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### ACCRA WILL NO LONGER BE A SANCTUARY FOR INDISCIPLINE: GREATER ACCRA REGIONAL MINISTER ANNOUNCES DECISIVE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN COMPLIANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND URBAN GOVERNANCE

As the Greater Accra Regional Minister and a resident of this great region, I am deeply saddened by the tragic events that unfolded across Greater Accra on 3 June 2026. On behalf of the Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council (GARCC), I extend my heartfelt condolences to the families who lost loved ones, those who sustained injuries, and all individuals whose homes, businesses and livelihoods have been affected.

The collapse of a multi-storey building at Adenta new site in the La Nkwantanag Madina municipality, the devastating fire outbreak within the Central Business District, and the widespread flooding experienced across parts of the capital are painful reminders of the challenges confronting our city. While we mourn affected families, we must also confront the reality that many of these incidents could have been prevented through greater compliance with regulations and stronger enforcement of existing laws.

For far too long, unauthorized developments, indiscriminate waste disposal, encroachment on waterways, disregard for planning regulations and weak enforcement mechanisms have undermined efforts to build a safe, orderly and resilient capital. The consequences are reflected not only in damaged infrastructure and economic losses but, most importantly, in the loss of human lives.

I must state unequivocally that responsibility does not rest solely with members of the public. We must also acknowledge that lapses in oversight and enforcement within some public institutions have contributed to these challenges. As Regional Minister, I am committed to ensuring that accountability, professionalism and strict adherence to the law become the hallmarks of governance within the Greater Accra Region.

In response to these events, Government through the Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council will immediately implement a series of measures aimed at improving public safety, strengthening regulatory compliance and protecting lives and property. These include;

### **Comprehensive Audit of Multi-Storey Developments**

A multi-agency inspection exercise will be undertaken to assess ongoing and recently completed multi-storey developments across the region. Buildings found to be in breach of approved permits, structural requirements or safety regulations will face the appropriate legal and administrative actions.

### **Removal of Unauthorized Structures and Encroachments**

Working closely with Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies, enforcement exercises will be intensified to remove unauthorized structures located within waterways, drainage reservations, road reservations, green belts and other public spaces. These interventions are necessary to improve drainage systems, reduce flooding and protect public infrastructure.

### **Enhanced Enforcement of Planning and Development Regulations**

All developers, property owners and land users are hereby reminded of their obligation to comply with planning, building and environmental regulations. Enforcement agencies have been directed to strengthen compliance monitoring and take firm action against violations.

### **Institutional Accountability Review**

The Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council will strengthen its oversight responsibility through the Regional Spatial Planning Committee for effective development control at the district level.

### **Improved Waste Management and Environmental Sanitation Enforcement**

Measures will be introduced to strengthen sanitation enforcement, eliminate indiscriminate dumping of waste and promote responsible environmental practices throughout the region. Maintaining a clean environment remains critical to reducing flood risks and safeguarding public health.

### **Citizen Reporting and Public Participation**

Mechanisms will be strengthened to enable residents to report illegal developments, environmental violations and suspected misconduct by public officials. Effective governance requires active collaboration between government institutions and the communities they serve.

I wish to assure the people of Greater Accra that Government will ensure that these measures are implemented consistently without fear or favour. The objective is clear: to build a safer, cleaner, more orderly and more resilient region where regulations are respected and public safety is protected.

I therefore call on residents, developers, landlords, traders, transport operators, traditional authorities, faith-based organizations and public officials to support these efforts. The future of Greater Awccra depends on our collective commitment to discipline, responsibility and respect for the rule of law.

Accra belongs to all of us. Together, we must build a city that is safe, orderly, environmentally responsible and fit for future generations.

Accra will no longer be a sanctuary for indiscipline. The time for compliance, accountability and responsible citizenship is now.

**Signed**

**HON. LINDA OBENEWAA AKWELEY OCLOO, MP  
GREATER ACCRA REGIONAL MINISTER**