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**INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CHILD MARRIAGE**

The attention of the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Justice has been drawn to publications by various media outlets of an alleged celebration of marriage between one Nuumo Borketey Laweh Tsuru XXXIII and one girl child, Naa Okromo, aged 12 years old.

As you are aware, sections 14 and 15 of the Children's Act 1998 (Act 560) provide as follows:

**14. Right to refuse betrothal and marriage**

- (1) A person shall not force a child
  - (a) to be betrothed,
  - (b) to be the subject of a dowry transaction, or
  - (c) to be married.
- (2) The minimum age of marriage of whatever kind is eighteen years.

**15. Penalty for contravention**

A person who contravenes a provision of sections 2 to 14 commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty penalty units or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year or to both the fine and the imprisonment.

The allegations, if proven, constitute a criminal offence for which all persons involved must face prosecution. We would appreciate it if you could cause your outfit to conduct the necessary investigation of the alleged child marriage to enable our Office to do the needful.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Office should you require further information. Kindly accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

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