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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LARRY BOWOTO, et al.

No. C 99-02506 SI

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHEVRONTEXACO CORP., et al.,

Defendants.

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO JURY**

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1 **Duty of Jury**

2 Members of the Jury: Now that you have heard all of the evidence, it is my duty to instruct you  
3 as to the law of the case. Each of you has received a copy of these instructions that you may take  
4 with you to the jury room to consult during your deliberations.

5 You must not infer from these instructions or from anything I may say or do as indicating that I  
6 have an opinion regarding the evidence or what your verdict should be.

7 It is your duty to find the facts from all the evidence in the case. To those facts you will apply the  
8 law as I give it to you. You must follow the law as I give it to you whether you agree with it or  
9 not. And you must not be influenced by any personal likes or dislikes, opinions, prejudices, or  
10 sympathy. That means that you must decide the case solely on the evidence before you. You will  
11 recall that you took an oath to do so.

12 In following my instructions, you must follow all of them and not single out some and ignore  
13 others; they are all important.

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15 **What is Evidence**

16 The evidence you are to consider in deciding what the facts are consists of:

- 17 1. the sworn testimony of any witness;  
18 2. the exhibits which are received into evidence; and  
19 3. any facts to which the lawyers have agreed.

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21 **What Is Not Evidence**

22 In reaching your verdict, you may consider only the testimony and exhibits received into  
23 evidence. Certain things are not evidence, and you may not consider them in deciding what the  
24 facts are. I will list them for you:

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26 (1) Arguments and statements by lawyers are not evidence. The lawyers are not  
27 witnesses. What they have said in their opening statements, will say in their closing  
28 arguments, and at other times is intended to help you interpret the evidence, but it is  
not evidence. If the facts as you remember them differ from the way the lawyers have  
stated them, your memory of them controls.

1 (2) Questions and objections by lawyers are not evidence. Attorneys have a duty to  
2 their clients to object when they believe a question is improper under the rules of  
evidence. You should not be influenced by the objection or by the court's ruling on it.

3 (3) Testimony that has been excluded or stricken, or that you have been instructed to  
4 disregard, is not evidence and must not be considered. In addition sometimes  
testimony and exhibits are received only for a limited purpose; when I have given a  
5 limiting instruction, you must follow it.

6 (4) Anything you may have seen or heard when the court was not in session is not  
evidence. You are to decide the case solely on the evidence received at the trial.

7 Some evidence was admitted for a limited purpose only. When I instructed you that an item of  
8 evidence was admitted for a limited purpose, you must consider it only for that limited purpose  
9 and for no other.

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12 **Direct and Circumstantial Evidence**

13 Evidence may be direct or circumstantial. Direct evidence is direct proof of a fact, such as  
14 testimony by a witness about what that witness personally saw or heard or did. Circumstantial  
15 evidence is proof of one or more facts from which you could find another fact. You should  
16 consider both kinds of evidence. The law makes no distinction between the weight to be given to  
17 either direct or circumstantial evidence. It is for you to decide how much weight to give to any  
18 evidence.

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20 **Charts and Summaries in Evidence**

21 Certain charts and summaries [may be] [have been] received into evidence to illustrate  
22 information brought out in the trial. Charts and summaries are only as good as the underlying  
23 evidence that supports them. You should, therefore, give them only such weight as you think the  
24 underlying evidence deserves.  
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1 **Burden of Proof – Preponderance of the Evidence**

2 When a party has the burden of proof on any claim or affirmative defense by a preponderance of  
3 the evidence, it means you must be persuaded by the evidence that the claim or affirmative  
4 defense is more probably true than not true.

5 You should base your decision on all of the evidence, regardless of which party presented it.  
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8 **Burden of proof—clear and convincing evidence**

9 When a party has the burden of proving any claim or defense by clear and convincing evidence, it  
10 means you must be persuaded by the evidence that the claim or defense is highly probable. This is  
11 a higher standard of proof than proof by a preponderance of the evidence.  
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13 **Burden of Proof – Beyond a Reasonable Doubt**

14 On some claims in this case, a party has the burden of proving certain facts beyond a reasonable  
15 doubt. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you firmly convinced that a party has  
16 proved its claim or defense. It is not required that the party prove the claim or defense beyond all  
17 possible doubt.  
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19 A reasonable doubt is a doubt based upon reason and common sense and is not based purely on  
20 speculation. It may arise from a careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence, or from lack  
21 of evidence.  
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23 **Credibility of Witnesses**

24 In deciding the facts in this case, you may have to decide which testimony to believe and which  
25 testimony not to believe. You may believe everything a witness says, or part of it, or none of it.  
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27 Proof of a fact does not necessarily depend on the number of witnesses who testify about it.

28 In considering the testimony of any witness, you may take into account:

- 1 (1) the opportunity and ability of the witness to see or hear or know the things testified to;
- 2 (2) the witness's memory;
- 3 (3) the witness's manner while testifying;
- 4 (4) the witness's interest in the outcome of the case and any bias or prejudice;
- 5 (5) whether other evidence contradicted the witness's testimony;
- 6 (6) the reasonableness of the witness's testimony in light of all the evidence; and
- 7 (7) any other factors that bear on believability.

8 The weight of the evidence as to a fact does not necessarily depend on the number of witnesses who  
9 testify about it.

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12 **Parties**

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14 The parties to this case are the plaintiffs and the defendants.

15 **The plaintiffs are:**

16 Larry Bowoto

17 Bassey Jeje

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19 The family of Arolika Irowarinun, who is deceased. The family includes Margaret  
20 Irowarinun, Roseline Irowarinun, and Mary Irowarinun, Bosuwo Sebi Irowarinun, Caleb Irowarinun,  
21 Orioye Laltu Irowarinun, Temilola Irowarinun, Adegorye Oloruntimjehum Irowarinun, Aminora  
22 James Irowarinun, Eniesoro Irowarinun, Gbenga Irowarinun, Ibimisan Irowarinun, Monotutegha  
23 Irowarinun, and Olamisbode Irowarinun; and

24 The family of Bola Oyibo, who is deceased. The family include Ola Oyibo, Bayo Oyibo  
25 and Deji Oyibo.

1 The defendants are:

- 2 ●Chevron Corporation
- 3 ●Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (CUSA); and
- 4 ●Chevron Investments Inc. (CII).

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7 **Fair Treatment**

8 All parties are equal before the law. Corporations are entitled to the same fair and conscientious  
9 consideration by you as any party. Citizens of another country are entitled to the same fair and  
10 conscientious consideration by you as any party.

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14 **No Claim Relating to the Environment**

15 To the extent that I have permitted any witnesses to speak about environmental matters in Nigeria,  
16 or obligations of oil companies operating in Nigeria, it is purely background information for you to  
17 place the events in context. Plaintiffs are not making any claim based on harm to the environment  
18 or damage to their communities. Plaintiffs are not seeking and you shall not award any damages of  
19 any kind to compensate for alleged environmental damages.

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**INSTRUCTIONS UNDER ALIEN TORT STATUTE – CLAIMS FOR TORTURE AND  
CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT**



1 **Alien Tort Statute**

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3 Plaintiffs' claims for torture and for cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment are brought under a law  
4 known as the Alien Tort Statute, a U.S. law that governs the application of international law in the  
5 United States.

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8 International law prohibits torture and prohibits cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. Any person  
9 who is injured by any of these international law violations may sue in a United States court under  
10 the Alien Tort Statute. This is true even if the international law violations occur in another country  
11 such as Nigeria.

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13 The plaintiffs allege that the defendants violated their rights under the Alien Tort Statute to be free  
14 from torture and to be free from cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment. If you find that the  
15 plaintiffs have established that their rights protected by the Alien Tort Statute were violated, and if  
16 you find that the defendants are liable under any one of the theories of liability presented in this  
17 case, then the defendants are liable for the Alien Tort Statute violations. If you find that plaintiffs'  
18 rights were not violated, or that defendants are not liable for any violation that may have occurred,  
19 then defendants are not liable.

1 **Torture**

2 Plaintiffs contend that Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, and Bassey Jeje suffered torture in violation of  
3 international law, United States law, and Nigerian law. This claim must be proved separately as to  
4 each individual plaintiff. To establish this claim, plaintiffs must prove, as to each individual:

- 5 1. That he was subjected to severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental;  
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7 2. That this pain or suffering was inflicted on him intentionally for the purpose of obtaining  
8 information or a confession; for punishment, intimidation, or coercion; or for any reason  
9 based on discrimination; and  
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11 3. That this pain or suffering was inflicted on him by, or with the consent of, a public official  
12 or other person acting in an official capacity and while he was in the official's custody or  
under the official's control.

13 In this context, the Nigerian security forces are considered public officials.

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15 Torture may include mental pain and suffering. In order to constitute torture, mental pain or  
16 suffering must be prolonged mental harm caused by or resulting from the intentional infliction or  
17 threatened infliction of severe physical pain or suffering, or the threat of imminent death.

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20 Plaintiffs must prove torture as to each individual by a preponderance of the evidence.

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22 If you find that one or more of these individuals suffered torture at the hands of the Nigerian security  
23 forces, you will have to decide whether one or more of the defendants are liable under any one of  
24 the theories of liability presented in the case, as those theories will be explained later in these  
25 instructions.

1 **Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment**

2 Plaintiffs contend that Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, and Bassey Jeje suffered cruel, inhuman, and  
3 degrading treatment in violation of international law, United States law, and Nigerian law. This  
4 claim must be proved separately as to each individual plaintiff. To establish this claim, plaintiffs  
5 must prove, as to each individual:

- 6 1. That he was subjected to mental or physical suffering, anguish,  
7 humiliation, fear or debasement;
- 8 2. That this suffering, anguish, humiliation, fear or debasement was inflicted on him by,  
9 or with the consent of, a public official or other person acting in an official capacity;
- 10 3. That this suffering, anguish, humiliation, fear or debasement was  
11 either cruel, inhuman, or degrading.

12 In this context, the Nigerian security forces are considered public officials.

13 Cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment includes acts that fall short of torture. Plaintiffs contend that  
14 the use of force by the Nigerian security forces against was cruel or inhuman. In order to be cruel  
15 or inhuman, these acts must meet the three numbered criteria listed above, and must also:

- 17 (a) cause serious mental or physical suffering or injury  
18 or constitute a serious attack on human dignity;
- 19 (b) be deliberate; and
- 20 (c) be objectively unreasonable under all of the  
21 circumstances.

22 Plaintiffs also contend that the conditions in which Bola Oyinbo and Larry Bowoto were detained,  
23 including the alleged denial of medical care to Larry Bowoto, were cruel, inhuman or degrading.

24 In order to show that these conditions were cruel, inhuman or degrading, plaintiffs must show that  
25 they meet the three numbered criteria listed above, and also that:

- 26 (a) Bola Oyinbo or Larry Bowoto faced a substantial risk  
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(b) the Nigerian security forces knew of this risk or this medical need and disregarded it.

You must consider the totality of the circumstances in determining whether any individual plaintiff was subjected to cruel or inhuman or degrading treatment which caused lasting psychological harm. Whether treatment is cruel, inhuman, or degrading depends upon an assessment of all the particularities of the evidence before you, including the specific conditions at issue, duration of the measures imposed, the objectives pursued by the perpetrators, and the physical or mental effects on the person(s) involved.

If you find that any of these individuals suffered cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment at the hands of the Nigerian security forces, you will have to decide whether one or more of the defendants are liable under any one of the theories of liability presented in the case, as those theories will be explained later in these instructions.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLAIMS OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY**

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1 **Assault and Battery**

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3 Because the following claims are being brought under Nigerian law, plaintiffs bear the burden of  
4 proving the elements of the following claims beyond a reasonable doubt:

5           Arolika Irowarinun’s and Larry Bowoto’s claims of assault and battery.

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7           Bola Oyinbo’s claims of assault and battery for any conduct that occurred before he was  
8 taken onto land.

9           Bassey Jeje’s claims of assault and battery for any conduct that occurred on the CBL-101  
10 barge, as opposed to the Parabe platform.

11 Likewise, defendants bear the burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt any affirmative defense  
12 they assert against these claims, if that affirmative defense requires defendants to establish the  
13 commission of a crime under Nigerian law.

1 **Assault – While in Custody of GSF**

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3 This instruction applies to events relating to Arolika Irowarinun, Larry Bowoto and Bassey Jeje, and  
4 to Bola Oyinbo prior to his being turned over to the custody of the police in Akure.

5 Plaintiffs claim that Nigerian Government Security Force personnel assaulted these individuals. To  
6 establish assault as to any individual, plaintiffs must prove all of the following as to such individual:  
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- 8 1. That the Nigerian Government Security Force personnel acted,  
9 intending to cause harmful contact, or threatened to touch him in a  
10 harmful of offensive manner;
- 11 2. That he reasonably believed that he was about to be touched in a  
12 harmful manner, or that the Nigerian Security Force personnel were  
13 about to carry out the threat;
- 14 3. That he did not consent to the Nigerian government security force  
15 personnel's conduct; and
- 16 4. That the Nigerian Government Security Force personnel's conduct  
17 was a substantial factor in causing him harm.

18 A touching is offensive if it offends a reasonable sense of personal dignity.

19 Words alone do not amount to an assault.

20 If you find that plaintiffs have proved that the Nigerian Security Force personnel assaulted any of  
21 these individuals as set out in this instruction, you will have to decide whether one or more of the  
22 defendants are liable under any one of the theories of liability presented in this case, as those  
23 theories will be explained later in these instructions.  
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1 **Assault/Ayinbo - While in Custody of Akure Police**

2 This instruction applies to events relating to Bola Oyinbo while he was on land after being turned  
3 over to the custody of the police in Akure.

4 The Oyinbos claim that the Akure police personnel assaulted Bola Oyinbo. To establish assault, the  
5 Oyinbos must prove all of the following:

- 6 1. That the Akure police acted, intending to cause harmful contact, or threatened to  
7 touch Bola Oyinbo in a harmful or offensive manner;
- 8 2. That Bola Oyinbo reasonably believed that he was about to be  
9 touched in a harmful manner, or that the Akure police personnel were  
10 about to carry out the threat;
- 11 3. That Bola Oyinbo did not consent to the Akure police’s conduct; and
- 12 4. That the Akure police’s conduct was a substantial factor in causing  
13 Oyinbo’s harm.

14 A touching is offensive if it offends a reasonable sense of personal dignity.

15 Words alone do not amount to an assault.

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17 If you find that the Oyinbos have proved that the Akure police assaulted Bola Oyinbo as set out in  
18 this instruction, you will have to decide whether one or more of the defendants are liable under any  
19 one of the theories of liability presented in this case, as those theories will be explained later in these  
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1 **Battery**

2 All plaintiffs bring claims of battery, contending that the Nigerian security forces used unreasonable  
3 force in shooting, beating, or otherwise physically harming Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry  
4 Bowoto, and Bassey Jeje. To establish this claim as to any such individual, plaintiffs must prove  
5 all of the following as to such individual:

- 6 1. That the Nigerian security forces intentionally touched him or caused him to be  
7 touched;
- 8 2. That the Nigerian security forces used unreasonable force against him;
- 9 3. That he did not consent to the use of that force;
- 10 4. That he was harmed; and
- 11 5. That the Nigerian security forces' use of unreasonable force was a substantial factor  
12 in causing harm to him.  
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15 The Nigerian security forces may use reasonable force to arrest or detain a person when they have  
16 reasonable cause to believe that that person has committed a crime. Even if the Nigerian security  
17 force officers are mistaken, a person being arrested or detained has a duty not to use force to resist  
18 arrest unless the Nigerian security forces were using unreasonable force. If the Nigerian security  
19 forces were using unreasonable force, then Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, and  
20 Bassey Jeje had a right to use force in self-defense.

21 In deciding whether the Nigerian security forces used unreasonable force, you must determine the  
22 amount of force that would have appeared reasonable to Nigerian security forces officers in their  
23 position under the same or similar circumstances. You should consider, among other factors, the  
24 following:

- 25 (a) The seriousness of the crime at issue, if any;
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27 (b) Whether Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje reasonably  
28 appeared to pose an immediate threat to the safety of any of the Nigerian security  
forces or others; and

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(c) Whether such individual was actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest.

In this context, “touch” includes to shoot, to beat, or to cause other physical contact.

If you find that the Nigerian security forces committed battery, you will have to decide whether one or more of the defendants are liable under any one of the theories of liability presented in the case, as those theories will be explained later in these instructions.

**Intent**

In determining whether the Nigerian security forces intended to commit assault or battery, you should presume that the Nigerian security forces intended to accomplish the natural and probable consequences of their actions. In other words, the Nigerian security forces acted intentionally if they intended to assault or commit a battery against Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje, or if they were substantially certain that such an assault or battery would result from their conduct.

In determining whether the Nigerian security forces were aware of the likely consequences of their actions, you should consider what reasonable people in the same situation would contemplate as the probable result of their acts.

**INSTRUCTIONS ON NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS**

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1 **Negligence of Nigerian security forces**

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3 Plaintiffs claim that Arolika Irowarinun, Larry Bowoto, Bola Oyinbo, and Bassey Jeje were harmed  
4 by the negligence of the Nigerian security forces in their conduct during the Parabe incident. To  
5 establish this claim as to any of these individuals, plaintiffs must prove all of the following, as to  
6 such individual:

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- 8 1. That the Nigerian security forces were negligent;
  - 9 2. That the individual was harmed; and
  - 10 3. That the negligence of the Nigerian security forces was a substantial factor in causing the  
11 individual's harm.

12 Negligence is the failure to use reasonable care to prevent harm to oneself or to others. A person  
13 can be negligent by acting or by failing to act. A person is negligent if he or she does something that  
14 a reasonably careful person would not do in the same situation or fails to do something that a  
15 reasonably careful person would do in the same situation. You must decide how a reasonably  
16 careful person in the situation of the Nigerian security forces would have acted.

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18 A substantial factor in causing harm is a factor that a reasonable person would consider to have  
19 contributed to the harm. It must be more than a remote or trivial factor. It does not have to be the  
20 only cause of the harm. Conduct is not a substantial factor in causing harm if the same harm would  
21 have occurred without that conduct. A person's negligence may combine with another factor to  
22 cause harm. If you find that the negligence of the Nigerian security forces was a substantial factor  
23 in causing the individual's harm, then the Nigerian security forces are responsible for the harm.

24 Plaintiffs must prove negligence by a preponderance of the evidence. If you find that the Nigerian  
25 security forces are responsible for negligence, you will have to decide whether one or more of the  
26 defendants are liable under any one of the theories of liability presented in the case, as those theories  
27 will be explained later in these instructions.

1 **Negligence of CNL in calling in/assisting Nigerian security forces**

2 Plaintiffs contend that Arolika Irowarinun, Larry Bowoto, Bola Oyinbo and Bassey Jeje were  
3 harmed by the negligence of CNL itself in its conduct during the Parabe incident, including calling  
4 in the Nigerian security forces during the Parabe incident, providing assistance to the Nigerian  
5 security forces during the Parabe incident and failing properly to train and supervise the Nigerian  
6 security forces.

7 To establish that CNL was negligent in its own conduct toward any individual during the Parabe  
8 incident, plaintiffs must prove all of the following, as to such individual:

- 9 1. That CNL was negligent;
- 10 2. That the individual was harmed; and
- 11 3. That CNL's negligence was a substantial factor in causing the individual's harm.

12 Negligence is the failure to use reasonable care to prevent harm to oneself or to others. A person  
13 can be negligent by acting or by failing to act. A person is negligent if he or she does something that  
14 a reasonably careful person would not do in the same situation or fails to do something that a  
15 reasonably careful person would do in the same situation. You must decide how a reasonably careful  
16 person in the situation of CNL would have acted.

17 Every person has a right to expect that every other person will use reasonable care and will not  
18 violate the law, unless he or she knows, or should know, that the other person will not use  
19 reasonable care or will violate the law.

20 A "substantial factor" in causing harm is a factor that a reasonable person would consider to have  
21 contributed to the harm. It must be more than a remote or trivial factor. It does not have to be the  
22 only cause of the harm. Conduct is not a substantial factor in causing harm if the same harm would  
23 have occurred without that conduct. A person's negligence may combine with another factor to  
24 cause harm.

1 Plaintiffs must prove negligence by a preponderance of the evidence. If you find that CNL is  
2 responsible for negligence, you will have to decide whether one or more of the defendants are liable  
3 under any one of the theories of liability presented in the case, as those theories will be explained  
4 later in these instructions.

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1 **Negligence – Negligent Hiring**

2 Ola Oyinbo, Bayo Oyinbo and Deji Oyinbo also claim that Bola Oyinbo was harmed by CNL’s  
3 negligent hiring of the Nigerian Government Security Forces and the Akure Police for the activity  
4 that occurred in Akure. To establish this claim, the Oyinbos must prove all of the following:

- 5 1. That the Nigerian Government Security Forces or the Akure Police were negligent;
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- 7 2. That CNL employed the individual members Nigerian Government Security Force  
8 or the Akure Police that were negligent;
- 9 3. A reasonably careful person in CNL’s situation would not have employed the  
10 individual members Nigerian Government Security Force or the Akure Police who  
11 were negligent;
- 12 4. That Bola Oyinbo suffered economic damages as a result of the negligence; and
- 13 5. That CNL’s employment of the individual Nigerian Government Security Forces or  
14 the Akure police who were negligent was a substantial factor in causing Bola  
Oyinbo’s harm.

15 If you find that the Oyinbos have proved that CNL’s employment of the individual Nigerian  
16 Government Security Forces or the Akure Police was a substantial factor in causing Bola Oyinbo’s  
17 economic damages, you will also have to determine whether defendants are liable under any one of  
18 the theories of liability presented in the case, as those theories will be explained later in these  
19 instructions.

1 **Negligence – Basic Standard of Care**

2 Negligence is the failure to use reasonable care to prevent harm to oneself or to others.

3 A person can be negligent by acting or by failing to act. A person is negligent if he or she does  
4 something that a reasonably careful person would not do in the same situation or fails to do  
5 something that a reasonably careful person would do in the same situation.

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7 You must decide how a reasonably careful person would have acted in the same situations as the  
8 persons alleged to have engaged in negligence.

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10 **Negligence Nigerian Law– Custom or Practice**

11 You may consider customs or practices in the community in deciding whether a person acted  
12 reasonably. Customs and practices do not necessarily determine what a reasonable person would  
13 have done in a similar situation. They are only factors for you to consider.

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15 Following a custom or practice does not excuse conduct that is unreasonable. You should consider  
16 whether the custom or practice itself is reasonable.

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18 **Partial Affirmative Defense to Negligence (Contributory Negligence)**

19 Defendants contend that any liability that they may have for CNL’s negligence or the negligence  
20 of the Nigerian security forces should be reduced because Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyibo, Larry  
21 Bowoto, and Bassey Jeje were also negligent, and their negligence contributed to their harm.

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23 To prove contributory negligence as to any of these individuals, defendants must prove both of the  
24 following by a preponderance of the evidence as to such individual:

- 25 1. That the individual was negligent; and  
26 2. That his negligence was a substantial factor in causing his harm.



1 If defendants prove contributory negligence, then you should determine the percentage of  
2 responsibility for Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje. I will use this  
3 percentage to reduce the damages that defendants are liable.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRONGFUL DEATH CLAIMS**

1 **Nigerian Law – Wrongful Death Liability**

2 The Irowarinun plaintiffs contend that defendant Chevron Corporation is liable for the wrongful  
3 death of Arolika Irowarinun. To establish this claim, the Irowarinun plaintiffs must prove each of  
4 the following:

- 5 1. That Arolika Irowarinun died;
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- 7 2. That Arolika Irowarinun's death was caused by a battery or negligent act by Chevron  
8 Nigeria Ltd. and/or the Nigerian Government Security Forces;
- 9 3. That the Irowarinun plaintiff suffered economic loss as a result of Arolika  
10 Irowarinun's death (i.e., was dependent on Arolika Irowarinun); and
- 11 4. That the Irowarinun plaintiff is a wife or child of Arolika Irowarinun.

12 If you find that the Irowarinun plaintiffs have proved that Chevron Nigeria Ltd. and/or the Nigerian  
13 Government Security Forces caused the wrongful death of Arolika Irowarinun, you will also have  
14 to decide whether one or more of the defendants are liable under any one of the theories of liability  
15 presented in this case, as those theories will be explained later in these instructions.  
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18 **Nigerian Law –Wrongful Death – Contributory Negligence**

19 As to the Irowarinuns’ wrongful death claims based on negligence, defendants claim that Arolika  
20 Irowarinun’s death was caused in whole or in part by his own negligence. To succeed on this claim,  
21 defendants must prove both of the following:

- 22 1. That Arolika Irowarinun was negligent; and
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- 24 2. That Arolika Irowarinun’s negligence was a proximate cause of his death.

25 If defendants prove the above, the damages you find are reduced by your determination of the  
26 percentage of Arolika Irowarinun’s responsibility. I will calculate the actual reduction.  
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1 **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLAIMS OF INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL**  
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1 **Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress—Nigerian security forces**

2 Plaintiffs claim that the Nigerian security forces committed intentional infliction of emotional  
3 distress against Bola Oyinbo. To establish this claim, plaintiffs must prove all of the following:

- 4 1. That the Nigerian security forces’ conduct was outrageous;
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- 6 2. That the Nigerian security forces either intended to cause Bola Oyinbo emotional  
7 distress or that the Nigerian security forces acted with reckless disregard of the  
8 probability that Bola Oyinbo would suffer emotional distress, knowing that they  
9 were present when the conduct occurred;
- 10 3. That Bola Oyinbo suffered severe emotional distress; and
- 11 4. That the Nigerian security forces’ conduct was a substantial factor in causing Bola  
12 Oyinbo’s severe emotional distress.

13 In this context, “outrageous conduct” means conduct so extreme that it goes beyond all possible  
14 bounds of decency. Conduct is outrageous if a reasonable person would regard the conduct as  
15 intolerable in a civilized community. Outrageous conduct does not include trivialities such as  
16 indignities, annoyances, hurt feelings, or bad manners that a reasonable person is expected to endure.

17 In deciding whether the Nigerian security forces’ conduct was outrageous, you may consider, among  
18 other factors, the following: whether the Nigerian security forces abused a position of authority or  
19 a relationship that gave them real or apparent power to affect Bola Oyinbo’s interests; whether the  
20 Nigerian security forces knew that Bola Oyinbo was particularly vulnerable to emotional distress;  
21 and whether the Nigerian security forces knew that their conduct would likely result in harm due to  
22 mental distress.

23 The Nigerian security forces acted with reckless disregard in causing Bola Oyinbo emotional  
24 distress if:

- 25 1. The Nigerian security forces knew that emotional distress would probably result  
26 from their conduct; or
- 27 2. The Nigerian security forces gave little or no thought to the probable effects of their  
28 conduct.

1 Emotional distress includes suffering, anguish, fright, horror, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry,  
2 shock, humiliation, and shame. “Severe emotional distress” is not mild or brief; it must be so  
3 substantial or long lasting that no reasonable person in a civilized society should be expected to bear  
4 it. Plaintiffs are not required to prove that Bola Oyinbo suffered physical injury to recover damages  
5 for severe emotional distress.

6 Plaintiffs must prove intentional infliction of emotional distress by a preponderance of the evidence.  
7 If you find that the Nigerian security forces committed intentional infliction of emotional distress,  
8 you will have to decide whether one or more of the defendants are liable under any one of the  
9 theories of liability presented in the case, as those theories will be explained later in these  
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1 **Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress—CNL**

2 To establish their claim that CNL committed intentional infliction of emotional distress against Bola  
3 Oyinbo, plaintiffs must prove all of the following:

- 4 1. That CNL’s conduct was outrageous;
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- 6 2. That CNL either intended to cause Bola Oyinbo emotional distress or that CNL acted  
7 with reckless disregard of the probability that Bola Oyinbo would suffer emotional  
8 distress, knowing that they were present when the conduct occurred;
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- 10 3. That Bola Oyinbo suffered severe emotional distress; and
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- 12 4. That CNL’s conduct was a substantial factor in causing Bola Oyinbo’s severe  
13 emotional distress.

14 In this context, “outrageous conduct” means conduct so extreme that it goes beyond all possible  
15 bounds of decency. Conduct is outrageous if a reasonable person would regard the conduct as  
16 intolerable in a civilized community. Outrageous conduct does not include trivialities such as  
17 indignities, annoyances, hurt feelings, or bad manners that a reasonable person is expected to endure.

18 CNL acted with reckless disregard in causing Bola Oyinbo emotional distress if:

- 19 1. CNL knew that emotional distress would probably result from its conduct; or
- 20 2. CNL gave little or no thought to the probable effects of its conduct.

21 Emotional distress includes suffering, anguish, fright, horror, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry,  
22 shock, humiliation, and shame. “Severe emotional distress” is not mild or brief; it must be so  
23 substantial or long lasting that no reasonable person in a civilized society should be expected to bear  
24 it. Plaintiffs are not required to prove that Bola Oyinbo suffered physical injury to recover damages  
25 for severe emotional distress.

26 Plaintiffs must prove intentional infliction of emotional distress by a preponderance of the evidence.

27 If you find that CNL committed intentional infliction of emotional distress, you will have to decide  
28 whether one or more of the defendants are liable under any one of the theories of liability presented  
in the case, as those theories will be explained later in these instructions.

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**Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress – Privileged Conduct**

Defendants contend that they are not liable for Bola Oyinbo’s harm, if any, because Chevron Nigeria Limited’s conduct in contacting the Nigerian Government Security Forces was permissible. To succeed, defendants must prove all of the following:

1. That Chevron Nigeria Ltd. was exercising its legal rights to protect its economic interests;
2. That Chevron Nigeria Ltd.’s conduct was lawful and consistent with community standards; and
3. That Chevron Nigeria Ltd. had a good faith belief that it had a legal right to engage in the conduct.

If you find all of the above, then defendants are not liable on this claim.



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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEFENDANTS' LIABILITY FOR CNL'S CONDUCT**

1 **Overview of Responsibility of Defendants for CNL**

2 Plaintiffs contend that one or more defendants are liable for CNL’s conduct under one or more of  
3 the following theories of liability: 1) CNL was an agent of one or more defendants, 2) one or more  
4 defendants ratified CNL’s actions, 3) one or more defendants aided and abetted CNL’s actions,  
5 and/or 4) one or more defendants conspired with CNL.  
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8 **Corporation is a person under law**

9 Defendants are all corporations. Under the law, a corporation is considered to be a person. It can  
10 only act through its employees, agents, directors, or officers. Therefore, a corporation is liable for  
11 the acts of its employees, agents, directors, and officers performed within the scope of their  
12 authority.  
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14 **Direct Liability**

15 I have already determined that defendants Chevron Corporation, Chevron Investments Inc. and  
16 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. are not directly liable for the injuries plaintiffs allege they suffered. You are  
17 being asked to determine if any of these defendants is indirectly, or vicariously, liable to any of the  
18 plaintiffs for the alleged wrongful acts of CNL and, through CNL, the Nigerian Government  
19 Security Forces and the Nigerian Akure police. I will give you instructions on how to determine  
20 whether indirect or vicarious liability exists.  
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23 **Corporate Parents and Subsidiaries**

24 Plaintiffs do not contend that any of the defendants are liable for CNL’s actions and liabilities  
25 simply because of their ownership relationship with CNL. The law allows corporations to organize  
26 for the purpose of isolating liability of related corporate entities, such as a parent and a subsidiary,  
27 or for other reasons. At the same time, however, one corporation may act as the agent of another  
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1 corporation, or it may ratify that corporation's actions, or it may aid and abet that corporation,  
2 regardless of whether the corporations are a parent and a subsidiary, affiliated companies, or  
3 completely separate entities. An ownership relationship between two corporations neither  
4 establishes nor precludes liability between them on the basis of agency, ratification, or aiding and  
5 abetting.

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1 **Liability of Defendants For Acts of CNL—Agency**

2 Plaintiffs contend that each defendant is liable for CNL’s conduct because CNL was acting as the  
3 agent of each defendant. Defendants deny that CNL was their agent.

4 The law allows corporations to organize for the purpose of limiting the liability of related  
5 corporations. Despite the legal arrangements between related corporations, a subsidiary may under  
6 certain circumstances be considered an agent of its parent or another affiliated corporation; if so, the  
7 parent or affiliate may be held liable for the agent’s acts based on the real relationship between the  
8 corporations.

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10 An agent is a person who performs services for another person under an express or implied  
11 agreement and who is subject to the other’s control or right to control the manner and means of  
12 performing the services. The other person is called a principal. One may be an agent without  
13 receiving compensation for services. Each defendant is sued as a principal, and plaintiffs contend  
14 that CNL was acting as the agent of one or more of the defendants.

15 In performing services for a parent or affiliate as an agent, the subsidiary must be carrying out the  
16 business of the parent or affiliate. An agency relationship may arise where the subsidiary is acting  
17 both for the benefit of its own business and that of its parent or affiliate, as where they have similar  
18 or overlapping kinds of business. No agency may be found where the subsidiary is acting solely to  
19 advance its own business and that business is entirely different from the business of the parent or  
20 affiliate.

21 To show that one or more of the defendants are liable for CNL’s conduct based on agency, plaintiffs  
22 must prove:

- 23 1. That CNL acted as an agent of that defendant or defendants; and
  - 24 2. That CNL was acting within the scope of its authority during the Parabe incident.
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1 You should assess the relationship between CNL and the defendants as it relates to this case, rather  
2 than whether any sort of agency relationship generally existed between CNL and the defendants.  
3 The arrangement must be relevant to the plaintiff's claim of wrongdoing.  
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5 In considering whether CNL acted as the agent of one or more of the defendants, you should  
6 consider a variety of factors, including:  
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- 8 A. Whether CNL was functioning as an incorporated arm of one or more defendants;
- 9 B. Whether CNL was involved in activities that, but for CNL's presence in Nigeria, one  
10 or more of the defendants would have been forced to undertake themselves;
- 11 C. The degree and content of communications between CNL and any of the  
12 defendants, particularly during the Parabe incident and other security  
13 incidents;
- 14 D. The degree to which one or more of the defendants set or participated in setting  
15 policy, particularly security policy, for CNL;
- 16 E. The nature and degree of overlap between the officers, directors and managers of the  
17 defendants and CNL. The fact that some directors and officers of the parent  
18 corporation also serve as directors of the subsidiary will not alone support a finding  
19 of agency.
- 20 F. The extent to which CNL officers, managers and employees were selected,  
21 supervised or controlled by any of the defendants;
- 22 G. The importance of the subsidiary to the defendants' overall operations, including the  
23 amount of revenue the subsidiary produces for defendants and the level of the  
24 defendants' involvement in the budget, financial affairs, and production activities of  
25 the subsidiary. The fact of a parent's ownership of the subsidiary alone will not  
26 support a finding of agency.
- 27 H. Whether the parent exercised more than the usual degree of direction and control that  
28 a parent exercises over a subsidiary. The usual level of parental involvement  
includes the monitoring of the subsidiary's performance, supervision of the  
subsidiary's finance and capital budget, and articulation of general policies and  
procedures.

Conduct is within the scope of authority if:

- 1 a. It is reasonably related to the kinds of tasks that the agent was employed to perform;  
2 or
- 3 b. It is reasonably foreseeable in light of the principal’s business or the agent’s job  
4 responsibilities.

5 CNL’s conduct need not be authorized by defendants to be within the scope of authority. An agent’s  
6 unauthorized conduct may be within the scope of authority if the conduct was committed in the  
7 course of a series of acts authorized by the principal or the conduct arose from a risk inherent in or  
8 created by the enterprise. An agent’s wrongful or criminal conduct may be within the scope of  
9 employment even if it violates a company policy or does not benefit the principal.

10 If CNL is the agent of one or more of the defendants, any act or omission of CNL within the scope  
11 of authority is considered the act or omission of such defendants.

12 You must separately consider whether CNL has an agency relationship with each of the defendants.

13 Each theory of liability is independent, such that if you reject agency for any one defendant, you  
14 must also consider whether any other theory of liability applies to that defendant.  
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17 **Liability of Defendants For Acts of CNL—Agency (Factors not considered or not dispositive)**

18 In considering whether CNL acted as the agent of one or more of the defendants, bear in mind that  
19 some acts should not be considered as evidence of agency. These include the preparation and filing  
20 of audited consolidated financial statements or annual reports that include information about  
21 subsidiaries of Chevron Corp.; the adoption of internal accounting controls governing payments to  
22 foreign officials; and the issuance of collective media releases that include information about  
23 subsidiaries of Chevron Corp.  
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25 Other factors may be considered, but are not, in and of themselves, determinative of an agency  
26 relationship. These factors include whether one or more defendants referred to CNL as a part,  
27 division, unit, or department of that defendant; and whether one or more defendants shared a  
28 corporate logo or brand with CNL.

1 **Liability of Defendants For Acts of CNL— Ratification**

2 Plaintiffs contend that each defendant is liable for the acts of CNL because each defendant ratified  
3 or approved that conduct after it occurred. Defendants deny that they ratified CNL’s conduct.

4 To show ratification, plaintiffs must prove:

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- 6 1. That one or more defendants knew or should have known of all material facts related  
7 to CNL’s conduct, and
  - 8 2. That the defendant or defendants ratified, adopted, or approved of this conduct.

9 Ratification means to treat the act as if originally authorized. Defendants are liable for CNL’s  
10 conduct if, after the fact, they ratified, adopted, or approved that conduct, even if it was originally  
11 unauthorized.

12 Approval or ratification can be shown through defendants’ statements or it can be inferred from  
13 defendants’ conduct that implies an intent to consent to or adopt the act. A variety of different types  
14 of conduct permit you to infer approval. Ratification of an unauthorized act may be demonstrated  
15 through knowing acceptance after the fact of CNL’s actions. Defending CNL’s actions or covering  
16 up its misdeeds may also constitute ratification. Failure to disavow CNL’s acts may constitute  
17 ratification, even if the acts were not within the scope of the agency relationship. Ratification also  
18 exists if the defendants, after knowledge of or opportunity to learn of the misconduct, continued to  
19 use CNL’s services. Failure to take adequate steps to investigate or remedy CNL’s misconduct also  
20 constitutes ratification. In considering whether defendants ratified the acts of CNL, you may  
21 consider, among other things, whether defendants have made statements to the media that evidence  
22 ratification, including false or conflicting statements about CNL’s involvement in the Parabe  
23 incident and false or conflicting statements about CNL’s ownership of the boats and helicopters used  
24 to transport the Nigerian security forces.

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26 A defendant’s “knowing” ratification can be shown by circumstantial evidence including through  
27 evidence of the nature of the acts done, the relation of the parties, the interests of the alleged agent  
28 and ratifier, and other circumstances.

1 If you find that one defendant did not ratify CNL's conduct, you must still consider whether each  
2 of the other defendants ratified CNL's conduct.

3 Each theory of liability is independent, such that if you reject ratification for any defendant, you  
4 must also consider whether any other theory of liability applies to that defendant.  
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1 **Liability of Defendants for Acts of CNL – Aiding and Abetting**

2 Plaintiffs contend that each defendant is responsible for CNL’s conduct because defendants aided  
3 and abetted that conduct. Defendants deny that they aided and abetted CNL’s conduct.

4 To show that one or more defendants are responsible for aiding and abetting CNL’s conduct,  
5 plaintiffs must prove:

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- 7 1. That the defendant or defendants provided substantial assistance or encouragement  
8 to CNL;
  - 9 and 2. That this assistance had a substantial effect on the perpetration of the wrongful acts;
  - 10 3. That, when the defendant or defendants provided the assistance, they knew that the  
11 wrongful acts would be committed or had been committed.

12 Knowledge can be inferred from the circumstances. More knowledge that a harm was going  
13 to be inflicted on a plaintiff and the failure to prevent it do not constitute aiding and abetting.

14 You must separately consider whether each defendant aided and abetted CNL’s conduct.  
15 Each theory of liability is independent, such that if you reject aiding and abetting for any defendant,  
16 you must also consider whether any other theory of liability applies to that defendant.  
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1 **Liability of Defendants for Acts of CNL – Conspiracy**

2 Plaintiffs claim that defendants are liable for CNL’s conduct because they conspired together with  
3 CNL to commit that conduct. A conspiracy is an agreement by two or more persons to commit a  
4 wrongful act.

5 To prove a conspiracy, plaintiffs must prove:

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- 7 1. That CNL had a plan to commit a wrongful act;
  - 8 2. That defendants were aware that CNL had such a plan; and
  - 9 3. That defendants agreed with CNL and intended that the wrongful act be committed.

10 Mere knowledge of the wrongful conduct without an agreement that it be committed in not  
11 enough to establish a conspiracy.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CNL'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR GSF'S CONDUCT**

1 **Overview of Responsibility of Defendants for CNL and the Nigerian security force**

2 If you find that the Nigerian security forces committed any wrong that harmed plaintiffs under any  
3 of the theories on which you were instructed (such as torture, cruel, inhuman, or degrading  
4 treatment, wrongful death, assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, or  
5 negligence), then you must determine whether defendants are also liable for that harm. Plaintiffs  
6 contend that defendants are liable for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because defendants  
7 are liable for CNL’s conduct, and because CNL is liable for the conduct of the Nigerian security  
8 forces.

9 Plaintiffs contend that CNL is liable for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces under one or  
10 more of the following theories of liability, which will be explained in the following instructions:

- 11 1) the Nigerian security forces were CNL’s agents;
- 12 2) CNL ratified the conduct of the Nigerian security forces;
- 13 3) CNL aided and abetted the Nigerian security forces;
- 14 4) CNL conspired with the Nigerian security forces to attack the Parabe protestors;
- 15 5) CNL engaged in a joint venture with the Nigerian government,  
16 including the Nigerian security forces;
- 17 6) CNL engaged in a joint enterprise with the Nigerian security forces;
- 18 7) CNL instigated or induced the Nigerian security forces; or
- 19 8) CNL hired the Nigerian security forces to do work that involved a  
20 special risk of harm.

21 If you find for the plaintiffs on any one of these theories of liability, this is sufficient to find CNL  
22 liable for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces.

23 Each of these is a separate theory of liability. You only need to find in plaintiffs’ favor on one such  
24 theory to hold CNL liable for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces. If you find against  
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1 plaintiffs on any one such theory, such a finding does not affect any other theory. You must still  
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1 **Responsibility of CNL for acts of Nigerian security forces—Agency**

2 Plaintiffs contend that, if defendants are liable for the conduct of CNL, defendants are also liable  
3 for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because the Nigerian security forces were acting as  
4 CNL’s agent during the Parabe incident. If you find that the Nigerian security forces are responsible  
5 for injuries to Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje, you must decide  
6 whether the Nigerian security forces were acting as CNL’s agent. Defendants deny that the Nigerian  
7 security forces were CNL’s agent.

8 An agent is a person who performs services for another person under an express or implied  
9 agreement and who is subject to the other’s control or right to control the manner and means of  
10 performing the services. The other person is called a principal. One may be an agent without  
11 receiving compensation for services. Plaintiffs contend that CNL was the principal, and the  
12 Nigerian security forces were CNL’s agent.

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14 To show that CNL is responsible for the Nigerian security forces’ conduct based on agency,  
15 plaintiffs must prove:

- 16 1. That the Nigerian security forces were an agent of CNL; and  
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18 2. That the Nigerian security forces were acting within the scope of their authority  
during the Parabe incident.

19 In considering whether the Nigerian security forces acted as the agent of CNL, you may consider  
20 a variety of factors, including whether CNL determined the work schedules or assignments of the  
21 Nigerian security forces; whether CNL had the authority to decide if, when, or how the Nigerian  
22 security forces would participate in security operations, including deciding whether or when the  
23 Nigerian security forces would respond to the Parabe platform; whether CNL had control over the  
24 manner in which the Nigerian security forces performed their duties in general or at Parabe; or  
25 whether CNL paid, fed, or housed the Nigerian security forces.  
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27 Conduct is within the scope of authority if:  
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1 a. It is reasonably related to the kinds of tasks that the agent was employed to perform;  
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3 b. It is reasonably foreseeable in light of the principal's business or the agent's job  
4 responsibilities.

5 The Nigerian security forces' conduct need not be authorized by CNL to be within the scope of  
6 authority. An agent's unauthorized conduct may be within the scope of authority if the conduct was  
7 committed in the course of a series of acts authorized by the principal or the conduct arose from a  
8 risk inherent in or created by the enterprise. An agent or employee's wrongful or criminal conduct  
9 may be within the scope of employment even if it violates a company policy or does not benefit the  
10 principal.

11 If the Nigerian security forces are the agent of CNL, any act or omission of the Nigerian security  
12 forces within the scope of authority is considered the act or omission of CNL.

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15 **Responsibility of CNL for acts of Nigerian security forces—Ratification**

16 Plaintiffs contend that, if defendants are liable for the conduct of CNL, defendants are also liable  
17 for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because CNL ratified or approved that conduct after  
18 it occurred. If you find that the Nigerian security forces are responsible for injuries to Arolika  
19 Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje, you must decide whether CNL approved  
20 the Nigerian security forces' conduct. Defendants deny that CNL ratified the Nigerian security  
21 forces' conduct.

22 To show that CNL is responsible for the Nigerian security forces' conduct on the basis of  
23 ratification, plaintiffs must prove:

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- 25 1. That CNL knew or should have known of all material facts related to the Nigerian  
26 security forces' wrongful conduct, and
  - 27 2. That CNL ratified, adopted, or approved of this conduct.
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1 Ratification means to treat the act as if originally authorized. CNL is responsible for the Nigerian  
2 security forces' conduct if, after the fact, CNL ratified, adopted, or approved that conduct, even if  
3 it was originally unauthorized.

4 Approval or ratification can be shown through CNL's statements or it can be inferred from  
5 defendants' conduct that implies an intent to consent to or adopt the act. A variety of different types  
6 of conduct permit you to infer approval. Ratification of an unauthorized act may be demonstrated  
7 through knowing acceptance after the fact of the Nigerian security forces' actions. Defending the  
8 Nigerian security forces' actions or covering up their misdeeds may also constitute ratification.  
9 Failure to disavow the Nigerian security forces' acts may constitute ratification, even if the acts were  
10 not within the scope of the agency relationship. Ratification also exists if CNL, after knowledge of  
11 or opportunity to learn of the misconduct, continued to use the Nigerian security forces' services.  
12 Failure to take adequate steps to investigate or remedy the Nigerian security forces' misconduct also  
13 constitutes ratification.

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16 **Responsibility of CNL for acts of Nigerian security forces – aiding and abetting**

17 Plaintiffs contend that, if defendants are liable for the conduct of CNL, defendants are also liable  
18 for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because CNL aided and abetted the wrongful conduct  
19 of the Nigerian security forces. In determining whether CNL aided and abetted wrongful conduct  
20 of the Nigerian security forces, you should apply the same standards for aiding and abetting liability  
21 as were set out earlier in these instructions.

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24 **Responsibility of CNL for acts of Nigerian security forces – conspiracy**

25 Plaintiffs contend that, if defendants are liable for the conduct of CNL, defendants are also liable  
26 for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because CNL conspired with the Nigerian security  
27 forces. In determining whether CNL conspired with the Nigerian security forces, you should apply  
28 the same standards for conspiracy liability as were set out earlier in these instructions.



1 **Responsibility of CNL for acts of Nigerian security forces—Joint Venture**

2 Plaintiffs contend that, if defendants are liable for the conduct of CNL, defendants are also liable  
3 for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because CNL was engaged in a joint venture with the  
4 Nigerian government, including the Nigerian security forces. If you find that the Nigerian security  
5 forces are responsible for injuries to Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey  
6 Jeje, you must decide whether CNL was engaged in a joint venture with the Nigerian government,  
7 including the Nigerians security forces. Defendants deny that CNL was engaged in a joint venture  
8 with the Nigerian government, including the Nigerian security forces.

9 A joint venture is an association of two or more persons, including corporations, to carry on a  
10 business as co-owners. The members of a joint venture are called joint venturers or partners. An act  
11 or omission of a partner within the scope of the joint venture business is considered the act or  
12 omission of all partners. Therefore each of the members of a joint venture is liable for the wrongful  
13 conduct of another member acting within the scope of his or her authority.

14 To show that CNL is responsible for the Nigerian security forces' conduct on the basis of joint  
15 venture liability, plaintiffs must prove:

- 17 1. That CNL was engaged in a joint venture with the Nigerian government, including  
18 the Nigerian security forces, and
- 19 2. That the Nigerian security forces were acting within the scope of the joint venture  
20 business during the Parabe incident.

21 In considering whether CNL was engaged in a joint venture with the Nigerian government, you may  
22 consider, among other things, whether CNL or defendants made statements that CNL was a member  
23 of such a joint venture.

24 A joint venturer is acting within the scope of the joint venture business when doing anything which  
25 is either expressly or impliedly authorized by the joint venture or which is in furtherance of the joint  
26 venture business.

1 If you find that CNL and the Nigerian government were joint venturers and that the Nigerian  
2 soldiers CNL brought to Parabe were acting within the scope of the joint venture business, and if  
3 you find those soldiers committed wrongful acts against the plaintiffs, then you must find CNL  
4 responsible for those wrongful acts.

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6 **Responsibility of CNL for acts of Nigerian security forces—Joint Enterprise**

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8 Plaintiffs contend that, if defendants are liable for the conduct of CNL, defendants are also liable  
9 for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because CNL was engaged in a joint enterprise with  
10 the Nigerian security forces. If you find that the Nigerian security forces are responsible for injuries  
11 to Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje, you must decide whether CNL  
12 was engaged in a joint enterprise with the Nigerian security forces. Defendants deny that CNL was  
13 engaged in a joint enterprise with the Nigerian security forces.

14 To show that CNL is responsible for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces on the basis of joint  
15 enterprise, plaintiffs must prove:

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- 17 1. That CNL was engaged in concerted action with the Nigerian security forces with  
a common end or joint purpose; and
  - 18 2. That the Nigerian security forces committed wrongful acts in the course of executing  
19 that common end or joint purpose.

20 The common end or joint purpose need not be wrongful or illegal. A joint enterprise need not be  
21 a business venture.

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23 **Responsibility of CNL for acts of Nigerian security forces—Instigation or Inducement**

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25 Plaintiffs contend that, if defendants are liable for the conduct of CNL, defendants are also liable  
26 for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because CNL instigated or induced the actions of the  
27 Nigerian security forces. If you find that the Nigerian security forces are responsible for injuries to  
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1 Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje, you must decide whether CNL  
2 instigated or induced the wrongful actions of the Nigerian security forces.

3 Defendants deny that CNL instigated or induced the wrongful actions of the Nigerian security  
4 forces.

5 To show that CNL is responsible for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces on the basis of  
6 instigation or inducement, plaintiffs must prove:

- 7 1. That CNL instigated, induced, or invited the Nigerian security forces to commit  
8 wrongful acts;
- 9 2. That it was foreseeable that these wrongful acts would cause harm to Arolika  
10 Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje; and
- 11 3. These wrongful acts caused harm to Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry  
12 Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje.

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15 **Responsibility of CNL for acts of Nigerian security forces—Special Risk of Harm**

16 Plaintiffs contend that, if defendants are liable for the conduct of CNL, defendants are also liable  
17 for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces because the Nigerian security forces were performing  
18 work for CNL that involved a special risk of harm. If you find that the Nigerian security forces are  
19 responsible for injuries to Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje, you  
20 must decide whether the Nigerian security forces were performing work for CNL that involved a  
21 special risk of harm. Defendants deny that the Nigerian security forces were performing work for  
22 CNL that involved a special risk of harm.

23 If you find that the Nigerian security forces were performing work for CNL, but were not CNL's  
24 agent, then CNL is responsible for the conduct of the Nigerian security forces if they were  
25 performing work that involved a special risk of harm. This is a separate theory of liability from  
26 agency, which also asks whether the security forces were performing services for CNL, but which  
27 does not require any special risk of harm.  
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1 A special risk of harm is a recognizable danger that arises out of the nature of the work or the place  
2 where it is done and requires specific safety measures appropriate to the danger. A special risk of  
3 harm may also arise out of a planned but unsafe method of doing the work. A special risk of harm  
4 does not include a risk that is unusual, abnormal, or not related to the normal or expected risks  
5 associated with the work.

6 To establish this claim, plaintiffs must prove each of the following:

- 7 1. That the work done by the Nigerian security forces was likely to involve a special  
8 risk of harm to others;
- 9 2. That CNL knew or should have known that the work was likely to involve this risk;
- 10 3. That the Nigerian security forces failed to use reasonable care to take specific safety  
11 measures appropriate to the danger to avoid this risk; and
- 12 4. That the Nigerian security forces' failure to use reasonable care was a cause of harm  
13 to Arolika Irowarinun, Bola Oyinbo, Larry Bowoto, or Bassey Jeje.
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15 In deciding whether CNL should have known the risk, you should consider its knowledge and  
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1 **PRIVILEGES, DUTIES AND DEFENSES**

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1 **General – Explanation for Subsequent Instructions**

2 Defendants contend that Chevron Nigerian Ltd. had a duty to call law enforcement or the Nigerian  
3 Government Security Forces to seek assistance in ending what defendants contend to be an unlawful  
4 occupation of the barge, platform and tugboat. I am providing you with the following instructions  
5 on United States and Nigerian law relating to such duties.  
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8 **Law Enforcement Reporting Privilege**

9 When a citizen contacts law enforcement personnel to report suspected criminal activity and to  
10 instigate law enforcement personnel to respond, the communication cannot be the basis for imposing  
11 liability on the citizen. For this rule to apply, defendants have the burden of showing that their  
12 report would trigger proceedings governed by adequate procedural safeguards. If no such  
13 safeguards existed, the rule applies only if defendants prove that they made their report to the police  
14 in good faith and without malice.  
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16 **Duty to Report Crime**

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18 Citizens and residents of Nigeria have a legal duty to report crime to the Nigerian authorities, and  
19 to assist them in stopping and preventing crime and apprehending perpetrators. If you find that  
20 Chevron Nigeria Ltd. reasonably believed that plaintiffs were committing any crime, then  
21 defendants cannot be liable merely for Chevron Nigeria Ltd.'s reporting such activity to the Nigerian  
22 authorities.  
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24 **Duty to Assist Police**

25 Citizens have a duty to assist the police in maintaining the peace and suppressing criminal activity.  
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**Safe Working Environment**

An employer has a legal duty under Nigerian law to provide a safe work environment for workers and contractors while working at the direction of the employer.

**No Legal Duty Exists to Negotiate with Persons Who Have Seized a Facility and Held Hostages**

No one has a legal duty to negotiate with persons who have seized a facility and held hostages.

**Criminal Acts – Hostage Taking**

Under United States law and international law, any person that seizes, detains or threatens to injure or detain persons in order to compel CNL, defendants, the Nigerian government, or anyone else, to do or abstain from doing any act as a condition for releasing the detained persons, is guilty of a felony.

**Criminal Acts – Unlawful Seizure of Platform**

Under Nigerian law, any person who does anything with intent to obstruct or prevent the production or distribution of petroleum products in any part of Nigeria which causes or contributes to any interruption in the production or distribution of petroleum products is guilty of a felony.

**Criminal Acts – Unlawful Seizure of Ship**

If you find that plaintiffs seized or exercised control over a ship by force or threat of force, or any other form of intimidation, or if they performed any act of violence against a person on board a ship, or placed any object on board a ship that is likely to endanger its safe navigation, then they are guilty of a crime under United States law, international law and Nigerian law.

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**Nigerian Law – Assault in Pursuance of Conspiracy**

Under Nigerian law, any person who assaults any person in pursuance of any unlawful conspiracy respecting any manufacture, trade, business, or occupation, or respecting any person or persons concerned or employed in any manufacture, trade, business, or occupation, or the wages of any such person or persons, is guilt of a felony punishable by three years' imprisonment.

**Nigerian Law – Interference with Oil Operations**

Under Nigerian law, any person who interferes with or obstructs the holder of an oil exploration, oil prospecting, or oil mining lease or license (or his servants or agents) in the exercise of any rights, power or liberty conferred by the license or lease is guilty of an offense punishable by imprisonment, a fine, or both.

**Use of Force – Privilege**

The Nigerian Government Security Forces and Nigerian Police are legally entitled to use force as may be reasonably necessary to overcome any force used in resisting arrest, and cannot be found to have engaged in wrongful conduct for doing so.



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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPENSATORY DAMAGES**

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**Compensatory Damages**

It is the duty of the Court to instruct you about the measure of damages. By instructing you on damages, the Court does not mean to suggest for which party your verdict should be rendered.

If you find for any of the plaintiffs, you must determine the plaintiff's damages. The plaintiff has the burden of proving compensatory damages by a preponderance of the evidence. Damages means the amount of money that will reasonably and fairly compensate the plaintiff for injury you find was caused by the defendant. It is for you to determine what damages, if any, have been proved. Your award must be based upon evidence and not upon speculation, guesswork or conjecture.

1 **Compensatory Damages – Larry Bowoto and Bassey Jeje (Individual Claims)**

2 If you find for Larry Bowoto or Bassey Jeje on any of their claims – that is, for torture; cruel,  
3 inhuman or degrading treatment; assault; battery; or negligence – you must determine the plaintiff’s  
4 damages. In determining the damages for these claims, you should consider the following:  
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- 7 1. The nature and extent of the injuries;
  - 8 2. The disability, disfigurement, and loss of enjoyment of life  
9 experienced and which with reasonable probability will be  
10 experienced in the future;
  - 11 3. The mental, physical, and emotional pain and suffering experienced  
12 and which with reasonable probability will be experienced in the  
13 future, including injury to feelings, humiliation, shame, degradation,  
14 loss of social position or injury to credit or to reputation; and
  - 15 4. The reasonable value of necessary medical care, treatment, and  
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1 **Compensatory Damages – Oyinbo family – certain claims**

2 If you find for the Oyinbo family for Bola Oyinbo’s claims of torture or of cruel, inhuman or  
3 degrading treatment at any location; or for assault, battery or negligence which occurred before he  
4 was taken on land, you must determine their damages. In determining the measure of damages for  
5 these claims, you should consider:

- 6 1. The nature and extent of the injuries suffered by Bola Oyinbo;
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- 8 2. The mental, physical, and emotional pain and suffering experienced  
9 during the period between injury and death;
- 10 3. The reasonable value of necessary medical care, treatment, and  
11 services received during the period between injury and death;
- 12 4. The reasonable value of wages, earnings and earning capacity lost  
13 during the period between injury and death.
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15 **Compensatory damages - Oyinbo family – other land-based claims PENDING**  
16 **CONSIDERATION**

17 If you find that Bola Oyinbo’s heirs have proved Bola Oyinbo’s claims against any defendant for  
18 injuries caused by assault, battery or negligence which occurred on land in Nigeria, then you must  
19 determine what damages he is entitled to as compensation for those claim, if any. For those claims,  
20 Bola Oyinbo may recover only economic damages. He may not recover for any pain and suffering  
21 that he may have incurred. The following are the specific items of economic damages claimed by  
22 plaintiff:

- 23 1. Past medical expenses. To recover damages for past medical  
24 expenses, Oyinbo must prove the reasonable cost of reasonably  
25 necessary medical care that he received as a result of any injury he  
26 suffered on land for which you hold defendants liable and that caused  
27 him to incur the medical expenses.
- 28 2. Past lost earnings. To recover damages for past lost earnings,  
Oyinbo must prove the amount of income that he has lost to date as  
a result of any injuries that he incurred on land for which you hold  
defendants liable and that caused him to incur the lost earnings.

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3. Property Damage. For any property damage proximately caused by the incident, the difference between the value of the property before the incident and its value immediately after the incident, as well as reasonable compensation for the loss of use of the property during the time reasonably required to repair or replace it.

1 **Compensatory Damages – Irowarinun family – for Wrongful Death**

2 If you find that the Irowarinun family has proved their claim against any defendant for the wrongful  
3 death of Arolika Irowarinun, you must determine their damages. You should consider the following  
4 damages:

- 5 1. The financial support that Arolika Irowarinun would have contributed  
6 to the family;
- 7 2. The loss of gifts or benefits that the Irowarinun family would have  
8 expected to receive from Arolika Irowarinun;
- 9 3. Funeral and burial expenses; and
- 10 4. The reasonable value of household services that Arolika Irowarinun  
11 would have provided.  
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13 Your award of any future damages must be reduced to present cash value. In determining the  
14 financial support that Arolika Irowarinun would have provided to his children, you may consider  
15 the period in which those children were likely to be dependent on Arolika Irowarinun.

16 Roseline Irowarinun, Mary Irowarinun, and Margaret Irowarinun also claim the following damages:

- 17 1. The loss of Arolika Irowarinun’s love, companionship, comfort, care,  
18 assistance, protection, affection, society, moral support; and
- 19 2. The loss of the enjoyment of sexual relations.  
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21 In calculating these damages, you must calculate the monetary value of these injuries; you should  
22 not consider grief, sorrow, or mental anguish.

23 Bosuwo Sebi Irowarinun, Caleb Irowarinun, Orioye Laltu Irowarinun, Temilola Irowarinun,  
24 Adegorye Oloruntimjehum Irowarinun, Aminora James Irowarinun, Eniesoro Irowarinun, Gbenga  
25 Irowarinun, Ibimisan Irowarinun, Monotutegha Irowarinun, and Olamisbode Irowarinun also claim  
26 the following damages:

- 27 1. The loss of Arolika Irowarinun’s love, companionship, comfort, care,  
28 assistance, protection, affection, society, moral support; and

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2. The loss of Arolika Irowarinun’s training and guidance.

In calculating these damages, you must calculate the monetary value of these injuries; you should not consider grief, sorrow, or mental anguish.

In determining the Irowarinun family’s loss, do not consider:

1. Arolika Irowarinun’s pain and suffering; or
2. The poverty or wealth of the Irowarinun family.

In computing these damages, consider the losses suffered by all plaintiffs in the Irowarinun family and return a verdict of a single amount for the Irowarinun family. I will divide the amount among the plaintiffs in the Irowarinun family.

1 **PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

2 If you find for the plaintiffs, you may, but are not required to, award punitive damages. The purposes  
3 of punitive damages are to punish a defendant and to deter similar acts in the future. Punitive  
4 damages may not be awarded to compensate a plaintiff.

5 The plaintiff has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that punitive damages  
6 should be awarded, and, if so, the amount of any such damages. The amount of punitive damages,  
7 if any, will be determined by you at a later time. At this time, you must only determine whether an  
8 award of punitive damages is appropriate.

9 You may award punitive damages only if you find that the defendant’s conduct that harmed a  
10 plaintiff was malicious, oppressive or in reckless disregard of the plaintiff’s rights. Conduct is  
11 malicious if it is accompanied by ill will, or spite, or if it is for the purpose of injuring the plaintiff.

12 Conduct is in reckless disregard of the plaintiff’s rights if, under the circumstances, it reflects  
13 complete indifference to the plaintiff’s safety or rights, or if the defendant acts in the face of a  
14 perceived risk that its actions will violate the plaintiff’s rights under federal law. An act or omission  
15 is oppressive if the defendant injures or damages or otherwise violates the rights of the plaintiff with  
16 unnecessary harshness or severity, such as by the misuse or abuse of authority or power or by the  
17 taking advantage of some weakness or disability or misfortune of the plaintiff.

18 You may determine to impose punitive damages against one or more of the defendants and not  
19 others.



1     **Duty to Deliberate**

2     When you begin your deliberations, you should elect one member of the jury as your presiding juror.

3     That person will preside over the deliberations and speak for you here in court.

4     You will then discuss the case with your fellow jurors to reach agreement if you can do so. Your  
5     verdict must be unanimous.

6     Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but you should do so only after you have considered  
7     all of the evidence, discussed it fully with the other jurors, and listened to the views of your fellow  
8     jurors.

9     Do not hesitate to change your opinion if the discussion persuades you that you should. Do not come  
10    to a decision simply because other jurors think it is right.

11    It is important that you attempt to reach a unanimous verdict but, of course, only if each of you can  
12    do so after having made your own conscientious decision. Do not change an honest belief about the  
13    weight and effect of the evidence simply to reach a verdict.

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16    **Communication with Court**

17    If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to communicate with me, you may send a note  
18    through Tracy, signed by your presiding juror or by one or more members of the jury. No member  
19    of the jury should ever attempt to communicate with me except by a signed writing; I will  
20    communicate with any member of the jury on anything concerning the case only in writing, or here  
21    in open court. If you send out a question, I will consult with the parties before answering it, which  
22    may take some time. You may continue your deliberations while waiting for the answer to any  
23    question. Remember that you are not to tell anyone—including me—how the jury stands,  
24    numerically or otherwise, until after you have reached a unanimous verdict or have been discharged.  
25    Do not disclose any vote count in any note to the court.

1 **Return of Verdict**

2 A verdict form has been prepared for you. After you have reached unanimous agreement on a  
3 verdict, your presiding juror will fill in the form that has been given to you, sign and date it, and  
4 advise the court that you are ready to return to the courtroom.  
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