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Press Statement

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CCCFS Opposes Approval of GM Products by Ghana National Biosafety Authority

The Centre for Climate Change and Food Security (CCCFS) is deeply concerned to learn of the recent approval granted by the Ghana National Biosafety Authority (NBA) for the commercialization of 14 newly developed genetically modified (GM) products, comprising eight maize and six soybean varieties in the country ([Ghana approves 14 new GMOs - Graphic Online](#)).

CCCFS remains steadfast in its commitment to promoting sustainable agricultural practices that prioritize the health of Ghanaians, the integrity of the already depleted environment, and the resilience of food systems.

While the Centre recognizes the potential of biotechnology to address certain agricultural challenges, we firmly believe that the commercialization of GM products poses significant risks and uncertainties that cannot be overlooked. These risks extend beyond concerns about human health and environmental impact to encompass broader socio-economic implications.

The approval of GM products by the NBA raises several pressing issues that demand careful consideration and robust public discourse. These include:

- ✓ **Environmental Risks:** The widespread cultivation of GM crops has the potential to disrupt delicate ecosystems, harm biodiversity, and undermine the long-term sustainability of agricultural landscapes.
- ✓ **Human Health Concerns:** Despite assurances of safety, questions persist about the potential health effects of consuming GM foods. The long-term health impacts of GM products remain inadequately studied and poorly understood.
- ✓ **Socio-economic Implications:** The commercialization of GM products may exacerbate inequalities within the agricultural sector, favoring large corporations over small-scale farmers and threatening food sovereignty and security.

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- ✓ **Transparency and Accountability:** The lack of transparent risk assessment processes and independent research raises serious doubts about the adequacy of regulatory oversight and the reliability of safety assurances.
- ✓ **Undermining Ghana's Food Sovereignty:** GM adoption will undermine Ghana's food sovereignty, and put the future of our food production in the hands of profit-seeking corporate cartels. Why would a country embark on such a risky venture?

CCCFS calls for greater caution and prudence in the adoption of GM technology. We urge the Ghanaian government and regulatory authorities to prioritize the precautionary principle and exercise due diligence in evaluating the risks and benefits associated with GM products.

We also call for enhanced public engagement and inclusive decision-making processes that ensure the voices of all stakeholders, including small-scale farmers, environmental advocates, and consumer rights groups, are heard and respected.

CCCFS stands firmly opposed to the approval of GM products by the NBA. We remain committed to advocating for sustainable agricultural practices that promote resilience, equity, and the well-being of both present and future generations.

Thank you,

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