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NIGERIA COMMISERATES WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OVER THE TRAGIC EXPLOSION AT A FIREWORKS FACTORY IN HUNAN PROVINCE

The Federal Government of Nigeria extends heartfelt condolences to the Government and People of the People's Republic of China following the tragic explosion at a fireworks factory in Liuyang City, Hunan Province. This unfortunate incident reportedly resulted in the loss of at least twenty-one lives, with several others injured.

The explosion at the Huasheng Fireworks facility caused extensive destruction, displaced residents, and necessitated large-scale emergency response efforts, including the evacuation of surrounding communities. Nigeria commends the swift deployment of emergency personnel and ongoing rescue operations aimed at saving lives and mitigating further risks.

Nigeria expresses its deepest sympathies to the bereaved families, the injured, and all those affected by this tragic event. The Government and people of Nigeria stand in solidarity with the people of China during this difficult time, recognising the shared human pain that accompanies such sudden and devastating loss.

At this moment of grief, Nigeria reaffirms its enduring friendship with China and its commitment to strengthening bilateral relations, both in times of progress and adversity. The thoughts and prayers of the Government and people of Nigeria are with the Government and people of China as they mourn the victims and continue recovery efforts.

Signed:

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