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PRESS RELEASE

**Rejoinder to Allegations by Captain Smart, Host of Onua Maakye
Program on Onua TV**

My attention has been drawn to a video circulating on social media, in which Captain Smart, a journalist at Onua TV, falsely claims that I, Dr. Peter Appiahene, was present at the Electoral Commission's (EC) head office during the recent balloting for positions on the ballot paper for Ghana's general election. In this video, the journalist alleges that I assisted the New Patriotic Party (NPP) in securing the number one position by providing a special yellow-colored ball.

I wish to categorically state that this allegation is completely false and without any evidence. As a matter of fact, I have not been to the EC head office over months. During the period of the balloting, I was in Sunyani, fulfilling my duties as a Senior Lecturer and Head of Department at the University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR). There is enough evidence in my university to prove that I was in Sunyani before and during the balloting exercise conducted by the Commission. I challenge Captain Smart to provide any evidence to support his baseless claim, as none exists.

I stand by my integrity, principles, and values, which have been the foundation of my work since my appointment as a member of the Electoral Commission. My commitment is to help the Commission deliver credible elections for the benefit of the nation, not for any individual or political party. I come from a decent family with strong values, and I have no intention of tarnishing that legacy.

The public is hereby urged to disregard these unfounded allegations and treat them with the contempt they deserve. I remain dedicated to serving Mother Ghana with Transparency, Fairness, and Integrity.

Thank you.

Signed

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