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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**RE: STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL REGARDING THE
WESLEY GIRLS' SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAPE COAST AND A STUDENT
PREVENTED FROM FASTING**

Furtherance to two earlier statements released on the above, the National Peace Council (NPC) is minded to update stakeholders and the general public on the latest developments in the process to deal once and for all with faith-based issues in educational institutions.

As indicated in the second Press Release issued on Monday, May 10, 2021, the NPC, on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, met with the Minister of Education and the Director-General of the Ghana Education Service (GES) to engage more on the matter, to help facilitate appropriate intervention strategies that will guide the conduct of religious activities in educational institutions in the country,

The Hon Minister took his time to explain to the National Peace Council delegation, what had taken place and the steps his ministry and the G.E.S have collectively taken to address the issues. This includes meeting with the leadership of the Christian Mission Schools in the country and the Parliamentary Muslim Caucus on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 to work towards finalizing and signing an MoU between the GES and the Schools to guide the existing partnership.

The Hon Minister assured the Council that a multi-stakeholder effort to regularize the partnership between Government and Mission Schools will meet again in two weeks' time

to deepen the consultation and possibly finalize the MoU. The Hon Minister indicated that the Ministry is studying the Communique on Religious Tolerance in Schools, which was facilitated by the National Peace Council in 2015 to guide the development of the MoU.

The Peace Council is satisfied with the steps taken so far by the Ministry and the GES to reach consensus with the key actors in the matter and commend them for their efforts.

Guided by the above positive developments, the Council continues to urge all interest groups in the matter to continue to exercise restraint in order to allow the space for continuous dialogue to deal holistically with the issues. In the next few days, the NPC will continue its engagement with other core stakeholders to find acceptable outcomes to all parties involved.

In conclusion the National Peace Council uses the occasion to wish all Muslims Eide Mubarak!

Signed:

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