the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) of the United States, no direct and immediate evidence of corruption has been found in the seized funds and frozen bank accounts linked to Ms. Dapaah and her associates."

- 5. EOCO further noted that the OSP had in its letter referring the docket to EOCO stated, that, "in October, 2023, the investigation became transboundary with the involvement of the "Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) of the United States in respect of parts of the cash sums that were alleged to have been transported into the jurisdiction from the United States. After seven (7) months of extensive investigation and four (4) months of collaborative investigation, it seems to the OSP that the case is largely in the province of suspected money laundering and structuring".
- 6. The facts stated above made it necessary for EOCO to seek the advice of the Attorney-General on the matter as, in view of the clear indication by the OSP that the office had found **no direct and immediate evidence of corruption in the seized funds and frozen bank accounts linked to** the former Minister, it was difficult to ascertain the offence on which to posit an allegation of money-laundering.
- 7. Following the review of the docket presented by the OSP and the advice of the Attorney-General, EOCO returned the original docket received from the OSP back to the OSP on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024.
- 8. EOCO hereby assures the general public of its preparedness to uphold the highest investigative standards and to do right to all persons irrespective of political, gender, race, ethnic, social or economic status.

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