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Six Region Diaspora Caucus Rejects Ghana Government Citizenship Announcement and Supports Repeal Efforts

The **Six Region Diaspora Caucus (SRDC)**, an African Union–recognized Sixth Region African Historic Diaspora organization based in the United States, formally **rejects and objects to the recent Public Service Announcement issued by the Government of Ghana regarding citizenship applications for African descendants in the historic diaspora**

Since its establishment in **2006**, the Six Region Diaspora Caucus has consistently advocated for **repatriation, restoration of citizenship, and the full political inclusion of African descendants of enslavement and colonial displacement**. Our work has been rooted in Pan-African principles, reparative justice, and the African Union’s recognition of the African Diaspora as the **Sixth Region of Africa**.

The announced framework - particularly the imposition of **DNA proof requirements, excessive non-refundable fees, proof of prolonged legal residency, and discretionary standards of “strong ties” to Ghana** - represents a **regressive departure from the spirit of right of return, historical responsibility, and continental unity**. These measures effectively **re-alienate African descendants from a homeland they were violently removed from**, and transform citizenship from a birthright and reparative act into a commercialized administrative privilege.

The Six Region Diaspora Caucus asserts that:

- **African descendants should not be required to prove their Africanness through DNA to access citizenship.**
- **Citizenship pathways rooted in historical injustice must not be monetized through prohibitive fees.**
- **Repatriation and restoration of nationality are political, moral, and historical obligations, not immigration favors.**
- Policies concerning the Historic African Diaspora must be **co-created with Diaspora institutions**, not unilaterally imposed.

Accordingly, the Six Region Diaspora Caucus **stands in full solidarity with grassroots, institutional, and international movements calling for the repeal, suspension, and fundamental re-examination of this policy framework**. We further call upon:

- The **Government of Ghana**
- The **African Union**
- Diaspora Affairs offices across the continent
- Historic Diaspora organizations globally

to engage in immediate, transparent dialogue aimed at establishing a just, accessible, and dignified pathway to citizenship that honors the lived history of African descendants and aligns with Pan-African commitments.

The future of Africa's relationship with its global descendants **cannot be built on exclusionary barriers, financial gatekeeping, or biological tests**, but on **repair, reunification, and shared destiny**.

About the Six Region Diaspora Caucus

The Six Region Diaspora Caucus is a U.S.-based African Historic Diaspora organization founded in 2006, dedicated to advancing repatriation, citizenship, self-determination, and co-governance for Africans in the Diaspora, in alignment with African Union frameworks recognizing the Diaspora as Africa's Sixth Region.

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