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NIGERIA AND MOROCCO AGREE TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. Amb. Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, on Friday, 8th May 2026, held a telephone conversation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita.

The conversation was warm and productive. Both Ministers reaffirmed the longstanding bonds of friendship between Nigeria and Morocco and expressed their shared commitment to strengthening cooperation in areas of strategic mutual interest.

A major focus of the discussion was the Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline (NMGP), also known as the African Atlantic Gas Pipeline (AAGP), a significant infrastructure project along West Africa's Atlantic coast. The Ministers emphasised the project's importance in advancing regional energy security and economic integration. They noted that the pipeline project is based on the partnership between the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC Ltd) and Morocco's National Office of Hydrocarbons and Mines (ONHYM). The Ministers further observed that, following the completion of preliminary technical studies by the relevant agencies, an Intergovernmental Agreement is expected to be signed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and His Majesty King Mohammed VI in the last quarter of 2026.

Beyond energy cooperation, both sides discussed opportunities for collaboration in fertiliser production and distribution, recognising the sector's critical importance to food security across Africa. On the diplomatic and economic front, Nigeria indicated it is considering hosting the second session of the Nigeria-Morocco Bilateral Joint Commission (JC). The session would help revitalise the bilateral agreements signed in June 2018 during former President Muhammadu Buhari's visit to Morocco. Both Ministers also emphasised the importance of re-establishing the Nigeria-Morocco Business Council as a crucial platform for promoting bilateral and continental economic cooperation, whilst

utilising the opportunities presented by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the treaty on the avoidance of double taxation between the two countries.

The Honourable Minister expressed appreciation for the warm invitation extended by Minister Bourita for an official visit to Morocco at a mutually convenient time. The proposed visit is expected to further strengthen bilateral relations and promote the shared vision of a strong Nigeria-Morocco partnership in support of Africa's development.

Signed:

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