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PRESS RELEASE

RE: REFERRAL BY THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO THE ECONOMIC AND ORGANISED CRIME FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO MONEY LAUNDERING AGAINST MS. CECILIA DAPAAH

1. The attention of the Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) has been drawn to a statement by one Samuel Appiah Darko, described as the Director of Strategy, Research and Communications at the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP), widely published in the mass media, to the effect that EOCO did not request the findings of the “*transboundary investigations*” conducted by the OSP and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and which formed the basis for the suspicion of the offence of money-laundering allegedly committed by Ms. Cecilia Dapaah.

2. In view of the intense public interest generated by the instant matter, and to correct the undue misrepresentation of facts, EOCO would like to set the records straight. Following receipt of the “referral” by the OSP on 25th January, 2024, EOCO by a letter dated 1st February, 2024 signed by the Deputy Executive Director (Operations), Abdulai Bashiru Dapilah, requested the Special Prosecutor for “*a copy of the findings on the case to facilitate*” EOCO’s investigations.

3. EOCO’s letter of 1st February, 2024 was received at the Front Desk of the Office of the Special Prosecutor by a Field Desk Officer II, Solomon Tetteh, who duly signed for the letter at 9.52 a.m. on **2nd February, 2024**. The Deputy Executive-Director of EOCO, Bashiru Dapilah, followed up to the OSP and discussed with Mr. Emmanuel Basintale, the Director of Investigations of the OSP, the possibility of expediting the release of the report. This discussion was done in the presence of the Deputy Special Prosecutor Ms Cynthia Lamptey. Mr. Basintale assured that as soon as he received clearance from the SP the report would be released to EOCO to assist in investigations. To date, EOCO has not received any information from the OSP.

4. EOCO deems it pertinent to indicate that it is aware of a Press Release issued by the OSP dated the same day that the OSP referred the investigations to EOCO – 25th January, 2024, in which the OSP stated that “*after nearly seven months of extensive investigations by the OSP and a parallel inquiry by*