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NIGERIA CONGRATULATES THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO ON ITS 66TH NATIONAL DAY ANNIVERSARY

The Government of Nigeria warmly congratulates the Government and people of the Republic of Congo on the occasion of the country's 66th National Day Anniversary, being celebrated today, 15 August 2026.

Nigeria joins the Congolese people in commemorating this significant national occasion, which marks the attainment of independence on 15 August 1960. On this occasion, Nigeria recognises the resilience and progress made by the Congolese people in advancing national development, peace, stability and prosperity.

Nigeria and the Republic of Congo enjoy cordial and longstanding relations anchored on mutual respect, African solidarity and shared values and common interests. Both countries remain committed to multilateralism and the advancement of African unity and integration. Nigeria particularly appreciates the Republic of Congo's constructive contributions to regional peace, stability and African diplomacy. Nigeria remains committed to working closely with Congo and other African partners in promoting dialogue, mediation and African-led approaches to conflict resolution.

The Federal Government of Nigeria also sees significant opportunities for strengthening bilateral economic relations, particularly in trade and investment, energy, agriculture, infrastructure, transportation, mining and manufacturing. Greater interaction between the private sectors of both countries would promote investment, technology transfer, employment creation and the movement of goods, services and expertise.

Nigeria also attaches importance to strengthening people-to-people relations through cooperation in education, culture, tourism, sports, youth development and professional exchanges, which can deepen mutual understanding and reinforce the bonds of friendship between both peoples.

As fellow African countries, Nigeria and Congo share common interests in advancing the objectives of the African Union and strengthening continental

integration. Nigeria welcomes greater collaboration in sustainable development, value addition, technology transfer, employment creation and regional economic integration, and remains committed to strengthening its partnership with Congo within the framework of the African Union and other regional and international organisations.

Therefore as Congo marks this important anniversary, Nigeria recognises the resilience and contributions of successive generations of Congolese to national development and renews its commitment to a peaceful, prosperous and stronger Africa. The Government of Nigeria looks forward to working closely with the Government of the Republic of Congo to expand bilateral cooperation and address issues of mutual interest at the continental and global levels.

Nigeria once again extends its warmest congratulations to the Government and people of the Republic of Congo on the occasion of the 66th National Day Anniversary and wishes the country continued peace, stability, prosperity and sustainable development.

Signed:

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