

(8) In cases of emergency, any two of the signatories may make withdrawals provided the President General authorized such a withdrawal.

Section 19: Creation of Wings and Branches

(1) There shall be created Wings and Branches, which shall be affiliated to the Union, subject to sub-section (3) below.

(2) Such Wings in sub-section (1) above shall include:

- (a) The Women Wing
- (b) The Youth Wing
- (c) Married Daughters Wing

(3) The Union shall not, on its own, create Married Daughters Union, but if the married daughters so desire to form a Union, it shall be recognized as affiliated to the Union.

(4) The Union shall exercise supervisory roles over all affiliated Unions and shall intervene to settle disputes in the affiliated Unions, including Union's Branches.

(5) The affiliated wings shall be required to pay an affiliation fee of #5,000.00 (Five Thousand Naira) once on affiliation.

(6) Any ten-(10) indigenes of the Autonomous Community living in the same town or locality outside Mbitoli may form a branch of the Union.

(7) The constitution, Bye-law and activities of Branch Unions shall be subject to approval by the central Union.

(8) Any branch of this Union so formed shall notify the central Union and, shall be represented by the Chairman and Secretary or Chairman and any other member at the general meetings of the Union.

Section 20: Rites of Passage of Union Executive

(1) Any past or present officer of the Union who dies shall be received by the Eze-in-Council and the Executive

(2) There shall be full attendance at the burial

(3) The Executive shall present a funeral oration.

(4) The Executive shall decide on other contributions to make as a rite of passage.

CHAPTER THREE- THE TRADITIONAL INSTITUTION OF THE AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY

Section 21: (1) There shall be an Eze of the Autonomous Community with title as in Section 2 (2) of this Constitution

(2) The Ezeship of the Autonomous Community shall not be hereditary.

(3) The Eze shall hold office for life, subject to Sections 29 and 30 of this Constitution

(4) Whenever a vacancy occurs any Executive, Patron of the Union who indicates interest in the Ezeship of the Autonomous Community shall have resigned from such an office before the purchase of the intention form, failure of which such a person shall stand disqualified for the Ezeship election.

Section 22: Qualification of an Eze of the Autonomous Community.

(1). To qualify for election as an Eze of the Autonomous Community, a candidate shall possess the following qualifications.

(a) He shall possess at least a secondary school certificate or its equivalent

(b) He shall not less than 25 years of age

(c) He shall not be a person of questionable character

(d) He shall not be an ex-convict

(e) He shall have visible means of livelihood

(f) He must be a married man

(g) He shall be adjudged versed in the customs and traditions of the Autonomous Community.

(h) He shall be seen as a wise man capable of taking wise decisions independently

(i) He shall be a philanthropist

(j) He must sign an undertaking to be resident at home before or after his election

(k) He shall satisfy all other conditions set out in Section 7 (2) of the Imo State of Nigeria Traditional Rulers and Autonomous Communities Law N0 3 of 1999.

Section 23: Procedure and Method of the Selection of the Eze of the Autonomous Community.

(1) One year after the occurrence of a vacant position of the Eze of the Autonomous Community, the Union shall call for the submission of applications for the purpose of filling the vacant position.

(2) The Union shall set up an Independent Ezeship Election Committee (hereafter referred to as IEEC) whose functions shall be to sale application forms, receive same, screen the aspirants and conduct election for the candidates for the new Eze of the Autonomous Community.

(3) The Executive shall appoint people of proven integrity, one person from each town to form the IEEC.

(4) The Executive shall appoint the Chairman and Secretary of the IEEC from amongst the six people appointed from the towns.

(5) Intention application form shall be obtained from the IEEC with a non-refundable fee of ₦ 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira), filled and returned to the Secretary of the IEEC within the stipulated time.

(6) The form in sub-section (5) above shall include provisions for authentication by the Chairman, Secretary and 8 other members of the Village Union of the aspirant.

(7) The form in sub-section (5) above shall also include the following:

- (a) Names in full (Surname first)
- (b) Date of Birth
- (c) Marital Status
- (d) Profession
- (e) Religion
- (f) Current place of residence
- (g) Village/Town of the aspirant
- (h) Society or societies to which the aspirant belongs.
- (i) Post (s) held in Mbieri
- (j) Post (s) held in the Autonomous Community
- (k) Post (s) held in the Village/Town

(l) Educational Qualification and Institutions attended with dates.

(m) Provision for signatures of 10 referees.

(n) Undertaking to be resident at home (if not already resident at home)

(8) A non-refundable deposit of ₦ 100,000.000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) shall be paid by all aspirants to the Ezeship stool on the submission of the intention form.

(9) The Union shall approve an adequate fund for the activities of the IEEC

(10) All monies realized from the sale of intention application forms and deposits by aspirants to the Ezeship stool shall be paid into the Union's treasury within the shortest possible time.

(11) From the date of the announcement of the occurrence of the vacancy of the Eze of the Autonomous Community and the call for applications, to the date of the closing of receipt of applications shall be a period of 30 days.

(12) Within fourteen days after the close of receipt of applications, screening of all aspirants shall be commenced and concluded to select qualified candidates to contest the election.

(13) Within fourteen days after the screening of aspirants, an election shall be conducted for the Ezeship candidates

(14) The delegates to the Ezeship election shall include five delegates from each village, including the village head

(15) The mode of election of the Eze shall be by the open Secret Ballot System.

(16) To win the Ezeship election, a candidate shall be required to score a simple majority of votes cast.

(17) An Ezeship candidate shall be deemed to have been duly elected to such office where, being the only candidate who passed the screening for the election, he has a simple majority of yes votes

(18) Where the only candidate in sub-section (17) above fails to be elected in accordance with that sub-section there shall be fresh nominations and such a candidate shall be barred from further participation in the contest for the Ezeship.

(19) Where there are only two candidates, the winner shall be deemed to have been duly elected in accordance with sub-section (16) above.

(20) Where there are more than two candidates and no candidate emerges in accordance with sub-section (16) above, there shall be a run-off election between the first two candidates with the highest number of votes and the eventual winner shall have been elected in accordance with sub-section (16) above.

(21) Where a tie becomes persistent after two run-offs, a luck dip shall immediately be organized by the IEEC, where the first in time in alphabetical order of surnames shall be required to pick first.

(22) This Constitution empowers and authorizes the Chairman of the IEEC to promptly declare the winner of the Ezeship election as the Eze-elect of Mbieri Autonomous Community.

(23) The IEEC may make other rules for the free and fair conduct of the Ezeship election.

(24) A formal report of the conduct of the Ezeship election shall be required of the IEEC to the Union.

Section 24. Ezeship Election Protests

(1) Protests arising from the election of an Eze by any dissatisfied candidate shall be in writing, with a non-refundable protest fee of #20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira).

(2) Such a protest letter in subsection (1) above shall be addressed to the General Secretary of the Union and submitted to same.

(3) All protests must be made within 21 days from the date of the election.

(4) A panel shall be constituted by the Executive body of the Union to look into all protests.

(5) There shall be appointed six panelists (one from each town) among whom the Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed.

(6) In the event of the successful outcome of the protest, the election shall stand nullified and a fresh election conducted for the contending/interested parties (who

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must have contested in the nullified election) with 14 days of the verdict of the panel.

Section 25: Installation of an Eze

(1) The Executive body of the Union shall make preparations for the installation of the Eze-elect within six months of his election.

(2) The Eze shall take an oath of office as part of the installation ceremony to uphold the customs and traditions of the Autonomous Community and also to uphold and defend the Constitution of the Autonomous community.

(3) The installation shall be preceded by a church service in the Eze-elect's professed Christian denomination and shall be presided over by an indigenous priest of the Autonomous Community where this is possible.

(4) One of the Legal Advisers of the Union shall administer the oath of office on the Eze.

(5) The most senior Village Head by installation present and, the most senior Nze/Ozotile holder by installation present, shall sit the Eze-elect on the installation stool.

(6) The President General of the Union shall place the crown on the head of the Eze-elect (making appropriate speech).

(7) The next most senior Village Head by installation shall put neck-beads around the neck of the Eze (making appropriate speech)

(8) The most senior Nze by installation present shall give the staff of office to the Eze (making appropriate speech)

(9) The next most senior Village Head by installation shall hand over the fan to the Eze (making appropriate speech)

(10) The next most senior Village Head by installation present shall hand over the sword to the Eze (making appropriate speech).

Section 26: Ezeship Regalia and Other Materials.

(1) The Eze-elect shall bear the cost of the attire to be worn by him as would be prescribed by the Union.

(2) The attire in sub-section (1) above shall include:

- (a). The entire robes (up and down)
- (b). The installation cap
- (c). The staff of office
- (d). An elephant tusk
- (e). Beads (neck and wrist)
- (f). A Sword
- (g). A Fan

(3) The Union shall be responsible for the stools of the Eze and the Ugoeze.

(4) The cost of the stool for any other wife/wives of the Eze shall be borne by him.

Section 27: Presentation of the Eze to the Local Government Chairman.

(1) The Eze shall be presented to the Local Government Chairman accompanied by:

- (a). All Union Executive members
- (b). Patrons and Trustees of the Union.
- (c). Nze/Ozo title holders
- (d). All titled Chiefs
- (e). All Village Heads.
- (f). Chairman and Secretary of village unions.

(g) As many as other indigenes of the Autonomous Community who can be mobilized for the occasion.

Section 28: Presentation to the Governor of the State.

(1). All the person or group of persons mentioned under Section 27 above shall accompany the Eze for presentation to the State Governor.

Section 29: Withdrawal of Recognition by the Government.

(1). If the Government withdraws the Eze's recognition, the Union shall after three months from the date of such withdrawal go ahead with the process of the election of another Eze.

Section 30: Suspension and Removal of the Eze

(1). The Eze of the Autonomous Community shall be suspended or removed as Eze by the people of the Autonomous Community through the Union Government in any of the following circumstances:

- (a). If he becomes unpopular by involvement in partisan politics
- (b). If he is convicted with a criminal offence other than traffic offence.
- (c). If he is found to have committed any abominable act viz.

(i). Illicit Sexual act (ihe Okposi).

(ii). If there are established cases of bribery in dispensing justice in arbitrations and other cases.

(iii). If he becomes insane or pervaded by abject drunkenness.

(iv). If he becomes dubious or his character becomes questionable or he does such other acts which do not befit an Eze of the Autonomous Community

(2). The Motion to suspend or remove such an Eze in sub-section (1) above shall be moved, seconded, debated, put to vote and adopted with a two-third (2/3) majority of members in attendance in such a meeting, provided the meeting is well attended.

(3) The general meeting in which the Eze shall be removed shall be considered special and all the members of the Council of Elders shall be specially invited.

(4) Where the Eze is suspended; the Union shall set up an investigation committee for the offences alleged to have been committed by him.

(5) On the successful suspension or removal of an Eze of the Autonomous Community, the State Government and the Local Government Chairman shall be notified accordingly, and asking the State Government to withdraw its recognition of the affected Eze.

(6) The constitutional process of his remove shall be adopted if found guilty as alleged.

(7) The Eze shall be released from suspension with written apologies if found not guilty.

(8) The Traditional Prime Minister appointed by the Eze shall act as the Traditional Ruler upon the suspension or removal of the Eze until the Eze is recalled or a fresh election held to replace the Eze.

see below

Section 31: Duties of the Eze of the Autonomous Community

(1) The Eze shall do those things prescribed and provided for in the Government of Imo State of Nigeria Traditional Rulers and Autonomous Communities Law NO 3 of 1999.

(2) He shall be the custodian of the culture, custom and tradition of the Autonomous Community.

(3) He shall protect and defend the Constitution of the Autonomous Community.

(4) He shall protect the customs and traditions and revive any other tradition or custom that is not repugnant to natural justice, equity and good conscience and not contrary to public policy and Christian tenets.

(5) The Eze, with his cabinet, shall present a written address in the first general meeting of the year in which desirous areas of development and other current burning issues shall be highlighted.

(6) The Eze and his cabinet may at any other time present a written address to the general meeting or the executive meeting on any burning issue of urgent importance on notice.

(7) The Eze, in consultation with the Eze-in-council, shall exercise the right to select Mbeiri Autonomous Community worthy sons who have distinguished themselves in their fields of endeavour which project the image of the Autonomous Community or, who have rendered meaningful or specific help or service to the Autonomous Community or it's indigenes, personally or collectively, for the conferment of honorary Chieftaincy titles on them, subject to sub-section (9) below.

(8) The Eze, in consultation with the Eze-in-Council, shall exercise the right to confer chieftaincy titles on non indigenes who have shown valuable interest in the people of the Autonomous Community or in the Autonomous Community generally, subject to sub-section (9) below.

(9) All those selected by the Eze for conferment of Chieftaincy titles shall be subject to ratification by the Union Executive.

Functions of Village Head
see below

(10) The Union Executive shall not unnecessarily withhold ratification of Chieftain nominees.

(11) The Eze and his cabinet shall settle inter or intra town/village squabbles, disputes referred to them or intervene on their own volition where there is a serious threat to lives and property.

(12) He shall do any other thing which his office permits him to do for the good of the Autonomous Community.

Section 32: The Eze's Cabinet

(1) There shall be an Eze's cabinet.

(2) The Eze's cabinet shall comprise all the Village Heads of the Autonomous Community.

(3) The Eze shall be the President of Eze's cabinet and shall chair all meetings of the cabinet with the Traditional Prime Minister as his Deputy.

(4) The Traditional Prime Minister to be appointed shall have same qualification as an Eze of the Autonomous Community.

(5) The Traditional Prime Minister shall be given a pride of place in the Eze's cabinet.

(6) The Traditional Prime Minister shall be the second in command to the Eze and shall preside over cabinet meetings in the absence of the Eze and, shall be the acting Eze in the event of the incapacitation or death of the Eze.

Section 33: Functions of Eze's Cabinet

(1) The Eze's cabinet shall carry out functions as provided for the Imo State of Nigeria Traditional Rulers and Autonomous Communities law No. of 1999.

(2) They shall act as the custodians and advisers on the Autonomous Community's customs, traditions and usages.

(3) They shall settle disputes between indigenes of the Autonomous Community or between indigenes and non-indigenes who submit themselves to the cabinet's mediation, conciliation, arbitration or adjudication.

(4) They shall exercise the authority to intervene if there is a serious threat to peace and security to lives and property of the people of any town/village in the Autonomous Community.

(5) The Eze's cabinet shall act as an appellate traditional court for disputes from the towns/villages of the Autonomous Community.

(6) The Eze's cabinet shall exercise the privilege of settling disputes referred to them by the police or law courts.

Section 34: Council of Elders (Eze – in - Council)

(1) There shall be Council of Elders, otherwise called Eze – in – Council.

(2) The Council of Elders shall be made up of:

(a) The President General, General Secretary, Legal Advisers, Patrons and Trustees of the Union.

b) President and Secretary of Town Unions.

(c) All Nze and Ozo title holders

(d) All the Autonomous Community's titled Chiefs.

(e) All Village Heads.

(f) At least six but not more than ten other persons of high integrity or professional calling, to be selected by the Eze subject to ratification by the Executive of the Union.

(3) When the Council of Elders meet the Traditional Prime Minister shall preside, while the Eze sits as the patron.

(4) The Council shall meet as often as it is necessary.

(5) The Council functions to give advice on various matters affecting the Autonomous Community.

Section 35: Remuneration of the Eze

(1) The Eze shall receive as remuneration what the State Government fixes as salary for traditional rulers in the state in accordance with Sections 16 and 17 of the Government of Imo State of Nigeria Traditional Rulers and Autonomous Communities Law NO. 3 of 1999.

Section 36: Death of the Eze of the Autonomous Community

(1) On the death of the Eze of the Autonomous Community, the Traditional Prime Minister shall be notified and;

(2) He, in collaboration with the Cabinet Secretary, shall inform the Council of Elders and the Union Executive.

(3) For the purposes of the burial of the Eze, deliberations and actions of the Council of Elders shall be in conformity with the Eze's Christian denomination.

(4) The Executive of the Union shall work out the final details of the burial of the Eze, ensuring a befitting burial.

(5) The Eze's corpse shall be received with a 24 – gun salute.

(6) A funeral oration shall be presented by the Executive of the Union

Section 37: Village Heads

(1) There shall be a Head for each village.

(2) The selection of a Village Head shall be the duty of each village.

(3) The Eze's Cabinet shall intervene if there is a difficulty in the selection of a Village Head due to a disagreement emanating from disregard of certain provisions of the village's constitution or from any other extraneous causes.

Method of election of a Village Head

(4) The Eze's Cabinet shall mandate the Union Executive to conduct the election to produce such a village head for the village if need be.

(5) Such an election in sub-section (4) above shall be by open secret ballot.

(6) Before the Eze's cabinet wades in, there shall be a petition made to it counter-signed by at least five financial members of the village union, unless there is serious threat to lives and property or breach of the peace in such a village which case the Eze's Cabinet shall invoke Section 33 (4) of this Constitution.

(7) Not more than 30 (thirty) days after installation, a village Head shall be presented to the Eze-in-Council with pomp and pageantry for recognition.

(8) The village whose village Head is being presented to the Eze shall bear the cost of the entertainment of those who assemble for this purpose.

(9) The place of the presentation of a village head shall be at the Eze's palace.

(10) The highlight of the presentation of a village head shall be the presentation of a CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION to the Village Head by the Eze.

(11) Any Village Head not so recognized, that is, not having a Certificate of Recognition shall not be allowed to sit with or participate in any activity of the other Village Heads subject to sub-section (15) below.

(12) Any elected, installed and recognized Village Head shall be a member of the Eze's Cabinet, Council of Elders and subject to sub-section 16 below and Section 39 of this Constitution.

(13) A recognized Village Head shall be loyal to the Eze and shall participate in any activity ceremony in which the Eze and other Village Heads are equally involved.

(14) Where a vacuum exists for a Village Head, the Chairman and Secretary of the particular village union shall authenticate a person from that village as an Acting Village Head.

(15) Such a person in sub-Section (14) above shall attend the Eze's Cabinet meeting / other functions for a maximum period of eighteen months during which he shall either be installed or stopped from participating in cabinet meetings other

functions of Eze's Cabinet and the Eze-in-Council.

(16) Any Village Head who persistently shows disloyalty to the Eze shall have his recognition withdrawn by the Eze.

Section 38: The Suspension of a Village Head from the Eze's Cabinet:

(1) A Village Head who disobeys or does not act in conformity with the rules or regulations of the Eze's Cabinet, shall be warned by the Cabinet on three separate occasions.

(2) If the Village Head in subsection (1) above persists in his lapse, he shall be suspended for three months, provided the motion for such a suspension was passed by 2/3 majority of Village Heads in attendance, and his village union executive shall be informed in writing by the Eze's Cabinet.

(3) At the expiration of the period of suspension, the offending Village Head shall be recalled by the Eze's Cabinet and the executive of his village and members of the Council of Elders from his village invited to the Eze's Cabinet meeting for the resolution of the issue of suspension.

(4) The Eze shall exercise the right to decap any Village Head or Titled Chief who exhibits recalcitrancy or acts inimical to the unity, peace and progress of the Autonomous Community or to the dignity of the Eze; provided the motion on such a decaptee was supported by 2/3 majority of the Council of Elders in attendance in the meeting in which the motion was proposed.

Section 39: The Death of a Village Head / Titled Chief.

(1) On the death of a Village Head or a Titled Chief (of the Autonomous Community) the village concerned shall notify the Eze-in-Council.

(2) The Executive of the Union shall work out befitting rites of passage to be accorded the deceased Chief.

(3) The corpse of such a deceased chief shall be received by the Eze-in-Council with a six-gun salute.

CHAPTER FOUR – AMENDMENT, INTERPRETATION, CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Section 40: Amendment of the Constitution

- (1) This Constitution is subject to amendment when the need arises.
- (2) Proposals for amendment (s) shall emanate from the Town Unions.
- (3) Copies of such amendment (s) shall be sent to the General Secretary of the Union and other Town Unions for their information and study.
- (4) In the general meeting following, the proposed amendment (s) shall form an agenda and shall be debated and put to vote, if need be and;
- (5) The proposed amendment (s) shall be successful if approved by two-(2/3) majority of members present in the general meeting and;
- (6) The general meeting shall then constitute a panel to take care of the amended section (s).

Section 41: Interpretation of the Constitution.

(1) The interpretation of any section of this Constitution by the Legal Advisers shall be final for the purpose of the implementation of the letters of this Constitution, in as much as the jurisdiction of courts of law are not ousted.

(2) Convention shall be followed on any subject not covered or mentioned in this Constitution.

(3) In this Constitution, unless otherwise stated, the following expressions have the meanings assigned to them, respectively:

“Absence from three meetings” under Section 9 (8) means general and /or executive meetings.

“A long time” under Section 15 (1) (c) means a period of two years.

“Delegates” means persons selected officially to participate in the election of an Eze of the Autonomous Community.

“Dubious person” means a person who is possibly dishonest or who exhibits a criminal behaviour.

“Ex-convict” means a person who has served out a prison sentence by a court of law for a criminal act.

“Holding over” means to stay or hold in an office collectively after the expiration of the tenure of office.

“Incapacitation” means to lack ability or power to do something as a result of persistent or debilitating ill-health or lack of interest or old age or deformity or lack of time, etc.

“Open secret ballot” means a system in which the delegates or members are issued with marked or stamped paper to write the name of their preferred candidate in an election and thereafter the papers are dropped into one common box or bowl or any useful container provided for this purpose. The container is placed conspicuously at the sight of every body. At the end of the casting of votes, the voting papers are brought out from the container, sorted, counted in full glare of every body or representatives of candidates, recorded and the result declared by the Chief Returning Officer.

“Questionable character” means a person with such a character or behaviour that doubtful honesty can be imputed or who is seen to keep bad company or commits acts or make omissions that are criminal or tend to be criminal in nature:

“Secondary School Certificate or equivalent” means

a Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent, or Grade 11 Teacher's Certificate, the City and Guilds Certificate or Education up to Secondary School Certificate level or Primary Six School Leaving Certificate or its equivalent and

Service in the public or private sector in the Federation in any capacity for a minimum of ten years and

Attendance at courses and training in such institutions as may be acceptable for periods totaling up to a minimum of one year and the ability to read, write, understand and communicate in the English language and
Any other qualification acceptable.

“Shortest possible time” under Section 23 (10) means the time to pay the monies into the Union’s bank account or hand over same to the Financial Secretary but not exceeding 72 hours.

“Society” under Section 23 (7) (h) includes associations or clubs or organization or the like.

“Well attended meeting” under Section 30 (2) means a meeting in which at least 2/3 of the villages are represented, outside the Members of Executive and members of Council of Elders.

“Worthy sons” means persons deserving of honor and respect.

Section 42: Citation of the Constitution:

(1) This Constitution may be cited as the Mbieri Autonomous Community 2003. Constitution

Section 43: Commencement of the Constitution

(1). The Provisions of this Constitution shall come into force with the reading, adoption, and signing by the President General/Secretary General

Schedules

First Schedule: Oath of office of Union Executives:

1. (name and office) of the Mbieri Autonomous Community Development Union do hereby solemnly make oath and state as follows”

1. That I will bear true allegiance to the Mbieri Autonomous Community.
2. That I will in all sincerity respect the Eze of the Autonomous Community in all things lawful.
3. That I will discharge the functions of my office sincerely and to the best of my ability.
4. That I will not allow domestic affairs to becloud my duties to the Union.
5. That I will allow personal relationship to blight my sense of justice and mission.
6. That I will uphold, respect and defend the Constitution of the Autonomous Community, at all times.
7. That I will keep the Union’s Secret
8. That I make this oath in good faith.

So help me God.

Second Schedule: Oath of Office of the Eze:

1. (name and title), do hereby swear that I will be faithful and loyal to the Mbieri Autonomous Community and all that it stands. I shall uphold all the customs, traditions and usages of the Autonomous Community, which conform with decency and civilized society. I shall perform my functions honestly, to the best of my ability, without fear or favour, without let or hindrance. I shall not allow my personal or domestic functions to blight my vision from doing what shall benefit the generality of the people of Mbieri Autonomous Community. I shall respect the Constitution of the Autonomous Community, uphold and defend it. I shall always strive for the development and the general well being of the Autonomous Community. So help me God.

Third Schedule: Oath of Allegiance of Village Heads before the Eze of the Autonomous Community.

1. (name and title), solemnly declare as follows:

- (1) That I will at all times, sincerely bear true allegiance to the Mbieri Autonomous Community personified in the Eze.
- (2) That I will co-operate with the Autonomous Community
- (3) That I will obey the Eze in all things lawful and will carry out all assignments given to me by the Eze for the interest and peace of the Autonomous Community
- (4) That I will not divulge or reveal any secret which may come to me as a result of my membership of Eze’s Cabinet
- (5) That I promise to accept the authority of the Eze at all times and will with courage and advise the members of my village and the people of the Autonomous Community to do the same as his subjects.
- (6) That I shall abide by the oath of office administered on me at my installation in my village, which embodies the maintenance of peace, progress and justice in all manner of people

7. That I will uphold, respect and defend the Constitution of the Autonomous Community at all times.

8. That I will keep the Union's Secret

9. That I make this oath in good faith.

(10) That I will work assiduously with the Eze and other members of the Eze's Cabinet to preserve and promote all good customs and traditions of the Autonomous Community.

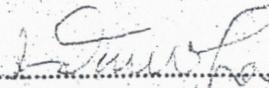
(11) That I will attend all meetings connected with my office regularly, participate actively and be part of the implementation of all decisions.

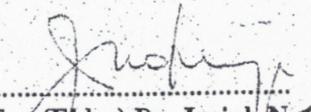
(12) That I make these declarations honestly and truly promise to abide by them.

So help me God.

Signed


Pa Hezekiah Ohanyerenwa
President General


Chief Hycent Onuoha
General Secretary


HRH Eze (Elder) Dr. Josiah N. Osuji
The Eze of Obi-Mbieri

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