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UNOWAS Working Group on Women, Youth, Peace & Security - Ghana Applauds Historic appointments of Women as Heads of Prisons and Fire Services

The UNOWAS Working Group on Women, Youth, Peace & Security - Ghana (WGWYPS-GH) extends its heartfelt congratulations to DDGP3 Patience Baffoe-Bonnie on her appointment as the Director-General of the Ghana Prisons Service and DCFO Daniella Mawusi Ntow-Sarpong on her elevation to Chief Fire Officer of the Ghana National Fire Service. These historic appointments mark a significant milestone in Ghana's journey toward gender equality and inclusive leadership.

As a Working Group committed to advancing the principles of UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 (2000) and 2250 (2015), we celebrate these appointments as a testament to the critical role women and youth play in promoting peace, security, and effective governance. The leadership of these accomplished women in key security institutions aligns with our mandate to advocate for greater representation of women in decision-making roles, particularly in areas traditionally dominated by men.

DDGP3 Baffoe-Bonnie's extensive experience in prison administration and legal expertise, combined with DCFO Ntow-Sarpong's distinguished career in fire safety management, exemplify the transformative impact of women leaders in fostering institutional reforms and strengthening public safety. Their appointments send a powerful message about the importance of diversity and inclusion in building resilient institutions that reflect the values of equity and justice.

We urge these trailblazing leaders to continue championing policies that promote gender-responsive and socially inclusive approaches within their respective institutions. Their leadership provides an opportunity to create environments where women and youth are empowered to contribute meaningfully to national development and security.

The WGWYPS-GH reaffirms its commitment to supporting initiatives that enhance women and youth participation in governance and security sectors. We believe that their success will inspire future generations of women leaders and young ethical leaders across Ghana and beyond.

Once again, we congratulate DDGP3 Patience Baffoe-Bonnie and DCFO Daniella Mawusi Ntow-Sarpong on their well-deserved appointments. Together, let us continue to work toward a more inclusive and peaceful society where every individual young or old, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to lead and thrive.

Signed,
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The UNOWAS Working Group on Women, Youth, Peace and Security was established in April 2009 to promote gender-responsive and youth-inclusive strategies for sustainable peace and security in West Africa and the Sahel. It serves as a space/network for experience sharing, analysis, and participatory evaluation of initiatives and efforts for promoting and recognizing the essential roles that women and young people play in conflict prevention, resolution, and post-conflict recovery.