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Dear Sir/Madam,

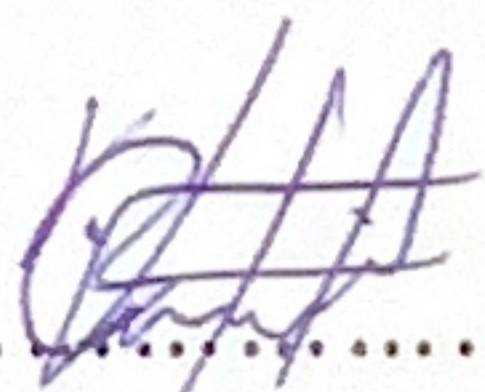
FORMAL PETITION AGAINST DR. FRANK AMOAKOHENE,
ASHANTI REGIONAL MINISTER

I respectfully submit herewith a Formal Petition jointly authored by myself, Madam Barbara Twum, and Madam Jennifer Owusu, addressed to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana.

The petition concerns serious breaches of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025) by Dr. Frank Amoakohene, Ashanti Regional Minister, arising from sexually offensive and misogynistic remarks published on social media.

We kindly request that the petition be placed before His Excellency for consideration and appropriate action in accordance with Section 6 of the Code.

Respectfully submitted,


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Madam Barbara Twum
(Petitioner)

FORMAL PETITION BY MADAM BARBARA TWUM AND MADAM JENNIFER OWUSU TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA, AGAINST DR. FRANK AMOAKOHENE, ASHANTI REGIONAL MINISTER, FOR SEXUALLY OFFENSIVE AND MISOGYNIST CONDUCT IN BREACH OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS (2025)

INTRODUCTION

The Petitioners, Madam Barbara Twum and Madam Jennifer Owusu, hereby submit this formal petition to Your Excellency against Dr. Frank Amoakohene, the Ashanti Regional Minister, for conduct constituting serious and multiple breaches of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025), which Your Excellency launched on 5th May 2025. This petition is submitted in good faith, in the public interest, and in the interest of preserving the dignity of women in Ghana.

This petition is brought pursuant to Section 6 of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025), which vests in Your Excellency the authority to receive and act upon petitions alleging breaches by political appointees and to impose disciplinary measures, including reprimand, suspension, or termination of appointment.

The conduct complained of concerns a sexually explicit, vulgar, and gender-demeaning statement authored and published by Dr. Frank Amoakohene, the Ashanti Regional Minister, on his Facebook timeline and directed at Miss Akosua Manu, former Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the National Youth Authority of Ghana. The exact words authored and published by Dr. Frank Amoakohene are set out in full in this petition and shall be referred to throughout as “the Offending Statement.”

THE PARTIES

The Petitioners: Madam Barbara Twum and Madam Jennifer Owusu are citizens of Ghana residing in the Ashanti Region and the Greater Accra Region of the Republic of Ghana, respectively, and are committed to upholding the sanctity of the laws of the Republic of Ghana.

The Respondent: Dr. Frank Amoakohene is a political appointee of Your Excellency serving as the Regional Minister for the Ashanti Region. In that capacity, he is bound by and subject to the full terms and provisions of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025).

The Victim: Miss Akosua Manu is a citizen of Ghana residing at Adentan in the Greater Accra Region of the Republic of Ghana. She is the former Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the National Youth Authority of Ghana. She is the direct victim of the Offending Statement authored and published by Dr. Frank Amoakohene

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Wednesday, the 3rd day of June 2026, Dr. Frank Amoakohene, in his capacity as the Ashanti Regional Minister, on his Facebook timeline, directly published a derogatory statement addressed to Miss Akosua Manu as follows:

“Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa? You want to have a taste of it?”

(Literal meaning: “Your clitoris. Do you want to have a taste of me?”)

The Offending Statement was made on his social media handle, specifically his Facebook timeline, and was subsequently circulated on other social media platforms. Evidence in support of this petition is attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit A**.

The Offending Statement was neither made in jest nor taken out of context, and it admits of no innocent, benign, or alternative interpretation. The phrase “Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa?” constitutes a deliberate, crude, and sexually suggestive reference to the female genitalia, calculated to demean, ridicule, and humiliate the Victim on account of her gender. The accompanying words, “You want to have a taste of it?”, amount to an overt sexual proposition and a grossly inappropriate remark, particularly coming from a holder of high public office.

Viewed objectively and in their proper context, the words employed by Dr. Frank Amoakohene are manifestly offensive, degrading, and incompatible with the standards

of dignity, decency, and respect expected of a Regional Minister and a political appointee of the President of the Republic. The Offending Statement reduced the Victim from a person deserving of respect and equal treatment to a sexual object to be mocked and taunted in a public forum.

The Petitioners contend that the Offending Statement constitutes sexual harassment, gender-based denigration, and misogynistic conduct of the gravest kind. Its publication on a public social media platform amplified its impact, exposed the Victim to public ridicule and humiliation, and undermined the values of respect, equality, and human dignity that the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025) seeks to uphold

GROUNDINGS OF BREACH OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CODE OF CONDUCT (2025)

The Offending Statement authored and published by Dr. Frank Amoakohene, namely, "Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa? You want to have a taste of it?", constitutes clear, grave, and multiple breaches of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025).

Section	Provision	Specific Breach by Dr. Frank Amoakohene
Section 1.3	Civility, Courtesy & Restraint	Dr. Amoakohene's words "Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa?" are obscene, crude and sexually offensive. They are the antithesis of decorous language. They constitute the very offensive and provocative conduct the Code prohibits.
Section 1.2(I)	Dignity, Fairness & Respect	By reducing the victim or women to a sexual object using a vulgar Twi reference to her genitalia, Dr. Amoakohene denied Miss Akosua Manu the dignity, fairness and respect every citizen is owed under the Code.
Section 1.5.7	Safe, Fair & Respectful Workplace	The comment "You want to have a taste of it?" constitutes a sexually harassing solicitation. It creates a hostile, demeaning environment and directly violates the minister's duty to prevent harassment and discriminatory conduct.

Section 1.2(e)	Comportment Befitting Public Trust	No person entrusted with ministerial authority could make such a sexually explicit remark and be said to comport himself in a manner befitting that trust. The comment is categorically unbecoming a minister of state.
Section 1.2(b)	Integrity & Public Confidence	A sexually offensive remark by a sitting minister fundamentally undermines public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of Government, particularly among women and vulnerable citizens.
Section 1.5.10	Upholding Government Dignity	Dr. Amoakohene's personal conduct in making these comments has caused public embarrassment to the Government of Ghana and damaged its reputation both domestically and internationally.
Section 1.5.11	Discipline, Diligence & Professionalism	As a minister, Dr. Amoakohene is expected to lead by example. His sexually demeaning language normalises harassment and signals to public officials that such conduct is acceptable.
Section 1.1	Highest Standards of Ministerial Conduct	The words "Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa? You want to have a taste of it?" cannot by any measure withstand the closest public scrutiny the Code demands. They represent a total failure of ministerial standards.

The Petitioners analyse three primary grounds of breach as follows:

Ground 1 – Section 1.3: Civility, Courtesy and Restraint

Section 1.3 of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025) requires that a Minister use decorous language, avoid offensive or provocative language or conduct, conduct himself with dignity, and refrain from acts of rudeness and disrespect. Dr. Frank Amoakohene's words, "Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa? You want to have a taste of it?", constitute a crude, sexually offensive, and degrading verbal attack directed at the Victim.

Far from being decorous, the words are vulgar, provocative, disrespectful, and wholly inconsistent with the standards of conduct expected of a Regional Minister. The language employed was calculated to demean, ridicule, and humiliate the Victim in a public forum.

The Offending Statement is the very antithesis of the decorous language and dignified conduct required under Section 1.3 of the Code. By authoring and publishing the said statement, Dr. Frank Amoakohene acted in a manner that was offensive, provocative, rude, and disrespectful, thereby committing a clear and unequivocal breach of Section 1.3 of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025).

Ground 2 – Section 1.2(l): Dignity, Fairness and Respect

The Code imposes on every minister a non – derogable duty to treat all citizens with dignity, fairness and respect. By addressing Miss Akosua Manu with the words, 'Akosua Kumaa, wokɔn do anaa?', a crude and derogatory reference to the female genitalia, Dr. Amoakohene demeaned and objectified her, reducing her from a person deserving of dignity and respect to a subject of sexual mockery. There is no act more corrosive of a person's dignity than to be referenced in terms of their genitalia in a public setting by a minister of state. This is a manifest and egregious breach of Section 1.2(l).

Ground 3 – Section 1.5.7: Safe, Fair and Respectful Environment

The Code requires the minister to maintain standards of appropriate behaviour, ensure that no person is subjected to discriminatory conduct, and treat all women with fairness and impartiality. The phrase "You want to have a taste of it?" is a direct sexual solicitation directed at Miss Akosua Manu or women. This constitutes sexual harassment. It creates an environment of fear, hostility and degradation for women who must interact with Dr. Amoakohene or his office. This is a direct breach of the minister's duty under Section 1.5.7 to prevent and not engage in discriminatory and harassing conduct.

Supporting Grounds – Sections 1.1, 1.2(b), 1.2(e), 1.5.10 and 1.5.11

The Offending Statement equally violates Dr. Amoakohene's obligations to maintain the highest standards of ministerial conduct (section 1.1); to uphold the integrity, objectivity and impartiality of Government (section 1.2(b)); to comport himself in a manner befitting the trust and confidence of his office (section 1.2(e)); to ensure his personal conduct upholds the dignity and reputation of the Government (section 1.5.10); and to uphold and promote discipline, diligence and professionalism by leadership by example (section 1.5.11). The words "Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa? You want to have a taste of it?" cannot, by any objective standard, withstand the closest public scrutiny the Code mandates, nor do they reflect the conduct of a person who leads by example in public life.

CONSTITUTIONAL DIMENSION

The Offending Statement is not only a breach of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025), but is also inconsistent with the constitutional values of the Republic of Ghana. Article 17(2) of the 1992 Constitution prohibits discrimination on the grounds of gender. The sexual degradation and public humiliation of a woman by a Minister of State on account of her gender is fundamentally incompatible with this constitutional guarantee and undermines the principles of equality, dignity, and respect upon which the Constitution is founded.

Furthermore, Article 35(5)(b) of the 1992 Constitution mandates the State to ensure the full integration of women into the mainstream of national development. A Minister who sexually degrades and harasses a woman in public actively undermines this constitutional mandate. Dr. Frank Amoakohene's conduct is therefore not only a breach of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025), but also an affront to the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.

IMPACT OF THE CONDUCT

The Offending Statement "Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa? You want to have a taste of it?" has had the following specific and serious consequences:

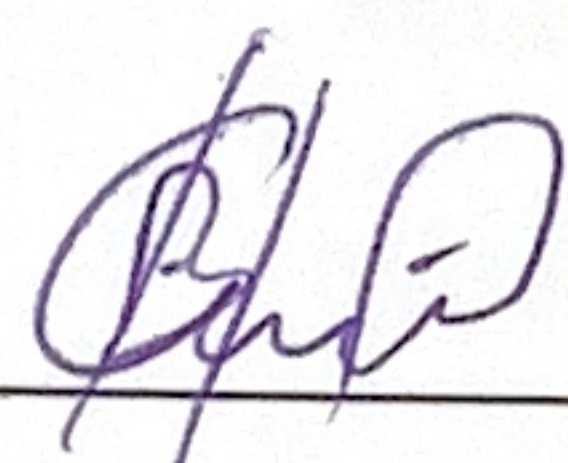
- a) **Harm to the dignity of women:** The Offending Statement sends a deeply alarming message to women across Ghana that a minister of state may sexually taunt and solicit them with impunity. This cannot be permitted to stand.
- b) **Damage to the Government:** The conduct of Dr. Amoakohene has caused public embarrassment and reputational damage to Your Excellency's administration, which has publicly championed the rights and dignity of women.
- c) **Undermining public trust:** Citizens, particularly women, who must interact with regional ministers and the offices of the Executive are entitled to do so without being subjected to sexual harassment. Dr. Amoakohene's conduct fundamentally undermines this expectation.
- d) **Normalisation of harassment:** If this conduct goes without sanction, it risks normalising sexual harassment and misogynist language by officials in positions of public authority.

RELIEF SOUGHT

Considering the gravity of the Offending Statement "Akosua Kumaa, wokon do anaa? You want to have a taste of it?" and the multiple and serious breaches of the Presidential Code of Conduct and Ethics (2025) established herein, we respectfully urge Your Excellency to exercise the authority vested in you under Section 6 of the Code and grant the following reliefs:

- a) **Formal written reprimand:** That a formal reprimand be placed on the official record of Dr. Frank Amoakohene;
- b) **Termination:** That Your Excellency considers the outright termination of the appointment of Dr. Frank Amoakohene, having regard to the sexual and degrading nature of the Offending Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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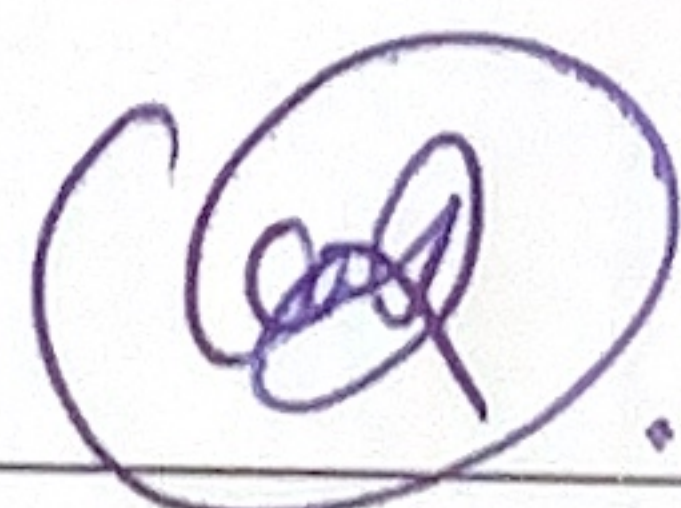
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ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: SCREENSHOTS OF FACEBOOK POST

CC: CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA

THE MEDIA

GHANA JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION

FIDA GHANA (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS)

AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT FUND (AWDF)

THE ARK FOUNDATION GHANA

ALLIANCE FOR AFRICAN WOMEN INITIATIVE (AFAWI)

WOMEN OF DIGNITY ALLIANCE (WODA)

CHRAJ (COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE)

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY CENTRE (HRAC)

WEST AFRICA CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTE (WACSI)

CDD-GHANA (CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT)

ATTACHMENT/ EXHIBIT

Exhibit A: screenshots of Facebook post

