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Training of Nigerian Military Personnel in Canada

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the "onourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Nigerian Minister of Defence, the Honourable Muhammadu Ribadu, and the High Commissioner for Canada in Nigeria, Mr. T. LeM. Carter, have signed in Lagos an agreement setting forth the conditions governing the training in Canada of military personnel from Nigeria.

The agreement between the two countries stipulates that Canada is responsible for the training of Nigerian personnel as well as their lodging and their travel within Canada. The Nigerian Government bears the cost of the basic pay and allowances for its military personnel and their transportation to and from Canada.

A number of Nigerian cadets are currently undergoing training with the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Navy.

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