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**PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE BY H.E. AMBASSADOR EZENWA CHUKWUEMEKA NWAOBIALA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

His Excellency, Ezenwa C. Nwaobiala, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, has formally presented his Letters of Credence to H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, at a ceremony held at the Presidential Palace in Abidjan on 18th June 2026. Accompanied by his wife, Lady Chidinma Nwaobiala, the presentation of the Letters of Credence marked the official commencement of Ambassador Nwaobiala's diplomatic assignment in Côte d'Ivoire following his appointment by H.E. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria.

During the ceremony, Amb. Nwaobiala conveyed the warm greetings and best wishes of H.E. Bola Ahmed Tinubu to President Ouattara and the people of Côte d'Ivoire. He reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to further strengthening the longstanding bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. President Ouattara welcomed the Nigerian Ambassador and reiterated the importance of the cordial relations existing between Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria. He expressed readiness to work closely with the Ambassador towards deepening bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest, particularly within the framework of regional integration and economic development.

The ceremony underscored the excellent relations between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and reaffirmed both countries' shared commitment to promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in West Africa.

At a reception in his honour with members of the Nigerian Community, Amb. Nwaobiala highlighted that Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire are bound not only by geography, but by history, shared aspirations and an unwavering commitment to the ideals of African unity and prosperity. He expressed gratitude to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the confidence reposed in him and pledged to undertake his responsibility as Ambassador with humility, a sense of duty and firm resolve to advance the

**enduring interests of Nigeria while strengthening the bonds of friendship and partnership between the two brotherly nations.**

**The Nigerian envoy assured of commitment to fostering greater understanding, mutual respect and productive collaboration for the benefit of the peoples of the two countries, while advocating that nations around the world should continue to build bridges and partnerships, in place of walls and partitions.**

**Signed:**

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