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NDC STATEMENT ON THE SUPREME COURT DECISION INVOLVING ASSIN NORTH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

The NDC has become aware of the Supreme Court's decision invalidating the nomination, election and subsequent swearing in of Hon. James Gyakye-Quayson, Member of Parliament for Assin North as unconstitutional. The court did not give reasons but said these would be available on or before 7th June 2023.

In the light of many previous decisions that we are aware of, including decisions in cases involving Honourable J.H. Mensah, Honourable Baba Jamal and Honourable Peter Amewu that state that the Supreme Court does not have the jurisdiction to invalidate a Parliamentary election and that the High Court is where such a matter should be taken, it seems strange to us that the Supreme Court gave this decision. Moreover, there is no doubt that Honourable James Gyakye-Quayson did not owe allegiance to any other country whether at the time of his nomination, election or swearing in. We also look forward to seeing the reasons that the court will provide.

Nonetheless, even as there are serious questions about the legitimacy of this decision, after consultation with Hon Quayson, the leadership of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) wishes to state unequivocally that we are ready for the bye-election that is now the result of this decision. The full weight of the party, including the Minority Caucus in Parliament, will be put behind Honourable Quayson so as to ensure an even more resounding victory for him in the upcoming bye-election.

Thank you.

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General Secretary