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His Eminence
Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar,
CFR, mni,
Sultan of Sokoto, president-general,
JNI & Co-Chairman,
International Centre for Interfaith
Peace and Harmony (ICIPH), Kaduna,
Nigeria

Your Eminence,
Dear Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar,

I was shocked and saddened to learn of Mr Ibraheem Garba's death in a car accident on his way to Abuja. Until his death, Mr Garba was the co-director, Strategy and Partnership, for the International Centre for Interfaith Peace and Harmony, supported by the World Council of Churches (WCC). I convey our deepest sympathies on behalf of the WCC to you and his family at this difficult time. Please convey our condolences to his family, the Muslim community, the board and staff of the centre and our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, assuring them of our prayers and solidarity in these moments of mourning.

Mr Garba was a great person to work with and an advocate for justice and peace for all humanity. He was committed toward promoting inter-religious harmony and healthy cooperation among the faith communities in Nigeria. These attributes were demonstrated during his service as a co- director of the centre since he joined the staff in April 2020. He died at the time we were looking forward to welcoming him at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute in Switzerland for an interfaith dialogue in December.

It is my prayer that his aspirations for inter-religious harmony, justice, peace and reconciliation for which he laboured during his earthly pilgrimage will soon be achieved for the people of Nigeria.

May God grant you, the immediate family and the board members and staff of the centre comfort and consolation while praying for the repose of his soul.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

Ioan Sauca

Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca,
Acting General Secretary
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