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ATTACK ON SCIENCE RELATED ENDEAVORS IN GHANA, IS CONDEMNABLE: - AFRICA'S POVERTY GAP, IS TECHNOLOGY GAP, SCIENCE IN ACTION, IS TECHNOLOGY

- 1) The Africa Development Council has noticed from the Ghanaian **Daily Graphic**, a purported attack on the Quiz Mistress of Ghanaian National Science Quiz Program, Ing. Prof. Elsie Effah Kaufman, of the University of Ghana.
- 2) The said attack stemmed from the Quiz Mistress' comment during a Radio interview on a Ghanaian based Radio station. A comment which sought to suggest that, for one to make it in Science, one has to be prepared far in advance.
- 3) And that, not while others are preparing seriously for it, you are doing unrelated things, only to go and you cannot make it. Thus, "While other schools are singing and dancing, **PRESEC-Legon** is having quiz programs in their school". The PRESEC in question, has been the winner of the National Science Quiz Competition, on several occasions, in Ghana.
- 4) Attempt by a group of people to overstretch her comment to mean disrespect for Arts endeavors, creating friction among the Scientific and Arts Community in Ghana, will not augur well for Industrial Development in that country, if not nipped in the bud.
- 5) Ghana is noted for the harmonious coexistence of groups of people of diverse endeavors. An example of the likes of such a group, is the Ghanaian Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- 6) The Council therefore, calls on the Leadership of the Arts and Tourism Writers Association of Ghana (ATWAG), to as a matter of urgency, **withdraw such Press Release that sought to ask the Quiz Mistress to render an unqualified apology for her comment**. This demand has the potential of causing more harm than good, to Ghana's economic fortune, in terms of education and application of Science and Technology for industrial revolution in that country.
- 7) The Africa Development Council hopes that, the Media will give the necessary attention to its Press Release, as has been given to that of ATWAG.

Thank you.

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