



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS PEACE PACT 2020

THIRD HIGH LEVEL MEETING
ACCRA, 4TH DECEMBER, 2020





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ERADICATING ELECTORAL VIOLENCE IN GHANA'S DEMOCRACY: THE ROLE OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

1. We the presidential candidates of the two major political parties in the country, namely the New Patriotic Party (NPP) and the National Democratic Congress (NDC), having met at the Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel on this 4th day of December 2020, at the instance of the National Peace Council, the National House of Chiefs and the National Chief Imam of Ghana with the objective of securing peaceful general elections in December 2020 and the judicial resolution of electoral disputes.
2. Ghana's track record in organizing peaceful and credible elections in the Fourth Republic.
3. Recollecting the Kumasi Declaration which was signed by the Presidential Candidates of the 2012 elections committing themselves to "TAKING A STAND AGAINST ELECTORAL VIOLENCE, IMPUNITY AND INJUSTICE IN GHANA" as well as the 2016 Accra Declaration on "A COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL ELECTIONS AND JUDICIAL RESOLUTION OF ELECTION DISPUTES";
4. Taking cognizance that parliament has unanimously passed the Vigilantism and Related Offences Act 2019 whilst the political parties under the auspices of the National Peace Council have signed the Code of Conduct and Roadmap for the eradication of vigilante violence.
5. Bearing in mind that, in spite of this Act and Code of Conduct, sporadic violence has been reported in several constituencies during and after the 2020 voter registration exercise.
6. Anxious to renew our deep commitment to peace in all political activities before, during and after the December 2020 elections, hereby declare as follows:
 - i. That we hereby commit ourselves and our supporters to peaceful elections in the December 2020 general elections;
 - ii. That we undertake to accept the results of the said elections;
 - iii. That we undertake to restrain our supporters from resorting to violence in the aftermath of the said elections;
 - iv. That we are committed to the Judicial resolution of all election disputes;





- v. That we are committed to taking all necessary and appropriate measures to deepen our democracy and to preserve Ghana's well-deserved reputation as haven of peace, stability and constitutionalism on the African continent;
- vi. That we are committed to working together to undertake constitutional reforms in order to eradicate the root causes of vigilante violence in Ghana.

Adopted at Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel Accra on **Friday December 4, 2020** by the Presidential Candidates of the NDC and NPP of the 2020 elections:


1. 


H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo
President of the Republic of Ghana
flagbearer of the NPP


2. 


H.E. John Dramani Mahama
former President of the Republic of Ghana and
and flagbearer of the NDC


Witnessed by:


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His Lordship Justice Anin-Yeboah
Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana


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**His Eminence Sheikh Osman Nuhu
Sharubutu**
National Chief Imam


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Rev. Dr. Ernest Adu-Gyamfi
Chairman of the National Peace Council


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Ogyeahohuo Yaw Gyebi II
President, National House of Chiefs


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Dr. Emmanuel O. Akwetey
Executive Director, IDEG

