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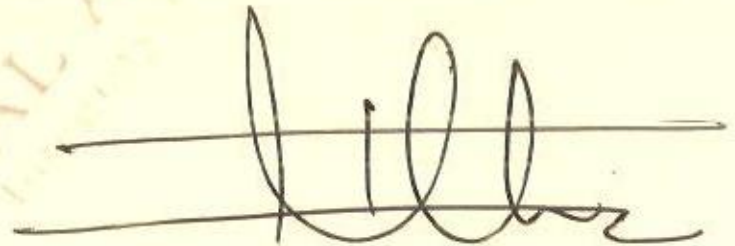
**IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECTIVES AND POLICY MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY
THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE ON 24TH MARCH, 2022**

It will be recalled that the Hon. Minister for Finance on **24th March, 2022** in a press statement on the economy announced various policy measures to address economic difficulties the country is facing due mainly to the recent global and domestic events.

2. In line with the object and functions of the Agency under Sections 2&3 of the Internal Audit Agency Act 2003 (Act 658), Regulation 1 of the Internal Audit Regulations 2011 (L.I. 1994) and the Public Financial Management Act 2016 (Act 921), these Directives and Guidelines are hereby issued for compliance by all Internal Auditors, Heads of Internal Audit Units (IAUs) and Audit Committees of Covered Entities and other institutions in the public sector as follows:

- a) Ensure a revision of their 2022 Risk-based Internal Audit (RBIA) Workplans to take account of the policy measures announced by the Minister as follows:
 - i. Ensure implementation of the **20% expenditure cut** directed by Government in January 2022 and reproduced under paragraph 22 of the policy measures as part of the fiscal stabilization and debt sustainability measures are implemented to the latter.
 - ii. Provide advisory and assurance support services to Heads of Covered Entities and Principal Account Holders (PAHs) to implement the following additional expenditure measures:
 - a. Reviewing the 2022 expenditure plans and budget for Q2-Q4 to reflect the proposed cut in **discretionary spending of 10%**.
 - b. Implement the **50% cut or reduction in fuel coupon allocation to all** political appointees and Heads of Government Institutions (including SoEs) effective 1st April, 2022.
 - c. Implement the moratorium placed on the purchase of imported vehicles for the rest of the 2022 fiscal year.
 - d. Implement the moratorium placed on all foreign travels except pre-approved critical or statutory travels.
 - e. Support the total elimination of "Ghost" names on the payroll by December 2022 through continuous payroll audits.

- f. Ensure prioritization of **ongoing projects over new projects in their spending.**
 - g. Ensure that expenditure on all scheduled **meetings and Conferences** for **2022 are reduced by 50%** (starts immediately).
 - h. Ensure that Ministers and Heads of State-owned Enterprises (SoEs) within the meaning of the PFM Act and the State Interest and Governance Act 2019 (Act 990) contributes **30% of their salaries into the consolidated funds** (from April-December 2022).
3. Internal Auditors, Heads of IAUs and Audit Committees are to further advise Covered Entities on the following:
- a. Implementation of appropriate revenue enhancement and mobilization measures provided for in the 2022 budgets, targets and composite budgets of MDAs, SoEs and MMDAs respectively.
 - b. Keep an eye on revenue leakages and support Covered Entities to seal loopholes and improve revenue mobilization.
 - c. Support revenue enhancement measurements such as Property Rate Collection, implementation of E-VAT/E-Commerce/E-Gaming, simplified tax filing mobile application systems (for tax paying to be introduced in July 2022), implementation of "No Duty- No Exit" policy at the MPS Terminal at the Tema port etc. announced by Government to improve revenue collection.
4. Support of Internal Auditors, Heads of IAUs and Audit Committees is by this notice solicited to ensure compliance with the above for improved revenue mobilization, expenditure rationalization and value for money in public spending.
5. Whilst thanking you for your support, please accept the continued assurances of our highest consideration.



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