



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PRESS STATEMENT

UNDERSTANDING THE GHANA–EU DEFENCE PARTNERSHIP AIMED AT ENHANCING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SECURITY

ACCRA, 14TH APRIL, 2026 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform the general public that the Government of the Republic of Ghana has signed a Security and Defence Partnership with the European Union (EU), aimed at enhancing cooperation in addressing emerging security threats and strengthening Ghana's national and regional security architecture.

The Partnership provides a structured framework for collaboration in key areas including counter-terrorism, maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea, cybersecurity, border management, and support for peacekeeping and crisis response operations. It also facilitates technical assistance, training and the provision of equipment to support Ghana's security agencies.

This Partnership is not a standalone or sudden initiative. It builds on longstanding cooperation between Ghana and the European Union, which has, over the years, supported various security and governance programmes in the country and across the West African sub-region. The agreement, therefore, formalises and deepens existing collaboration within a coherent and forward-looking framework.

The Ministry wishes to categorically state that the agreement neither provides for the establishment of foreign military bases in Ghana nor does it permit the stationing of foreign troops on Ghanaian soil. Ghana's sovereignty and territorial integrity remain fully protected under this arrangement. The cooperation is strictly based on mutual respect, shared interests and Ghana's national security priorities.

The attention of the Ministry has been drawn to misinformation and misinterpretations circulating in sections of the public domain regarding the nature and implications of the Partnership. The Ministry wishes to assure the public that such claims are inaccurate and do not reflect the substance or intent of the agreement.

Ghana's decision to enter into this Partnership is informed by the security dynamics within the West African sub-region, particularly the threat of violent extremism and instability in the Sahel, as well as maritime security challenges in the Gulf of Guinea. Strengthening strategic partnerships remains a critical component of Ghana's proactive approach to safeguarding peace, stability and development.



The Ministry further emphasises that Ghana's principled positions on global historical and moral issues, including its stance at the United Nations on the transatlantic slave trade, remain unchanged. Ghana remains firmly committed to its longstanding policy of non-alignment and will continue to engage all international partners in a constructive and mutually beneficial manner, in pursuit of its national interest and its enduring commitment to justice, equity and international cooperation.

The Ministry also reaffirms Ghana's longstanding foreign policy principles of good neighbourliness, Pan-Africanism and peaceful coexistence. Ghana cherishes and values its relations with neighbouring states and remains steadfast in its commitment to regional peace and mutual respect. In this regard, Ghana will neither enter into any bilateral nor multilateral arrangement that would undermine the security, sovereignty or territorial integrity of its neighbours.

The Government of Ghana remains committed to transparency, accountability and the protection of national sovereignty in all its international engagements.

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