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MOTTO: SERVICE WITH HONESTY

MAKE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WORTH CELEBRATING BY PROVIDING DAYCARE CENTERS AT WORK PLACES FOR BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS AS ENSHRINED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF GHANA

The PNC wishes all women in Ghana a Happy International Women's Day. The party will also like to commend the government for relocating the Gender Ministry to a more befitting place.

Women and children being a priority should not only be lip service, but effort should be put in place to making decisions that are beneficial to both women and children.

The Ghanaian woman who doubles as a working mother and a housewife has suffered a lot of challenges in recent times. It's been a struggle for working mothers to find an easy and convenient place to drop their babies who are breastfeeding and are not up to school going age. This has not only affected women but productivity at their work places. This has a direct toll on the GDP and development of the country.

The 1992 constitution of Ghana categorically dedicated article 27 to Women's Rights. In Article 27(2) it is stated that "Facilities shall be provided for the care of children below school-going age to enable women, who have the traditional care for children, realise their full Potential"

The PNC wants to use this International Women's Day Celebration to remind government to implement the constitutional mandate by ensuring that employers provide centers for children who are still breastfeeding to enable women to realize their full potential at the work place.

The issue of increasing maternity leave will further aggravate unemployment among women since government who has a constitutional mandate to give equal opportunity in recruitment is not recruiting women (labour commission 87% of men are recruited into the public sector and 13% of women) and the private sector is also not interested in women whom they assumed are liabilities due to the three months maternity leave.

Let us implement the good policies that are already in our constitution before thinking of adding more through the constitutional review committee.

This year's theme for the International Women's Day Celebration is "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

The above theme cannot be achieved if the girl child upon all her achievement will not be able to concentrate at the work place due to childbearing to make an impact to her country.

Government should provide scholarships to the girl child who desire to study computer science or information technology as the future is predicted to be a digital industrial revolution with an estimated six trillion dollars potential. This makes it evidently clear that government should invest heavily in the sector to adequately reposition the country in to another chapter of significance and poster child of Africa.

...Signed....

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