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HIGH COMMISSIONER ISAAC ADEWOLE PRESENTS LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO CANADA'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LOUISE ARBOUR

The High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Canada, Emeritus Professor Isaac F. Adewole, presented his Letters of Credence to Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Louise Arbour, Governor-General of Canada, on 15 September 2026, in Ottawa, Canada, formally marking the commencement of his diplomatic engagements in the country.

Following the presentation of his Letters, Ambassador Adewole in a brief audience with the Governor-General, expressed appreciation to the Government of Canada for accepting his nomination as the High Commissioner of Nigeria to Canada. He conveyed the fraternal greetings of His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to the Governor-General. The High Commissioner also relayed Mr. President's felicitations and best wishes on her assumption of duty as the 31st Governor-General of Canada.

The audience provided Ambassador Adewole an opportunity to highlight the longstanding cordial relations between Nigeria and Canada. He expressed Nigeria's readiness to work closely with the Canadian authorities to expand mutually beneficial cooperation and build on the existing foundation of friendship between both countries.

The High Commissioner also highlighted Nigeria's efforts in promoting democracy, good governance and counter-terrorism in Africa, noting Nigeria's role in addressing regional security and developmental challenges on the continent through ECOWAS and the African Union.

Earlier during the ceremony, the Right Honourable Arbour had described Letters of Credence as an instrument of trust between states, emphasizing the importance of rules-based interstate cooperation for the advancement of national interests and shared values. Speaking on the consequences of conflict, climate change and pressures due to global race for technological innovation, the Governor General urged countries to create the right conditions for peace, greater prosperity and improved quality of life.

The ceremony underscored the importance of sustained Nigeria–Canada engagement based on mutual respect and shared interests, and strengthened by the enduring people-to-people and institutional ties between the two countries. In this regard, Ambassador Adewole has expressed his determination to use his tenure to expand and deepen mutually beneficial cooperation and contribute towards further consolidating Nigeria-Canada relations.

The Federal Government of Nigeria looks forward to continued constructive engagement with Canada in advancing shared objectives, particularly in the promotion of peace, development, democratic governance and mutually beneficial international partnerships.

Signed:

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