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RE CONTRIBUTION FOR INPUT ON THE DISCIPLINARY, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF JUDGES

We acknowledge receipt of your letter with reference No. UN/HRC dated 24th April 2020 on the above-mentioned subject requesting Ghana, as a member state of the United Nations to participate in an outsourcing of questionnaire by Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, pursuant to Human Rights Council Resolution 35/11.

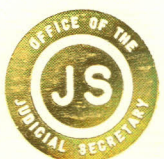
The outcome of the questionnaire is to inform the Special Rapporteur's thematic report to the United Nations General Assembly in October, 2020.

Please find attached Ghana's input (from the Judiciary) on same for your information and necessary action.

Please accept the compliments of His Lordship the Chief Justice.

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JUDICIAL SECRETARY

Cc: His Lordship the Chief Justice
Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration



QUESTIONNAIRE

1 (a) Misconduct

- (i) Corruption
- (ii) Laziness
- (iii) Punctuality
- (iv) Politics
- (v) Non-Performance of duties

(b) These violations are codified in national legislation and Professional Codes of Ethics

2. (i) Petitions to the President of the Republic

Petitions to Chief Justice

Petitions to Complaints Unit

Petitions to Judicial Secretary

(ii) By any citizen

(iii) Code of Conduct/Ethics

(iv) Appeal to the Chief Justice, Judicial Council and to the High Court, Human Rights Division

3(a) Penalties

(i) Query, Caution/Warning

(ii) Suspension

(iii) Dismissal

(b) The penalties are codified in national legislation/ Constitution and Professional Code of ethics

4. **Anas Expose**

- (i) Dismissal of some Judges and Court staff

5(a) **Civil/Criminal Liability**

- (i) No, if in course of duties
 - (ii) Yes, if personnel
- (b) Complaint may be lodged by a party in the case or investigative journalist
- (c) Investigating Committees, and the High Court
6. One case – 2 High Court Judges tried for the criminal offence of stealing (Denu High Court, Volta Region)

Outcome

One convicted

One acquitted and discharged