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NIGERIA COMMISERATES WITH THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO OVER THE TRAGIC RUBAYA MINE COLLAPSE

The Federal Government of Nigeria has received with profound sorrow the tragic news of the collapse of the Rubaya Coltan Mine in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has resulted in the loss of more than two hundred lives, with many others injured.

On behalf of the Government and people of Nigeria, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, OON, extends heartfelt condolences to the Government and people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly to the families of the victims who lost their lives in this devastating incident. Nigeria also conveys its deep sympathy to those injured and to the affected communities during this period of immense grief, and prays for the quick recovery of the wounded.

We note with concern the circumstances surrounding the incident, which reportedly occurred following heavy rainfall and affected artisanal miners and residents in the area. The magnitude of the tragedy underscores the severe humanitarian challenges confronting vulnerable communities in resource-rich regions, as well as the risks associated with unsafe and informal mining practices.

Nigeria stands in solidarity with the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It commends the efforts of local authorities and emergency response workers in recovering victims, providing medical assistance to the injured, and ensuring the safety of affected populations.

The thoughts and prayers of the Government and people of Nigeria are with the Government and people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo at this difficult time.

Signed:

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