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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

We would like to use this opportunity to wish Otumfuo Osei Tutu II a happy 74th birthday, 25years on the throne and the 150th anniversary celebration of the Asante People following the SAGRANTI WAR.

The Ashanti Regional Peace Council (ARPC) wishes to thank the almighty God for seeing Ghana through the Ejisu by-elections in the fourth Republic and to commend the people of Ejisu and the Ashanti Region for the peaceful and orderly conduct of the elections on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

The media, the Ejisu electorates, the Ghana Police Service, independent candidates, civil society organizations, the Electoral Commission, the Regional Security Council, and observers were among the stakeholders who skillfully and competently carried out their roles.

The absence of violent activities in Ejisu before, during, and after the by-election is highly commendable. We plead that this same commitment, diligence, and sacrifice will be replicated in the impending December 7 general elections.

Nonetheless, the Council wishes to call attention to and categorically denounce the practice of vote-buying and inducement, which has become more prevalent in Ghana's election system since 2008.

The ARPC urges the public, particularly politicians and electorates, to avoid unlawful and criminal acts, as per Section 6, 252 clause(2) of Criminal Code, Act 29, which prohibits giving or agreeing to give valuable consideration to public officers. The law enforcement agencies should make this unethical character non attractive in our democratic journey.

The Council is requesting that the Police Service make sure that those responsible for the violent altercations in Adugyama, Ashanti Region, which left three people injured, face legal consequences in order to prevent future occurrences of this kind.

It is from this backdrop that the Ashanti Regional Peace Council encourages all political parties to use the laid-down processes to challenge persons who do not qualify to register rather than resorting to violence at the District Registration Centers.

The Peace Council respectfully appeals to all the people of Ghana to continue to resort to time-tested non-violent mechanisms to peacefully address any outstanding election-related complaints.

Let us sincerely work out and live in peace.

Long live Ghana, and long live the Ashanti Region.



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