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ON THE COLOSURE OF THE EQUATORIAL GUINEA DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN LONDON

The Republic of Equatorial Guinea Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation wishes to make known to the national and international Community that, as a consequence of the sanctions recently imposed by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland against His Excellency the Vice-President of the Republic, Charged with National Defence and State Security, Teodoro Nguema OBIANG MANGUE, for the supposed misuse of Equatoguinean public funds based on manipulated information spread by certain international non-government organisations, the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea has decided to close from today its Diplomatic Mission in London, and proceed with the imminent withdrawal of all personnel.

The Ministry for foreign Affairs and Cooperation reiterates the position that the sanctions are legally unsustainable, politically inopportune and manifestly contrary to the principles of mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of States which should govern international relations, and as an unfriendly gesture which has undermined all trust that may have existed between the two Governments.

Malabo, 26th July 2021

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