## <u>Press release: Change of Her Majesty's</u> <u>High Commissioner to the Federal</u> <u>Republic of Nigeria</u>

Ms Catriona Laing CB has been appointed British High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria in succession to Mr Paul Arkwright who will be transferring to another Diplomatic Service appointment. Ms Laing will take up her appointment in November 2018.

## Curriculum Vitae

Full name: Catriona Wendy Campbell Laing

Married to: Clive David Nicholas Bates

Children: One daughter

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2014	to	present	Harare, Her Majesty's Ambassador
2013	to	2014	FCO, various specialised projects including in Crisis Management Department, and as additional Deputy Head of Mission in Moscow
2012	to	2013	Helmand, Head of Mission and NATO and UK senior civilian representative
2009	to	2012	Ministry of Justice, Director, Human Rights and International
2006	to	2009	Khartoum, Head, Department for International Development (DFID)
2005	to	2006	DFID, Head, International Division Advisory Department
2001	to	2005	Cabinet Office, Deputy Director, Prime Minister's Strategy Unit
2000			DFID, Globalisation White paper team
1999	to	2000	DFID, Head, Eastern Europe, Western Hemisphere Policy Department
1996	to	1998	DFID, Team Leader, European Union and International Economics Policy Department
1995	to	1996	Cranfield University, MBA Course
1994	to	1995	DFID, Economic Adviser, Latin America, Caribbean and Atlantic Department
1993	to	1994	UN Mission in Somalia, Head, UN Development Office
1992	to	1993	Overseas Development Administration (ODA), Economic Adviser, Aid Policy Department $$
1990	to	1991	ODA, Assistant Economist, British Development Division East Africa
1989	to	1990	ODA, Assistant Economist, West Africa Department
1986	to	1989	Botswana, Planning Office in Ministry of Works, Transport and Communications

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