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### **Press Release**

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### **NIGERIA AND POLAND PLEDGE TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL COOPERATION IN DIGITAL ECONOMY, SECURITY AND TRADE**

The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, on Thursday, 21 May 2026, had a successful bilateral meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Economy of the Republic of Poland, H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Gawkowski, and his delegation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja.

The meeting provided an opportunity for both countries to review the state of bilateral relations and explore new avenues for cooperation in strategic sectors, including digital innovation, cybersecurity, trade and investment, agriculture, maritime security, education, defence cooperation, infrastructure development, culture, and tourism.

While welcoming the visiting Deputy Prime Minister to Nigeria, the Honourable Minister reaffirmed the longstanding, cordial relations between Nigeria and Poland, which date back to the establishment of diplomatic ties on 30 May 1962. She commended Poland for the peaceful conduct of its recent presidential election and reiterated Nigeria's commitment to democratic governance and institutional stability. Ambassador Odumegwu-Ojukwu highlighted the economic reforms being implemented under the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu aimed at improving the ease of doing business, enhancing fiscal transparency, and attracting foreign investment into Nigeria. She encouraged Polish investors and companies to take advantage of the growing opportunities within the Nigerian economy. The Honourable Minister also expressed appreciation to the Polish Government for its continued support to Nigerian students, particularly those affected by the conflict in Ukraine, noting that educational cooperation remained a vital pillar of relations between both countries.

On regional and international security, the Honourable Minister underscored Nigeria's determination to combat terrorism, piracy, and transnational organised crime, while calling for enhanced collaboration with Poland in the areas of intelligence sharing, cybersecurity, maritime security, and counterterrorism

cooperation. She further advocated the expeditious conclusion of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Cooperation between both countries.

Speaking during the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister of Poland described Nigeria as a strategic partner and one of Africa's leading economic and technological centres. He reaffirmed Poland's commitment to strengthening cooperation with Nigeria, particularly in the fields of artificial intelligence, digital transformation, cybersecurity, innovation, and private sector development. He also commended Nigeria's efforts in promoting regional stability and combating terrorism, while expressing Poland's readiness to deepen collaboration with Nigeria in addressing emerging global challenges, including disinformation and cyber threats.

The Deputy Prime Minister informed the meeting that several Polish companies had expressed interest in expanding their presence in Nigeria, especially in the digital economy and infrastructure sectors, while also extending an invitation to Nigerian companies seeking opportunities in Poland.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral political consultations, expanding economic and technological partnerships, and promoting stronger people-to-people relations between Nigeria and Poland.

**Signed:**

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