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PRESS STATEMENT

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

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Ghana's seventh presidential and parliamentary elections have ended with phenomenal success and has become Ghana's most peaceful in the Fourth Republic. In this regard, the Civic Forum Initiative (CFI) and the Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG) note with satisfaction and national pride His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama's concession to the victory of president-elect Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo. We congratulate both of them for demonstrating exemplary leadership and statesmanship to the people of Ghana and Africa.

We congratulate all Ghanaians for the orderly manner in which they have conducted themselves throughout the electoral process. The results declared is indeed a victory for all; it reflects the will and commitment of the people of Ghana to peaceful democratic development.

This remarkable result would not have been achieved without the commendable role of the Electoral Commission (EC), the Judiciary, the National Election Security Task Force (NESTF) the National Peace Council (NPC), Civil Society Organizations and the Media. We also commend the diplomatic missions, international organizations, development partners and international observers for their continued support towards the growth and development of Ghana's democracy.

This historic election now paves the way for the transition from the current to the next government. We pray that this important process would be as smooth and peaceful as the just ended elections.

God bless our homeland Ghana and continue to make our nation greater and stronger.

-Maj Gen Nii Carl COLEMAN (Retired)

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