

PUBLIC STATEMENT

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This statement is being effected upon receiving complaints from chiefs and people of the Eastern Region and well-meaning Ghanaians in reaction to the purported opposition of the National House of Chiefs to the December 17th referendum to amend article 55(3) of the Constitution to allow for political party participation in local government elections as stated in the press release issued by Togbe Afede, President of the National House of Chiefs.

It is to this development that we wish to relate to the people of Ghana the following facts:

1. The National House of Chiefs is a responsible body of eminent chiefs and the symbol of traditional and national authority. Its position on critical national issues evolves from broad consultation and deliberation to reflect and enforce collective national conscience and aspirations;
2. The National House of Chiefs has administrative, procedural and consultative measures with regards to matters of national interest;
3. The statement issued on the 15th of November 2019 by the President of the National House of Chiefs had not the knowledge of the Governance Committee Chairman Ogyeahoho Yaw Gyebi II, who has found the need to express shock at not being aware of the statement by President of the National House of Chiefs and other related matters in violation of due process;
4. The Standing Committee of the National House of Chiefs has no record of deliberations on the matter;
5. The Committee of the Whole House has not been informed or met on the matter in question;
6. The Leadership of the various Regional House of Chiefs have not been informed or consulted;

In relation to the above it is the considered opinion of the Eastern Regional House of Chiefs that the statement issued by the President of the National House of Chiefs does not reflect the views of the traditional leadership of Ghana.

The public should expect from Nananom in the coming days, a communiqué on this critical national issue in line with established consultative processes.

Signed

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