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### **CLARIFICATION OF COMMENTS MADE BY MR. GABBY ASARE OTCHERE-DARKO AT THE NPP UK BIRMINGHAM CHAPTER EVENT ON 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025.**

The United Kingdom Branch of the New Patriotic Party (NPP-UK) has taken note of a statement issued by the Ashanti Regional NPP Parliamentary Caucus regarding remarks attributed to Mr. Gabby Asare Otchere-Darko, former Executive Director of the Danquah Institute, during his interaction with members of the NPP UK and NPP Birmingham Chapter.

We have also observed a flyer circulating on social media falsely quoting Mr. Otchere-Darko as having said that “Ashanti MPs failed their people.” This is entirely untrue and a gross distortion of his words.

For the avoidance of doubt, Mr. Otchere-Darko did not say that Ashanti MPs preferred community roads to flyovers. His reference was made within the context of Ghana’s severe economic challenges at the time, when several projects being financed through external loans had to be suspended. He cited an instance (without naming any MP) where an individual MP argued that, under the constrained fiscal circumstances, the immediate priority should be the construction of more community roads rather than a flyover.

His point was not to blame or discredit Ashanti MPs but to illustrate the difficult trade-offs government faced when revenue and borrowing options became limited. He explicitly stated that he knew the NPP government wished it had done more for the Ashanti Region, while cautioning against narratives that claim the region was “neglected.” He reminded the audience that politics is a “competitive and comparative game” and urged party members to show humility about where we fell short, but not to “knock ourselves down,” especially as we prepare for a stronger return in 2028.

Mr. Otchere-Darko also made the vital point that while the 2024 loss was huge, it does not mean that the nation has shifted to the NDC. He cited, for example, that although about 1.7 million new voters were added to the electoral roll, the NDC, despite improving its percentage share in Ashanti, could not increase its actual number of votes there by even 30,000. This, he explained, should

encourage the NPP to be confident about its prospects, provided that lessons are learned and the right strategic adjustments are made.

Mr. Otchere-Darko's remarks were, in fact, uplifting and forward-looking. He urged NPP members to regain confidence, avoid self-pity, and recognise that the NPP's record, which we delivered under one of the most difficult global economic periods, remains commendable and unmatched in many, many areas. He also empathised deeply with Ghanaians for the hardships endured and praised Ghanaian bondholders as "war heroes" who made personal sacrifices to stabilise the economy we have today.

Before his remarks, a former Deputy CEO had apologised on behalf of all appointees of the Akufo-Addo administration. In response, Mr. Otchere-Darko acknowledged the need for humility and introspection but cautioned against despair and despondency. His message was one of motivation, renewal, and belief in the NPP's historic mission.

We thank Mr. Gabby Asare Otchere-Darko, a former member of the NPP UK Branch, for accepting our invitation, on very short notice, to speak at the swearing-in ceremony of the new Birmingham Chapter executives. His address inspired reflection, unity, and renewed commitment to the cause of the Party.

We equally commend our Parliamentary leadership, the Mighty Minority, for their steadfast service to the Party and the Republic, and we extend special appreciation to the Ashanti Parliamentary Caucus for their continued dedication to the NPP's growth in the region. With such leadership, we are confident that the NPP will rise stronger and secure victory in 2028 to continue delivering for the people of Ghana.

**Signed**

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