

## Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Addition of Nigeria to the Generalized System of Preferences

August 24, 2000

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

I am writing to inform you of my intent to add Nigeria to the list of beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). The GSP program, which offers duty-free access to the U.S. market, was originally authorized by the Trade Act of 1974.

I have carefully considered the criteria identified in sections 501 and 502 of the Trade Act of 1974. In light of these criteria, I have determined that it is appropriate to extend GSP benefits to Nigeria.

This notice is submitted in accordance with section 502(f)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 27. The proclamation of August 27 modifying the Generalized System of Preferences to add Nigeria to the list of beneficiary developing countries is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting an Amendment of the Generalized System of Preferences

August 27, 2000

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

I hereby transmit a Proclamation in which I have determined that it is appropriate to grant preferential treatment for Nigeria as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). GSP benefits must be granted to Nigeria before that nation can receive further trade benefits under the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (Public Law 106-200).

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## Remarks to the Community in Ushafa, Nigeria

August 27, 2000

Well, thank you very much. Let me say, first of all, I want to thank your chief for making me feel so welcome, and all the elected officials. I want to thank the people who danced for us and played for us. They were very good, yes? [*Applause*] And I want to thank all those who made the gifts you gave to me and my daughter and our family. And I want to thank

the schoolchildren who walked down here with me and sang the beautiful songs.

I came to Nigeria to express the support of the people of the United States. We support your democracy. We want to help you build your economy, educate your children, and build a better life in all the villages of this country.

Thank you very, very much.