



**CODEO GHANA**  
Coalition of Domestic Election Observers

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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**CODEO Deploys Observers and Calls for Peace and Fairness During Akwatia By-Election**

The Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO) urges all stakeholders, especially political parties, the Electoral Commission of Ghana (EC), security agencies, civil society, media, and citizens, to conduct themselves dutifully to ensure peaceful, transparent, fair, and credible proceedings during the Tuesday, September 2, 2025, by-election in Akwatia.

CODEO, as part of its long-lived commitment to safeguarding the integrity of presidential and parliamentary elections in Ghana, has again trained and deployed a total of 25 citizen election observers for election day, including 21 stationed polling station observers, one (1) collation center observer, and three (3) roaming observers.

We remind political parties and their supporters to respect the rules and guidelines of the Electoral Commission, avoid intimidation, acts of voter inducement and resolve disputes through legal and peaceful means. We also call upon the security agencies to maintain order in a fair and professional manner.

CODEO also appeals to eligible voters of Akwatia to turn out in their numbers to exercise their right to vote. Voters are encouraged to cast their ballot in secret, leave the polling station peacefully after voting, and follow other laid-down procedures.

We wish to assure the public that CODEO remains resolute in its mandate and is monitoring every aspect of the electoral process (before, during, and after). CODEO will share its observation report on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

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Signed:

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## ABOUT CODEO

CODEO is an independent and non-partisan network of civil society groups, faith-based organizations and professional bodies which observe Ghanaian elections. It was established in 2000 under the auspices of the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) to mobilize citizens of Ghana to participate in the electoral process actively and to complement the efforts of Ghana's Electoral Commission in ensuring transparent, free, fair and peaceful elections. The Coalition of 42- member organizations has grown to become the largest and most credible domestic election observer body in Ghana which mobilizes citizens and groups to participate in Ghana's electoral processes.