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STATEMENT OF COMMENDATION

To the National Elections Security Task Force On Providing Security for the 2024 General Elections

The National Catholic Secretariat of Ghana wishes to extend its deepest commendation to the National Elections Security Task Force (NESTF), led by the Inspector General of Police, for its exceptional role in providing security during the 2024 General Elections.

As a nation committed to democratic values and the peaceful exercise of political rights, the importance of ensuring the security of citizens, electoral officials, and the integrity of the electoral process cannot be overstated. The NESTF's dedication and professional handling of security measures throughout this election period has been invaluable in maintaining peace and stability across the country.

We acknowledge the tireless efforts of the Task Force in preparing for and overseeing security arrangements both before and during the elections. Your proactive approach in mitigating potential threats, maintaining order at polling stations, and ensuring the safety of voters and election officials has contributed greatly to the credibility of the electoral process. There were the unfortunate pockets of vandalism and violence during and after the elections but by facilitating a safe environment, you have allowed Ghanaians to participate in the elections with confidence, free from fear or intimidation.

Furthermore, we applaud the collaborative spirit exhibited by the NESTF in working alongside other national stakeholders, including the Electoral Commission, political parties, civil society organizations, and the general public, to uphold peace and foster mutual respect among all parties involved. **We however, urge the Ghana Police and other security services to remain vigilant and professional and encourage them to deal more decisively with all those involved in the mayhem, treating them as the criminals that they are, regardless of their party affiliations, in the effort to maintain peace and order, while acting swiftly and fairly to protect citizens and property. Justice must be served!**

The Catholic Church continues to pray for lasting peace, unity, and stability in Ghana as we move beyond the elections into the next phase of governance. We are confident that, with the continued diligence and professionalism of the National Elections Security Task Force, our democracy will continue to thrive, and Ghana will remain a model of peaceful electoral processes in the region.

Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to the NESTF for your invaluable contribution to the 2024 General Elections. Your commitment to security, peace, and the rule of law is truly commendable.

May God bless all members of the National Elections Security Task Force and guide you in your continued service to our beloved nation.

In Christ,

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