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PNP Commends President Nana Akufo-Addo on His Final State of the Nation Address

The People's National Party (PNP) extends its heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, and the 9th Parliament of Ghana for their dedication and service to the nation over the past eight years.

Following the delivery of the President's final State of the Nation Address, we take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements, challenges, and legacy of his administration.

As you conclude your tenure as President, we congratulate you, your party, and the Parliament of Ghana for your commitment to governance and the welfare of Ghanaians. Your administration has implemented several noteworthy policies, and while challenges persisted, your efforts to improve the lives of citizens cannot be overlooked.

Foremost among your policies is the introduction of the Free Senior High School (SHS) program. This transformative policy not only provided an opportunity for all pupils to access secondary education but also eliminated the inequities of the selective senior high school system. This initiative, a first of its kind since the inception of our democracy, has undoubtedly marked a milestone in our educational system and deserves commendation.

During your administration, the passage of the Affirmative Action Bill into law stood as a testament to your commitment to gender inclusivity. This landmark legislation has provided women with greater opportunities to participate in politics and contribute to national development. The PNP commends both the government and Parliament for this significant milestone in promoting gender equality. This critical legislation has paved the way for more women to participate in politics and national decision-making, and for this, we celebrate your vision and the efforts of Parliament.

However, your tenure was not without challenges. The high cost of living, widespread job losses, and economic hardship deeply affected the lives of many Ghanaians. While these issues were partly attributed to global factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war, the PNP also recognizes the shared responsibility of both the government and the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) in Parliament. Both parties must take collective accountability for their inability to provide alternative solutions to mitigate the impact of these crises.

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Looking forward, the PNP proposes a constitutional amendment to include a clause allowing former Presidents and their Vice Presidents to serve as members of the Council of State. Their wealth of experience and insights can contribute significantly to the growth and development of our nation.

In conclusion, we express our profound gratitude to President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo for his service to Ghana. As you transition from active politics, we pray for the Lord's guidance and blessings upon you. We hope you will embrace your new role as a father figure for all political parties, fostering unity and progress for the nation.

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