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PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE AMBASSADOR AYO LUTHER OGBOMODE, mni, TO PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is pleased to announce that the High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of Sierra Leone, presented her Letters of Credence to the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, at a ceremony held at State House, Freetown.

During the audience that followed the presentation, the Nigerian Principal Envoy conveyed the warm greetings and best wishes of His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. She reaffirmed Nigeria's unwavering commitment to further strengthening the longstanding bonds of friendship, cooperation, and brotherhood that have historically united our two countries.

The High Commissioner warmly congratulated President Bio on his assumption of the Chairmanship of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and further expressed Nigeria's confidence in his leadership and conveyed our belief that, under his stewardship, ECOWAS would continue to advance regional integration, democratic governance, economic prosperity, peace, and collective security across West Africa.

In his response, President Bio conveyed his appreciation to President Tinubu and the Government of Nigeria for their goodwill and continued support. He reaffirmed Sierra Leone's strong commitment to deepening bilateral relations with Nigeria, particularly in the areas of trade, investment, education, security cooperation, capacity building, and regional integration.

The President emphasized that Nigeria and Sierra Leone enjoy an excellent and enduring relationship founded on a shared history, common values, and mutual respect. He further noted that, in his capacity as Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority, he remains committed to working closely with Nigeria in advancing regional stability, economic development, and the collective aspirations of the peoples of West Africa.

President Bio also paid glowing tribute to Nigeria's historic role and immense sacrifices in support of Sierra Leone during the country's civil conflict. He acknowledged that the people and Government of Sierra Leone continue to hold Nigeria in the highest regard and remain deeply appreciative of the solidarity, leadership, and assistance rendered during a critical period in their national history.

Signed:

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