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**MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY PAPA OWUSU-ANKOMAH,
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA TO
THE UNITED KINGDOM & REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am reaching out to you today as the world fights a significant battle against the ***Corona Virus pandemic (COVID-19)***.

As most of you are aware, I tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to the Royal Free Hospital, London, in April 2020. I count myself blessed to be counted among the living today based on my recovery from the horrific effects of the virus.

I am grateful to all for the prayers and well wishes to me, my family, and staff of the High Commission during the difficult moment of recovery. Words cannot express the depth of our gratitude and I am fortunate to know that I have the concern of each and every one of you.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo who continued to show compassion during those difficult times. I am also humbled to know that I can count on the continued support of the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Regional Integration of Ghana, Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey (MP), in many ways, particularly for the direction she gave to the High Commission to manage matters.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London collaborated with the High Commission and the hospital to ensure successful outcomes for which I am thankful. To all the physicians, nurses and other caregivers at the Royal Free Hospital in London who spent days and nights nursing me back to health, I am inspired by their abilities, diligence, selflessness, sensibility, and devotion to the calling.

I am aware that several Ghanaians are part of the health workers who are also applying their skills to save lives and I know that they will continue to do right by all those they serve when these patients are at their most vulnerable. Our compatriots have been a source of inspiration and it is most heart-warming to learn of the magnitude of concerns expressed for my recovery.