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THE MANAGING DIRECTOR  
CITI NEWSROOM  
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Dear Sir,

**NAGRAT DEMANDS REMOVAL OF NASIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - REJOINDER**

We write with respect to the news item on the Citi Newsroom webpage titled “NAGRAT demands removal of NASIA Executive Director” and dated July 24, 2024, stating emphatically that the statements in the news item are false, and hence, we provide explanations below.

**1. On the matter of the National Schools Inspectorate Authority (NaSIA) failing to work closely with the various teacher unions**

The Authority is regulated by the Education Regulatory Bodies Act, 2020 (Act 2023), which clearly stipulates the functions of the Authority in Section 89. These functions focus primarily on school inspections, ensuring quality education, compliance with educational standards, and regulating pre-tertiary educational facilities. More importantly, the NaSIA Governing Board, per Section 90 (1) (g) should have “one representative of the teacher associations nominated by the teacher associations on rotational basis”. Currently, the Board has a representative from the teacher unions who does not fail to bring to our attention concerns which need to be addressed. Hence, we value the work of teacher unions as collaborators in our line of work.

**2. On the matter of why the Authority has sidelined trained teachers under the Ghana Education Service to embark on inspections in various schools**

NaSIA regulates private and public pre-tertiary educational institutions. The GES institutions are regulated by NaSIA, and it is against NaSIA’s Inspection policy to engage active-duty teachers for inspections, as it will be counterproductive. During our inspections, we observe teaching and learning in the classroom during school hours. Hence, a need to have active GES teachers in the classroom doing their duty as teachers while we do our duty as Inspectors. To this end and acknowledging the importance of teachers in our inspection processes, we only engage trained former GES teachers and retired GES teachers as contract Inspectors on an as-needed basis.

### **3. On the matter of NaSIA collecting fees and charges**

NaSIA's fees are approved under the Second Schedule, Part E of the Fees and Charges Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 2023 (L.I. 2481). Hence, NaSIA is only mandated by law to collect these fees and charges and will be in breach of law if we fail to do so.

### **4. On the matter of NaSIA's quarterly reports**

NaSIA produces individual inspection reports which are submitted to the schools we inspect. We also produce annual aggregate reports which are published on our website: [www.nasia.gov.gh](http://www.nasia.gov.gh)

### **5. On the matter of NaSIA's engagement with representatives of teachers**

NaSIA had not received any formal request from NAGRAT requesting an engagement, and so, could not have denied same., We will, however, take this opportunity to engage with NAGRAT, so that their concerns can be addressed.

### **6. On the matter of NaSIA's leadership**

The National Schools Inspectorate Authority (NaSIA) would like to have on record that under the leadership of Dr. Hagggar Hilda Ampadu since June 2019, the then National Inspectorate Board (NIB), now NaSIA has undeniably and significantly grown and improved. For instance, we have moved from inspecting an average of fifty (50) schools per year in 2019 to over 10,000 schools per year currently, private schools included, producing annual aggregate and individual inspection reports which aid schools to improve on learning outcomes. We respect and value her leadership, and so would like to protect it as much as possible.

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