



Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja

Press Release

No: MFA/PR/2026/194

NIGERIA COMMISERATES WITH COLOMBIA OVER DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE

The Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria express profound sorrow and deepest sympathy to the Government and people of the Republic of Colombia following the devastating magnitude 7.4 earthquake that struck western Colombia on 10 August 2026.

This powerful tremor, reported to be the strongest recorded in Colombia this century, is said to have caused significant losses of life, left many injured, and resulted in extensive damage to homes, hospitals, schools, and critical infrastructure across several regions, including Chocó, Valle del Cauca, Risaralda, and surrounding areas.

The Federal Government of Nigeria extends its heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost loved ones and wishes the injured a swift and full recovery. Nigeria stands in full solidarity with the people of Colombia during this period of national mourning and recovery.

Nigeria expresses confidence in the resilience, unity, and determination of the Colombian people as well as in the leadership of President Abelardo de la Espriella as the country undertakes search-and-rescue operations and begin the process of rebuilding.

May the souls of the departed rest in perfect peace.

Signed:

**Kimiebi Imomotimi Ebienfa, anipr
Spokesperson
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja
Tuesday 11th August 2026**