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## **GII APPLAUDS PRESIDENT'S BOLD STEP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION**

Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII), the local chapter of Transparency International, wishes to commend H.E. President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo for making great strides in the fight against corruption by instructing the security agencies to investigate allegations of corruption made against officials within his government.

This commendation comes at the back of the Criminal Investigation Department's (CID) ongoing investigations into bribery allegations made against the Minister of Communications, Mrs. Ursula Owusu Ekufu, Deputy Chiefs of Staff at the Presidency, Mr. Samuel Abu Jinapor and Mr. Francis Asenso – Boakye at the instruction of the President.

Though this transparent unconventional approach may possibly not sit well amongst people in government, it is worth commending because it could serve as a deterrent to other government officials and public servants in general from engaging in corrupt practices and boost people's confidence in government's capacity to address corruption in the country.

Having commended the President, GII would like to enquire of the status of the following allegations of corruption that are yet to be fully addressed:

- i. The \$1.5m corruption scandal involving two former officials of the National Communication Authority;
- ii. A corruption allegation relating to the former Chief Executive of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA);
- iii. Reported corruption scandal involving 15 senior officers of the customs division of Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) and
- iv. The National Lotteries Authority (NLA) and the Parliamentary Select Committee on Finance bribery allegation

We call on the government and respective anti-corruption agencies as well as relevant state investigative bodies to thoroughly get to the bottom of these matters and in due course inform the public of the outcomes.

**Signed:**

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