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IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICIES UNDER THE POST-COVID-19 PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH (PC-PEG).

Reference is made to Notice Number *IAA/01/01/2023* dated 10th January, 2023 issued by the Agency on "**Implementation of Fiscal Consolidation Measures in the 2023 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of Ghana**" (*Copy attached for ease of reference*).

2. The Notice provided directives to all Heads of Internal Audit Units (IAUs) and Public Sector Internal Auditors, Heads of Covered Entities and Audit Committees to observe the additional fiscal consolidation measures provided by the 2023 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government in the implementation of the 2023 Risk-based Internal Audit Workplan.

3. Further to the above measures, the Ministry of Finance in a letter dated 31st March, 2023 with reference number *ESRD/MEPU/PC-PEG/01/23* to the Internal Audit Agency indicated that *as part of measures to address the current economic crises facing the country, the Government has begun the implementation of its Post-COVID Programme for Economic Growth (PC-PEG) in line with the 2023 Budget Statement and Economic Policy.*

4. The letter also indicated *the overarching objective of the PC-PEG to restore macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability while laying the foundations for strong and inclusive growth.*

5. As part of the strategic pillars for accomplishing the above objective, the Agency is implementing structural reforms to support inclusive growth.

6. In the implementation of its key responsibilities under the structural reforms pillar of the PC-PEG, the Agency will be implementing key Public Financial Management reforms under the PC-PEG with the aim of entrenching fiscal discipline and bolstering transparency.

7. It is expected that the effective implementation of the structural reforms will strengthen public financial management.

8. The Agency will implement the following structural reforms under the Public Financial Management reform measures to achieve the ultimate objective of *Strengthening the Internal Audit Agency to enhance the prevention of financial irregularities in public institutions;*

- i. Fastrack the processes to restructure the operations of the Internal Audit Agency to enhance independence;
- ii. Provide adequate resources;
- iii. Strengthen technical capacity, and
- iv. Focus on the Internal Audit function to enhance the prevention of financial irregularities in public institutions.

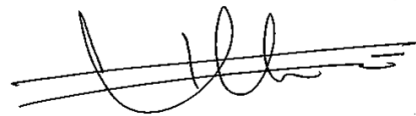
9. The Agency expects to complete the implementation of the structural reforms by the end-of-December 2023.

10. As the Agency implements these reforms, all Internal Audit Units (IAUs), Heads of Covered Entities and Audit Committees are required to immediately begin working together in **strengthening internal controls** to ensure the prevention of financial irregularities in public institutions by end-of-December 2023.

11. Heads of IAUs, Heads of Covered Entities and Chairpersons of Audit Committees are required to ensure full implementation of the Risk-based Internal Audit Workplans and enable Internal Audit independence and objectivity in preventing financial irregularities in the Covered Entities.

12. Heads of IAUs, Heads of Covered Entities and Chairpersons of Audit Committees are thus reminded to meet deadlines for submission of Quarterly Internal Audit reports as well as Monthly ESPV Validation reports to the Agency, which are one month after the end of the quarter and 15th of the month subsequent to the month of the report.

13. Whilst in anticipation of your compliance and support, please accept the continued assurances of our highest consideration.



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