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Report on the NPP Delegates' Election

We extend our congratulations to the New Patriotic Party (NPP) on the successful conduct of its delegates' election. The exercise represents an important component of Ghana's democratic process and demonstrates the party's continued commitment to internal democracy, participation, and the strengthening of our political institutions.

We congratulate all the successful candidates and wish them well as they assume their respective responsibilities. Their election comes with a duty to serve not only the interests of the party but also to contribute positively to the development and consolidation of Ghana's democracy. We encourage the newly elected executives to lead with integrity, inclusiveness, accountability, and a strong commitment to democratic values.

The Electoral Commission deserves commendation for the professional manner in which it managed the electoral process. The apparent reduction of errors to a minimum is encouraging and reflects the importance of continued investment in efficient electoral administration, adequate preparation, and procedures.

The security agencies also deserve recognition for their role in maintaining peace and order throughout the exercise. Their presence contributed significantly to the peaceful conduct of the election.

However, from a broader institutional and sustainability perspective, the deployment of more than 3,000 police officers for a single internal party election raises questions about the long-term sustainability and cost of such an approach. While the security of elections remains paramount, there is a need to continuously assess and refine security arrangements to ensure that they are proportionate, efficient, and sustainable.

Going forward, greater emphasis should also be placed on election-related education for citizens, delegates, candidates, and other stakeholders. In addition, specialised electoral monitoring and election-security training should be strengthened for security personnel to ensure that officers deployed for electoral duties fully understand the unique requirements of democratic elections.

Another important issue arising from the election is the representation of women in the party's leadership. The presence of only one woman among the elected executives raises concerns about the extent to which women are being adequately represented in political leadership.



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If Ghana is to achieve meaningful inclusion in political governance, deliberate efforts must be made to create greater opportunities for women to participate in decision-making at all levels. We therefore encourage the party to consider gender balance and inclusiveness in subsequent appointments and leadership opportunities.

Greater representation of women is not merely a matter of numbers; it is an essential component of building a political system that reflects the diversity, experiences, and aspirations of the Ghanaian population.

Internal party elections have increasingly become expensive, and this trend requires serious attention. In many instances, costs associated with transportation, feeding, accommodation, and other logistical arrangements can place significant financial burdens on candidates and create an environment in which financial capacity becomes an important determinant of electoral success.

Political parties should therefore consider mechanisms through which the basic logistical needs of accredited delegates can be centrally organised and financed by the party, rather than leaving individual aspirants to assume responsibility for transporting, feeding, or accommodating delegates.

Such reforms would help create a more level playing field and reduce the influence of money in internal party contests.

Another concern is the increasing emphasis on candidates perceived to be politically aggressive, influential, or financially capable, rather than candidates who present clear and innovative ideas for the advancement of the party and the nation.

Political leadership should ultimately be about vision, competence, character, service, and the ability to develop and implement policies that improve the lives of citizens. Delegates therefore have an important responsibility to look beyond popularity, personal influence, political connections, or financial capacity when making their choices.

Delegates should critically examine the ideas, proposals, track records, integrity, leadership abilities, and commitment of candidates before casting their votes. The quality of leadership produced by an internal election can have consequences far beyond the political party itself.

The NPP delegates' election is an important reminder that the strength of Ghana's democracy depends not only on national elections but also on the quality of democracy practiced within political parties.

We commend the NPP, the Electoral Commission, the security agencies, candidates, delegates, and all stakeholders who contributed to the peaceful conduct of the election.



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At the same time, the process provides an opportunity to reflect on areas that require improvement, particularly the cost of internal elections, the influence of money, gender representation, electoral education, security arrangements, and the need to place ideas and competence at the centre of political leadership selection.

Ultimately, the responsibility for building a better political system rest with all of us. Every delegate has the power to influence the direction of a political party and, by extension, the future of the country.

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