**NIDO BeLux position on the Ozubulu Massacre**

It is with great sense of shock and sadness that we receive the senseless killing of worshippers at the St Philip Catholic Church Ozubulu in Anambara State, Nigeria. We send our heartfelt sympathy to the families of the victims, the congregation of the St Phillips Catholic Church and the Ozubulu community.

As we send our sincere and heartfelt condolence to the victims of this horrendous act, we call on the Nigerian government and the government of Anambara state in particular to use all powers and tools they have to make sure that whoever committed this act of terror and murder did not escape the hands of the law. Above all, the government should do all within its powers to make sure that such act does not reoccur as such is becoming a common place in Nigeria. There is no way we will develop as a nation or realise our potential if we live in a constant state of fear of mass killings and terror.

Finally, we implore the Nigerian government to make sure that this and similar acts of mass killings discontinues, no nation develops, or attracts any form of foreign investments under such security challenge and bad publicity.

May the souls of those killed find peace and may their families find the strength to bear such horrendous loss of lives.

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