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The United Party (UP) has followed the national conversation around the future of the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP) with a deep sense of patriotic duty and constitutional responsibility. At a time when corruption continues to rob our nation of progress, weaken our democratic institutions, and undermine the hopes of millions of Ghanaians, the country cannot afford reforms that diminish rather than strengthen our collective resolve to fight graft.

The UP believes that the real challenge confronting the OSP is not its existence, but its structural and constitutional fragility. Under Article 88 of the 1992 Constitution, the Attorney-General remains the sole authority responsible for initiating and conducting all criminal prosecutions in Ghana. This means that no matter how well intentioned the OSP Act may be, the Office as currently constituted cannot enjoy true independence. It operates within a constitutional contradiction that weakens its authority, fuels institutional conflicts, exposes it to legal challenges, and undermines its credibility in the eyes of the public. A nation that seeks to fight corruption decisively must confront this reality honestly and boldly.

For this reason, the United Party calls for a patriotic and forward-looking constitutional amendment that will establish a truly independent Anti-Corruption Czar with full, original prosecutorial authority, separate from and not subordinate to the Attorney-General.



This new constitutionally-anchored office will replace the current Special Prosecutor and will operate with clear powers, national legitimacy, and structural insulation from political influence. Only a constitutionally established anti-corruption institution can command the authority, confidence, and independence required to prosecute corruption at the highest levels without fear or favour.

In addition to providing a strong constitutional foundation, Ghana must also streamline its legal and institutional landscape in the fight against corruption. The existing array of statutes, regulations, and guidelines governing corruption offences is fragmented and often inconsistent. The United Party therefore calls for the consolidation of all anti-corruption laws into a single, coherent, modern Anti-Corruption Act that clearly defines offences, strengthens sanctions, enhances asset recovery, codifies lifestyle audits, and eliminates loopholes that impede accountability. Such a unified legal framework will bring clarity, efficiency, and renewed vigour to the national anti-corruption strategy.

Equally important is the consolidation of Ghana's numerous anti-corruption and investigative agencies. At present, EOCO, CHRAJ, the Financial Intelligence Centre, and other bodies operate with overlapping mandates and insufficient coordination. This fragmentation undermines the effectiveness of our national effort. The United Party proposes the creation of a harmonized, integrated national anti-corruption architecture that aligns investigative functions, improves intelligence sharing, eliminates duplication, and ensures a unified national strategy against corruption.

Ghana stands at a defining moment. We must choose between maintaining a fragmented and constitutionally weak system, or rising boldly to create a strong, coherent, patriotic anti-corruption framework

that reflects our aspirations as a democratic nation committed to integrity. The United Party chooses the latter. We believe Ghana deserves institutions capable of confronting corruption decisively and fearlessly, institutions grounded in the Constitution and backed by the collective will of the people.

The United Party therefore reaffirms its commitment to championing the constitutional establishment of an Anti-Corruption Czar with independent prosecutorial powers, the consolidation of our anti-corruption laws, and the harmonization of all anti-corruption agencies into a coherent national framework. These reforms are not partisan preferences; they are moral and constitutional imperatives necessary for safeguarding the future of our Republic.

Ghana's destiny demands courage, clarity, and conviction. The United Party stands ready to lead that charge not for political advantage, but for the integrity, progress, and future of our beloved nation.

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