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COMMUNIQUE DELIVERED BY NRMCG ON THE 16TH NOVEMBER, 2024, IN THE TAMA CONFERENCE HALL

At the end of its Peace Durbar held on 16th November 2024, the Northern Region Muslims Council of Ghana and all participants unanimously adopted the following 10 - point communique:

- 1- that as the 2024 general elections approach, all Ghanaians and stakeholders should work collectively to ensure peaceful and transparent processes at all levels of the elections.
- 2- that all efforts must be geared towards maintaining Ghana's reputation as a beacon of democracy, peace and stability in Africa.
- 3- that as Muslims, it is binding on us not to only preach peace but to demonstrate and exhibit tolerance as well as promote justice which is the function of peace at every aspect of life including the electoral processes
- 4- that all citizens especially the youth should desist from and resist being used as instruments of violence by any political group or individual(s)
- 5- that all political parties and politicians should know themselves and educate their communicators and supporters on the importance of peaceful conduct of campaign activities leading to the election day.
- 6- that the Electoral Commission and the Election Management Bodies should lead the way in maintaining trust, fairness and transparency and also to remain an impartial arbitor in all processes leading to the elections.
- 7- that Government owes it as a duty to provide all the necessary human and material resources as well as the necessary logistics needed for the effective and smooth conduct of the elections.
- 8- that the security agencies should implore vigilance, nationalism, neutrality, and strong commitment to protecting all citizens irrespective of their political affiliations.
- 9. That all Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Election Observer Groups both local and international should attach the needed significance to their roles and to act professionally throughout their period of engagements.
- 10. That all electorates should vacate the polling stations after casting their votes and should try to exhibit greater level of restraint, patience and tolerance during the periods of counting and announcements and should not allow themselves to be used as conduits to post elections violence and tensions.

The Council in conclusion wishes to inform all who matter that Ghana is the only country we have and we should do everything humanly possible to safeguard it.