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### **PUFA Commends Ministry of Education for Addressing Concerns of Private Universities**

The Private University Founders Association (PUFA) extends its sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Education and the Honourable Minister for Education, Haruna Iddrisu, for acknowledging the concerns of Private Universities and initiating steps to amend the Education Regulatory Bodies Act, 2020 (Act 1023) and that a Cabinet Memo is being finalised to make the chartering process optional for Private tertiary institutions.

This policy shift directly addresses the long-standing challenges associated with the current chartering framework, which Private Universities have often found restrictive and cumbersome. Making charter acquisition optional will provide institutions with greater flexibility to innovate and enhance their contributions to national development.

PUFA also commends the Minister's recognition of the vital role Private Universities play in widening access to higher education. The reaffirmed commitment to Access, Relevance, and Quality (ARQ), supported by oversight from the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), provides a balanced approach that encourages institutional growth while maintaining high academic standards.

The Association further appreciates the support of Parliament's Select Committee on Education, led by Hon. Peter Nortsu-Kotoe, whose advocacy for optional chartering reinforces broad stakeholder alignment. His citing of research indicating that the government saves approximately fifty thousand (GH¢50,000) Ghana Cedis per student enrolled in Private Institutions highlights the substantial value private universities deliver to the state.

PUFA stands ready to collaborate with the Ministry and all stakeholders to strengthen Ghana's tertiary education sector and advance meaningful reforms.

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