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## DISCLAIMER

This Disclaimer is issued pursuant to a decision of the NAFAG Executive Council taken at a duly convened Council Meeting.

The National Fisheries Association of Ghana (NAFAG) which is the umbrella fisheries association that coordinates the activities of its five(5) member associations, namely, the Ghana National Canoe Fishermen Council (G.N.C.F.C), Ghana Tuna Association (G.T.A), Ghana Industrial Trawlers Association (G.I.T.A), Ghana Inshore Fisheries Association (G.I.F.A) and National Inland Canoe Fishermen Council (N.I.C.F.C) wishes to inform the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Fisheries Commission, key stakeholders in the fisheries sector and the general public that it has observed that public statements, letters to various institutions have been written by **Richster Nii Amah Amarfi** as **Vice President of NAFAG**.

The latest of such statements, that has come to the attention of NAFAG is titled "**THE COLLAPSING INDUSTRIAL FISHERIES SECTOR IN GHANA**" is a case in point

In addition to statements and letters, Mr. Richster Nii Amah Amarfi has appeared on various television shows owned by various television stations using the same title of "**Vice President, National Fisheries Association of Ghana (NAFAG)**" to express views on issues pertaining to the fisheries sector.

NAFAG accepts and indeed, cherishes the fundamental individual right of freedom of expressions as a constitutional right of every Ghanaian, including Mr. Amarfi.

However, while NAFAG respects the right of every individual to freedom of expression, the Association is guided by its Constitution which requires that official positions on national issues must be duly authorized by the appropriate body of the Association. Any public communication

on national policy matters undertaken without such authorization does not constitute the official position of NAFAG.

It is instructive to note that Article Thirty Eight (iii) of the Constitution of NAFAG provides that the President "shall serve as the mouthpiece of the Association on all national issues".

This constitutional provision exists to ensure clarity, coherence and institutional integrity in NAFAG's engagement on matters of national importance.

From the foregoing, it is clear that any office holder other than the President, who uses his official position in NAFAG to issue statements, writes letters, expresses opinions, positions, etc on national issues, especially without authorization by the appropriate body or office holder cannot "serve as the mouthpiece of the Association on national issues".

At best, such statements, etc by such individual could be described as personal which NAFAG has no qualms about but not as the official position of NAFAG.

Accordingly, NAFAG wishes to state clearly that any statements, letters, campaigns, representations or media engagements undertaken by Mr. Richster Nii Amarh Amarfi in his capacity as Vice President of NAFAG on national fisheries matters were not authorized by the Executive Council and therefore do not represent the official position of the Association.

As the credible and responsible umbrella fisheries association in Ghana, NAFAG wishes to inform all stakeholders in the fisheries sector and the general public to accept statements, letters and views expressed on television shows by the President or any other authorized representative of NAFAG as its official position on national issues in the mutual interest of all.

NAFAG remains committed to constructive engagement with Government, stakeholders and all partners in advancing the sustainable development of Ghana's fisheries sector in accordance with its constitutional mandate.

NAFAG counts on the cooperation of all to take note of this Disclaimer and act accordingly.

Thank you.

**Issued by:**

**NAFAG Executive Council**

**Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**



**NANA JOJO SOLOMON  
PRESIDENT**