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AKUAPEM TRADITIONAL AREA

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**ATTN:
THE PRESIDENT
AKUAPEM TRADITIONAL COUNCIL
AKROPONG**

Dear Sir,

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT TO THE ABOTAKYI ACCORD
AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF
AWUKUGUA IN OKERE TRADITIONAL AREA.**

We bring you greetings from the Chiefs and the good people of the State of Awukugua in the Okere Traditional Area.

Kindly take notice that the Great State of Awukugua has taken the firm and irreversible decision to withdraw its consent to the Abotakyi Accord which grants to Akropong the privilege to rule, albeit wrongly, as the Paramount Chief on the Okere Larteh Mountain aka Akuapem Mountain.

The Abotakyi Accord if accepted to be true, since it has never been verified or subjected to logical and reasonable analysis, is over 300 years old; and of course, a 300-year-old accord (agreement) has absolutely and completely lost its relevance/significance in this modern context of liberation and independence under our democracy.

According to oral history, the Abotakyi Accord was orally entered into by the State of Awukugua together with other Okere (Okere) States and Larteh on one hand and the Akyem allies from the Akyem Abuakwa Traditional Area today known as the Akropong people. This accord was only necessary as at the time as a security measure with the sole aim of warding off potential war mongers from attacking the Hill Top Guans.

However, this accord has totally outlived its usefulness and does not serve any purpose at all in the present-day Ghana especially with the fact that it creates and continues to create a chieftaincy bondage for the Okere and the Larteh people including us the people of Awukugua which is wrongful.

It is important to note that this accord was entered into by independent states within Okere/Okere and for the records, no Okere State is subservient to the other. Out of the seven (7) states we currently have in Okere all of them are



Independent and this is a fact many people do not know and needs to be placed on record.

What is important to note is that the Abotakyi Acord which is only a fraternal agreement, was later turned into a Chieftaincy arrangement for the purposes of creating a state in Akuapem which at the time of doing so did not take into account the independent nature of the States within Okere.

At the end of the day, a warped system was brought into being within the Akuapem Traditional Council which has created problems till today. To make Akuapem Traditional Council system work, a completely independent state which does not take instructions from or is not under any other state in essence a Paramountcy, was made to become either a Divisional Chief or a sub divisional chief.

Meanwhile the Divisional Chief has no power over his sub divisional chiefs so in reality the Divisional title is only on paper and nothing else. The entire Akuapem Traditional Council was built on fiction, and remains a fallacy.

This weird arrangement has consistently created problems amongst equals because of the warped structure at the Akuapem Traditional Council. All the States within Okere are paramountcies by virtue of their independent nature and with all the attributes of a paramountcy but were turned into sub-divisional chiefs in subservience to chiefs who are their co-equals.

The worst part is making Akropong the Paramount Chief when the Akropong people are settlers who were brought unto the land by we the Awukugua people let by the then chief Nenyé Asareduasa. This is akin to a tenant being made the ruler over the landlord. The history is very clear; it is the Awukugua people led by our then chief Nenyé Asareduasa who brought the people of Akropong from Akyem and together with our Okere and Larteh brothers decided to settle Akropong on our land. On this note, under no circumstance should our tenant be made our land lord.

The aforementioned abnormality is today corrected by us and never shall this odd and unacceptable arrangement be made to happen again on our Okere soil.

The friendly arrangement of the Abotakyi Accord which was entered into over 300 years ago has been turned into a Chieftaincy bondage and slavery for the people of Okere which is completely unacceptable.

It is unconscionable that after coming in to help a group of people, it is being claimed that the people of Awukugua together with other Okere States who came for the Akropong people to assist us fight the Akwamu people, should serve the Akropong people till eternity.

The unconscionability stems from the fact that the descendants of these Okere people, since 300 years ago, and till eternity, should serve the Akropong people and that there should be nothing to stop that. That being the case the question that comes to mind is where in the world can such a thing happen that the tenant be made to head landlord for eternity whilst still living in the house of his landlord?

Such bondage is completely unconscionable and must be made away with forever. It must be noted that nowhere in the world would anyone accept assistance from someone on condition that he and every single descendant of his, should forever be in bondage to the one who came to help.

It is embarrassing that such a situation persists in the Ghana of today that practices democracy and has been independent from British rule since 1957. This bondage and slavery must come to an end. Slavery ended in the world over two hundred years ago.

An accord is an agreement and since an agreement can be abrogated at any time, and because Awukugua is a complete State of its own, taking no instructions from anyone but itself, and as Awukugua is the very State that brought the Akropong people to the Hill and got them settled, it is the same Awukugua people that must show the leadership in bringing to an end to the slavery and bondage that the presence of the Akropong people has brought unto the Okere people.

Please be on Notice that if this peaceful decision is resisted in any form or manner, we the Awukugua people who organized an alliance and got rid of the Akwamu people from our land in Okere, will organize another alliance to stop your dominance over us on our own land. We did it before and we will do it again.

As a very peace loving, we have managed to tolerate this very sad situation for more than necessary, and even beyond necessary.

But finally, and for the above reasons, we bring to your attention, the following:

1. That the Abotakyi Acord which is just a fraternal relationship is hereby abrogated and no longer in force or recognized by the State of Awukugua.
2. That the consent of the people of Awukugua to the rule of the Akropong people is hereby withdrawn.
3. That the State of Awukugua which has always been independent continues its Independent Statehood going forward.
4. That as an independent state from time immemorial to date, the State of Awukugua shall, henceforth, treat Akropong as an equal party with no subordination to Akropong whatsoever.

For the record, **AWUKUGUA STATE SHALL NOT ACCEPT A SUBORDINATE STATUS TO AKROPONG WHO ARE SETTLERS BROUGHT TO THE HILL BY US THE SAME AWUKUGUA PEOPLE.**

As a matter of education to the world, it was the people of Awukugua led by their then Chief Nenyee who sent and brought the Akropong people to the then Guan Hills inhabited by the Okere and Larteh people which today is known as Akuapem Mountain.

At the time, there was nothing like Akuapem and the reference to Akuapem then referred ONLY to the Okere and Larteh people who are GUANS but did not include the new settlers who were AKANS such as the people of Akropong, Amanokrom and Aburi.

It is for this reason that the people of Akropong have always sought consent from the people of Okere before they celebrate their annual Odwira Festival at Akropong. This is done by the provision of drinks and a ram to pacify the gods to allow a settler celebrate a festival on the land that does not belong to them but the Okere people. This has been one major sign of the technically and morally subordinate standing of Akropong as a settler on the Akuapem ridge which debases their rule but unbeknown to many people in Ghana.

The state of Awukugua has always been a complete and independent state merely participating in the Abotakyi accord but reserved the right to withdraw its participation and consent at any time which such right has been and is hereby duly exercised.

The State of Awukugua has got its own defined territory, its unique history, its own language, its own culture, its own identity, celebrates its own festivals without seeking anybody's permission, installs its own chiefs, and destools them when necessary, has got its calendar of activities, performs its rituals and customs, has never been under the direct rule or authority of anyone despite the presence of and being a member of the Akuapem Traditional Council. Such a completely independent entity is tantamount to paramountcy and must be treated as such.

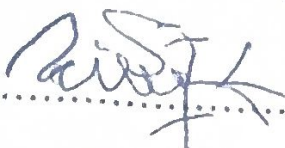
The destiny, the future and the fate of the indigenes of the state of Awukugua does not rest in the hands of a settler who was brought to the Hill by the Awukugua people.

On this note, we wish the chiefs and people of Akropong well and would only regard the chief of Akropong as one equal in rank henceforth in any environment or meeting.

Please be assured of our highest regard.

Many thanks.

Very truly yours,


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AWUKUGUAMENE

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(Paramount Chief and President of Awukugua State Traditional Council).

CC:

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2. The President, National House of Chiefs, Kumasi.
3. The Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Ministries, Accra.
4. The Regional Minister, Eastern Region, Koforidua.
5. The Regional Police Commander, Ghana Police Service, Koforidua.
6. The Municipal Chief Executive, Akuapem North.
7. The District Chief Executive, Okere District Assembly, Okere.
8. The District Commander, Ghana Police Service, Adukrom.
9. The President, Guan Congress, Larteh.
10. All Media Houses.