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#### NIGERIA REITERATES THE CALL FOR IMMEDIATE RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER IN GABON

The Federal Government of Nigeria has observed with concern the unfolding political developments in the Republic of Gabon, following the coup d'état that ousted the Administration of President Ali Bongo Ondimba on 30th August, 2023.

The inauguration of the Commandant In-Chief of the Gabonese Republican Guard, Gen. Brice Olingui Nguema as Chairman of the Ruling Committee for the Transition and Restoration of Institutions (CTRI) on Monday, 4th September, 2023, with no indication of a transition programme in place, only serves to fan the embers of growing discontent among the political class in the country

Nigeria, therefore, joins the larger international community to call for the immediate return to democratic constitutional order, which will go a long way to pacify dissident voices and restore trust and confidence to the electorate. Coups d'état only serve to compound rather than address any perceived problems.

The coup d'état in Gabon is therefore, one coup too many in Africa and it is unacceptable at a time when Africa is aspiring to consolidate on democracy and democratic principles for the attainment of United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Federal Government of Nigeria is committed to partnering with other democratically elected governments in Africa to sanction perpetrators of unconstitutional change of government in line with the African Charter



**on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ADC), until democracy is given the chance to thrive in every African country for the good of its peoples.**

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