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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **STATEMENT BY CSOs ON THE 2020 ELECTIONS**

We, the undersigned civil society organizations, have been monitoring the 2020 election process and activities aftermath. We are by this statement commending and admonishing stakeholders involved at all stages of the election.

1. We commend the people of Ghana for their generally peaceful participation and conduct during the on-going 2020 elections, albeit with some pockets of violence which we condemn and expect that due processes to investigate and prosecute perpetrators will follow;
2. We encourage the two (2) major political parties to kindly desist from any further press conferences and to get their members to stay calm, while we wait for the Electoral Commission to provide all the certified results and make the final declaration;
3. We wish to highlight that the processes for certifying, declaring and challenging results have been clearly outlined by our electoral laws and we expect that any disagreements should follow the laid down processes, using the relevant supporting documentation;
4. We call on all the leadership and staff of the Electoral Commission to remain responsible, tolerant and continue to show a high level of integrity in all the outstanding processes;
5. We encourage all citizens to remain calm while waiting for the constitutionally mandated body (Electoral Commission) to provide accurate information on the Presidential election result;
6. Finally, as Ghanaians we have a proud heritage to protect, each one of us should continue to be vigilant, promote peace wherever we find ourselves and contribute to ensuring that the 2020 electoral process ends well, such that our democratic credentials are further bolstered.

God save Ghana!!

### **SIGNED BY THE UNDERLISTED ORGANISATIONS**

1. Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC)
2. IMANI-Ghana
3. Penplusbytes
4. Citizens Movement Against Corruption (CMAc)
5. Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP)
6. Ghana Integrity Initiative
7. Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA)
8. SEND Ghana
9. Africa Centre for International Law and Accountability (ACILA)
10. Renel Ghana Foundation (RGF)