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PRESS STATEMENT

ARREST OF DENISS ABOAGYE (a.k.a Miracles) AND GERALD APPIAH IN RESPECT OF GH¢55 MILLION INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON DECENTRALISATION (IMCCoD)

Accra, 13 July 2026

The Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) wishes to inform the general public that it has arrested Mr. Dennis Edward Aboagye, former Executive Secretary of the Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Committee on Decentralization (IMCCoD), in connection with ongoing investigations into alleged financial and procurement-related irregularities at the Secretariat. The arrest follows extensive investigations commenced by EOCO after receiving a petition from the current Executive Secretary of IMCCoD requesting further investigations into a forensic audit conducted into the affairs of the Secretariat covering the period from 1 August 2022 to 2 February 2025.

The investigations, which commenced last year following an initial forensic audit of the IMCCoD and the subsequent petition, concern the suspected misappropriation, misapplication, diversion and theft of public funds amounting to about **GH¢55 million**.

The former Executive Secretary of the IMCCoD, **Mr. Dennis Aboagye**, a.k.a "Miracles," the former Accountant of IMCCoD, **Mr. Gerald Appiah** and others are under investigation for suspected offences including:

1. conspiracy to steal and stealing
2. Using public office for profit
3. Causing financial loss to the State
4. Dissipation of public funds
5. Defrauding by false pretences.
6. Money laundering

7. Other suspected offences

EOCO notes that **Gerald Appiah** has voluntarily begun refunding (**returning the Loot**) of funds connected to the crimes under investigation. These recoveries do not and by themselves conclude the investigative process neither does it absolve any suspect of any crime.

Following significant new findings last week relating to suspected fraud and theft involving Mr. Dennis Aboagye, (who is already aware of the investigation and has already visited the office on it), EOCO initiated an operational plan to effect his arrest this week. As part of this process, Mr. Aboagye was placed on the Stop Order a week ago to prevent any sudden travel that could impede the investigation this week. Unknown to the Office, he had already departed the country.

Upon his arrival at the Kotoka International Airport on Saturday night, officers of the Ghana Immigration Service executed the Stop Order and handed Mr. Aboagye over to EOCO on Sunday morning. He subsequently accompanied investigators on a search on Sunday which is expected to continue today.

EOCO further confirms that Mr. Aboagye will be granted bail in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of Ghana. Likewise, Mr. Gerald Appiah is expected to complete his bail conditions today and will be released while investigations continue.

EOCO remains committed to conducting its investigations professionally, impartially and strictly within the law. The Office will continue to respect the constitutional rights of all persons under investigation while pursuing its mandate to investigate economic and organised crime and recover public assets.

The public is assured that further updates will be provided as and when appropriate.

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