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NIGERIA, SWEDEN DEEPEN BILATERAL ENGAGEMENT AS AMBASSADOR LOLA AKANDE PRESENTS LETTERS OF CREDENCE

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Kingdom of Sweden, Her Excellency Lola Akande, presented her Letters of Credence to His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden on 16 September 2026.

In an audience with King Carl XVI Gustaf following her presentation of Letters, Ambassador Akande conveyed the warm greetings and best wishes of His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to His Majesty the King, as well as the Government and people of Sweden.

The occasion provided an opportunity to underscore the longstanding and cordial relations between Nigeria and Sweden, and explore avenues for the strengthening of bilateral ties in areas of mutual interest. Discussions focused particularly on the need to expand economic cooperation between both countries by fostering more mutually beneficial partnerships between Nigerian and Swedish businesses and institutions.

Prospects for enhanced cooperation in sustainable development, digital technology and innovation, education, green transition and environmental sustainability were highlighted. These areas were recognized as important pillars of contemporary bilateral engagement, with considerable potential to advance shared development objectives.

Ambassador Akande reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to working closely with Swedish authorities to strengthen existing bilateral partnerships and identify new areas of cooperation for shared prosperity.

The presentation of Letters of Credence marked the formal commencement of Ambassador Akande's diplomatic responsibilities in Sweden and provided an important platform for further reinforcing the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Ambassador Akande looks forward to consolidating the existing foundation of Nigeria-Sweden relations through enhanced people-to-people contacts, stronger institutional exchanges and mutually beneficial initiatives that deliver concrete benefits to the peoples of both countries.

Signed:

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