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SPEECH BY HER EXCELLENCY MRS. LYDIA OFOSUA AMARTEY, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA, ON THE OCCASION OF PRESENTATION OF HER CREDENTIALS TO HIS EXCELLENCY MR. NIKOS CHRISTODOULIDES, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, ON MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2024

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to convey to you the fraternal greetings from His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana. I also convey the best wishes of the people of Ghana to the people of the Republic of Cyprus.

Your Excellency,

Ghana and Cyprus have maintained cordial bilateral relations since the establishment of formal diplomatic ties between our two countries in 1989. The depth of our relations has been supported by respect for the rule of law and order, democracy and good governance. Our two countries have also maintained a very pleasant relations at the multilateral level, through our shared commitment to international peace and security that hinges on international fair play and justice as enshrined in the principles of the United Nations, the Commonwealth and other International Organisations.

Your Excellency,

Allow me to seize this opportunity to express Ghana's unqualified appreciation to the Government of Cyprus for the invaluable support and endorsement of the election of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana, Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, to the post of Secretary-General of the Commonwealth during the just ended Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa in October 2024.

Your Excellency,

Our two countries are desirous of improving the standard of living of our peoples, and have, as such, undertaken policies that have had positive economic and social impact on our peoples and contributed strongly to growing our economies to attract investments for sustainable economic growth.

In Ghana, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo has championed several economic initiatives aimed at transforming the country's economy since his assumption of office in January 2017. These efforts are toward industrialisation, agricultural modernisation and green development, just to mention a few. The President asserts that Ghana's economic transformation lies in adding value to its abundant natural resources. One of the flagship sectors was the burgeoning vehicle assembly industry, which has already attracted major global brands like Toyota, Nissan, Volkswagen, and Sinotruk to set up plants in Ghana.

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