

**CONCERNED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS
WA CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY
WA-UPPER WEST REGION**

October 11, 2022.

The General Secretary,
National Democratic Congress Head Office
Post Office Box 5825
Accra-North, Greater Accra Region.

Dear sir,

**RE: CLEARANCE TO CONTEST THE POSITION OF CONSTITUENCY WOMEN
ORGANIZER FOR WA CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY**

1. This recent appeal is brought before the NDC National Secretariat as a result of the Regional Appeals Committee delay to sit on an appeal that was filed before it on a decision taken by the Vetting Committee of Wa Central Constituency. On September 29, 2022, a petition was submitted to the Wa Central Constituency vetting committee challenging the eligibility of Bashiru Saudatu who is an aspirant for the women organizer's position in the constituency. The ground for that petition was that the aspirant is not a registered voter in Wa Central Constituency and hence could not be regarded as a qualified candidate properly so called to contest NDC executive position in Wa Central Constituency. The vetting Committee however cleared Bashiru Saudatu to contest as women organizer for Wa Central Constituency despite not being a registered voter or having a voting right in the said Constituency. The ground for this appeal is that the decision of the vetting committee was decided per incuriam and contrary to section A(iii) of the Vetting Guidelines issued by the party for the conduct of the 2022 constituency elections.
2. On the basis of this decision that we submitted an appeal to the Regional Appeals Committee to set aside the decision of the constituency vetting committee and declare the aspirant ineligible to contest as women organizer for Wa Central Constituency. Since the appeal was submitted to the Regional Appeals Committee on October 4, 2022 and copied to the National Secretariat, we were hoping or at least, to receive an official acknowledgement of receipt of our appeal. But sadly, that was never done and we were left to remain in the dark with no knowledge of what is happening.
3. Upon realizing that the Regional Appeals Committee was not forthcoming about the appeal that we laid before them, we took steps to inquire from the Chairman of the Regional Appeals Committee for the Upper West Region, Prof William Ahadzie whom we had sufficiently served the appeal with via Whatsapp and through the Committee members on the very day the appeal was filed. In his response to our inquiries, he indicated that he will look through it and he had since said nothing or issue a statement in reference to the appeal to the best of our knowledge. Neither any of the regional appeals committee members nor the Regional Secretariat of the party said anything with respect to the issue even though they were all served. We made

efforts to reach the chairman of the Regional Appeals Committee to speak to the issue again but it proves futile.

4. Looking at the posture of the Regional Appeals Committee and the time constraints placed on the constituency election which is scheduled to take off next week Saturday October 22, 2022, we think that it is reasonable to lay the appeal before the National Secretariat for a speedy resolution to the issue. We are of the view that this is even the best forum and of course the highest level for dispute resolution in the party if the lower levels are incapable of dealing with an issue justly and expeditiously. As envisioned by Article 49(1)(c) of the NDC Constitution as amended 2018, we are ordered to exhaust the internal appeal procedure contained in the party's constitution before recourse to legal proceedings or adverse publication in the media. It is in this light that we respectfully submit this fresh appeal and invite the National Secretariat of the party to consider it and bring speedy conclusion to the issue before the election commences on October 22, 2022. The attached copies are; the letter of appeal filed before the Regional Appeals Committee, a written judgment of the constituency vetting committee, proof of polling station and constituency of the aspirant for your perusal.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



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7. Vetting Committee