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Concern Members of National Association of Institutional Suppliers Demand Urgent Action on Unpaid Arrears; Government Given 14-Day Ultimatum

The Concern Members of National Association of Institutional Suppliers, we are a collective of institutional suppliers dedicated to providing essential services to educational institutions across Ghana. Our mission is to contribute to the seamless operation of educational facilities by supplying school Uniforms, House Dresses and School Clothes to all public Senior High Schools across the country. urgently calls upon the government to address the persistent issue of unpaid arrears for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic years.

In our steadfast commitment to fostering education, our member suppliers entered into contracts with the Ministry of Education through the heads of the various public schools for the supply of essential materials and services. Unfortunately, the Ministry's failure to settle outstanding payments for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic years has created a severe financial strain on our members.

Several of our suppliers, dedicated to supporting the educational ecosystem, resorted to securing bank loans specifically to fulfill their contractual commitments with the Ministry of Education. The mounting pressure from financial institutions and the compounding interests are exacerbating the financial distress experienced by our members.

In response to these pressing circumstances, the Concern Members of National Association of Institutional Suppliers issues a stern 14-day ultimatum to the government to do the following needful:

- 1. We demand the immediate settlement of all outstanding arrears for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic years.**
- 2. We call for a reconsideration of contracts terminated due to financial challenges of existing suppliers.**
- 3. That the ministry should invite suppliers to agree on payment terms for the 2023/2024 academic years' supplies.**

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Should the government fail to meet our demands within the stipulated 14-day period, we regretfully announce our intention to commence UNIQUE PICKETING at the Ministry of Education. This action aims to draw attention to the dire situation faced by our members and to ensure that the necessary measures are taken to rectify this issue promptly.

We call on stakeholders, the public, and concerned citizens to stand with us in advocating for a swift and fair resolution to this matter. The solidarity of the community is crucial in ensuring the continued provision of essential services to educational institutions across the nation.

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