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**RE: MAHAMA TERMINATES NORTHERN REGION TOUR TO CURB TURMOIL IN VOLTA REGION**

The attention of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) in the Volta Region has been drawn to a mischievous and misleading publication by Asaase Radio, an NPP-affiliated media outlet, regarding our Flagbearer, H.E. John Dramani Mahama's campaign schedule.

We wish to set the record straight and provide clarity on this matter:

1. The NDC and John Mahama were on a 4-day campaign tour of the Upper East Region, which ended on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024. His subsequent decision to visit the Volta Region was pre-planned and as such part of our comprehensive national campaign strategy. It is not a reactive response to any 'intense pressure' from the Volta Regional Executives to come save the Region from any so called 'inroads' made by the Flagbearer of the NPP during his recent campaign tour as erroneously reported by Asaase Radio.

2. We categorically reject the notion that John Mahama's choice of the Volta Region as his next stop indicates any abandonment of the Northern Region to rescue any damage caused to the Volta Regional fortunes of the Party. Our honest message continues to resonate strongly with the people of the North and our trust and confidence in the people of the Volta Region remains unshaken.

3. The Volta Region still remains the world bank of the NDC and that bond cannot in any way be compromised by Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, the NPP's weakest flagbearer in recent history.

4. The Volta Region, like all regions in Ghana, is crucial to our campaign, and any attempts to construe scheduled visits as desperate face-saving political moves is not only a deliberate fabrication but a blatant disregard for factual and responsible reporting.

5. Our Flagbearer remains committed to visiting every region and engaging with all Ghanaians as and when he deems it appropriate.

We call on Asaase Radio and all media outlets to at all times, as best practice requires, diligently verify their information before publication and to refrain from deliberately spreading misinformation that is calculated to mislead the public.

We also vehemently call on Asaase Radio and the NPP assigns working in that media house to retract their misleading report and issue an apology for their attempt to misinform the public.

H.E. John Dramani Mahama and the NDC remain focused on their vision to reset Ghana onto a trajectory of hope, development, stability and prosperity, and will thus not be distracted by baseless speculations. We are fully confident in the discernment of Ghanaian voters and their ability to see through these desperate attempts at political misdirection.

Signed:

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