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We have observed and listened with utter dismay and disbelief reports on media platforms regarding pronouncements made by the Vice President to the effect that "GRA is harassing taxpayers and businesses". We therefore wish to respond as follows:

1. We would like to state unequivocally that, **we the workers of GRA find this statement unfortunate and consider it as an attack on the efforts of the hard-working staff of the Authority** which if not discontinued, would incur the displeasure of workers, disrupt revenue collection efforts and breed industrial disharmony.
2. We wish to place on record that the unprecedented growth in Tax revenue collected in 2023 which yielded in excess of GHS113bn is a major factor that has kept Ghana in the IMF bailout program. It is also an undeniable fact that the GRA has since the 2020 fiscal year met and in some cases exceeded the annual revenue targets despite the challenges of COVID-19.
3. It is strange that the Vice President, who also doubles as the Head of the Economic Management Team could suggest that the Authority gives itself unrealistic targets while he is well aware that annual targets are assigned to the Authority by the government through the Ministry of Finance. Indeed, the least we expect from the Vice President, if he would not appreciate the efforts of the Authority in raising Tax Revenue, is not to put the lives of our hardworking staff at risk with such unfortunate comments.
4. Additionally, we wish to stress that The GRA administers tax in accordance with laws enacted by the Parliament of Ghana and not based on the whims and caprices of the workers.
5. We also call on the President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, the GRA Board, Civil Society organizations and all well-meaning Ghanaians to admonish political functionaries to desist from making such pronouncements and intervene swiftly as this statement possess a major risk to revenue mobilization efforts going forward.

6. What we need as workers of GRA is policy direction and investment necessary for the transformation of GRA into a world class Revenue Administration.
7. We implore all workers in the Authority to remain calm and go about their daily duties professionally as always and to be rest assured that leadership would do its best to safeguard and protect them at all times.
8. Finally, we call on all persons to file their personal and/or corporate annual income tax returns for 2023 Year of Assessment as well as pay their taxes faithfully via our online platforms: www.taxpayersportal.com and www.ghana.gov.gh

Long live GRA!
Long live workers solidarity!!
Long live Ghana!!! END

Thank you.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF GRAWU&CSA,

SIGNED

Leadership of GRAWU AND CSA

