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PRESS RELEASE: CALL FROM THE TUC ON THE SSNIT SALE OF ASSETS

Following the call by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) on all unions and workers associations in the country to declare a nation-wide indefinite strike action to reject the actions of the SSNIT Board of selling 60% of its shares in four hotels, we, the members of the Technical University Teachers' Association of Ghana (TUTAG) wish to show solidarity with the TUC on this matter. We wish to state that in accordance with the procedures outlined in our Constitution and the Labour Act, Act 651 (2003), our membership will begin the processes of taking appropriate actions on the matter to be communicated to the public in due course.

It is the view of members of TUTAG that it is insufficient for SSNIT to merely discontinue the process of selling its 60% shares in the four hotels. We believe that in order to move forward in the right direction on this matter, it would be appropriate for the Board to be totally dissolved to allow for more competent individuals who are committed to managing the affairs of our pensions to take over, with labour unions constituting the majority.

We also demand an explanation from the Board and Management of the National Pensions Regulatory Authority (NPRA) on how they initially disapproved and then miraculously approved such an unfortunate sale within a two-week period after halting the process.

It is also our collective view that TUC must be broadly consultative of all their umbrella members in their nomination of individuals to such Boards and all other Boards that TUC is represented on. This approach will ensure that people of integrity, with a strong commitment to the interests of union members, are nominated to serve as TUC representatives on these Boards.

Members of TUTAG are also informed that Congress will be meeting soon to take a firm decision on this issue among others, and will issue a communique, accordingly. We hope and expect the government to take the necessary actions to ensure that the interests of workers are protected at all times. We look forward to the full cooperation from all our members.

Thank you.

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