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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: THE PARAMOUNT CHIEF FOR SOME ALLEGEDLY COMPROMISED AFTER PEACE COUNCIL VISIT – SPOKESPERSON OF NOGOKPO

The attention of the National Peace Council has been drawn to publications on some media platforms to the effect that the Council has engaged in bribery in respect of the Nogokpo – Agyinasare impasse. The Council wishes to state that the allegations made by a supposed spokesperson for the Nogokpo community, Nufialaga Mawufemor Kobla Nornyigbey are not only false and unsubstantiated but totally unconscionable.

In a publication by Ghanaweb and Pulse Ghana both online news portals on October 26, 2023, Nornyigbey claimed that Torgbiga Adamah III, the Paramount Chief of Some Traditional Area and President of the Some Traditional Council, had been compromised after a visit from the Peace Council regarding the impasse between Nogokpo and the Perez Chapel Founder, Bishop Charles Agyinasare.

Nufialaga Mawufemor Nornyigbey also called for the scrapping of the National Peace Council, alleging that the Council's actions did not align with the pursuit of peace. As a statutory body established by the National Peace Council Act, 2011 (Act 818), the Council has a clear mandate to facilitate and develop conflict prevention, management, and resolution mechanisms to sustain peace in Ghana. The Council has intervened in many conflicts, including chieftaincy, political, communal, religious and other conflicts.

Following Archbishop Charles Agyinasare's statement about "Nogokpo as the demonic headquarters of the Volta Region" in a video during his sermon at the 5-day Supernatural Empowerment Summit at Perez Dome in Dzorwulu, Accra, from May 22-26, 2023, the Council engaged all relevant stakeholders to work out a peaceful resolution. On June 5, 2023, the Council spoke with the Chief of Nogokpo, Torgbi Saba V, and issued him a "conflicts complaint form", which he completed and returned on June 9, 2023.

On June 29, 2023, an eight-member team of the National Peace Council engaged the Some Traditional Council. Torgbiga Adamah III led his 13-member Traditional Council team, including Torgbi Saba V of Nogokpo and Torgbi Atsu-Gledza of Nogokpo-Agbakofe in the said meeting with the Peace Council delegation. We wish to state however, that Nufialaga Mawufemor Nornyigbey was absent at that meeting. The discussions were held in an open space with over twenty people present. Under no circumstances did the Council meet Torgbiga Adamah III in private or separately from the main meeting.

The Council is calling on Nufialaga Mawufemor Nornyigbey to retract and apologize for his false and damaging statement full of unsubstantiated allegations. The Council also urges all stakeholders and especially our media partners to verify any issues associated with the National Peace Council before publishing any material on the Council.

Thank you.

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