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RESPONSE TO FMR. PRESIDENT JOHN DRAMANI MAHAMA ON THE CONDUCT OF
THE 2023 WEST AFRICAN SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
(WASSCE)

The attention of the Ministry of Education (MoE) has been drawn to a statement making the rounds on social media, in which the former President John Dramani Mahama challenges the 2023 WASSCE results and indicates poor supervision of the candidates during their examinations, hence resulting in better performance. He further alleges that teachers colluded with candidates to cheat during the examinations.

These statements are a calculated attempt to downplay the great strides made by the Ministry in improving learning outcomes in the country.

It is imperative to note that under the Presidency of His Excellency Nana Akufo-Addo, we have made monumental progress in core subjects from an average 40.93 percent score (A1-C6) in 2015 to a highly improved average of 69.73 percent score (A1-C6) in 2023. (attached is the comprehensive comparative analysis of 2015 and 2023 WASSCE results)

We wish to assure all stakeholders, especially students, parents, guardians, teachers, and the general public, that the Ministry of Education did not and will not compromise on the quality of education. Such a statement aimed at impugning the integrity of the vast majority of our hard-working teachers and students should be condemned by all well-meaning Ghanaians.

As evidence of Ghana's superior performance in the WASSCE, we recorded the highest ever 8 A1s in 2020, with Ghana recording **Four Hundred and Eleven (411)** 8 A1s out of the 465 across West Africa.

It is worth noting that over the past 6 years, our students have consistently performed better in the WASSCE as a result of the notable interventions due to the Free SHS policy, which allows all students access to better-prepared Maths and Science teachers, core textbooks, remedial packages, support to low performing schools and increased contact hours for teaching and learning.

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The Ministry reiterates our commitment that the quality of education and examinations at all levels, including the WASSCE will not be compromised.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. H. P.', written over a horizontal line.

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