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**PROF JOHNSON NYARKO BOAMPONG
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Dear Prof. Boampong,

STAY IN OFFICE POST COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE

The attention of the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) has been drawn to you being in office as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast (UCC) post the compulsory retirement age of sixty (60) years contrary to the provisions of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana.

Sir, for your guidance Article 199 (1) states - *"A public officer shall, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, retire from the public service on attaining the age of sixty years."*

Again, the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, being an office established under Section 7(1) of the University of Cape Coast Act, 1992 (PNDCL 278) is a public office under the meaning and intendment of Article 199(1), hence anyone acting in the office of the Vice-Chancellor is presumptively mandated to proceed on compulsory retirement upon attaining 60 years.

Regarding the tenure of the Vice-Chancellor, Statute 8.2 of the University of Cape Coast Statutes 2016 states that: *"The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for an initial term of four years. The appointment may be renewed for a further term of up to three years if that is not beyond the statutory retiring age of 60."*

Stemming from the above stated laws, and with the Commission's regulatory mandate enshrined in section 7 of the Education Regulatory Bodies Act, 2020 (Act 1023), the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Denis Worlanyo Aheto is to act in the interim.

The Commission is minded by a suit at the High Court, Cape Coast surrounding this issue. Due this pending suit, the Chairman of the Governing Council of UCC, who is herein copied, is to **STAY** action on the appointment of a substantive Vice-Chancellor until final determination of the case at the High Court, Cape Coast.

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The Commission will be counting on your usual co-operation on this matter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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