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PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE- MOST REV. PHILIP NAAMEH

RE: "GHANA RISKS BECOMING MUSLIM-MAJORITY COUNTRY IF LGBTQ IS ALLOWED"

My attention has been drawn to a publication purportedly coming from CNN last week. The said publication with the headline: "*Ghana risks becoming Muslim-majority Country if LGBTQIA+ is allowed*" by *MyNewsGH* also found its way to other media outlets, including *Ghanaweb*.

In the said interview, I am alleged to have said that Ghana risked becoming a Moslem Country if LGBTQIA+ is allowed in the country.

I wish to state categorically and for the avoidance of doubt, that the statement attributed to me is false and do not in anyway reflect the actual content of the conversation which has to do with the Church's support for the Bill.

The position of the Catholic Church on LGBTQIA+, which I have stated in several interviews with the media, including Upfront on Joy News and in an interview with Citi FM last week, has remained the same; that, such practices are against not only Christian values, but Muslim and Traditional values as well.

It is also important to add that for the past 44 years that I have been a Priest, I have always promoted peaceful coexistence, religious tolerance and harmony amongst all people. In addition, I have the feeling that they only sought to cause disaffection for me and break the front of the formidable Coalition behind the Proper Human Sexual Rights and Family Values Bill.

It is in the light of the above that I call on all peace-loving Ghanaians and all people of goodwill to disregard with contempt the fabrications and distortions which are intended to distract our collective quest to make sure the bill is passed.

Indeed, all these years, the Catholic Bishops' Conference has insisted on mutual collaboration among Christians, Moslems, Traditional Leaders and all other Faith-Based Organisations in the country for peaceful co-existence and the common Good.

Long Live the National Coalition for Proper Human Sexual Rights and Family Values!

Thank you for coming!

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