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NIGERIA CONGRATULATES THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON ITS 80TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

The Government of Nigeria extends its sincere congratulations to the Government and people of the Republic of India as they celebrate the 80th anniversary of their nation's independence on August 15, 2026.

Nigeria recognizes India as a valued friend and strategic partner, and warmly acknowledges the enduring bonds of friendship and cooperation that have characterized bilateral relations between both countries over the decades.

These ties, rooted in shared history as members of the Commonwealth and the Non-Aligned Movement, continue to be strengthened through cooperation in trade, investment, technology, health, education, defence, and cultural exchange.

On this auspicious occasion, the Federal Government commends India's remarkable journey of nation-building, economic transformation, and democratic consolidation since gaining independence in 1947, and its emergence as one of the world's leading economies and a key voice in global affairs.

Nigeria appreciates the vibrant and long-standing partnership between both nations, including India's continued investment presence in Nigeria and the significant contributions of the Indian community to Nigeria's economic development. Furthermore, Nigeria reaffirms its commitment to deepening bilateral relations with India across all sectors, including trade and investment, health and pharmaceuticals, information technology, defence cooperation, and South-South cooperation.

Nigeria looks forward to continued collaboration with India within multilateral frameworks such as the United Nations, the Commonwealth, and the G20, in advancing shared interests including reform of global governance institutions,

sustainable development, and South-South solidarity. The Federal Government extends best wishes for the continued peace, progress, and prosperity of the Republic of India and its people.

With the recent assumption of duty of Nigeria's High Commissioner to India, Ambassador SD Mohammed, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirms Nigeria's dedication to nurturing and expanding the warm and mutually beneficial relationship between both countries in the years ahead.

Signed:

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