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SUPER EAGLES VICTORY REINFORCES NIGERIA'S CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AND SOFT POWER OUTREACH

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria congratulates the Super Eagles on their impressive victory over the Algerian national team, which is a commendable achievement that has uplifted national morale and reaffirmed Nigeria's enduring tradition of excellence in international sports.

The Ministry notes that sports, particularly football, remain a vital pillar of Nigeria's cultural diplomacy and constitute a key Presidential Ministerial Deliverable under the current foreign policy framework. Through football, Nigeria projects core national values of unity, resilience, discipline, fair competition, and collective aspiration, thereby strengthening people-to-people connections and enhancing the country's international image beyond conventional diplomatic engagement.

The Ministry further acknowledges the patriotic gesture by Mr. Abdul-Samad Rabiu, CON, who on 10 January 2026 publicly pledged substantial incentives to the Super Eagles in recognition of their outstanding performance and as encouragement toward continued excellence. This commendable act reflects responsible national citizenship and underscores the constructive role of the private sector in advancing Nigeria's soft power, national cohesion, and international goodwill.

By their conduct and performance on the field, the Super Eagles continue to serve as effective cultural ambassadors of the Nigerian nation, fostering continental solidarity, mutual respect, and positive engagement across Africa and the wider international community. Their progress in the tournament reinforces Nigeria's commitment to peaceful competition, cultural exchange, and constructive engagement through sports diplomacy.

As the team advances to the semi-finals, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on Nigeria's diplomatic missions and diaspora communities worldwide to amplify

this achievement as a symbol of national unity, partnership, and global relevance. The Ministry remains committed to strategically leveraging sports and other cultural assets as instruments of foreign policy in support of national development objectives.

The Government and people of Nigeria stand firmly behind the Super Eagles and wish them continued success as they carry the nation's flag forward with pride and honour.

Signed:

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