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Press Statement

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GAC Reacts to Kings FM Liberian Talk Show Tirade

The General Auditing Commission (GAC) attention is drawn to a tirade of allegations made against Auditor General Madam Yusador S. Gaye on King's FM Radio flagship Talk Show "Liberian Talk" on Tuesday January 30, Wednesday January 31, and Thursday, February 1, 2018.

The GAC wants the public to know that the allegations made by the King's FM Liberian Talk Show Host Robert Haynes are well planned conspiratorial attempts to willfully castigate and defame the character of its reputed Auditor General for political gains of his sponsors.

The GAC rubbishes claims by Mr. Haynes that Madam Gaye connived with the Printer of the GAC Act of 2014 at the Foreign Ministry to tamper with the Legislative Approved tenure of four years for the service of the Auditor General to seven years. This claim is simply a bold face lie. Here are the facts.

- The Auditor General is appointed for a one term of 7 (seven) years under GAC Act of 2014 Chapter 2.1.5. The process of writing the GAC Act started in 2009 and ended in 2013. The act was written with the support of the European Union who sent two legal experts to the GAC at different times. The Act was benchmarked against other Supreme Audit Institutions in English Speaking Africa to ensure best practice.

The Commission also terms as erroneous and wicked claims that the Auditor General has been siphoning fees charged by the GAC to conduct audits of State Owned Enterprises (SOEs), Donors and Ministries in accordance with the GAC Act of 2014 and the Public Financial Management Act of 2009. The Commission clarifies that all funds paid to the GAC by SOEs, Ministries and Donors are strictly paid out in the name of the GAC and such funds are duly accounted for.

The GAC also wants to make it emphatically clear that never did the RIA pay the GAC US\$600,000.00 for its audit or NPA US\$350,000.00 and the JFK US\$50,000.00 as claimed by the Kings FM Talk Show host Robert Haynes. These claims have no iota of truth in fact and substance- a rudimentary principle each journalist must adhere to at all times when performing their reportorial duties.

The GAC wants the public to know that these unwarranted and unfounded allegations are the works of some dishonest employees, former staffers fired for acts incompatible with their employment status, and their political cronies who want to see the premature exit of the Auditor General to foster their personal individual agendas at the expense of the professional pedigree of the AG and the Commission.

The GAC says while it is making this public clarification it will also formally complain the King's FM Radio Station to the Media Umbrella, Organization the Press Union of Liberia to ensure proper media redress of this unprofessional reportage.

Signed: _____



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