each recognize and acknowledge the instrumental and formative roles that they played in advancing and cementing this relationship.

In witness whereof, the Governor of the State of Maryland and the Governor of Ondo State have signed this agreement of mutual cooperation.

Agreed upon in Annapolis, Maryland, United States of America on the 7th day of June, 2013.



Martin O'Malley
Governor, State of Maryland
United States of America



Dr. Olusegun Mimiko
Executive Governor, Ondo State
Federal Republic of Nigeria