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NIGERIA, MOZAMBIQUE SIGN MOU ON POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS, PLEDGE STRONGER BILATERAL COOPERATION

The Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Mozambique have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Political Consultations, reflecting the shared commitment of both countries to deepening their longstanding cordial bilateral relations.

The MoU was signed by Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, and her Mozambican counterpart, Her Excellency Maria Manuela Dos Santos Lucas, on Wednesday, 18 November 2026 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja.

In her remarks during the signing ceremony, Ambassador Odumegwu-Ojukwu described the signing of the MoU as an important step towards establishing a structured framework for sustained diplomatic engagement between Nigeria and Mozambique.

The Minister highlighted opportunities for expanded cooperation in diverse spheres, including trade and investment, education, skills development and digital economy, among other areas of mutual interest, and urged that greater attention be given to the finalisation of other pending instruments.

Ambassador Odumegwu-Ojukwu encouraged greater private-sector engagement and business-to-business partnerships, noting that stronger economic relations would effectively complement the strong political and diplomatic ties between both countries.

Earlier during the occasion, H.E. Lucas extolled the longstanding friendship between Nigeria and Mozambique, recalling Nigeria's support for Mozambique's liberation struggle.

The Mozambican Minister emphasised the need to translate the cordial political and diplomatic relations between the two countries into stronger economic partnerships, disclosing that Mozambique had granted approval to ten Nigerian investment projects between 2015 and 2025, particularly in the oil and gas sector, with a combined investment value of approximately US$25 million.

She highlighted the presence of Nigerian investments in Mozambique's financial services sector, noting that the current level of investment remained below its full potential. She consequently called for enhanced engagement to deepen economic cooperation and expand investment opportunities between the two countries.

On the welfare of nationals, both Ministers underscored the need to strengthen cooperation among their respective immigration and other relevant authorities to foster greater understanding, address outstanding concerns, and ensure respect for the rights and dignity of nationals residing in both countries.

The two Ministers welcomed the opportunity to strengthen cooperation through the newly signed MoU and expressed optimism that it would facilitate regular consultations, improve coordination between government institutions and advance mutually beneficial initiatives.

The meeting concluded with both countries reaffirming their commitment to consolidating their longstanding friendship through sustained diplomatic engagement, enhanced institutional cooperation, greater economic partnerships and stronger people-to-people relations.

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