

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AGI URGES POLITICAL PARTIES TO ENSURE PEACEFUL ELECTIONS**

As Ghana goes to the polls this Wednesday to elect a President and our Parliamentarians, the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) and the entire business community wish Ghanaians a peaceful election.

The upcoming general elections are of major concern to the private sector and the International community in Ghana. The chances of meeting projected growth targets as a country remain uncertain in the event of any post-election violence and disputes. A number of risks related to our elections also threaten the implementation and completion of investment projects.

To this end the Association of Ghana Industries wishes to once again remind all political parties, their leaders and the media of the following;

1. The peace of this country is paramount and supersedes all political interests.
2. The International Business Community and our Development Partners are watching as we go to the polls and therefore all political parties, supporters and their leaders must exercise restraint in their conduct in order to protect the enviable record of Ghana being a safe haven for doing business.
3. In their bid to inform the public and the business community, all media houses must ensure a fair and credible reportage of the elections in order to avoid raising undue political tension during the elections.
4. While calling on the Electoral Commission to ensure fair and transparent elections held in integrity in a credible manner, we also urge all political parties to cooperate with the Electoral Commission in the process leading to the declaration of the election results.

The presidential candidate and his political party duly elected, should, within a month of being declared winner, meet with AGI to discuss their plans for promoting Industrial development in Ghana.

Finally, AGI re-emphasises the need for the leadership of all political parties to help maintain peace during and after the general elections in order to consolidate the country's economic gains. All parties must therefore refrain from political activities that might affect business confidence as this is a critical priority for business and investments in Ghana.

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*For and on behalf of Association of Ghana Industries*

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