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President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR
Head of State and Commander in Chief
of the Armed Forces
State House
ABUJA
Federal Republic of Nigeria

My President,

On behalf of OPEC, it is my distinct honour and privilege to respectfully offer our **sincere and heartfelt congratulations** and best wishes to Your Excellency on your **successful campaign** to win a **second term** as **President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria** on the platform of the **All Progressives Congress**.

This renewed **strong mandate** from the Nigerian people confirms the unflinching faith in your **resilient leadership** and **vision** for a prosperous and peaceful future for all in our esteemed Country.

Your positive and successful first-term achievements have been widely lauded, and your consistent message of **advancing** and **building** on these in your second term gives great hope to the Nigerian people.

From the perspective of OPEC, I would like to stress that your personal assurances of **Nigeria's support for the Organization**, and the visionary leadership and steadfast backing you showed during the inception and implementation of the historic '**Declaration of Cooperation**', helped play a vital role in its success. This has contributed to **returning stability to the oil market**, and to a **lessening of volatility** in the industry, which had been suffering from one of the worst cycles in its history before the '**Declaration of Cooperation**' was initiated at the beginning of 2017.

We are also grateful for the personal commitment you have shown to institutionalising the '**Declaration of Cooperation**'. We believe that this is not only vital to all OPEC Member Countries, and participating non-OPEC nations, but to the whole industry.

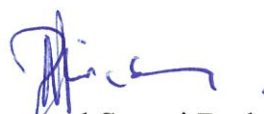
From a personal viewpoint, I recall the insightful meetings we have had since I assumed the role of OPEC Secretary General, with your strong backing, in **August 2016**. I was always taken by your deep understanding of all of the moving parts of the '**Declaration of Cooperation**', as well as your insights into the challenges facing Nigeria, OPEC and the global oil market.

We look forward to the continued support of Your Excellency over your next tenure of office, to continuing to benefit from your **statesmanship skills**, your **fountain of wisdom**, and your **rich reservoir of knowledge**, in the interests of producers, consumers and the global economy alike.

I wish to assure Your Excellency of the continuous commitment of OPEC and myself to the success of your administration.

Excellency, on behalf of my family and the OPEC Community I wish you good health and every success in your second term as President of Nigeria.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and respect.



Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo
Secretary General