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**BEFORE GHANAIS VOTE TOMORROW,
THE NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL ADDRESSES THE NATION**

VIDEO OF NPC ELECTION ADDRESS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD [HERE](#)

Accra, 6 December 2024 – On the eve of Ghana’s pivotal 2024 elections, the National Peace Council (NPC) has delivered a clear message to the nation: let’s all take our democratic responsibilities seriously.

With just hours to go until polling stations open across the country, the NPC issued a stark reminder to all Ghanaians that the peaceful conduct of the election is the responsibility of everyone – from voters and political parties to electoral management bodies and the security agencies. It cautioned that Ghana’s long-standing reputation for peace is not a given but a shared achievement.

In a new video address released this morning, four public servants at the NPC have outlined their worries about the most pressing threats to Ghana’s stability. The spokespeople shared a message of optimism for a peaceful and transparent election, but emphasised the role required by all Ghanaians tomorrow in challenging those who seek to divide.

“The things that worry us a lot, considering this election year, is the polarisation between political parties,” said Janet Sarney-Kuma, Director of Capacity Development & Outreach. “I mean, if I’m from party A, and another is from party B, we seem to not agree with anything the person says. And sometimes we are not very tolerant amongst ourselves.”

With political actors often taking advantage of existing communal and ethnic clashes, for their gain, Alexander Koomson, Deputy Director of Research, Monitoring & Evaluation, warned the public to question their motives: “They try to sell themselves to the majority tribe or majority group amongst the conflict. And because they want the votes of the majority, sometimes there’s a bargain, there is a deal. Sometimes they get to be what we call ‘conflict entrepreneurs’. They promote conflict.”

Acknowledging that the NPC’s work has a tendency to become more visible around elections, Koomson explained that it is a small but vital part of the NPC’s portfolio of peacebuilding activities which take place daily across Ghana’s 16 regions. “Yes, it’s a minute fraction of our work,” said Koomson, “but it’s the time that we have to pay attention to all the nuances within the community, and help the community to forge together in unity.”

With Ghana’s growing youth voice especially important to this election, Fouzia Issifu, Assistant Programme Manager at the Upper East Regional Peace Council appealed to the youth to remember their role in ensuring peace within their communities. “Someone’s opinion or ideology does not make another person’s opinion or ideology wrong.

“On elections, come out, vote, and go back. Do not allow any politician to make you radicalised. Do not allow them to involve you in any violent act relating to elections,” she added. “Please, let’s vote peacefully and get back to our homes then we can have the peaceful Ghana that we all seek or yearn for. One people, one Ghana, peace and love.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The video of the NPC election address is available for download [here](#), for use on broadcast and social media.

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About the National Peace Council

The National Peace Council is Ghana's independent statutory institution charged with preventing, managing and resolving conflict and building sustainable peace. Through initiatives like the [4th Presidential Elections Peace Pact](#) and continuous engagement with stakeholders, the Council plays a vital role in safeguarding the nation's democratic integrity.

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