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YOUR EXCELLENCY

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

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PETTITION FOR THE DISMISAL OF THE PETITION SEEKING THE REMOVAL OF DR. RASHID TANKO COMPUTER THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF GHANA INVESTMENT FUND FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (GIFEC) BY ODENEHO KWAKU TAKYI OVER A PURPOTEDACADEMIC FRAUD

Your Excellency,

I, Sharif Shani Sagyeldoo Amadu, a citizen of Ghana and currently an economics teacher at Bimbilla Senior High School, am writing to address a petition filed by an individual seeking the removal and prosecution of Dr. Rashid Tankor Computer. The petitioner, who is a member of the New Patriotic Party and a vocal critic of the government, has a history of using social media, particularly Facebook under the name Sir Obama Pokuase, to insult government officials, including yourself.

The petition, dated 11th June, 2025, alleges inaccuracies, malice, bad faith, and ulterior motives on the part of Dr. Rashid Tankor Computer. However, it is important to note that the petitioner's actions seem to be driven by personal vendettas rather than genuine concerns. This individual has a track record of targeting government appointees and has shown a pattern of behavior that calls into question the credibility of his claims. Given the petitioner's history of hostility towards your government, it is evident that their motives may not be entirely sincere. I urge your office to consider the context in which this petition has been filed and to exercise caution in responding to such allegations. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sir, I will like to state as follows:

- 1. The petitioner, alluded that his "petition addresses the deeply troubling revelation that one of your appointees, Sofo Tanko Rashid Computer (alias Dr. Rashid Computer), holds a fraudulent PhD in Public Administration purportedly obtain in 2016 from unaccredited kingsnow University in the United stated". Sir, the petitioner's statement lacks consistency, which is sufficient grounds for dismissing his petition. Obtaining a PhD from an unaccredited institution, as the petitioner alluded to, does not necessarily mean the PhD is fake or fraudulently acquired. It simply means that the degree cannot be used in places where the university is not recognized. GTEC's letter to Dr. Sofo Tanko Rashid Computer requested him to stop using the title "Dr." because it is "Unearned," indicating that the university is not accredited and its certificates are not recognized in Ghana. GTEC did not claim that his PhD is fake; they only asked him to refrain from using it. The use of the term "fake" is a misinterpretation by the petitioner and his NPP supporters, who may be attempting to discredit your government.
- 2. The petitioner also makes the point that "this grave situation does not only represent a significant breach of public trust and a scandalous act of academic fraud, but also directly contravenes the fundamental principles enshrined in the 1992 constitution and code of conduct 2025 for public officials promulgated by your good self and other laws of the republic of Ghana". The petitioner's statement reflects a biased perspective that undermines fairness and due process, as outlined in the 1992 Constitution of Ghana. Allegations should be supported by credible evidence and evaluated within the appropriate legal frameworks before reaching conclusions. The petitioner's assertion that the issue "directly contravenes" the 2025 Code of Conduct for Public Officials and other laws assumes a legal judgment that has not been established. Making definitive legal conclusions in a petition without a thorough investigation is inappropriate. Public discussions, particularly involving academic or public officials, should be grounded in facts, evidence, and respect for due process. The petitioner overstepped by assuming the role of the court and making a legal determination without proper investigation, concluding that the act in question constitutes a breach of the 1992 constitution of Ghana. Therefore, I recommend that the petition be dismissed as it lacks merit and violates the 1992 constitution of Ghana.
- 3. According to the petitioner's imagination on purported findings on Kingsnow University, the petitioner makes the following points; absence from official accreditation listing, characteristics of a Diploma recognition mill, lack of mainstream recognition and no existence in world record. And concluded that "based on the findings, it is unequivocally clear that any degree, particularly

a PhD obtain from Kingsnow University is not academically credible or legitimately recognised by mainstream academic and professional standards. The petitioner's argument that a degree from a university not recognized by mainstream records is automatically fake is flawed. Just because a university is not mainstream recognized does not mean the degree is fake. For example, in 2022, the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) instructed universities in Ghana with unaccredited programs to cease offering those programs. This does not retroactively make degrees obtained from those programs fake. The GTEC itself did not use the term "fake" in their directive. Therefore, I urge your excellency to dismiss the petition promptly.

- 4. Violation of the Code of Conduct 2025. The petitioner opined the Dr. Rashid Tanko violated the code of conduct because he has purportedly misrepresented a "fake" PhD. He quoted ministerial conduct page 11, statement of ethics page 2 and discipline, diligence, and professionalism. And concluded that his actions show sign of dishonesty. So far us PhD degree is not a qualification for appointment into the position he currently holds, it is cluelessly for someone to suggest is a sign of dishonesty. And so, if is not a requirement for appointment to be CEO of Ghana Investment Fund and Electronic Commission then the argument of dishonesty null and void.
- 5. Applicable to the Ghanaian laws and potential criminal Offences. According to the petitioner, the conduct of Dr. Rashid Tanko Computer amount to breaches of Ghanaians laws. He quoted criminal offence Act 1960 (Act 29), Section 158 and 159: Forgery, section 166 and section 20. This clearly is much ado about nothing. The reason is that once it is establised that his PhD is not fake rather the University that is uncredited, then it stands to reason that Dr. Rahid Tanko has not committed any crime to be subjected to any criminal offences Act 1960 (Act 29).

Call for Action:

Your Excellency, as stated above the petition is largely driven by emotions and personal vendetta which must not be allowed to fisted against your own appointees. I also see a conspiracy to gag your governance should you listen to him. Especially that there was an agenda by one journalist Afrifa who previously made the point that your government is full of northerners. And so is their plan set agenda to start attacking northern appointees so that their number will decrease.

I, therefore, strongly petition your August office to:

- 1. To all the urgency it deserves, DISMISS the petition filed by one Odeneho Kwaku Takyi.
- 2. To caution the petitioner.

It is my firm belief that you will outrightly dismissed the petition to serve as a deterrent to people who want to used their self-aggrandizement to score political points.

Thank you

Signed

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