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NIGERIA CONGRATULATES MEXICO ON ITS 216TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

The Federal Government of Nigeria warmly congratulates the Government and people of the United Mexican States on the occasion of the country's 216th Independence Anniversary.

Nigeria recognizes Mexico's remarkable journey of nation-building, characterized by courage, determination, resilience and the enduring spirit of the Mexican people. Nigeria also celebrates Mexico's cultural heritage, shaped by extraordinary diversity, and sustained by communities and traditions that have endured through times of challenge and opportunity.

Nigeria and Mexico have enjoyed cordial relations since the formalisation of diplomatic ties in 1976. Over the decades, cooperation between the two countries has steadily expanded across the political, economic, and consular spheres. In this regard, the Federal Government of Nigeria welcomes the growing momentum in Nigeria-Mexico ties, particularly following the inaugural meeting of the Nigeria-Mexico Consultation Mechanism on Matters of Mutual Interest, held in Abuja in November 2025. The establishment of this mechanism reaffirms the commitment of both countries to strengthening political dialogue, expanding trade and investment, enhancing consular cooperation, and advancing collaboration at the multilateral level.

Nigeria celebrates five decades of mutually beneficial ties with Mexico and welcomes opportunities to further deepen economic and commercial relations through increased business exchanges and investment partnerships that would translate into tangible benefits for the peoples of both countries.

On this auspicious occasion, the Federal Government of Nigeria wishes Her Excellency President Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, the Government, and the people of the United Mexican States continued peace, stability, progress, and prosperity.

Signed:

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