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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

New York, 12 February 2001

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that today February 12, the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the Republic of Panama have established Diplomatic Relations.

We, therefore, request Your Excellency to distribute to all the States Members of the United Nations the enclosed Joint Communiqué that we have signed on behalf of our respective Governments.

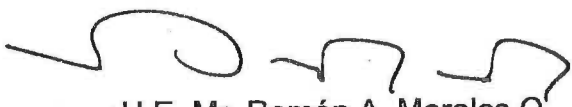
We avail ourselves of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

**For the Government of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria**

**For the Government of
the Republic of Panama**



H.E. Chief Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, MFR
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
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to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Ramón A. Morales Q.
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to the United Nations

His Excellency
Dr. Kofi A. Annan
Secretary General of the United Nations
New York



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA**

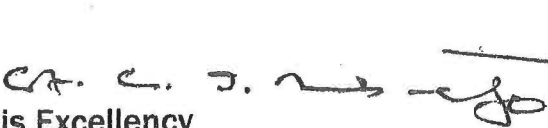
The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the Republic of Panama, desirous to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation in the political, economic and cultural fields, based on the principles of mutual respect for the territorial integrity and non intervention in the internal affairs of other States, as well as the norms of international law and the principles of the United Nations Charter, have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, of April 18, 1961.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the Republic of Panama express their assurances that the establishment of diplomatic relations in accordance with the national interests of both States will facilitate the strengthening of peace and world cooperation.

Signed in the City of New York, on 12 February 2001, in two copies in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the Government of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria**

**For the Government of
the Republic of Panama**


His Excellency
Chief Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, MFR
Permanent Representative


His Excellency
Ramon A. Morales Quijano
Permanent Representative



COMUNICADO CONJUNTO
SOBRE EL ESTABLECIMIENTO DE RELACIONES DIPLOMATICAS
ENTRE LA REPUBLICA DE PANAMA
Y LA REPUBLICA FEDERAL DE NIGERIA

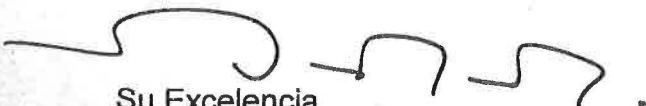
El Gobierno de la República de Panamá y el Gobierno de la República Federal de Nigeria, deseosos de estrechar los vínculos de amistad y cooperación en los campos político, económico y cultural, con base en los principios de mutuo respeto a la integridad territorial y a la no intervención en los asuntos internos de otros Estados, así como a las normas del Derecho Internacional y a los principios de la Carta de las Naciones Unidas, han acordado establecer relaciones diplomáticas, de acuerdo con las disposiciones de la Convención de Viena sobre Relaciones Diplomáticas del 18 de abril de 1961.

El Gobierno de la República de Panamá y el Gobierno de la República Federal de Nigeria manifiestan la seguridad de que el establecimiento de relaciones diplomáticas de conformidad con los intereses nacionales de ambos Estados, facilitará el afianzamiento de la paz y la cooperación mundial.

Firmado en la ciudad de Nueva York, el 12 de febrero de 2001, en dos copias en los idiomas español e inglés, cuyos textos son igualmente auténticos.

**Por el Gobierno de la
República de Panamá**

**Por el Gobierno de la
República Federal de Nigeria**


Su Excelencia
Ramón A. Morales Quijano
Representante Permanente


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