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**SOLIDARITY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ONGOING STRIKE ACTION  
BY THE BOLGATANGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF TUTAG**

We refer to our letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, reference number: TUTAG/VCTU-G-3/2022, addressed to the Chairman of the Vice-Chancellors of Technical Universities of Ghana (VCTU-G), in which we sent a strong warning to all Vice-Chancellors of Technical Universities to desist from giving wrong and weird interpretation to our newly signed IGF-related conditions of service, especially the item on our End of Service Benefit (ESB). We also refer to Section 42 (6) of the Technical Universities Act 2016 (Act 922) as amended, which states that *"A person in the employment of a polytechnic in existence immediately before the coming into force of this Act, shall be deemed to have been duly employed by the respective Technical University established under this Act on the terms and conditions attached to the post held by that person before the coming into force of this Act"*. The above section of the Act establishing Technical Universities in Ghana clearly acknowledges the continuous service of staff of the then polytechnics who smoothly went through transition processes as required by law to becoming staff of the newly established Technical Universities. It is therefore mindboggling and absurd for any individual or group of individuals, who by virtue of accrued rights, are currently occupying positions of authority in the Technical Universities, to attempt to vary the conditions of service of staff of the universities.

We therefore issue this solidarity statement in support of the ongoing strike action by the Bolgatanga Technical University Chapter of TUTAG, and warn that any attempt to victimise members of the above Chapter, especially the leadership, will incur the displeasure of the entire membership of the union across the length and breadth of the country.

Long live mother Ghana, long live TUTAG.

Thank you.

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