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COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE
JUSTICE

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RE- CHRAJ IS BROKE!

The attention of the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) has been drawn to a publication in the Today Newspaper of Tuesday, May 5, 2015, and carried by a number of media houses, to the effect that “the Commission was broke and may not be able to effectively carry out its constitutional mandate.”

CHRAJ, by constitutional design, is not an income generating institution. Under Article 227 of the 1992 Constitution, “the administrative expenses of the Commission, including salaries, allowances and pensions payable to, or in respect of, persons serving with the Commission, shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund.” It follows that the Commission depends on the State for funding of its operational and administrative expenses, although, in practice, the Commission also receives funding support from Development Partners.

Admittedly, the Commission has not received funds this year from government yet, and this has posed challenges to the running of the office, but efforts are ongoing to have the Ministry of Finance release the needed funds to run the office. That notwithstanding, the Commission continues to discharge its constitutional obligations to the good people of Ghana.

Indeed, the Commission recently collaborated with the Office of the President and the UNDP to organise a Training and Planning Workshop for the High Level Implementation Committee of the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP) in Koforidua, in preparation for the implementation of NACAP. Also, in the area of human rights, the Commission has been organising a number of workshops, together with Ghana AIDS Commission, to sensitise persons living with HIV/AIDS and key populations on the Stigma and Discrimination Reporting System. More importantly, all the 10 regional as well

as 100 district/municipal offices of the Commission have remained operational across the country, and are actively handling complaints as well as educating the public on the Commission's mandate.

The Commission assures the good people of Ghana that it remains committed to discharging its constitutional mandate and would always count on their invaluable support in this regard.

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