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**STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) salutes all militants in Ghana and elsewhere in the world leading struggles for gender equality. We strongly believe that the effort to build a better and new world in which all peoples can realize their full human potential, benefit from scientific innovation and enjoy equal access to social services, is only possible if we win the war for gender equality.

It is indeed sad that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, in a statement to mark International Women's Day claims that "gender equality is growing more distant" and that on current track, his organization puts the achievement of gender equality 300 years away.

The SMG insists that gender equality is an urgent imperative for the accelerated development of all facets of life and we urge progressive and socialist organizations across the globe to intensify the struggle for gender equality in all human endeavour.

We take note of the fact that women constitute more than 50 percent of the total population of Ghana and are a major resource for national development which cannot be ignored. Clearly our inability to mobilize this important segment of our population for full participation in the national development effort is a brake on our aspirations for building a better country and world.

Today, the SMG has joined the bold and sensible effort to achieve gender equality with clear policies which guarantees 50 percent participation of women in all its leadership organs.

We are sure that our collective struggles for gender equality will succeed and that in the not too distant future, women will take their right place on all organs of governance and social progress.

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