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ABSTRACT

The study set out to examine Nigeria's foreign policy under the leadership of President Obasanjo (1999-2007). Principally, the study examined the nature, character, trend and posture of Nigeria's foreign policy during the regime under consideration. By way of qualitative, exploratory research, predicated on the content-analysis method of social research, the study found out, among other things, that Nigeria's foreign policy under Obasanjo was significantly vibrant and progressive. The study submitted that Nigeria's foreign policy under Obasanjo (1999-2007) marked a significant departure from its immediate predecessor, particularly in terms of vibrancy and activism. The study also noted that the forceful traits of President Obasanjo's leadership style contributed to the vibrant character of Nigeria's foreign policy during the regime.

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CHAPTER ONE
GENERAL BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY

1.1 Introduction

Foreign policy is one of the fundamental concepts in contemporary international studies. In a nutshell, foreign policy is essentially the instrumentality by which states influence ore seek to influence the external world in an attempt to attain certain objectives that are usually in consonance with their perceived interest (Akinboye, 1999),

Nigeria's foreign policy can, hence, be conceived as the explicit objectives or goals which Nigeria wants to pursue and achieve in her external relations. In other words, it is the instrumentality by which Nigeria influences the global community/environment and through which she realizes objectives that are in conformity with her national interest (Akinboye, 1999).

Foreign policy of a country, to a large extent, is dependent on a number of variables among which are the country's demography, economy, as well as the character of political leadership. In Nigeria, the