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NIGERIA ELECTED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL FOR THE 2027-2029 TERM

The Federal Government of Nigeria wishes to announce Nigeria's election to the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council for the 2027-2029 term, having secured 172 of 181 votes during the Council's election held on 13 October 2026 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Nigeria was elected alongside fourteen other countries to serve a three-year term commencing on 01 January 2027 and ending on 31 December 2029.

The 47-member Council promotes and protects human rights globally. Therefore, Nigeria's election reflects international confidence in its commitment to advancing human rights and improving human rights conditions across the world.

The Federal Government of Nigeria expresses its appreciation to UN Member States for their support for Nigeria's candidature.

Nigeria reaffirms its commitment to sustaining dialogue, cooperation and mutual respect with Member States, and looks forward to working closely with Council Members in advancing the mandate of the Council and strengthening international efforts towards the promotion and protection of human rights.

Nigeria reiterates its commitment to constructive multilateral engagement and supporting initiatives that uphold human dignity, justice and respect for fundamental freedoms.

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