

MEMO

TO : RT. HON. SPEAKER
FROM : SECOND DEPUTY MAJORITY CHIEF WHIP
DATE : 22ND OCTOBER, 2024
SUBJECT : NOTICE OF MEETING BY REQUEST UNDER ARTICLE
112(3) AND ORDER 53 OF THE STANDING ORDERS



Right Honourable Speaker,

Respectfully, on behalf of myself and the requisite number of Members of Parliament from the Majority Caucus, I have the honour to address you on a matter of utmost national importance. In accordance with Article 112(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, 1992 and Standing Order 53 of the Parliament of Ghana, we hereby formally request a Meeting of Parliament. The signatories of members making this request are hereto attached.

Legal Basis for the Request:

To ensure clarity and emphasise the legal foundation of this request, we respectfully draw your attention to the following provisions, presented in order of constitutional and procedural hierarchy:

1. Article 112(3) of the 1992 Constitution, which states: *"Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, fifteen per cent of members of Parliament may request a meeting of Parliament; and the Speaker shall, within seven days after the receipt of the request, summon Parliament."*
2. Standing Order 53(1), reiterates: *"Despite any other provision, fifteen per cent of the Members of Parliament may request a meeting of Parliament and the Speaker shall, within seven days after the receipt of the request, summon Parliament."*
3. Standing Order 53(2), further stipulates: *"Parliament shall convene within seven days after the issuance of the notice of summons."*
4. Standing Order 57(3), provides: *"The Speaker may summon a sitting of the House before the date or time to which the House has been adjourned or at any date or time after the House has been adjourned sine die."*

5. Standing Order 58(4), states: *"The Speaker shall summon Parliament within a period determined by the Speaker and the requirement for a fourteen-day notice shall not apply where there is an emergency."*

Urgent Matters for Consideration:

We respectfully request that, upon recall of the House, the following urgent Government Business be deliberated upon and transacted including any other business that comes before the House:

1. Request for Tax Exemptions for designated beneficiaries under the One District, One Factory Programme.
2. Ghana Financial Stability Fund, an International Development Association facility of Two Hundred and Fifty Million United States Dollars (\$250,000,000).
3. Bills:
 - i. Environmental Protection Agency Bill, 2024
 - ii. Social Protection Bill, 2023
 - iii. Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2024
 - iv. Budget Bill, 2023
 - v. Ghana Boundary Commission Bill, 2023
 - vi. Intestate Succession Bill, 2022

Context and Justification:

As Mr Speaker may recall, Parliament had adjourned sine die on Tuesday 22nd October, 2024 without any explanation to the circumstance leading to the adjournment. You may also recall that at conclave, you confirmed the service of a Supreme Court Order which was explicit. At the time, the above stated items had been advertised and scheduled to be carried.

We wish to emphasise that this request is made in utmost good faith and in the national interest, to enable the Government to discharge its Constitutional and Democratic obligations to the people of Ghana. The matters outlined herein are of pressing importance and require the urgent attention of Parliament.

Request for Action:

Considering the constitutional and statutory provisions cited above and in the exercise of our rights as Members of Parliament, we respectfully urge you to summon Parliament for a Meeting within the stipulated seven-day period. We

stand ready to provide any additional information or clarification that may be required and look forward to your favourable consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R.D.', written over the end of the phrase 'Respectfully submitted.'