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**GHANA CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**(CDD-GHANA)**

**STATEMENT ON THE RELEASE OF THE NATIONAL**  
**RECONCILIATION COMMISSION (NRC) REPORT**

The Ghana Center for Democratic Development has noted with deep satisfaction the official release of the final report of the National Reconciliation Commission.

The Center also wishes to commend the Government for issuing its comments on the report. By publicly accepting the recommendations of Commission and placing the report in the public domain, the Government has demonstrated at least a pro-forma commitment to the promotion of reconciliation and unity in the country. The Center fervently prays that the recommendations in the NRC Report are implemented in a manner that is fair, transparent, and consistent with sustainable justice and reconciliation.

The official release of the report is also significant because it opens the way for pro-human rights public and civic bodies as well as activists to review and make preparations for enhanced public education and advocacy towards the institutionalization of a culture of human rights in Ghana.

The Ghana Center for Democratic Development, together with the Civil Society Coalition on National Reconciliation, will subject the report to careful study and undertake an appropriate nationwide public education. We also stand ready to join hands with all public and civic agencies that seek to promote the sort of institutional reforms necessary to prevent a repetition of past human rights abuses by the state and foster Ghana's democratic development.

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