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PRESS STATEMENT

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF THE ANTI-LGBTQI BILL

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

The Coalition of Muslim Organisations, Ghana (COMOG) has followed with deep concern recent developments surrounding the passage of the Anti-LGBTQI Bill by Parliament.

As a proud member of the National Coalition for Proper Human Sexual Rights and Family Values, we are concerned about reports that the latest version of the Bill was passed without the broad stakeholder consultations that shaped the original legislation.

COMOG recalls its extensive engagement, together with other Muslim organisations and stakeholders, with the Right Honourable Speaker of Parliament during the formulation and consideration of the earlier Bill. In recognition of his commitment to Ghana's moral, religious, cultural, and family values, the Muslim Ummah conferred on him the prestigious "Saifullah" Award, meaning "The Sword of Allah."

COMOG commends the Right Honourable Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin for his courageous and principled concerns regarding the process that led to the passage of the current version of the Bill.

We wish to emphasise that the earlier Bill was the product of wide consultations, advocacy, expert input, stakeholder engagement, and national dialogue involving religious bodies, traditional authorities, civil society organisations, and concerned citizens. It is therefore troubling that key provisions are reported to have been amended, diluted, or removed without adequate consultation with the stakeholders who contributed to their development.

Of particular concern is the reported removal of provisions intended to hold accountable individuals, organizations, and institutions that fund, promote, sponsor, facilitate, or advocate LGBTQI-related activities. Their absence raises legitimate questions about the effectiveness and impact of the current legislation.

COMOG is also disappointed in the conduct of both major political parties in Parliament. While the previous majority was unable to secure Presidential assent for the original Bill, the current majority appears to have presided over a process that weakened critical

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safeguards meant to protect Ghana's religious values, cultural heritage, family structure, and moral foundations.

We therefore respectfully call on members of the National Coalition for Proper Human Sexual Rights and Family Values, faith-based organisations, traditional authorities, civil society groups, opinion leaders, and all well-meaning Ghanaians to support the Right Honourable Speaker's call for reconsideration of the earlier Bill and its key provisions.

COMOG firmly believes that the original Bill better reflected the collective aspirations, convictions, and values of most Ghanaians. It also provided a stronger legal framework for safeguarding religion, family values, morality, and the future well-being of our nation.

As a country founded on strong moral, cultural, and religious principles, Ghana must ensure that laws affecting these values are developed through broad consultation, transparency, and consensus-building.

COMOG remains committed to working with all stakeholders to promote policies and laws that uphold the dignity of the family, protect future generations, preserve our cultural heritage, and strengthen national cohesion.

May Almighty Allah guide our leaders, bless our Parliament, and protect the Republic of Ghana.

...SIGNED...

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