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WORK TO REDEEM YOUR IMAGE AMONG THE GHANAIAN PUBLIC

The Progressive People's Party (PPP), wants to call on government to work hard to redeem its declining image among Ghanaians five years after failing to deliver good governance to the people and betraying public trust. A careful observation of the performance of the NPP government for the past five years from 2017 till date shows they have not lived up to the expectations of the people.

As a reminder to the government, in 2016, at the time the NPP was signing the social contract with Ghanaians, they pledged to deliver better governance with a manifesto theme resonating as '**CHANGE, AN AGENDA FOR JOBS: CREATING PROSPERITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**'. Based on this, Ghanaians voted massively for HE Nana Addo to lead our development agenda and repeated same in 2020 elections.

After five years in government, we ask: where are the jobs? Where is the prosperity the Ghanaian citizens were promised? And where are the opportunities? More people have been made poorer, rendered unemployed, suffered reduced standards of living, are living in fear of armed robbery, and experiencing impunity in the society. There is continued currency depreciation with the imposition of more taxes. Ghana's public debt is soaring higher than expected. Allegations of corruption is higher than before and businesses are collapsing. However, the government prides itself with policies that are not yielding any positive results on the lives of the citizenry.

We want to emphasize that the Ghanaian cannot settle for less and that, the voter deserves better. The people no longer have any confidence in the government and public trust is lost due to the failure of government to deliver on their mandate. This calls for drastic and urgent action to be taken by government through consultation of all stakeholders to build consensus on how Ghana should be governed for the benefit of all. We further propose the following to government:

- **Unite and Empower Ghanaians for Development:** Prosperity for all can only be attained in a united Ghana. The PPP is asking government to create an inclusive, united Ghanaian society with a shared vision to make Ghana a just and disciplined high-income country. It is with this shared national vision that Ghana can be reinvented. Use the best Ghanaian human resources available, home and abroad to deliver this vision doing away with winner takes all and the nepotistic tendencies exhibited over the years.
- **Review Aspects of the 1992 Constitution:** The blue print of our development which is the 1992 Constitution has given absolute power to the executive. This has corrupted the executive absolutely. Government urgently should review Articles 88, 243(1) and 78(1) of the Constitution to separate the Attorney General from the Minister of Justice as an effort to work towards fighting corruption, pave way for the election of MMDCEs to bring development and accountability to the people and to prevent members of parliament from becoming ministers of state in order to have a clear separation of powers for parliament to be more empowered.

People are voted into office to solve problems for the benefit of the general public and not to gloss over them. The current government can only redeem its image by living up to this task or government functionaries should forever hold their peace because their best is not enough.

Thank you

Signed:

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