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## A Call for Dialogue to the Electoral Commission and the NDC

We, the members of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG), made up of leaders and appointed representatives of the entire major religious bodies in Ghana, extend our heartfelt greetings of grace, peace and affection to you. Our beloved country is once again approaching elections to choose a President and Parliamentarians to represent us at the Executive and Legislative levels. While we laud the relative peace, we have enjoyed over the past years, we cannot overlook the loss of lives, injuries sustained and properties lost during some of our previous elections. For these, we extend sympathies to all affected families and parties.

The EPG acknowledges the crucial role of all key stakeholders in the promotion of peace in our elections and particularly in the upcoming 2024 General Elections. We, therefore, call for fairness and transparency in all processes leading to, during and after the elections. We strongly encourage professionalism and neutrality on the part of our security agencies and the personnel who will be involved in the election processes.

The Electoral Commission (EC) through her actions and inactions has faced many accusations leading to loss of confidence and heightened levels of mistrust in the conduct of Ghanaian elections especially, from parties in opposition. Nevertheless, the 2024 polls are being conducted under intensified skepticism, particularly due to concerns raised by the main opposition party, the National Democratic Congress (NDC), regarding the 2024 voters register and related issues.

We call on the Electoral Commission (EC) to elevate her consultations and participatory methods, and ensure increased transparency and improved communication with stakeholders to cultivate confidence and trust. This is especially significant in this crucial election year.

The EPG is also calling on the NDC and all political parties to exercise restraint as the issues of concern as articulated by the NDC to the EC, and allow due processes to be followed. We encourage the leaders of the NDC to be open to dialogue and avoid any actions that may seem to be inciting their large followers. We acknowledge their constitutional right to demonstration and will urge them to be peaceful and respect the laws of the land.

The EPG urges all stakeholders to be tolerant, use dialogue at all times, and work in the supreme interest of the good people of Ghana. It is our fervent prayer and hope that the Almighty God, that we variously worship, will help our dear nation go through this election year with no life lost, no injuries sustained nor property destroyed.

May God bless our homeland Ghana and make her great and strong.

Shalom

**Signed by EPG Members**

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