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DISCLAIMER ON FAKE DIPLOMATIC RECRUITMENT NOTICE IN CIRCULATION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to disassociate itself from a fraudulent message currently circulating online purporting to offer employment in the Nigerian Diplomatic Service, allegedly within the Consular Section of our Embassies abroad. The message falsely claims that applicants have been shortlisted for diplomatic appointments and directs recipients to make payments to process a “credence note”.

The Ministry wishes to state unequivocally that the communication is fake, misleading, and the handiwork of unscrupulous elements seeking to defraud unsuspecting members of the public. For the avoidance of doubt, the general public should note that:

- ❖ Nigerian Missions abroad are not recruiting.
- ❖ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs does not conduct recruitment exercises through email correspondence, WhatsApp messages, or direct unsolicited contact.
- ❖ No fees are required at any stage of recruitment or diplomatic postings within the Ministry or Nigeria’s Missions abroad.
- ❖ Legitimate recruitment into the Nigerian Foreign Service is conducted through official government channels by the Federal Civil Service Commission.
- ❖ The Ministry does not authorize any individual or entity to request payments on its behalf for employment or diplomatic appointments.
- ❖ The inclusion of a reference to DSS clearance and attribution to the Ministry’s Spokesperson in the fraudulent message is a deliberate attempt to deceive the public.

Members of the public are therefore by this notice strongly advised to disregard such messages in their entirety. The Ministry urges anyone who has received

similar communications or has been approached for payment under this guise to report immediately to relevant security agencies, including the Nigeria Police Force and the Department of State Services.

The Ministry remains committed to transparency, integrity, and the protection of citizens from fraudulent schemes. Further enquiries or verification should be directed to the Ministry through its official communication channels.

Signed:

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