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STATEMENT FROM THE ZUG-RAAN BAWKU NABA, ASIGRI ABUGRAGO AZOKA II, ON THE MEDIATION REPORT PRESENTED BY HIS MAJESTY OTUMFUO OSEI TUTU II, ASANTEHENE ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025 AND THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THE BAWKU CONFLICT

The Zug-Raan Bawku Naba and President of the Kusaug Traditional Council, Zug-Raan Asigri Abugrago Azoka II, wishes to, on behalf of all the people of Kusuag, express profound gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, for his long-standing pursuit of enduring peace in Bawku and the surrounding Kusaug communities.

Otumfuo's acceptance of the role of a mediator and his more than two-years of engagements between the Bawku Naba and the Nayiri, which culminated in the submission of his final mediation report to His Excellency, President John Dramani Mahama, on December 16, 2025, is a testament to his extraordinary leadership and service not only to Asanteman but to Ghana as a whole.

His Majesty seizes this opportunity to express his gratitude, admiration and deep appreciation to His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II for his diligence, patience, fortitude, and perseverance in listening equally and with fairness to all parties in the inclusive mediation process he successfully led and concluded.

In further acknowledging Otumfuo's sacrifice, commitment and extra-ordinary service to our nation, it is worth mentioning that he chose not to abandon the mediation process even as he had to mourn the painful loss of the Queen Mother of Asanteman and the occupant of the Silver Stool, the Mamponghehene, at diffident stages of the mediation process.

The Zug-Raan, accepts Otumfuo's mediation report in its entirety and pledges to support the full implementation of its recommendations, in keeping with his unwavering commitment to lasting peace throughout the Kusaug Traditional Area, his respect for the High office of His Majesty the Otumfuo as well as the laws of Ghana.

In addition to the gratitude conveyed to His Majesty Otumfuo for his outstanding mediation efforts, the Zug-Raan extends deep appreciation to His Excellency President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo and His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama for their recognition of the leadership of Otumfuo and for entrusting him with the mandate to mediate between Zug-Raan and his brother, the Nayiri, towards long-term peace.

His Majesty also wishes to commend his brother, the Nayiri, for accepting to be part of the mediation process and for his full participation (through his representatives) throughout the mediation process by Otumfuo. Indeed, the process afforded us the opportunity to present our respective arguments, sentiments and disagreements in a peaceful and cordial atmosphere throughout the process at the Manhyia Palace, with the view to finding a lasting peace.

The Zug-Raan wishes to also express immense gratitude to His Excellency President John Mahama and the Government of the Republic of Ghana for the prompt official acceptance of the Bawku Conflict Mediation Report and for the announcement of actions intended to ensure peace and development in Bawku.

His Majesty assures the President and the Government of Ghana, of his steadfast dedication to lasting peace through adherence to constitutional order, the rule of law, communal and national cohesion. In this respect, the Zug-Raan gratefully and respectfully acknowledges and fully accepts the Government's position on the Otumfuo Mediation Report.

Building sustainable Peace through healing and reconciliation in Kusaug

1. In the light of the Government's position on the Otumfuo Mediation report aimed at fostering sustainable peace through reconciliation, the Zug-Raan earnestly appeals to his

brother, His Majesty, Naa Bohugu Mahami Abdulai Sheriga II, the Nayiri to join him in appealing for peace and reconciliation in the spirit of common humanity.

2. The Zug-Raan appeals to all citizens and ethnic communities residing in Bawku and indeed, Kusaas and Mamprusis across the country and beyond, to unite and pursue the path of reconciliation for progress and development.
3. The Zug-Raan is especially pleased with the government's dedication to Bawku's socio-economic re-development and rehabilitation. The Government's commitment to create a One Billion Ghana Cedis (GHS 1,000,000,000) Bawku Revitalisation Fund is certainly positive news for the residents of Bawku and Kusaug as a whole. The Zug-Raan expresses gratitude for the Revitalisation Fund. The Zug-Raan pledges to back every effort aimed at revitalisation and social reintegration in the Kusaug Traditional area.
4. His Majesty urges the people of Kusuag to pray for and commemorate all who perished in the violent conflicts, and to recommit to peaceful coexistence, ensuring that violent destruction do not occur again.

Commitment to Sustained Dialogue

5. As he has done throughout the Mediation process, the Zug-Raan pledges to maintain his personal availability to meet with His Majesty the Otumfuo Osei Tutu II the Asantehene, and to make every effort to achieve peace through dialogue on behalf of all the people and residents of Kusuag. The Zug-Raan is always available to meet with government officials. He urges all individuals of goodwill and groups, including Civil Society groups, religious institutions, and Development Partners, to provide support and assistance in the peace building and reconciliation efforts in Kusaug.
6. The Zug-Raan further extends his sincere gratitude to the Upper East Regional House of Chiefs, the National House of Chiefs, Religious Groups, the National Peace Council, Civil Society and the Security Services for the steadfast support in the pursuit of enduring peace in Bawku

7. In the interest of peace, reconciliation, unity, and patriotism, the Zug-Raan urges all to collaborate for the cohesion and reintegration of all the people and to abstain from any divisive actions.

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Naba Thomas Abilla', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

NABA THOMAS ABILLA

FOR: ZUG-RAAN BAWKU NABA ASIGRI ABUGRAGO AZOKA II