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GHANA YOUTH MANIFESTO COALITION COMMENDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT MINISTRY

The Ghana Youth Manifesto (GYM) Coalition lauds Ghana's New Government led by His Excellency John Dramani Mahama for the establishment of the Ministry of Youth Development and Empowerment by Executive Instrument on 9th January, 2025, under Section 11(3) of the Civil Service Act, 1993 (PNDCL 327). The Coalition highly commends his Excellency, President John Mahama for fulfilling one of the crucial campaign promises of the National Democratic Party to the Youth of Ghana. The call for an independent Youth Ministry has been ongoing for decades and we are excited to finally witness its creation under this regime. We deem this as a bold and underscores his resolve to champion youth-related development. This will be a good starting point for the Government in tackling the soaring rate of youth unemployment head-on, and creating avenues for youth empowerment.

To ensure the ministry is truly youth-inclusive and responsive to the needs of the Ghanaian youth, we propose the following actions:

- Appoint a young person to head the ministry,
- Provide adequate funding for effective operation,
- Prioritize inclusivity, transparency in data availability, and accountability, and
- Include the youth in policy formulation and implementation.

The creation of the ministry aligns with policy recommendations advanced by the Ghana Youth Manifesto (GYM) Coalition as part of efforts to influence political party manifestos, prior to the





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2024 General Elections – advocacy that can be traced back to 2010. The move further aligns with national and international policy frameworks such as the National Youth Authority Act, 2016, Act 939; National Youth Policy (2022-2032), and the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2250, aimed at advocating the key role of youth as agents of development.

We congratulate His Excellency on his victory and pledge our support to advance the mission and vision of the Ministry of Youth Development and Empowerment, striving for a future where every young Ghanaian has the opportunity to thrive.

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