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The Special Prosecutor  
Office of the Special Prosecutor  
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The Inspector General of Police  
Ghana Police Service  
Headquarters  
Accra

Dear Sirs,

**INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CORRUPTION, BRIBERY, TREATING AND  
UNDUE INFLUENCE AT NEW PATRIOTIC PARTY (NPP) REGIONAL  
EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS**

I write to draw your attention to widespread reports in the social media, which was equally discussed on the radio, that the offenses of corruption, bribery, treating and undue influence did take place at the congresses of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) to elect regional executives of the NPP in all the regions of Ghana. Some candidates are reported to have confirmed some of the reports. These elections, which were by law public elections, were held under the auspices of the Electoral Commission (EC) of Ghana.

Senior Government officials who are members of the NPP were in attendance at these congresses. Regional and National level executives of the NPP who are “politically exposed persons” under section 79 of the Office of the Special Prosecutor Act, 2017 Act 959 were also present at these congresses.

The Representation of the People Law, 1992 (PNDCL 284) has made bribery, treating and undue influence in any public election offenses. Bribery, treating and undue influence are clearly defined in sections 33, 34 and 35 of Law 284. Section 256 of the Criminal Code, 1960 (Act 29) also deals with corruption in relation to elections.

Your mandate as Special Prosecutor extends to investigating allegations of corruption by politically exposed persons and prosecuting them where there is evidence to substantiate the charges.

For those who do not qualify as “politically exposed person” the Inspector General of Police has a mandate to investigate those matters.

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The seeds of the cancer of corruption in public office in our country are sown at political party congresses and mature as fully grown serpents of corruption when political actors produced through that system end up in public office.

The Office of Special Prosecutor and the Inspector General of Police must begin to develop tools for policing elections to political parties' offices with a view <sup>to</sup> nip corruption in the bud.  
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Please accept considerations of my highest regards.

Thank you.

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