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NIGERIA, CZECH REPUBLIC DEEPEN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY COOPERATION AT UNGA 81

The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Petr Macinka, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, on the margins of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 81) in New York on 23rd September, 2026.

The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of both countries to further deepen their longstanding bilateral relations through enhanced political dialogue, expanded economic cooperation and stronger collaboration on regional and global issues.

The two Ministers underscored the importance of strengthening institutional engagement between their Foreign Ministries, through regular consultations aimed at sustaining high-level political exchanges and advancing mutually beneficial partnerships.

Discussions also focused on strengthening economic partnerships, with Nigeria highlighting the enormous investment opportunities across a range of sectors, including industry, infrastructure, technology, and innovation. The Honourable Minister encouraged increased participation by Czech businesses in Nigeria's economic space, while both sides recognised the importance of promoting trade and investment as key drivers of bilateral economic cooperation.

On defence and security, the Ministers welcomed the growing collaboration between both countries and explored avenues for expanded cooperation in support of Nigeria's counter-terrorism and national security objectives. The Nigerian side emphasised the importance of complementing defence cooperation with technology transfer, local capacity building, maintenance capabilities and joint ventures that would promote sustainable industrial development.

The meeting also addressed consular and mobility matters, with Nigeria expressing the importance of predictable and transparent visa processes for Nigerian students, researchers, business persons and professionals seeking opportunities in the Czech Republic. Both sides also acknowledged the value of facilitating people-to-people exchanges in strengthening bilateral ties.

The Ministers also exchanged views on key multilateral issues, including United Nations reform, Security Council reform, international peace and security, sustainable development, climate action, digital governance and the need to enhance the representation of developing countries in global governance architecture.

The meeting concluded with both countries expressing confidence in the future of Nigeria-Czech Republic relations and reaffirming their commitment to sustained cooperation in pursuit of common aspirations and shared prosperity.

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