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NIGERIA CONDOLES WITH NORWAY OVER THE PASSING OF HIS MAJESTY KING HARALD V, CONGRATULATES HIS MAJESTY KING HAAKON VIII ON ASCENSION TO THRONE

The Government of Nigeria extends its heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family, particularly **Her Majesty Queen Sonja**, as well as the Government and people of the **Kingdom of Norway** following the passing of **His Majesty King Harald V** on Friday, 28 August 2026.

Nigeria joins the international community in mourning the passing of King Harald V whose thirty-five-year reign was characterized by dignity, humility, warmth and unwavering commitment to duty and service. His Majesty The King devoted his life to the service of the Norwegian people and the promotion of enduring values of unity, peace, openness, solidarity and peaceful coexistence.

During his reign, Nigeria and Norway maintained warm and cordial relations, developing mutually beneficial partnerships across political, economic and cultural spheres, as well as collaborating at multilateral levels to foster global peace, security, sustainable development and global cooperation.

At this time of profound grief, Nigeria stands in solidarity with Her Majesty Queen Sonja, the Royal Family, and the Government and people of Norway. Nigeria prays for comfort and strength for the Royal Family and the Norwegian people, and honours the memory of His Majesty King Harald V. May his

soul rest in eternal peace and may his legacy of dedicated service continue to inspire generations to come.

In the same vein, the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria extends its warm congratulations to His Majesty King Haakon VIII on his ascension to the Norwegian Throne. Nigeria wishes His Majesty good health, wisdom and a long and distinguished reign in the service of his people and nation.

Nigeria looks forward to working with His Majesty to strengthen and expand bilateral relations between our two countries with greater economic partnership, enhanced people-to-people and stronger institutional cooperation, as well as deeper multilateral collaboration for our mutual benefit.

Signed:

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