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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026 FOR DEPOSITED COPY AND REGISTRATION RECORD OF THE NIGERIA-US MINERALS FRAMEWORK

I refer to your request dated 28th September, 2026, received via official email, requesting access under the Freedom of Information Act, 2011 to any copy held by the Federal Ministry of Justice of the mineral's investment framework signed in New York on or about 23 September 2026, and its registration status.

2. Following a search of our records, I am directed to respond in line with the FOI Act as follows:

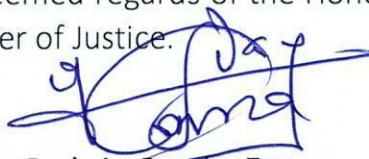
(a) On the executed instrument, signature pages, annexes, schedules:

As at the date of this response, no executed certified true copy of the said instrument has been formally deposited with the Federal Ministry of Justice for retention and registration. The Federal Ministry of Justice is not the originating or implementing Ministry. The primary custodian remains the Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, which led the negotiation, and the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs which is the Ministry for foreign instruments.

Your request for the executed instrument has therefore, been transferred to the Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals Development pursuant to Section 5 of the FOI Act for their direct response on availability.

(b) On registration record, title, date, registration reference and publication:

- i. Official title as **publicly announced**, Framework Agreement on Critical Minerals and Investment Cooperation between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the United States of America.
 - ii. **Date and place as publicly announced, 23 September 2026, New York.**
 - iii. Signatories as publicly announced, Hon. Minister of Solid Minerals Development on behalf of Nigeria and Deputy Secretary of State on behalf of the United States of America.
 - iv. **Depository and Registration Status**, The instrument is yet to be transmitted to this Ministry for classification, legal vetting under the Treaties Act, and entry into the Federal Register of Treaties/Agreements. Consequently, no registration reference number, official gazette publication or treaty inspection route has been assigned by this Ministry at this time.
4. In line with Section 2 of the FOI Act (Proactive Disclosure), once registration is completed and if the instrument is determined to be publishable without prejudice to Section 11 (International Affairs) and Section 15 (Third Party Information) consultations with the United States Party, its publication will be via the Federal Gazette and on the website of the implementing Ministry.
5. No copying charges have been incurred as no disclosable copy is currently held by this Ministry for reproduction.
6. Please accept the esteemed regards of the Honourable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice.



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For: Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice