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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PRINCIPALS OF COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, GHANA (PRINCOF) URGES DIALOGUE AND RESTRAINT IN GTEC LEADERSHIP MATTERS

The National Conference of Principals of Colleges of Education (PRINCOF) has noted with concern the recent calls from some branches of the University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) for the resignation or removal of the Director-General of the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), Prof. Ahmed Jinapor Abdulai, and his Deputy, Prof. Augustine Ocloo.

PRINCOF is of the view that the issues under reference require further engagement and that the calls being made at this time need sober reflection. While we acknowledge the concerns raised by our colleagues in the traditional universities, we strongly advocate for resolution through dialogue and engagement rather than public ultimatums and signals of industrial action.

We recommend to all parties with genuine concerns to channel their grievances through the appropriate statutory and administrative pathways, including the Ministry of Education and the GTEC Governing Board, where seeming impasses can be addressed through collaborative problem-solving. The setting of deadlines and associated approaches tends to escalate tensions and risks undermining the stability of our educational institutions.

PRINCOF has consistently worked with GTEC under the leadership of Prof. Jinapor and Prof. Ocloo and have found their doors always open to engagement and dialogue.

We therefore call for cool heads to prevail. Now is the time for reasoned dialogue. Let us come together as stakeholders – government, regulators, and academic staff – to address concerns in a manner that preserves the integrity of our tertiary education system and promotes national development.

PRINCOF remains committed to supporting all efforts aimed at strengthening Ghana's education sector through cooperation, mutual respect, and lawful engagement.

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