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EU, NIGERIA SIGN READMISSION AGREEMENT TO DEEPEN MIGRATION COOPERATION

Nigeria and the European Union (EU) have reaffirmed their commitment to deepening migration cooperation with the signing of the EU–Nigeria Readmission Agreement on Tuesday, 10 November 2026, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja.

Leading the EU delegation at the signing ceremony, H.E. Magnus Brunner, EU Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration, described the Agreement as a significant milestone in EU–Nigeria relations. He expressed optimism that the Agreement, which followed a decade of negotiations, would deliver immense benefits for both parties.

In her remarks, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, commended both parties for their steadfastness throughout ten-years of negotiations, which culminated in the successful conclusion of the Agreement. She explained that the Agreement was a clear reflection of the shared commitment of the EU and Nigeria to strengthening migration cooperation.

Ambassador Odumegwu-Ojukwu emphasized that the Agreement underscored Nigeria's commitment to the welfare, well-being and dignified return of its citizens. She expressed confidence that the pact would serve as a catalyst for enhanced cooperation between Nigeria and the EU in areas of mutual interest, including education, capacity-building and vocational training.

The Readmission Agreement is an important instrument that formalizes migration cooperation between the EU and Nigeria, clearly outlining the reciprocal obligations of both parties to the safety, dignity and human rights of their citizens during readmission processes.

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