

**REMARK BY AMBASSADOR U. JOY OGWU, PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIA TO UN ON PRESENTATION OF
A \$500.000 CHEQUE TO AMB. KYAW TINT SWE, PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF MYANMAR TO UN, AS NIGERIAN
GOVERNMENT'S CYCLONE NARGIS RELIEF CONTRIBUTION**

On behalf of the Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I am honoured to present this cheque for the sum of Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500.000), through you, to the Government and people of Myanmar, as Nigeria's contribution to the on-going relief efforts in the country, following the devastation caused by cyclone Nargis, in early May 2008.

2. You will recall that the Nigerian government had on that extremely sad occasion, offered our deepest sympathies to the victims of the cyclone. We take this opportunity to express our unflinching solidarity with the government and people of Myanmar, for the concrete actions being taken to address the situation.

3. Cyclone Nargis is a grim reminder that the world continues to face the risks of widespread human and material losses arising from natural disasters. At the same time, it underlines the importance of our obligation to provide assistance in the wake of such disasters, so that victims could rebuild their lives and homes.

4. It is in this regard that the Nigerian government has responded to the international appeal for assistance for victims of cyclone Nargis. It is hoped that this contribution would help to facilitate the current relief and development efforts in the country. We assure you of our continued support.

5. I thank you

**Permanent Mission of Nigeria
to the United Nations**

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