

Official Condolences to Professor Emeritus J. H. Kwabena Nketia's Family, University of Ghana—

Department of Music, and Institute of African Studies

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From: ICTM Study Group on African Musics (SGAM)

To: Prof. Akosua Perbi (Prof. Nketia's Daughter) and Prof. Nketia's Family Head

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On behalf of the International Council for Traditional Music Study Group on African Musics, the Executive Committee wishes to express its heartfelt condolences to you: Professor Emeritus Kwabena Nketia's family; the Institute of African Studies, and the Department of Music, University of Ghana; and indeed, the entire nation of Ghana on the passing of our beloved legendary trailblazer of African musicology, our irreplaceable mentor, and professional "Grandfather." We cannot find appropriate words to express the pedigree of our profound gratitude to Prof. Nketia for his stellar pathfinding leadership and service which have phenomenally shaped our enterprise of African music scholarship. Indeed, the entire global community of ethnomusicologists is grieved by the passing of this rare intellectual and cultural repository. Our consolation is that Prof. has already immortalized himself through the myriad texts he has authored, compositions he wrote, scholars he had produced, projects he had initiated and facilitated, and millions of people he had impacted. And yet, we will find ways to further perpetuate his legacy.

We assure you that your grief and loss are ours as well, and we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Prof. Nketia during these final "Home-going" activities. We are thankful

that you will continue to communicate any related plans to us through Mr. Andrews Agyemfra-Tettey, Prof. Nketia's Personal Assistant, and Prof. Daniel Avorgbedor, the ICTM Liaison Officer

for Ghana.

Gratefully!

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