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NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL CALLS FOR AN END TO THE "POLITICS OF RELIGION"

The National Peace Council (NPC) and our key partners, the Christian Council of Ghana, the Office of the National Chief Imam, and the Catholic Bishops' Conference have observed with great concern some insinuations and publications on electronic and social media seeking to inflame religious passion into the 2024 General Elections.

As the National Institution responsible for peace in the country, the NPC and our partners wish to remind all Ghanaians of the admirable manner by which we have lived together in peace, despite our Religious, Political and Ethnic diversity. We have a duty as a people to continue to coexist and tolerate our diversity.

Article 21(1)(c) of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana recognizes and protects the right of all persons to freely practise any religion and to manifest such practice. Besides, Article 21(3) also provides for and protects the rights of all Ghanaians to freely form or join political parties and to participate in political activities subject to the qualifications and laws as are necessary in a free and democratic society and consistent with the Constitution.

The NPC, the Christian Council of Ghana, the Office of the National Chief Imam, and the Catholic Bishops' Conference, respectfully request all individuals and groups who are engaging in such insinuations and publications to refrain from such destructive mission and should immediately desist from such actions as they have the tendency to destroy our long cherish pluralistic friendly society. The NPC and our partners further urge all Ghanaians to expose such characters who have embarked on this slippery mission.

Long live Ghana

SIGNED:

- 1. CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL.
- 2. CHAIRMAN, CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA.
- 3. SPOKESPERSON, OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF IMAM.
- 4. THE PRESIDENT, CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE.