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**ABOKOBI POLLING STATION ELECTION RE-RUN: ELECTORAL
COMMISSION SHOULD NOT VISIT ITS SINS ON THE VOTERS**

The Progressive People's Party (PPP) has taken notice of the Electoral Commission's decision to run fresh elections at the *Abokobi Women Development Training Centre* polling station within the Dome Kwabenya constituency.

We call on the EC to desist from such acts as they are unlawful and amounts to an unfair machination to twist the hands of the voters who have already taken time out of their busy schedules to make their choices known on December 7th 2024.

This bizarre decision of the EC is an attempt to influence the outcome of the Dome-Kwabenya constituency parliamentary elections to favour the New Patriotic Party candidate, who clearly lost to the NDC candidate.

The Electoral Commission's only reason for wanting to do a re-run of the elections at that polling station is that its own officers, used a training form instead of the original pink sheet to declare this result.

We find this reason very shallow and untenable. It is an emphasis of form over substance which does not make any difference. Secondly, the EC's decision is not backed by regulation contained in C.I. 127. The EC should be reminded that even though it is given the authority to conduct elections, such authority and conduct must be regulated by rules contained in the C.I. 127.

Thirdly, the EC's decision under the circumstances is not supported by case law. We remind the EC of the majority decision in the "*Nana Akufo-Addo vs Electoral Commission*" 2012 Election Petition case where the majority of the learned Justices of the Supreme Court, who spoke through Justice William Atuguba, emphasized that *violated electoral procedures cannot be used to invalidate an election result*.

The Supreme Court upheld the sanctity of the votes cast and the validity of the results obtained. No administrative errors or non-compliance with administrative rules could affect the validity of the votes validly cast by the electorate.

To the extent that the EC is not disputing the figures but rather dwelling on the wrong form used, we believe the EC is just wasting resources in an attempt to re-run the elections in that polling station. The voters will not be the same, the issues will

not be the same and to the extent that the entire constituency is not going to be run, we find this re-run to be unnecessary and an abuse of the electoral process.

We urge the NDC to stand by its victory and injunct the purported re-run when the need arises.

Signed

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