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**RECLAIMING THE FUTURE: A DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR THE OFFICE
OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZER, NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS**

The NDC is not just a party to me; it is my life's work and my purpose. I have dedicated my entire adult life to building this Party and its Youth Wing from the grassroots to the national level. I have walked the long, dusty roads with you, not only as a commander, but also as a comrade.

Most recently, in my role as Chairperson of the National Youth Working Committee and Head of Operations for the National Youth Wing Campaign 2024, I have carried the weight of our collective ambition, not as a burden, but with immense pride, as a true calling. Together, we did more than campaign; we built the engine that transformed Ghana's youth into a vibrant, unstoppable force, rallying behind our brilliant, industrious, and visionary leader, President John Dramani Mahama, and the NDC.

This party has never been a stepping-stone for me; it is my home.

People often ask me why I am running for National Youth Organizer, and why now? As a frontrunner, my answer is simple: **IT IS TIME FOR ACTION.**

The National Youth Organizer must firmly and relentlessly push our appointees to open real opportunities for the NDC youth base. That work is not a part-time duty nor a ceremonial title. It must be a relentless crusade. It is the sacred duty of this office to push, to fight, and to pry open the doors of opportunity for the NDC youth base. This is a full-time calling, a fire that must burn from morning to evening, and it demands someone ready to give it everything. The NDC Youth Wing is our future, including our TEINs and all our departments, and we must see it grow not just in numbers, but in strength.

Our appointees are best placed to focus on the business of government, and our party officers on the party's work. When each gives full attention to the role before them, the President receives the devotion his appointments deserve, and the base receives the devotion its officers owe it. Each role matters, and each is best served by leadership that is fully present.

Today, I stand as one of you, and I make you this promise: I will carry your concerns directly to our appointees and advocate for opportunities for all NDC Youth, and I will ensure that our voices are heard and our concerns are acted upon without excuses.

As a first practical step, I will establish a ***Correspondence Desk*** system to receive complaints, concerns, and requests for opportunities from the youth base, and to ensure that no genuine concern is left unattended. We cannot solve problems we do not know about, and we cannot claim to serve the party if our people do not feel heard.

Secondly, I will *intensify our focus* on university campuses, TEIN branches, and youth wings across the country because, as Malcolm X said, *the future belongs to those who prepare for it today*. Winning Election 2028 starts now. It requires a Youth Wing that is organized, powerful, disciplined, ready and impossible to ignore.

And let me be clear about the kind of leadership I will exercise. I will press our appointees to serve and deliver on the mandate entrusted to them by the President, and not to make excuses. Where there is a door, we will open it. Where there is a way, we will find it. And where there is only an excuse, we will replace it with action.

The surest way to win 2028 is to fight for opportunities for the very youth who toiled on the campaign. They stood with us, and now we must deliver for them.

Together with you, we will continue building a strong NDC Youth Wing for the 2028 election. Our opponents in the NPP have a dead youth wing, lifeless, idle, and out of ideas. In 2028, we will bury them, not with noise but with hard work, teamwork, ideas, and innovation.

While they sleep, we will organize. While they complain, we will deliver. And when the final votes are counted, the victory will be so resounding, so undeniable, that the entire nation will know the NDC is the only home for the youth of Ghana.

We can only build a strong party when we build the people within it, when we find space for the talent of our youth and clear the path for them to seize real opportunities. Any party that forgets this principle weakens its own base. The President has already delivered a graceful and brilliant record, even in these early days of his tenure. Our duty is to match his tempo, to build a party in tune with his vision, and to push every appointee who works for the President to deliver, in equal measure, for the youth of this party.

This is my commitment with immediate effect.

I will humbly and respectfully ask for your prayers, your energy, your support, and your mandate to continue building the NDC Youth Wing when the party opens nominations. Together, we will continue to build the NDC Youth Wing into a machinery defined by efficiency, innovation, influence and sustainability, and make our party the natural home for every young Ghanaian.

The journey begins now, from our office, the **JUNE 10 HOUSE**, the date our great party, the NDC, was born in 1992.

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Youth! Power! Action!

Signed

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