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NDC CELEBRATES GHANAIAN FARMERS AND FISHERMEN

The National Democratic Congress celebrates all Farmers, Fishermen and Agricultural workers in Ghana on this special day of the 35th National Farmers Day Celebration.

We celebrate your sterling achievements, the show of tenacity and unwavering resolve to feed and provide the dietary needs of the citizenry, even in the face of the very bizarre economic and production constraints imposed by the government.

In 1985, the PNDC government instituted this all important celebration to honor farmers for their effort towards the speedy recovery from the 1983 famine. It has since become an annual celebration to appreciate and honor the exceptional contribution of farmers to the economic growth of this country.

We take particular notice of how the mismanagement of the corrupt, clueless and nepotistic Akufo Addo government has led to the collapse of our flagship input support programmes, and how the practice of nepotism and rent-seeking in input subsidy programmes has led to the failure of the planting for food and jobs programme.

The lack of commitment on the side of government has contributed to growing production bottlenecks such as lack of access to improved seeds, lack of storage facilities; high input cost especially for poultry farmers; lack of access to markets; lack of access to farm machinery; non availability of premix fuel for fisherfolks due to politicization and corruption; lack of access to cheaper agro-credit and reliable agriculture finance; and high cost of transportation due to the growing cost of fuel and bad roads, has impacted negatively on productivity and profitability.

We use this opportunity to assure all farmers and fisherfolks, of our continuous unflinching support in the bid to achieve improved food security. We hold an unblemished commitment to vigorously pursue the course of improving the living conditions of farmers through productivity enhancing policies in our next government.

The leadership of the National Democratic Congress, encourages all farmers and fisherfolks to be steadfast and hopeful for a better tomorrow as we join hands with them in solidarity to collectively work together in a Rescue Mission to save the agriculture sector and improve the living standard of our farmers and Fishermen.

Ayekoo!!

Signed

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