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## PRESS STATEMENT

### SUSPENSION OF CLOSURE OF SHOPS

Following our strike action on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, the King of the Ga State, Nii Tackie Teiko Tsuru II invited leadership of our Association to brief him about our concerns. After carefully listening to the concerns, he saw reasons with us and promised to intervene and take the matter to the appropriate authorities for urgent solution.

Immediately after meeting with King, the President of the Republic also invited us and listened to our grievances and the recommendations thereon. He then called for setting up of a working committee made up of Ministry of Trade and Industry, National security and GUTA, to swiftly come out with pragmatic measures to solve the challenges.

And that, most of our recommendations would be factored in the on-going IMF discussions.

On this note, we wish to sincerely thank His Majesty King Nii Tackie eiko Tsuru II, for his intervention and wise counselling.

We also thank the office of Council of State and all its honourable members and staff for playing important role in this matter right from the early stages to date.

Finally, we thank His Excellency the President of the Republic, Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo Addo for understanding and appreciating the degree of our challenges and setting up a joint working committee for expeditious action.

In view of all this goodwill from these great personalities, we wish to appeal to our teaming members and the entire trading community who participated in this strike action to reopen their shops from tomorrow (21<sup>st</sup> October, 2022) as we continue to pursue the process for immediate solution.

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