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Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala,
Honourable Minister,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Wuse,
Abuja.

RE: RESIGNATION FROM POSITION OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER

I write to convey the regretful acceptance of your resignation by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, based on your compelling need to take care of pressing family issues that demand your immediate attention. Mr. President wishes to acknowledge the unparalleled patriotism, dedication and loyalty that you displayed throughout your tenure, first as Minister of Finance and lately as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

2. Mr. President notes in particular the monumental achievements recorded by Nigeria during your tenure as Minister of Finance, and Chairperson Economic Management Team, as well as the successes of our reform programme in the Finance Sector with clearly visible results being applauded worldwide and by all Nigerians. You were able to utilize the vast network and experience of over 20 years at the World Bank to contribute to getting our nation the debt relief that had eluded us for so long. You delivered on all the tasks and targets set for you in that sector by Mr. President. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, you have within this short time set the tone for a transformation of the Ministry. This Administration will certainly miss you.



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3. Mr. President therefore regrets that you had to resign at this stage of our reform programme when various measures adopted by Government were beginning to yield positive results. Mr. President, however, respects your reasons for tendering your resignation which he has regretfully accepted.

4. Mr. President believes that although you have left the cabinet, you will as a patriotic Nigerian continue to make positive contributions to the development of your beloved country and wishes you every success in your future endeavours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'U. J. Ekaette'.

Chief U. J. Ekaette, CFR, mni
Secretary to the Government of the Federation.