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ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE BY THE NEWLY APPOINTED HONOURABLE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR YUSUF MAITAMA TUGGAR (OON)

The newly appointed Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency, Yusuf Maitama Tuggar (OON) assumed office today, Monday, 21st August, 2023 amidst cheers and celebrations from the management and staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as from the friends and family members of the Honourable Minister.

Ambassador Yusuf Maitama Tuggar was born on 12th March, 1967 to the family of late Senator Abubakar Tuggar of Udubo, Gamawa Local Government Area of Bauchi State. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Tuggar was Nigeria's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. In addition to being a seasoned Diplomat, he is a successful business man, a philanthropist, and an astute politician who has served the country in various capacities. He was a Member of the House of Representatives for Gamawa Federal Constituency from 2007 - 2011. He actively contributed to various Committees in the House of Representatives. These included House Committees on Foreign Affairs, Public Procurement; Petroleum (Upstream); Legislative budgeting; Agriculture; Public Petitions; Labour; and Interior.

As Nigeria's Ambassador to Germany from 2017 to August 2023, the Honourable Minister engineered several innovative enterprises and diplomatic endeavours between Nigeria and Germany. Some of which included:

- The return of ownership of 1,130 Benin Bronzes from the German Government;
- The facilitation and delivery of the Agreement on the Kano-Maradi Rail Projects with KfW of Germany and Africa Finance Corporation;
- The facilitation of Nigeria Incentive - Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) & Petkus Technologie GmbH Agreement;
- Facilitation of an agreement between Volkswagen of Germany and National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC); and
- Facilitation of Voith Hydro & Genesis Energy of Nigeria Agreement, among others.

The Honourable Minister equally has an impressive educational background. He has a Masters Degree in International Relations from the prestigious University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the United States International University in San Diego, United States of America. He did his Advanced Level Studies at Saint Bede's School in East Sussex, England. He had his secondary and primary school education in Kwara and Kano States of Nigeria respectively.

Ambassador Tuggar is happily married with children.

Signed

Francisca K. Omayuli (Mrs)

**Spokesperson
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Monday, 21st August, 2023