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NIGERIA CONGRATULATES BOTSWANA ON ITS 60TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

The Federal Government of Nigeria warmly congratulates the Government and people of the Republic of Botswana on the occasion of the country's 60th Independence Anniversary.

On behalf of the Government and people of Nigeria, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, conveys warm felicitations to Botswana as they commemorate this significant milestone.

Nigeria recognises the remarkable progress Botswana has made in its nation-building journey since independence on 30 September 1966, and commends its Government and people for their resilience, dedication and courage in advancing national development over the decades.

Nigeria and Botswana enjoy longstanding, cordial and mutually beneficial relations founded on shared values and interests, mutual respect and a common commitment to democratic governance, rule of law and fundamental freedoms.

Over the years, relations between Nigeria and Botswana have continued to develop across political, economic and socio-cultural spheres, supported by institutional engagement and growing people-to-people exchanges, particularly within the framework of the Nigeria-Botswana Joint Permanent Commission for Cooperation.

At the multilateral level, Nigeria and Botswana have maintained close cooperation within the United Nations (UN) African Union (AU) and the Commonwealth of Nations, where both countries continue to contribute to the promotion of international peace and security, sustainable development and a stronger multilateral system.

Nigeria reaffirms its commitment to strengthening its bonds of friendship and solidarity with Botswana, and to deepening bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of the peoples of Nigeria and Botswana.

On this auspicious occasion, the Federal Government of Nigeria extends its best wishes to His Excellency Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana, as well as the Government and people of Botswana for continued peace, stability, prosperity and progress.

Signed:

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