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### **Press Release**

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#### **NIGERIA AND ZIMBABWE: ADVANCING A SHARED LIBERATION LEGACY AND ENDURING PARTNERSHIP ON ZIMBABWE'S INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The Federal Government of Nigeria extends warm felicitations to the Government and people of the Zimbabwe on the occasion of their Independence Day, commemorated annually on 18 April, marking the country's attainment of independence in 1980.

This historic milestone represents the culmination of Zimbabwe's liberation struggle and its transition to sovereign statehood, reflecting the resilience, determination, and aspirations of its people. The anniversary stands as a reminder of Africa's collective journey toward freedom, dignity, and self-determination, values that continue to underpin the continent's development and unity.

Nigeria acknowledges Zimbabwe's contributions to regional and continental affairs, particularly in advancing African solidarity, economic cooperation, and multilateral engagement. Zimbabwe's continued participation in regional initiatives reflects its commitment to peace, stability, and sustainable development in Southern Africa and beyond.

Nigeria and Zimbabwe share longstanding and cordial diplomatic relations rooted in common historical experiences, including the struggle against colonialism and the pursuit of African liberation. Both countries have maintained strong cooperation within the frameworks of the African Union, the United Nations, and other multilateral platforms, working collaboratively to promote peace, security, and inclusive development across the continent.

The bilateral relationship between Nigeria and Zimbabwe continues to evolve across key sectors, including trade and investment, education, agriculture, capacity building, and cultural exchange. Nigeria values Zimbabwe's partnership and remains committed to strengthening engagement through sustained diplomatic dialogue and mutually beneficial cooperation.

**Nigeria also recognizes the importance of deepening people-to-people ties between both countries, which continue to reinforce cultural affinity, shared identity, and collective aspirations for prosperity and continental integration.**

**On this auspicious occasion, Nigeria reaffirms its commitment to further consolidating bilateral relations with Zimbabwe and to advancing cooperation in areas that support economic growth, democratic governance, and regional stability.**

**The Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria extend their best wishes to the Government and people of Zimbabwe for continued peace, progress, and national prosperity.**

**Signed:**

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