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NEW PATRIOTIC PARTY CAUTIONS EXECUTIVES AGAINST ENDORSING PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY HOPEFULS

The attention of National Executives of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) has been drawn to a video in circulation, in which Mr. Bernard Antwi Boasiako, Ashanti Regional Chairman of the Party, openly endorsed one of the party's presidential hopefuls.

The General Secretary subsequently extended an invitation to Mr. Antwi-Boasiako, and engaged him on the need for officers of the party at all levels, to desist from such conduct.

It would be recalled that the National Council of the Party, on July 27, 2021, issued a Code of Conduct for the Party's presidential and parliamentary primaries.

In line with Articles 2(3) and 2(4) of the Party's Constitution, the Code of Conduct seeks to foster the spirit of healthy intra-party contests by guaranteeing equal opportunity for all stakeholders.

For emphasis, the Code of Conduct provides in Section 1 (f) that:

"Members, supporters, sympathizers of the Party at all levels shall desist from using their public office or portfolio within or outside the party to promote the interest of any prospective presidential or parliamentary candidate in order to gain unfair political advantage."

In obedience to the Party's Constitution and the Code of Conduct, herein, all National, Regional, and Constituency Executives of the Party are once again cautioned to refrain from either endorsing or openly campaigning for any presidential or parliamentary aspirant.

Equally, until the Party duly opens nominations for presidential and parliamentary primaries, all prospective presidential and parliamentary aspirants are to desist from all forms of campaign activities including mounting of billboards and holding meetings with Party executives as that would be in breach of the Code of Conduct.

Failure to comply with this directive, may lead to huge consequences and sanctions against such offending officer, member or prospective aspirant in line with the grievance procedures stipulated in the Code of Conduct.

It is worthy of note that the institution of these disciplinary measures is to avert the menace of internal Party wrangling, and factionalism, which usually arise when Party executives openly declare support for aspirants, thereby dividing the Party front in the lead-up to general elections.

It is also intended to avoid the repetition of the electoral misfortunes of our tradition in the 1979 and 2008 general elections which were linked to Party officials openly leading the campaign of aspirants.

There is no gainsaying that the NPP's quest to winning a historic third consecutive general election (breaking the eight) cannot be achieved if Party executives are allowed to flagrantly disregard directives meant to achieve the conduct of free and fair presidential and parliamentary elections.

The National Officers of the Party are, therefore, committed to enforcing to the latter, the Code of Conduct for the Party's presidential and parliamentary primaries, which has been attached to this statement.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in the interest of our Party and tradition.


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GENERAL SECRETARY



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NPP ISSUES CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PRE-PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIMARIES AHEAD OF THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIMARIES OF THE PARTY

The National Council of the NPP, conscious of events of the past and the need to forestall reoccurrence and to instill discipline in Party administration, has adopted this Code of Conduct to regulate the conduct of Party Members in both Presidential and Parliamentary Primaries for Election 2024 during the Pre-Presidential and Parliamentary Primaries period.

The Code of Conduct has been formulated in accordance with *Article 18* of the New Patriotic Party's Constitution and it is applicable to Party supporters and actors including Government Appointees; Ministers; Members of Governing Boards/Councils; Chief Executive Officers of Governmental Institutions; Members of Parliament; Metropolitan, Municipal and District Chief Executives; Aspirants/Potential Candidates; their Supporters and all other Members of the Party.

This Code of Conduct is thus applicable during the period preceding the opening of nominations for prospective Candidates to contest for the Party's Presidential and Parliamentary Elections, and shall be in force until the General Secretary, on behalf of the National Executive Committee/ National Council, officially declares that positions for Presidential and Parliamentary Elections are opened to prospective Candidates as stipulated in the Party's Constitution.

Presidential Primaries and the National Complaints Committee

A National Complaints Committee has been constituted to receive complaints of violations and breaches of this Code of Conduct, through the General Secretary. The National Complaints Committee is made up of the following persons:

- a) Chairman of the Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee, Lawyer Frank Davies
- b) Chairman of the National Council of Elders, Hon Hackman Owusu Agyeman
- c) General Secretary of the Party, Mr. John Boadu

It shall be the duty of the National Complaints Committee to investigate each complaint of violations of this Code of Conduct to determine whether or not there is a prima facie case. Where the Committee has established a prima facie basis in a particular complaint, it shall make a referral to the National Disciplinary Committee for the necessary disciplinary actions in line with the provisions of the Constitution.

Parliamentary Primaries and Complaints of Violations

Complaints of violations or breaches of this Code of Code regarding Parliamentary Elections/Primaries shall be handled in accordance with the Party's Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures enshrined in Article 4 of the Party Constitution. Accordingly, any member of the Party who alleges that there has been a breach of any provision(s) of this Code of Conduct by another Member, shall lodge a complaint/petition against that Member with the respective Constituency Disciplinary Committee through the Constituency Executive Committee, for the necessary actions.

Sanctions for Breaches of the Code

Sanctions shall be imposed on any member or supporter of the Party, who fails, neglects or refuses to comply with the orders of this Code of Conduct. Possible sanctions include fines, suspension, expulsion from the Party or disqualification from holding any office or position in the Party for a stated period.

Orphan Constituencies

This Code of Conduct as it relates to Parliamentary Primaries shall apply in full force but with the necessary modifications by the National Executive Committee (NEC) to the conduct of Parliamentary Primaries in Constituencies where the Party has no sitting Members of Parliament (i.e. Orphan Constituencies). Accordingly, the National Executive Committee reserves the right to alter the applicability of this Code in Constituencies where the Party has no sitting MPs in respect of Parliamentary Elections.

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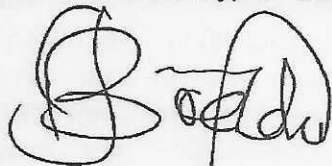
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- j) not form any groupings or association within or outside the Party for or against any prospective Presidential or Parliamentary Candidate;
 - k) not anonymously prosecute campaign activities on any platform in furtherance of the interest of any prospective Presidential or Parliamentary Candidate.
2. Communicators of the Party shall not use both traditional and social media platforms to campaign for or against any prospective Presidential or Parliamentary Candidate, and any Communicator who breaches the Code of Conduct shall be suspended from speaking for and on behalf of the Party. This is without prejudice to any other sanctions prescribed in the Constitution.
 3. For the avoidance of doubt, prospective Presidential or Parliamentary Candidates shall be held responsible for the actions and inactions of any person or group of persons identified as supporter(s) of a particular Candidate which are in flagrant breach of this Code of Conduct if the prospective Candidate is seen explicitly or implicitly lending support or condoning and not publicly denouncing the activities of any such person or group of persons.
 4. The Party reserves the right to disqualify any potential Presidential or Parliamentary Candidate or aspirant who either directly or indirectly breaches this Code of Conduct.

For emphasis, this Code of Conduct comes into force on this 27th Day of July, 2021, and shall remain in full force until the General Secretary of the Party, on behalf of the National Executive Committee/National Council officially declares Nominations for Presidential and Parliamentary Elections duly opened for prospective Candidates.

Issued on Tuesday, 27th July, 2021



JOHN BOADU
GENERAL SECRETARY